

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016

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

Chairman Robie opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public and Non-Public meeting minutes of 2/8/16: Selectman Chivers moved accept the Selectmen's Public meeting minutes of January 16th, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Young. Chairman Robie, Selectman Chivers, Selectman Sandler, Selectman Young were in favor and Selectman Komisarek abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1. (4-0-1)

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

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He noted that patching was done as needed and he's put out about five tons. The warm/cold weather and rain did quite a number on our roads.

Police: Selectman Chivers read from the attached report. He reported on Chief McGillen's progress with cleaning out the basement. They got rid of records going back to 1965. They found out what the state standards are of what they have to keep and what they can get rid of. They'll probably have 20 boxes of documents that they are going to have to shred. He noted that starting January 1st this year the department has gone paperless. They will be managed by the Administrative Assistant and they will be available to the officers on their laptops. When they get all done with the case they will store the information in the cloud. So there will be no more paper documents unless they have evidence acquired in their investigation. They are making progress and this is good news. Chairman Robie thought they should contact a shredding company. It was noted that money has been budgeted for a shredding company in this year's budget.

Fire: Selectman Chivers read from the attached report.

Building: Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report.

Solid Waste: Selectman Sandler read from the attached report. He noted that revenue is off by about \$20,000. It was approximately \$37,000 opposed \$57,000 last year. The materials aren't bringing in any money especially in the area of scrap metal. He noted that solid waste and C & D debris have produced 1,332.83 tons of waste. They have disposed of 101.33 tons of glass that's not recyclable which means they don't get paid for it. He noted this report is not complete and they are waiting on one more bill which will change the numbers a little. Chairman Robie clarified this is a summary of 2015. Selectman Sandler said there is another vendor that is interested in fixing that south wall. He's going to come over and take a look at it. Chairman Robie asked if they were going to take the sheathing off, take out the insulation, spray foam the area and put it back together. Selectman Sandler explained that Chuck has only talked to him on the phone so he hasn't seen the job yet. Over the phone he said that he didn't need to take the side off. Chairman Robie thought the outside needed to come off to do it properly and correct. They'll fix it once and be done with it. He felt at some point they need to write an RFP on what they want done. Selectman Sandler thought they had an RFP. Chairman Robie said he doesn't want someone telling them what they are going to do, we're going to

tell them what we want done and go from there. Then if it doesn't work out then shame on us. When the spring comes it will be a good job to get taken care of.

The Board to decide on public hearing date for the purpose of amending all existing pole licenses. Chairman Robie explained the phone company has stopped filing for pole licenses with the anticipation that they won't have to pay taxes. The state law says they still have to pay taxes and they still should have a licensing process. They need to schedule a public hearing and these companies (FairPoint, PSNH, NH Coop) need to be notified. Selectman Chivers asked if this applied to the high tension lines. Chairman Robie didn't think so; he thought the right of way was theirs. The poles are on the town's right of way. Selectman Chivers asked how many hearings do they need to have. Chairman Robie said they need to have one public hearing. The Board decided to schedule the public hearing for April 11th.

The Board to decide on schedule for the February 9th Presidential Primary. It was noted that the polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Chairman Robie said that the state law says they should have a quorum at all times. If a Selectman can't be there they can appoint someone to fill in for them. After some discussion the Board decided on an Election Day schedule.

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 February 4th and February 11th was \$566,148.66. Selectman Chivers motioned to accept accounts payable and payroll checks for February 4th and February 11th in the amount of \$566,148.66. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Boy Scout Andy Hawes to give update on his Eagle Scout project: Andy explained he had an update on his project and something is going to be changed about the actual project. He wanted to let the Board know. The last time he was here they went over everything for his Eagle Scout project. Some things didn't go as planned. Mr. Mowry and he had some differences that couldn't be solved and he would like to continue without his assistance. His project would involve the Sam Walter Foss Memorial by having a flagpole and a solar powered light. It will have a granite bench and there has been granite curbing donated to use instead of a fence. This would be put every 6 to 8 feet with a chain hanging in between as a fence. So it would be more of a period piece and he thought it would make the property look a lot better. Below the flag pole would be brick pavers in a circle pattern to add to the beauty to the park. He and Mr. Mowry tried to work things out. They didn't always agree and a lot of things had to be done his way. He would like to continue without Mr. Mowry's support or funding, he currently has enough money to do so. He just wanted to bring this before the town. Selectman Chivers asked if he had revised plans. Andy explained everything is going to be the same; it's just that the 170th Battalion isn't going to be involved. It's just going to be the restoration of the flagpole and the restoration of the park along with the bench and the fence. There isn't going to be a plaque. Selectman Chivers noted the plan on record now shows all of that stuff. He should really amend the plan he's submitting to us and produce what he is proposing in writing. This is the right way to do this. Chairman Robie asked Andy if he had gone back to his Eagle Advisor. Andy said his Eagle Advisor is with him tonight. Chairman Robie asked him if he had an Eagle Board at Camp Carpenter. Andy said he had an Eagle Board Advisor with the state. He was going to email him this evening with the updates. Chairman Robie asked if he had run the changes by his Advisor first to get them approved. Andy replied that he did not and he wanted to run it by the Board first to make sure

that it was alright with you. He just needs to keep the Eagle Advisor updated on the progress. Chairman Robie thought the Eagle Advisor had to make the recommendation on this first. He thought they have gotten away from what Mr. Mowry has presented to the Selectmen on September 14th. Mr. Mowry came here with a pretty clear plan of what he thought he would like to do down there. He doesn't know how that project went from him to Andy. Chairman Robie read from the September 14th minutes "Selectman Chivers moved that this Board give Mr. Mowry approval, endorsement, and encouragement for this project. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried." Chairman Robie said it was his understanding that Mr. Mowry approached Andy and asked Andy if he wanted to complete this as an Eagle Project. Andy said that was correct. Chairman Robie thought based on the motion made (at the 9/14/15 Selectmen's Meeting) he thought it needed to be done according to Mr. Mowry's wishes. Andy said he had talked with Mr. Mowry and the last time he came to a Selectmen's meeting, he brought the picture. He talked with Mr. Mowry that night and he said he didn't want to be a part of it and he pulled out. So he continued with the plan, he has raised \$4,100 and he has enough money to complete his project. Now Mr. Mowry came to him the other day and said he wanted to be a part of it again. He and I couldn't come to an agreement to what was going to be put in. Chairman Robie said his point is the same that Mr. Mowry turned the project over to Andy with a set of plans he had in mind and how the project was going to be done. He thought Andy went to his Eagle Advisor with that plan and they approved it. Now it seems to have been changed since then. He thought Andy should go to the Eagle Advisor first and explain that you took a plan from a third party. Now they are asking to tweak it and the third party is not happy. You and he can't seem to work out your differences. Andy replied nothing was ever written in stone and they had a basic idea of what they wanted. Just like the fence, they originally thought of the white board fence and that idea was changed to an AZEK fence. He researched it and it was going to cost \$4,000. This was a little expensive for him. He talked to a professional landscaper and he said that type of fence would take away from the property. If you drove by it you wouldn't be able to see past the fence. Chairman Robie said the point is that Mr. Mowry asked to do this project and he approached the Board with the understanding that they were going to restore the Sam Walter Foss Park. It was going to match the Sam Walter Foss house which Mr. Mowry lives in with the same type of fence. The only problem he sees is the third party. He took a project from a third party which is Mr. Mowry and changed it from what he had visioned. For example, if someone wants a house built and he builds them a house, he gets half way through it and he builds a different house than what they had plans for, they are going to say that's not what we hired your for. Andy replied they had an original plan and he was fine with doing that most of that and he had a few concerns along with a few of the Selectmen about specific parts of the project. He went to Mr. Mowry with the concerns and he told him he didn't want to be part of the project. So he continued as if Mr. Mowry was not part of the project. He got funding through his dinner to use towards his project. Selectman Young asked if they were at an impasse. Is this something he could maybe revisit and get back together to work on the project? Andy said he was at Mr. Mowry's house the other day to talk with him and try and work things out and it just didn't work out. Selectman Young asked if these were major differences. Andy said they weren't major differences to him they were to Mr. Mowry. He had things set in stone and he wanted it one way and he couldn't do it that way and Mr. Mowry didn't want to be a part of it. Selectman Young asked if he couldn't afford to do it or he didn't think it was the best idea. Andy said the maintenance part of the wood was expensive so he couldn't do that. Then there was the issue where the fence would take away from the property. He was approached and he got granite curbing donated. He talked with people at Severino Trucking and he is going to get some granite curbing from them. He is going to split it in half and use it for posts with a chain hanging in between. Selectman Young asked if Mr. Mowry was opposed to that fencing. Andy said Mr. Mowry didn't like that idea. Chairman Robie read from the November 23rd Selectmen's minutes which read "He would like to put up a white fence

which matches the house across the street. It will be made out of hemlock and painted white. There will be a sign on the fence with some gold leafing which will read Veteran's Park." Andy said that was the original plan. Chairman Robie asked if this was what he presented to the Eagle Board. Andy replied that was correct, but with the Eagle Board if there is a change you don't have to go back he just has to let the Eagle Advisor know about it. As soon as he leaves tonight he will be emailing his Eagle Advisor and letting him know his progress. Chairman Robie thought he needed to approach his Eagle Advisor and let him know there is a third party involved. This is a big issue and he understood what Andy was saying. If it was a project that he had taken on himself and he wanted to change it he wouldn't think there would be a problem. You are taking a project from a third party and changing what that gentleman envisioned across the street from his house. This is why he was thinking about this project and thought it would be a nice project. He presented it to the Board and the Board approved it. He solicited the Boy Scouts for an Eagle Project with his vision in place. Chairman Robie said he has a lot of time into to this over the past few weeks between the Scout Master, Mr. Mowry, and Andy. They are going to work this out and hopefully everyone will get what they need down there and Andy will get his Eagle Scout project completed. This is his goal. Andy said that this was his goal as well. Chairman Robie said he needs to speak to his Eagle Advisor and Mr. Mowry about these changes and see what they recommend. Chairman Robie said that he was Andy's go to person and Andy has talked to every person except for him. Selectman Young asked if he could talk with his Eagle Advisor and come back to the February 22nd meeting. Andy said if that is his only option this is what he is going to have to do. Time is a big factor and he has to order stuff. He has three months left and time is of the essence. Selectman Chivers said on September 14th they accepted Mr. Mowry's concept. He enlisted Andy to carry that out. Andy said it then became Mr. Mowry and his project and they were working on it. He went to Mr. Mowry after the December 14th meeting and Mr. Mowry told him that he didn't want to be a part of it anymore. Those were his words. Selectman Sandler asked if the Board could give him some direction. Chairman Robie said yes he needs to go to his Eagle Advisor and explain this. Mr. Hawes said on September 14th they asked Mr. Mowry if he was dedicating the flagpole and the park to the 170th Battalion. A Selectman came to Andy at our residence and said they disagreed with that and didn't want that. Chairman Robie asked which Selectman came to his house. Selectman Chivers said he spoke with Andy about dedicating it to one specific unit. Mr. Hawes said that was brought up at the November 23rd Selectmen's meeting. It is in the minutes. They came up the 170th Air Born paying for that and the plaque was going to say that this flagpole was dedicated to the Town of Candia from the remembrance of the 170th. Mr. Hawes said the Board was also concerned about the maintenance at the November 23rd Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Robie asked who was concerned. Mr. Hawes said the Board was. Chairman Robie stated that he said the town would be responsible for that. Mr. Hawes explained after Mr. Mowry said he didn't want anything to do with it Andy started to try and figure out how to do this in a reasonable manner. Andy also talked with another Selectman about granite posts. Chairman Robie said they need to get back to the fact that Mr. Mowry had an idea and was the designated person to go to if Andy needed something. Mr. Hawes said unfortunately it is irreconcilable differences between him and Mr. Mowry. He had been told to leave Mr. Mowry's house and not come back. The Board needs to decide if it is no, than its no and they will figure out something else to do. He felt the Board had a little culpability in this too from the September 14th meeting. If it would have been given to Andy the way that it was stated in the September 14th meeting they wouldn't even be talking about this. Chairman Robie said the September 14th meeting is when Mr. Mowry came alone. The last sentence says it all. Mr. Hawes said it does and then when Andy came they changed it and you said you didn't want this going to one unit. Chairman Robie clarified Selectman Chivers had this concern and Andy was going to address that concern. Selectman Komisarek said he remembers Selectman Chivers bringing that point up and he felt they couldn't dedicate the park to one specific unit. Chairman Robie said one

Board member had a concern and Andy was going to address it. Chairman Robie read from November 23rd minutes. This was just Selectman Chivers' concern it wasn't the Board's concern. Most of that would have been Mr. Mowry's decision on whether you were going to change that or not. This was his idea. Mr. Hawes said Selectman Chivers is one of the Selectmen. Chairman Robie said he was one with a concern; there were four of us that didn't have a concern. Selectman Young noted that Andy said he would try to address this by maybe memorializing it. Chairman Robie reiterated that would have to be a decision of Mr. Mowry because this was his plan. Selectman Young said she was feeling a little awkward because she didn't know there was a problem. She didn't know there was a problem when they spoke with him in December. Andy said there was never a problem with the new stuff they were going over today. It was just what was going to be on the plaque. Then he told Mr. Mowry that there wasn't going to be a wood fence and he responded that he didn't want to be part of the project. Selectman Young said she didn't know this and it doesn't say in the minutes that Mr. Mowry didn't want to be involved. Selectman Sandler asked if they had any idea why Mr. Mowry didn't want to be involved. Mr. Hawes said he didn't want any maintenance. He said the Selectmen have a concern about the maintenance of the fence and he has a concern and Mr. Mowry didn't want to hear it. Chairman Robie said the Selectmen said they would take care of the fence. It wasn't a problem and he said the town would maintain it. Just like anything else they take as a donation. They take a field house as a donation it is their responsibility to maintain it. Selectman Young asked if that was the only point there wasn't an agreement on. Andy said it was the fence, bench, and plaque. Chairman Robie stated everything Mr. Mowry wanted is different. Andy said the only thing different is the fence and the plaque. He changed the fence because the granite is more of a period piece. Also, it wouldn't cost anything and he is going to get most of it donated. Selectman Sandler asked how is this going to be resolved. Chairman Robie said Andy was going to explain this to his Eagle Advisor first and see what he says. Chairman Robie said he doesn't have an answer to this and how it plays out when a third party is involved. If he can work through this and learn this would be a big asset to what his project is all about. Andy said it definitely is it's just that time is a big factor now. Chairman Robie said if they upset Mr. Mowry and they build a project across the street from his house without the 170th Battalion dedication and a white picket fence, he doesn't think that project will ever be whole. It will also have a dark mark on it. Selectman Chivers said if Andy goes to the Eagle Advisor and he approves Andy's revised plan how do we correct the problem when we already gave Mr. Mowry approval for a plan that is a whole different concept. Chairman Robie said maybe his advisor will have some advice being an outside party. Then Andy can come back to us. Mr. Hawes said if Mr. Nickel (Andy's Eagle Advisor) suggests that Andy does his part of it and Mr. Mowry can do his own, is this something that the Board would be whole with. Selectman Young replied that the fence and the plaque might be the breaking point. She would advise focusing on the flag pole and the seating, something that is not offensive to Mr. Mowry and let him take care of the rest of it. Andy asked what he should do with all of the granite he had donated. Chairman Robie said maybe this should have been worked out before you solicited for something. Andy said the last he heard from Mr. Mowry is that he didn't want to be a part of it, so he went along with his plans. Selectman Young would encourage Andy to finish his project and he knows time is of the essence. Is this something he could come back to the Board in two weeks or email us and let us know what his advisor says? Andy said if it's a "no" he'll have to start looking at other projects and if it's a "yes" he'll have to start ordering stuff for the project. Chairman Robie said let's get this one done the way it was presented to us all. Mr. Hawes said he was going to solicit other project and to wait another month it's not going to work. The Eagle Advisor is there to make sure the project is going through and Andy is learning. This is a much bigger project than putting 10 signs in the middle of the woods. He can't see the Eagle Advisor saying this is good. Chairman Robie thought if Andy could work this out with his Eagle Advisor it would pay big dividends in life. He'll help Andy in any way possible to get this done before May 21st, but in the same intensity as he wants to do it.

Andy said he would have loved to include Mr. Mowry in it but it didn't come together. Mr. Hawes said what happened wasn't good or professional, and it isn't right. He doesn't see it ever working. Chairman Robie noted if they do this according to Mr. Mowry's wishes they could get this done. There was discussion about the wood fence. Chairman Robie said he needed to get this clear with Mr. Mowry and his Eagle Advisor. This needed to be worked out between the three of them not us. Andy said he came back to the Board to get it approved from them because Mr. Mowry pulled out. Chairman Robie explained Mr. Mowry pulled out because you changed the plan. Mr. Hawes pointed out if they went with the approved plans at the September 14th meeting they wouldn't be here right now. He wanted the Board to hear that feedback. He agreed with Selectman Chivers and when Andy brought this up to Mr. Mowry things started off wrong. Selectman Young said Mr. Mowry did come up with the idea. They aren't discouraging Andy and he has done a wonderful job. Her feeling is that his Eagle Advisor might have some ideas on how to work this out. It might turn out alright; she suggested that Andy not give up on it. She felt there is a way to make this work. Chairman Robie said if it all works out Andy doesn't have to come back, if not come back to the Board and convince us to go against Mr. Mowry's wishes. He is the gentleman who brought it to the town and you. Selectman Sandler asked if Andy could get an extension. Mr. Hawes said extensions are never allowed it is part of the life experience. He said it would be at least a month before Andy could come back to the Board with Mr. Mowry. They can't approve Andy doing a partial and Mr. Mowry doing his own part. Chairman Robie said he needs to talk with his Eagle Advisor. There was further discussion about the granite fence. Chairman Robie asked the Board if they want give direction to Andy and ask his Advisor to change the fence as long as he tells him Mr. Mowry is opposed. Selectman Chivers thought Andy should go to his Advisor and tell him there is a conflict and how Mr. Mowry is invested in this project and how it fundamentally changes what was approved by this Board. Mention the plaque and the fence and see what his Advisor tells him. He might tell him to look for another project. Andy asked what he should do with the \$4,100 he raised for this specific project. Chairman Robie said he'll have to ask his Advisor.

Selectman Sandler moved to adjourn 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Robie. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary