

~~Unapproved~~**APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2015**

**Attendance:** Chairman Carleton Robie, Vice-Chair Boyd Chivers, Selectman Scott Komisarek, Selectman Craig Sandler, Selectman Susan Young, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

Chairman Robie opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

**Review of minutes for April 27, 2015.** Selectman Young moved to accept the Selectmen's meeting minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Sandler. Chairman Robie, Selectman Komisarek, Selectman Sandler, Selectman Young were in favor and Selectman Chivers abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1. (4-0-1)

**Moment of silence for Edna Brown.** Chairman Robie noted Mrs. Brown was a fixture our community. She was a long time librarian at Smyth Memorial Library. The Board observed a moment of silence for Edna Brown.

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

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. The only dirt road they had a mud problem on this year was Tower Hill. They tried to keep it passable. He mentioned that the beavers have moved into some of the culverts in town. Selectman Chivers asked Road Agent Lewis if he talked with the DOT about the Depot Road Bridge. Road Agent Lewis said he talked to them about where their responsibility ends and the towns picks up. The approaches are pretty rough going down the hill on the right. The pavement has been gone for a couple of years. They told him if he preps it, they will pave it. This helps the town out, because they don't have a lot of paving money. Road Agent Lewis mentioned that FEMA had some grant money available from the state and he did put in application for the repair on North Road. There are two large galvanized culverts that are rusted out. He applied for a grant to replace those with box culverts. He'll know in a few weeks if they get the grant or not. They need replacing they are on our 15 year road plan and they are at the top of the list. They will be adequately sized this time. Chairman Robie asked if he checked on the impact fee money. He thought maybe they could use it for the culvert repair. Road Agent Lewis said they need to use the money sooner. If they get that grant it's a 75/25, so they would have to appropriate the money in the budget next year to use it for the warrant article. It wouldn't be done until next year. Chairman Robie said they should use that money (for impact fees) or else it is going back. Road Agent Lewis said there are a couple of other issues up there that he could use it on. Selectman Young asked what the deadline was for that money. Chairman Robie replied that it is 5 years after you collect it and if you don't use it you return it. This is why we are going to use it. Selectman Sandler mentioned South Road and the beavers blocked the culvert. He asked if Fish and Game could help the Road Agent out with that. He was wondering if they could put something in there so the beavers couldn't block the culvert. Road Agent Lewis said they could put a beaver box in there, but he needs to see what he can do about getting rid of them. He cleans it and they go back and plug it up almost every day. He has two or three others in town and they are doing the same thing. It's a springtime battle.

**Police:** Chief McGillen noted there were 196 incidents for the month of April. It was about the same in 2014. There was an increase in criminal activity in April. Some of this vandalism happened over April vacation. A couple of mail boxes were destroyed and it happened in several different communities. He is working with a couple of other agencies to get some leads. They did make an arrest for the Podunk Road burglary. They put in a grant for a hand held laser radar from New Hampshire Highway Safety and got approved for some speed grants from New Hampshire Highway Safety. He appreciated the Chairman signing the agreement on that. They will be doing those patrols later this spring and summer. It's in town and not on Route 101. It will be on state roads and by the school. They talked with the golf course about the road markings, because they are faded and it's a hazard. They told him that it was on their to-do list. They did put signs up awhile back about the golf crossing. There was a DREAM check issued for \$200. Sgt. Gallagher helped out a local business on a theft case and they were very grateful and wanted to donate some money to the police department. They informed them that they couldn't accept the money. Sgt. Gallagher suggested donating it to the school for the DREAM program. Selectman Young said she was very proud to see the Chief on the news and in the paper for receiving the Union Leader Hero Award. She thought this was a compliment to him and the town. It was nice to see the good news. Chief McGillen thanked Selectman Young for the recognition.

**Fire:** Selectman Chivers read from the attached report. He noted the fire department is currently not issuing burn permits.

**Building:** Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. He has seen an increase in activity. Chairman Robie mentioned the Building Inspector fixed the rust on his car and he took it upon himself to fix it. It looks really nice and that car is going to service us for quite a period of time. The Board thanked Building Inspector Murray.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Sandler said they were moving some of the recyclables out, but prices are down. It is a continuing battle to find the right resource to buy that stuff, but it really needs to get out of there. They received a bid on fixing the area that caused the water leak. Chairman Robie said they could move that discussion on to the next meeting. He explained they had a frozen pipe and they were going to spray foam some insulation in behind the cement block wall. He didn't think this was the correct way to fix that. Selectman Sandler and Mr. Witcher had gotten a price form Witcher Builders who constructed the building. They will discuss this at their next meeting and decide which direction they want to go.

**The Board to discuss current police detail.** Chief McGillen said this has come up a few times since they got the revolving fund. They were going to look at the fuel and maintenance and every town does it differently. He is proposing tonight what he believes what it costs to run a cruiser per hour. It is basically .64¢ and right now they don't credit the general fund. If Public Service comes into town, we bill them, they give us a check and it goes into the revolving account. Accounting and Payroll Clerk Donna Becker takes out any costs like retirement, FICA, any other taxes, and the officer's rate of pay which is \$35.00 per hour. This is twofold the officers haven't had an adjustment in several years and the Selectmen set that detail rate. They did a survey of some other towns just to have a comparison of what we bill out and what they bill

out. He was proposing they increase the detail rate from \$35.00 to \$40.00. He didn't know what the Board wanted to do for a figure on maintenance and gas. Did they want to round it up to \$1.00 or \$2.00 per hour off of every detail to go into that account? This figure is based on the amount of gas they used last year divided by 5 (number of cruisers) and they came with a number of \$3,639. Then you divide by the hours in the year and they come up with a number of .42¢. The same thing goes with the insurance and the maintenance (see attached). Other towns come into Candia and work a detail and they bill at their town's rate (i.e. Auburn and Deerfield). The purpose of the revolving account is that they wouldn't have to raise taxes and go through the budget process to purchase police equipment or a police cruiser. He realizes with the size of Candia they wouldn't have enough money in the account to buy a cruiser, but the Board graciously allowed him to take \$8,000 out of that fund to equip the new cruiser. It is working but he felt they need to bill out more and raise the rate they bill from \$50 per hour to \$60 per hour. A lot of towns charge for their cruisers, but we don't. The State of New Hampshire's retirement rate is going up July 1<sup>st</sup> to 26.38%. The state keeps passing that costs down and he wants to make sure they have money in the fund to cover that cost. He didn't know if the Board had any direction or ideas on this. Selectman Sandler thought the rate they get for their cruisers was low. Chairman Robie said it is .64¢ per hour and they are paying their officers \$35 per hour plus \$8.26 into their retirement. This is \$43 for that officer, so that's \$7.00 per hour for the car. He didn't think the town was doing too bad, it's costing us .64¢ and we're getting \$7.00. Selectman Chivers said it is \$4.30. The officer costs us \$45.70 per hour; this is our direct labor cost. The town is making \$4.30. Chairman Robie said they just took \$8,000 out of the fund to outfit a new cruiser. They've had the revolving fund for a year. Chief McGillen clarified they've had the revolving fund for three years now. Selectman Chivers asked if this was the first time they have taken money out of it. Chief McGillen replied yes. The balance is about \$13,000. Chairman Robie thought the balance was healthy and the officer works making \$45 per hour not \$ 35 per hour. Selectman Chivers noted that the officer may be making \$35 per hour but it is costing the town \$45.70 per hour. Chief McGillen said it's not the town contributing to this it is the utility company. The taxpayers aren't paying any money towards the details. Selectman Young said the \$45.70 per hour includes the retirement, Medicare, and unemployment is paid by the Town of Candia. Chief McGillen replied no, the utility company does. Selectman Young clarified the town pays a total between wages and all of the benefits of \$46 per hour. Then we have the vehicle for .64¢ per hour not moving. Chief McGillen said that is a flat rate cost moving or not for any vehicle. Selectman Young referred to the outside detail rates (see attached) and are this the hourly rates. Chief McGillen replied yes. Selectman Young asked what Deerfield's hourly rate was. Chief McGillen said he didn't know why that wasn't listed but he would find out and report back. Selectman Young was wondering if they should table this discussion. Chairman Robie thought they should act on it this evening. Selectman Chivers said he met with Chief McGillen and expressed his opposition to this. There are a couple of things he disagrees with. First, last they spent \$18,200 on gasoline for five cruisers. It works out \$3,640 per cruiser. Chief McGillen divides that by the total number of hours in a year which is 8,760. Those cruisers don't move 24 hours per day 7 days per week. He divided that number by 40 hours per week times 52 weeks and he come up with 2,080 and he adjusted the insurance line, maintenance line, and gasoline line by that number. It is unreasonable that they have those cruisers running 8,760 per year. Once he adjusted the gas, insurance and repairs he came up with operating costs of \$5.00 per hour. By his calculation they are spending \$45.70 per hour on labor (direct and in-direct) \$5.00 per hour on the cost of the cruiser. They are losing .80¢ per

hour right now and that doesn't allow for depreciation. What they have is gas, insurance and repairs, but no depreciation. They can get 5 years out of a cruiser; they just bought one for \$28,000. They got \$2,000 for it. So they've got \$26,000 divided by 5, divide that by 2,080 and he comes up with a depreciation of \$2.50 per hour with depreciation, gas, and insurance they are losing \$2.50 per hour right now. He thought that \$35 per hour was a pretty reasonable wage for the officers when you consider they are sitting there watching a guy running a chainsaw for half of that amount. He thought the officers were getting adequately compensated. He didn't think there should be any connections of what they make working for the town of Candia as police officers and what they make on a detail. They are not trying to compensate them for their lack of progress in the department by paying them for a detail. This is unfair to all of the utilities. He thought the officers were getting enough and the town wasn't. If they raise the rate they should go up a couple of dollars per hour, keep \$35 per hour the same and start collecting another \$2 or \$3 per hour for the cruiser. Chief McGillen said he respectfully disagrees with the 40 hours. They are a 24/7 police department. They could have three cars doing details and they would have to look at what cars and at what cost. He ran this by the town auditors. The auditors said they have a good foundation and it was worthwhile. You can nickel and dime and spend lots of hours trying to figure it out. There are different ways they can do it. Selectman Chivers said Candia gets \$4.30 based on the calculations. Auburn gets \$17/hour, Chester gets \$20/hour, and Northwood gets \$27/hour. This is how much is going to the town. Chairman Robie didn't think that was true, because you have to include the other costs like retirement. The other towns don't get \$17 or \$20 they get \$4 like we do or less. There was discussion about the other towns detail rates. Selectman Komisarek asked if they wanted charge \$60 per hour when it is costing us \$50 or do they just want to be at cost. Chairman Robie said he wants to be at cost. Selectman Komisarek noted that you can see where some towns are putting a little cushion. Chairman Robie said if you look at the hourly rate for the other towns it all shakes out to be the same except Candia is the lowest. Selectman Chivers said by his calculation it is costing them \$50.80 per hour. Do they want to up the rate? Selectman Komisarek said why not come in at \$55, we'll still be the lowest and we'll have a little extra revenue. Selectman Chivers said this was his proposal to Chief McGillen. Anything from \$51 to \$55 was good with him. Chief McGillen noted the retirement costs are going up quite often. Chairman Robie noted it is going up 25% to 26% so that is \$1 on \$100. Selectman Chivers said that increase was already factored into the calculations. Selectman Young said she wouldn't mind increasing it, but they are talking about two different things. One is increasing the officers' rate and the other is increasing the town's rate. She would like to break even for their expenses. Chairman Robie said she could make a motion and see if it gets seconded. *Selectman Young motioned to increase the police detail rate to \$55 per hour.* Chairman Robie asked to do what with it. Selectman Young said she would like the town to cover their expenses. Selectman Chivers clarified you leave the \$35 per hour the same and they raise the gross amount to \$55. Selectman Sandler asked what was the officers cost to pay into retirement. Chief McGillen thought it was 11%. Chairman Robie noted the officers aren't paying any social security tax so that is 7.65%. You take 7.65% from 11% and the officer is contributing 3.35% to his retirement. *Selectman Chivers seconded Selectman Young's motion.* Chairman Robie clarified the motion, they would increase the rate from \$50 to \$55 per hour, the officers' rate would stay the same at \$35 per hour and the extra \$5 would go into the revolving fund. Selectman Komisarek asked if this was the ethical thing when it comes to the utilities. Every town is padding and is this customary and is it cash flow positive to the town. If so, he supports Selectman Young's motion. He asked what Chairman Robie's logic

was to be right at cost. Chairman Robie didn't think they should compare themselves to other towns in our community. He thought when Chief McGillen came to them 6 or 7 years ago and wanted to mandate utility detail in the town, the Board voted in favor of it and he voted against it. He still doesn't know if they need a detail on every nook and cranny in our community. All of these costs come back to us in our electric bills. There was a utility company working on Island Road last week with no detail. After hearing what Selectman Chivers had to say, he would be in favor of \$52.50, but the motion has been made and seconded. Selectman Sandler said he is the one that did this to the State of New Hampshire and he apologizes for that. It was in 1980 and they had flag wavers working in construction in Nashua. They had the whole city tied up and they couldn't have that. So they started having detail officers do it, because they are professionals and they know how to do it. This is how it started. In fact it got so big in Nashua he needed a man to just book the jobs. The officers liked it, but it turned out that it ruined the retirement system. The retirement system was never designed to carry the load of all this extra overtime and pay them off the highest three years. He has mixed emotions about it. The question he had for Chief McGillen was if they had a problem with the retention of officers. Are they not adequately compensated like other towns? Chief McGillen said that was part of it. The reason they have lost two of their officers is part of that reason. They've lost two to Bedford and one to Auburn. He felt the detail was a benefit. His officers are making \$4,000 to \$5,000 not \$120,000 like you read in the paper. If the utility companies call him he tells them they need a detail. They do use some discretion on the back roads. He does cut them slack here and there. He is trying to keep the town safe. Some of the companies prefer police detail. He felt this was something that would keep officers here. They have guys that have been here for 15 years. He felt this would be something positive for the force. A lot of towns have these revolving accounts and they don't have to go to the Select Board or Budget Committee for a big increase for a couple of radars and laptops. He thought they could offset the cost with those funds. Selectman Young said the City of Concord is researching the need for police detail. There is a research committee looking into it. They are thinking about abolishing the need for police detail. Her reason for increasing the rate to \$55 is maybe insurance cost will go down, but it is highly unlikely. Chairman Robie asked what insurance cost she was referring to. Selectman Young said health insurance, retirement, or any of those costs. Chairman Robie said we are paying medical whether an officer is doing a detail or not. *Chairman Robie called for a vote. Selectman Chivers, Selectman Komisarek, Selectman Young, Selectman Sandler were in favor and Chairman Robie was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1 (4-1-0).*

**Selectman Komisarek to update Board on Master Plan.** Selectman Komisarek said at the Planning Board meeting it was decided to go with SNHPC to update the Master Plan. Planning Board Chair Sean James said the \$5,000 didn't justify or warrant putting it out to bid. SNHPC does our planning anyway. PB Chair James said he would reach out to them. There was discussion that nothing would be happening until September. He didn't want to lose all of the time. He knows that Jack Munn had talked about some things that the town could do in the interim. They have the School Board meeting this Friday which he thought would act like a roundtable. He spoke with Jack today and PB Chair James had not been in touch with him. He asked Jack to come up with a timetable. Selectman Chivers asked if there was a reason why they can't do anything until September. Selectman Komisarek said this is reason he spoke with Jack, there is a lot of leg work that needs to be done. It isn't a sense of urgency with the Planning Board to get this done, but he feels that at some point they need to create as little momentum and

get things rolling. Jack Munn told him he would contact Plan NH tomorrow, get back to him and they would come up with a timetable. Selectman Chivers asked what was Plan NH. Selectman Komisarek said they are the organization that helps with the visioning. They were involved in the last one over ten years ago. UNH also does this, but they take a long time. Jack Munn told him if they want to get going than Plan NH is probably the best organization. Chairman Robie said in phase one and two there was numerous thing the community had to do to get this started and moving along. The School Board is concerned about declining population in the school, affordable housing, and places for young people to work, and the high school or optional high schools. This is on the agenda for Friday evening, but this is one little step on what we need to do as a community. He agreed with the question of why the Planning Board pushed this off, considering the first phase of what we have to do to get started. Selectman Chivers asked if the Planning Board was supportive of this whole effort. You need their support to make this thing work. Selectman Komisarek said during his time on the Planning Board planning hasn't been a top priority. He thought the natural thing for the Planning Board is to defer things and there really hasn't been a sense of urgency. He thought coming out of the School Board meeting they are going to start identifying some of the issues and get a consensus of the whole community on how we want to address these challenges. The Planning Board has to be involved and they will get more involved as the community goes in that direction. Selectman Chivers said it sounds like the tail wagging the dog here. You would think the Planning Board would drive this thing. This is what planning is. Chairman Robie said he attended the Planning Board meeting and he was wondering if they were going to move forward with this. Obviously we weren't at this point. One thing he did pick up was there was discussion about granting waivers for certain things in our regulations. If we keep granting waivers we are setting precedence, so maybe we should change the regulations. He felt that was planning and looking to the future. Selectman Komisarek reiterated that he didn't feel that there was any real sense of urgency. He heard three member of the Planning Board would be attending the meeting and he thought when they hear the dialog and what the issues are in town they are ultimately going to have to address these issues. The Planning Board is going to be very instrumental and they'll have to get on Board. He thought the Planning Board was waiting for the rest of the community to say this is what we want. Conservation Commission Chair Betsy Kruse commented the last time they did a master plan update the Planning Board chose someone to head the committee. She thought it was Ron Thomas who headed the update committee. Basically at that point the Planning Board handed the whole project over to the committee. She didn't know if any consideration has been given to that approach. Selectman Komisarek thought that was what it was going to take to get this thing moving. At the last meeting PB Chair James said he would contact SNHPC. He didn't think this was the PB Chair's forte. He felt the School Board might want to focus on something different like the high school and that isn't a Planning Board issue. He felt that Betsy made an excellent point and maybe after the meeting they will find a group of people who are really interested in spearheading the effort. It was noted the round table meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Moore School gymnasium.

**The Board to discuss Moore Park building maintenance.** Selectman Komisarek mentioned that the parks and rec budget at the beginning of the year was \$9,200 and they've spent \$551. He noted some of the money has been saved by deferring some of the things that need to be done. Some of the money has been saved because Chairman Robie has been opening and closing the field house. He noted the roof at the pavilion is starting to leak and it is going to be

replaced. The field house needs to be painted and the bleachers and a few stumps need to be ground down. He thought it would be prudent to take some of that surplus and use it to do some of those items. He is in the process of getting some prices for those items. He has noticed the use that the park gets and thought it would be nice to spruce it up. They didn't have much of a budget to start, so they are keeping their budget real low. He thought the idea to put money back into some of these buildings was real smart. He would try to find someone local to do the work. Chairman Robie agreed that they should maintain those buildings. He would also like to get the shed moved. He asked if anyone knew who's shed that was. Road Agent Lewis said the CYAA put it there, but it's probably the towns now. Chairman Robie said someone is using it and they are storing equipment in there. He would like to get the shed moved. Road Agent Lewis said he could do that. Selectman Komisarek asked if he would be using a loader to move something like this. He would also like to work on the basketball hoops when they move the shed. He would like to take the backboards to get them sandblasted and painted. Road Agent Lewis said the backboards lift right out. Chairman Robie said Road Agent Lewis will need to be compensated. Road Agent Lewis said the shed can be lifted with a loader with forks and moved where ever they want. Chairman Robie felt it was an eyesore and would like to see it moved. They need to find out who owns it and then we need to ask if we can move it. Road Agent Lewis thought it was the towns now. It was noted that the field house needs a new roof also. Selectman Komisarek said they'll do that next year. Chairman Robie said the pavilion really needs to be replaced. Selectman Young said Chairman Robie has been opening and closing the bathrooms and is there something they can do about that. Chairman Robie said they can pay Steve Ableson. Selectman Chivers thought they agreed that they were going to do that last year. Chairman Robie said they put it in the budget because former Selectman Dick Snow was doing it. Selectman Chivers asked why they weren't doing that this year. Chairman Robie replied because the budget is very tight and at \$210 per week for 30 weeks its \$6,000. It's \$30 per day. Selectman Chivers suggested taking turns. Chairman Robie said he's all set. He thanked the Board for offering.

**The Board to reappoint Conservation Commission members Ellie Davidson, and Mimi Alberu as full members and Richard Snow as an alternate.** Selectman Chivers motioned to reappoint Ellie Davidson and Mimi Alberu as full members and Richard Snow as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to discuss Fair Point multi-year contract and proposed Comcast contract.** Chairman Robie explained the Budget Committee asked them to look at their phone rates. They did and they came to find out that they didn't have a contract for their phone lines. He noted for a one year contract they could do a \$28 per line per month, a two year contract for \$25 per line per month, and the three year contract would \$23 per line per month. If they go with the 3 year contract they save \$4,000 to \$5,000. He said that Selectman Young was going to look into Comcast. At this point he would be comfortable going with FairPoint. Selectman Young said she didn't understand that we had some internet with FairPoint and some with Comcast. She still doesn't know who we pay for email. They have a bill they pay to First Choice and she couldn't seem to find the information on who we pay for what. She thought the Fair Point contract looked good. It seems like we are spending a lot for utilities. She can't understand why we aren't bundling it all. She doesn't know who we are paying for what and she wasn't sure she

could get that answer. Chairman Robie said their goal was to do the phone lines. The email is through First Choice and he isn't in favor of changing that. He isn't clear on the internet, but it comes through Comcast because they get a bill. His goal as liaison for the office was to reduce the cost of the phone lines. A three year contract seems reasonable at this time. Selectman Chivers didn't know if they could do much better than this. Chairman Robie noted the phone system is very antiquated. We need a new phone system, but it is thousands of dollars. They are going to get prices on a new phone system and they need to put it in the budget. Selectman Chivers said lets sign the three year contract and then work on the phone system in two years. Selectman Young didn't realize the one focus was just the phones. When this came up she was newly elected and she thought it wasn't just the phones there were several areas that were all over the place and they're getting charged by different people. Chairman Robie said he was open to lowering our internet service. Selectman Young said they bundle the whole thing. Chairman Robie said you have to do all three. They could have Fair Point for the phones and Comcast for the internet. Selectman Young noted if they change the service before the three years are up there is a fine. Selectman Komisarek said maybe they don't want to lock in for the three years then. Selectman Chivers said it is more money then. Selectman Komisarek asked if someone would like to make a motion. Selectman Chivers moved to sign a three year contract with FairPoint. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. Chairman Robie, Selectman Komisarek, Selectman Chivers, Selectman Sandler were in favor and Selectman Young was opposed (4-1-0).

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Chairman Robie announced the grand total of payroll and accounts payable checks for May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> was \$520,716.53. Selectman Chivers motioned to accept accounts payable and payroll checks for May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$520,716.53. Seconded by Selectman Sandler. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Other Business

**Solar Energy info:** Selectman Komisarek said he would like to have a discussion about the letter of intent that Jack Munn presented at the last Selectmen's meeting. He wanted to make sure that everyone had a copy and he thought at the next meeting they could discuss this. A number of communities in New Hampshire are opting to enter into these power purchase agreements. There is some assumptions that should be made about the energy costs going up. There is no risk free way to enter into one of these agreements. You do have to make some assumptions. Chairman Robie would like to talk about this briefly. He asked if the Board is interested in considering this. If there is no interest they are talking to the wrong people. Selectman Chivers asked if they all understood what these power purchase agreements are. Selectman Komisarek didn't think they did. The concept is just being introduced to them. It is not something that they are going to say lets buy in. There is a reason why other communities are doing this. They can now produce energy cheaper than the utility companies. Whoever builds these systems are willing to pass some of those savings on to the end user. If power prices go down in the next 20 years, they could look back and say this wasn't the best thing for the town. If things continue the way they have been going the town could save \$250,000 to \$300,000 over the next 20 years. They have to look and make a couple of different assumptions. One is maybe the rate of increase starts to slow or speed up and they need to weigh this out. They need to look at some historical data. They should look at the last 20 years of power usage.



They aren't going to get these pipe lines soon. This is just the LOI and there is a whole agreement they don't have. Atty. Mayer is pretty well informed and he may be able to give us guidance. Selectman Chivers asked if they can look at other towns. Selectman Komisarek said group net metering was just passed last year, so what you have is a whole bunch of systems that are being approved right now. Solar City is coming to New Hampshire and they are going to hire around 100 people. There are a lot of communities in New Hampshire that are trying to put solar on their landfills, because they can get a lease payment on it and they will save money on their electricity. The only difference is PSNH comes out and says what the rate is. Once they enter into a solar purchase agreement you locked in for 20 years. It is one of those things it's a risk if power prices start declining. If they keep doing what they doing in 20 years we're going to look really smart. Selectman Chivers said these guys make money on the rebates and tax credits and all the other incentives the government provides. Is this how these guys make their money? Selectman Komisarek said there are different aspects and you have to look at a piece of land and there are lease payments. Someone installs the system and someone owns the system. The people who own the system get the tax credit and depreciation. It's not good for the town to own that asset because the town isn't a business. All they want to do is go to the bank and borrow money on that asset. They want a predictable revenue stream. They know exactly what their revenue is going to be on it. The panels go beyond the 20 years and systems still have value. It makes sense for the private sector to own the system. Personally he thinks this is a smart thing to do. He is going to put them up at the farm stand. His payback on this system is two and a half years. This is something they should at least have a discussion about. Chairman Robie thought this would be something for the Energy/Recycling Committee to get involved in. First they need to find out if the people want to use the property for this sort of thing. This isn't a decision they can make themselves. Selectman Chivers said this would be a warrant article. Chairman Robie said agreed. Selectman Komisarek said he will look to the Energy/Recycling Committee to provide guidance and see if the Selectmen will support this. Selectman Chivers said why not let the committee do the research and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Chairman Robie said they don't want to push all the work on them and he is interested in the concept. Selectman Young thought it was good for the town and the environment. They would lease the land from the town. Selectman Komisarek said the lease payment would be about \$1,800 per year. Selectman Chivers noted he doesn't have a problem paying his electric bill; he's been doing it his whole life. If something was too good to be true it usually is. This was his thoughts on this.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election:** The polls will be open from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm.

Selectman Chivers:	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Selectman Sandler:	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Selectman Young:	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Selectman Komisarek:	9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Chairman Robie:	set up at 7 am and back at 6 pm to closing

**Announce Next Regularly Scheduled meeting date:** Chairman Robie would like to cancel the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 since it falls on Memorial Day and they will reconvene on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Gas Tax:** Chairman Robie mentioned the new gas tax (4 ½ ¢ per gallon) that was voted in last year. The first thing the committee did was reduce the highway block grant by eight million dollars. The budget remained the same but the tax went up. They were anticipating the highway block grant revenue. He wanted the Board to be aware of this.

Citizen Andrew Izbicki said he had meeting scheduled today. The office sent him a letter with a bunch of RSA's asking if he would like a non public. He would like to do this meeting in public. Chairman Robie asked if he responded to the letter. Mr. Izbicki said he was scheduled for today. Chairman Robie said they were looking for a response back before they scheduled a meeting. Mr. Izbicki didn't see that and the office hasn't produced any information for him. He had a gentleman's agreement, he shook someone's hand. This was an agreement to wipe it clean. In 2009 he signed something that he would pay it back. Does a handshake in this town mean nothing? It was a handshake and a hug from Mary Hall. He has given back to this town and he has given back to the athletic field. He keeps getting dumped on by this town. He is very discouraged. He has spent a lot of money protecting himself and Chief McGillen is the main reason. Selectman Chivers said he is the one that drafted his letter and the Chairman signed it. He informed Mr. Izbicki that he is entitled to have his matter discussed in a non public session. There is a state law that grants him that privilege. They are not going to deny him that privilege. If he wants to discuss this in a non public they would be more than happy to do that. He will need to provide the Board with the information requested in the letter. Mr. Izbicki said the Board hasn't proved anything to him before 2009. Selectman Chivers said he is very uncomfortable discussing this matter and he doesn't want to do it now. He asked him to come in with a signed statement if he doesn't want to do this in a non public. It's for the Boards protection.

Selectman Sandler motioned to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor.