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**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2014**

**Attendance:** Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Dick Snow, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman David DePuy, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

**Boy Scout Evan Webster to discuss Eagle Scout project with Board.** Boy Scout Even Webster said he would like his Eagle Scout project to be restoring the Holbrook Cemetery Gates. Right now there is an 88 inch gap in between them and they don't close together. He would like to refurbish the gate and add on, so the gate will close like it did originally. Right now the original one has some rusted pieces and he'll have to refurbish some parts. Some parts are fine and he can reuse them. He would like to get this project approved as soon as possible, because he is meeting with the Cemetery Trustees who meet quarterly. Selectman Robie clarified the Selectmen are the trustees of the cemeteries. Selectman Snow couldn't see any reason why they couldn't approve it tonight. He asked the Board if they had any problems with it. Chairman Kelley asked Superintendent of Cemeteries Jerry Becker if he knew about the project. Superintendent Becker was aware of the project. *Selectman Snow moved to approve the project to repair the gate at the Holbrook Cemetery as presented by Boy Scout Evan Webster.* Selectman Robie asked if he was going to do both gates or just one. Evan said he would just be doing the main front gate located on Route 27. Selectman Robie asked if he would be doing it out of iron. Evan replied yes and he has two people he has been talking to. One has his own business which is TC Welding and Fabrication out of Manchester. The other gentleman is a professor at a college and teaches welding. He said he could help him out. Bob Martel asked what the cost of the project would be. Evan said he's had one estimate come back which was \$3,400. This was with replacing some things. It is going to be hard to determine it might be higher or lower depending how much work needs to be done. They can salvage the original gate and keep the original look of it. They don't want to take anything off, because it is a very old gate and it was all hand forged. This was before the time of welding. Selectman Soares clarified the base estimate for this is about \$3,400 with the possibility of an increase or decrease. Chairman Kelley called for a vote. *Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Robie noted this was a vote of the Selectmen not of the Cemetery Trustees.

**The Board will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 41:11, the purpose of this hearing will be to set a policy for the seasonal posting of weight limits on all town maintained roads during the mud season.** Chairman Kelley opened the hearing. Roll call vote was conducted. Road Agent Lewis said it was his usual yearly weight notification posting. He didn't know when he was going to do it, because the roads are still frozen. It is going to be way later than usual this year. There is an exceptional amount of frost under the roads. He just did some work on Douglas Drive and its 38 inches down all the way across. It will be awhile before it comes out. Hopefully it all won't come out in one week or they'll have mud problems. As soon as it starts to thaw and they get some warm weather he'll post them. Selectman Robie said there wasn't much going on anyway. Road Agent Lewis agreed and said they would work with anyone that needed to get something done. Chairman Kelley asked if the Board had any

questions. It was the consensus of the Board to post the roads. Chairman Kelley held roll call vote out of the public hearing.

**Departmental Reports: Highway, Police, Fire, Building, Solid Waste & any other depts.**

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. Selectman Robie wanted to clarify that last meeting they said the Highway Department was getting close on the budget. He looked at the budget a week prior to the meeting and there was approximately \$50,000 left in the winter line. The week prior to the February 24<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting had been very busy and the line had been expended. A week ago today they were \$5,000 over expended. They are probably into the warrant article by approximately \$15,000. Road Agent Lewis hoped the warrant article passes tomorrow or they are into the summer budget by \$15,000. There is nothing they can do; it's just been a horrible winter. Selectman Robie reiterated the winter pay roll line, salt line, sand line, and the maintenance line as of a week ago were over expended by approximately \$5,000. They need to keep this in mind getting through the month of March and next November and December. They're good right now, but he wanted them to be aware of it.

**Police:** Selectman Soares noted the Chief McGillen has been doing the new break down. The grand total was 149 (no crime incident events). Chief McGillen said they had a burglary a couple of weeks ago on Chester Turnpike. A red truck may be involved. It was seen the day before parked down the street from where this incident happened. If anyone sees any strange vehicles around please report it. There was fire wood taken again in Raymond on Lane Road. They are working with Raymond PD to see if there is a connection. Some members of the police department attended the fire departments blood born pathogen training last month. The fire department has been inviting them to some of their training. Officer Tom Terilli will be graduating from the police academy on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. He had a gentleman ask about the fire department car and thought they could possibly get more money than Car World. He told him the Board has made their decision, but he would ask them. Chairman Kelley said they are waiting for the title and they can't do a thing until they get it back. He noted if he wants to give them more than Car World, he'll take it. He said he would call Car World tomorrow. Selectman Snow said Car World is going to give them \$400, if they can get more then that it is something they should look at. Selectman Soares said she was comfortable with sticking with Car World. Chairman Kelley said that's fine with him. Chief McGillen said he just thought he would mention it. Selectman Snow thought they should consider this guy's offer if it's more than what Car World offered. Selectman Robie said they already told them to come and get the car. We didn't have a title; if we had a title the car would be gone. Selectman Robie asked about the commercial alarms. Chief McGillen noted some of those alarms where here at the town hall. Selectman Robie asked what the motorist assists line was. Chief McGillen explained a broken down vehicle, giving someone a ride if they are out of gas, or car stuck in a snow bank. Selectman Robie asked about the police information line. Chief McGillen replied it could be someone giving them information on drug activity or possible activity or anything that doesn't fit into another category. It's kind of a catchall. Some of that stuff starts off as a criminal investigation and doesn't go anywhere.

**Fire:** Chairman Kelley read from the attached report.

**The Board to reappoint Dean Young as Fire Chief based on the Candia Volunteer Firefighters Association's recommendation.** Chairman Kelley noted the office received the results for the Fire Chief. Chairman Kelley motioned to reappoint Dean Young as Fire Chief. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Building:** Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. He noted that inspections are up a bit from last year. Overall things are pretty quiet.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman DePuy noted the baler is back in operation as of this weekend. Chuck got some bids for taking out the pistons and the ram. A couple of the bids came in around \$8,000. He also talked with Jim Argeriou who lives in town. They decided to have him remove the pistons and the pins, because there were four fractured pins. Three out of four of them were shot. They had Jim Argeriou machine four new pins with collars and beefed up the yokes that hold the pins to the baler and ram. This cost about \$1,700 and this appears to be the total cost of the fix. Chuck demonstrated the machine to him and its running a lot more quietly then it had before. This is the fix and they will keep their fingers crossed. Jim will put grease fittings on the pins, two of them didn't have fittings before. One piston is leaking fluid, but fluid is a lot cheaper than the alternatives. There was a cost they worked around when the baler was down which was \$1,000, so the total cost was around \$2,700. The other thing is that Chuck has been looking around and he found an outfit to take the cardboard and they will pay us more. It will go direct to Connecticut and they'll pay the transportation. The outfit that was taking it was charging us transportation. This will save us \$2,000 over the course of the year. The cost they incurred for the baler, which was \$2,700, it looks like they recouped it through Chuck's efforts by getting this alternate purchaser. He noted there was a question about who owned the compactors at the recycling center - Waste Management or the town. It is his understanding that the town owns the compactor. He'll double check but this is what Chuck tells him. Waste Management owns the containers to haul stuff. Selectman Robie asked if there was a maintenance program on the compactor, so the grease fittings get greased. Selectman DePuy said he asked Chuck, and he said there hasn't been in the past. He is going to check with the company that is involved with maintaining the equipment to see if there is something there that needs to be done. Selectman Robie said they need a service program on that piece of equipment. Selectman DePuy said they are going to grease the fittings on the baler every month. He did discuss this with Chuck and they are going to see what is necessary in regards to the compactor. Selectman Robie asked if the baler has ever been looked at in the past six years. Selectman Soares said it has been looked at, but there was no maintenance plan in place. Selectman Robie said he would like to see a procedure in place for that. Selectman DePuy said they are going to see what it needs. Chairman Kelley noted one of the biggest things with the baler is that it needs to be kept clean, especially underneath. Selectman DePuy said this is a temporary fix and they will need to replace the baler. He noted there is now a gap in the machine and every time they run the baler someone needs to go in machine and clean it out. It's not really a good piece of equipment. Selectman Soares said towards the end of the year around budget season, they need to get prices on a baler and they'll have to suck it up and buy one. They might have to encumber the money to buy the baler. She could see encumbering because it benefits our recycling efforts which help put money back into the general fund. Selectman DePuy said they are working on the numbers with Chuck and he is going to come back to the Board with the numbers. He'll

figure it two ways, one with labor included and one without. There was discussion about baling on days they are closed and the cost associated with it.

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Chairman Kelley announced the grand total of payroll and accounts payable checks for March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> was \$576,418.64. Selectman Snow motioned to accept the accounts payable and payroll checks for March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$576,418.64. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 2/24/2014.** Selectman Robie motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Any Other Business**

**Test results – Old Recycling Center:** Selectman Soares noted that the test results went to Doug Kemp at DES and he is reviewing them. He'll let her know as soon as he has reviewed all of them and they'll sit down and chat.

**Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date:** March 24, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Robie motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary