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**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27, 2016**

**Attendance:** Chairman Boyd Chivers, Vice-Chair Susan Young, Selectman Scott Komisarek, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Mark Laliberte, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

Chairman Chivers called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The review and approval of minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>.** Chairman Chivers asked to table the minutes until Selectman Young arrived.

**New Business:**

**The Board to consider appointment of Andrea Bickum as the Land Use Assistant.** Chairman Chivers noted they had seventeen applicants and they interviewed seven candidates. They have chosen a candidate and he would like to submit her name for appointment as the Land Use Assistant and her name is Andrea Bickum. Selectman Dann moved to hire Andrea Bickum as the Land Use Assistant. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Chivers said the rate of pay that was going to be offered was \$16.00 per hour, which is the same rate of pay they started Sharon at eight years ago adjusted by inflation. The panel announced they were going to offer \$16.00 per hour, but this would have been a cut in pay for Ms. Bickum. They decided to offer her \$17.00. Chairman Chivers motioned to recommend an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour to Ms. Bickum. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Young arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**Approval of minutes:** Chairman Chivers asked if there were any amendments to the minutes. There were no changes noted. Selectman Laliberte moved to accept the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Selectmen's meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider appointment of Mark Laliberte to the Conservation Commission.** Selectman Laliberte recused himself from the discussion and sat in the audience. Chairman Chivers explained they received a letter from Selectman Laliberte expressing his interest in serving on the Conservation Commission. Selectman Young read Selectman Laliberte's letter of interest (see attached). Selectman Laliberte noted they haven't had this position filled since March. He felt they were in a position where they should really have a full Board. If someone else was interested in the position, he would be more than happy to step down and go back to being an alternate or just a liaison. He was just trying to help them out. Selectman Young didn't know they had a Selectmen's Rep. Selectman Laliberte said it is just a liaison and it was brought up two meetings ago that they wanted a Selectman to sit in on their meetings. He offered to sit in on their meeting and it became apparent how they felt. Road Agent Lewis (also CCC member) noted they used to have Dick Snow as the Selectmen's Liaison when he was

Selectman, but he was always an alternate member. They do have three other alternates that attend on occasion. A lot of times they are scrambling for a quorum. Mark is our newest liaison and he is interested in becoming a full member. They felt he would be a good fit. Chairman Chivers asked if this was the recommendation of the Conservation Commission. Road Agent Lewis said that it was. Selectman Young asked if they would have a rep on the Conservation Commission. Selectman Laliberte said it is akin to the ZBA. Chairman Chivers is a member of the ZBA, but there isn't a Selectman's Rep to the ZBA. This would be the same kind of situation. Selectman Komisarek motioned to appointment Mark Laliberte to the Conservation Commission as a full member. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider the re-appointment of Betsy Kruse to the Conservation Commission.** Selectman Young moved to appoint Betsy Kruse as a full member to the Conservation Commission as full member. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider appointment of Brenda Stevens to the Fitts Museum Board of Trustees.** Selectman Young moved to appoint Brenda Stevens to the Fitts Museum Board of Trustees. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider a contract for carpeting in the Town Office Building.** Chairman Chivers explained the Building Inspector Murray received a quote for carpeting the Town Office Building. Selectman Young suggested they get one more quote. Chairman Chivers said Building Inspector Murray has made that effort. Building Inspector Murray said one of the companies wouldn't be able to do it because they don't work on weekends. Chairman Chivers read from the three quotes from Dean's Carpet One. He noted it has been budgeted and they can move furniture and install the carpet when the office is closed. Selectman Dann asked when would they be installing the carpet. Building Inspector Murray said he is trying to get them in for July and they seemed to think they could get it done. Selectman Laliberte said the quotes seem to have a difference in the Tax Collectors Office and the Town Clerks Office. One is at \$21.49 per and the other is \$22.91 per. Aren't they doing it all at once with the same carpet? Building Inspector Murray said maybe they have a minimum, but he'll look into it. There was discussion about the difference in the quoted prices for each office. Selectman Young motioned to authorize the quote from Dean's Carpet One to re-carpet the Selectmen's Office, Tax Collector's Office and the Town Clerk's Office. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider installation of an electrically assisted door at the Town Office Building.** Chairman Chivers explained a wheelchair bound resident had trouble getting in the entrance of the Town Hall. At the last meeting they had the Building Inspector go out and get a bid for an electrically operated door. The bid came back and it was \$3,200 for the door to be installed and another \$500 for a safety sensor. It is up to the Board on what they would like to do. His recommendation is do what they did at the library and put a door bell out there. If someone needs access to the building the Town Clerk or an Office Employee can run out to get them. He thought this was a common sense solution to the problem. It is the first time this issue has been raised and if they respond by doing something, this would be an appropriate solution.

Selectman Komisarek asked if there was a compliance issue with the ADA. Building Inspector Murray said if they do any significant work to the building they would have to upgrade it, but right now they are grandfathered. There was discussion about the cost of a doorbell and installing one. *Building Inspector Murray said a wireless doorbell would be the way to go. Selectman Young motioned to install a doorbell at the front door. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Fire Chief Young mentioned they have a battery powered one at the fire station.

**The Board to consider abatement requests submitted by: Donald Shepard, Jr.; Northern NE Telephone; Cellular One; Niki Pontidis & Xanthi Soulios; Romeo Danais, Jr.; Peter & Michelle Kapos; Deborah Martel.** Chairman Chivers said they received abatement recommendations from our Assessor Tammy Jameson. Chairman Chivers read each abatement recommendation. **Donald Shepard Jr.** of 231 Horizon Lane (402-027-003): His original assessment was \$237,200. The recommendation was to reduce Mr. Shepard's assessment, because his house is not stick built it's actually a mobile home. The recommended appropriate value is \$196,600. *Selectman Dann motioned to grant Donald Shepard's abatement request based on Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation in the amount of \$40,600. Seconded by Selectman Young for discussion.* Selectman Dann asked if this just went back for one year. Chairman Chivers said that was correct. Selectman Young asked where these were because she didn't see them in the sign folder. Chairman Chivers called for a vote. Selectman Young said she was going to abstain because she hasn't seen the abatement paperwork yet. Selectman Dann said it is the recommendation of the Assessor. Chairman Chivers said it is her recommendation and they don't have any information that she hasn't already considered. He thought they owed her judgment some deference. *Chairman Chivers, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1.* **Peter and Michelle Kapos** of 89 Douglas Drive (410-030): Chairman Chivers explained that Assessor Tammy Jameson recommends that the assessed value should be reduced from \$563,200 to \$433,400. Selectman Young asked if the whole town was reassessed by the State of New Hampshire. Chairman Chivers replied no it was a private company. Selectman Young said the whole town was reassessed two years ago. She asked why these are so far off and why didn't they catch it until now. Chairman Chivers said no one caught these because the property owners never appealed it. It was noted that when there is a reval there is a period of time when the property owners have a chance to speak with the revaluation company to question their new assessment. *Selectman Laliberte motioned to grant Peter and Michelle Kapos abatement request based on Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation in the amount of \$129,800. Seconded by Selectman Dann. Chairman Chivers, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1.* **Nikki Pontidis & Xanthi Soulios** of 3 Main Street (409-093): Chairman Chivers noted Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation was to deny this abatement request. He read Tammy's remarks for denial (see attached). Selectman Dann asked if there is an appeals process beyond this. Chairman Chivers said they would go to the BLTA (Board of Land & Tax Appeals). *Selectman Laliberte moved to deny Nikki Pontidis & Xanthi Soulios's abatement request based Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Dann. Chairman Chivers, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1.* **Spectrasite (American Tower LLC)** - cell tower (409-142-00B): Chairman Chivers explained the tax bill was going to the wrong address, so there is no abatement. The company has been notified and the bill is being

sent to the right address. This was basically correcting our records through a convoluted way. *Selectman Komisarek motioned to deny Spectrasite (American Tower, LLC) abatement request based on Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Dann. Chairman Chivers, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1.*

**Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC.** – L/B R.O.W. (000-TEL): Chairman Chivers explained Assessor Tammy Jameson recommends denying this abatement request because there is litigation pending to determine valuation of their poles in the R.O.W. Selectman Young asked if there was any way to extend this until it gets settled. Selectman Dann said when it gets settle one way or another they are going to owe it or owe less. They should let the courts decide. *Selectman Dann moved to deny Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC's abatement request based on Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation. Chairman Chivers, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1.*

**Romeo Danais** – Old Candia Road (410-137 & 410-158-2) and 17 Old Manchester Road (410-158-1): Chairman Chivers said they applied for an abatement last year and it was further appealed to the BTLA. Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation is to deny the abatement request on these three properties subject to the outcome of the BTLA hearing. *Selectman Dann moved to deny Romeo Danais' abetment request based on Assessor Tammy Jameson's recommendation. Seconded by Chairman Chivers. Chairman Chivers, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Young abstained because hadn't seen any of the materials and they weren't available. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1.*

**CVFD Lieutenant John Seidner to present recommendations for a Town owned and operated ambulance.** Lt. John Seidner was present. He prepared a proposal for the Board to review. He explained there was a potential in the future that the Town of Candia could be in a position where they would not be able to provide EMS service to the community. He wanted to get ahead of that and recognize that potential and put us in a position where they would be able to serve the community ad nauseam in the future. What he is asking for from the Board is to understand that need and agree that it is something they want to address now so they are ready and not caught blindsided and in the position of not being able to provide a service to our community. To do this they would need to do two things – provide a service to our community and create a place to put it. There are two cost centers. He is going to try and mitigate the cost as much as possible. He doesn't have numbers, but there is very good reason to believe they could get grant money to help bring the cost down dramatically. He would like to start the discussion and have the townspeople consider it and make a commitment to it. Chairman Chivers asked Lt. Seidner to explain how they went from paying \$1.00 per year to possibly having to buy our own equipment, staff it, and house it at the Fire Department. Lt. Seidner said no position on the record, but there is a lot of discussion that Manchester Fire Departments long term goal is to bring EMS services in house. If and when that happens their contract with AMR Ambulance will be dissolved and Manchester Fire Department will take over all of the equipment that AMR owns and operates in Manchester per their contract. AMR will move out of Manchester and when that happens they no longer have access to the tremendous service they have been getting from them for free. There are really no viable alternative options for providing us service in any reasonable timeframe at a reasonable costs. Chairman Chivers asked if Manchester is obligated to give them some kind of notice to quit in their contract. Lt. Seidner

thought it was 30 days, but he would have to check. Selectman Dann confirmed that it was in the contract that Manchester could take over the equipment. Lt. Seidner said AMR would have to surrender all of their equipment to the City of Manchester. Selectman Laliberte asked if there are other towns that are in a similar boat as us and what might they be doing. Lt. Seidner said he came up with a list of other towns and listed population and whether they had ambulance service and if they transported (see attached). Selectman Laliberte asked if there were other towns that had a similar situation with Manchester like Auburn. Lt. Seidner said they were the only town that uses a private service locally. In Southern Rockingham County there are a group of towns that use a private company and they have a full time truck dedicated to those towns full time. It is housed at one of their fire departments. The Raymond Ambulance services the Town of Raymond, Fremont, and Deerfield. Derry Fire services the Town of Auburn. The cost of the Derry Fire contract for dispatch and EMS services is \$120,000 per year. He doesn't know why they do this because they could purchase an ambulance and pay for it in a couple of years. They already have two full time firefighters staffed in the station. The only reason he thought they still had this arrangement is because they provide a paramedic level of service and most of the towns that don't have a paramedic and rely on Excerpt or ARS service and Auburn being so far away is stretching the response time and it really isn't feasible. His proposal is they work on getting the department a truck that they would operate similar to other towns and would use as an emergency response truck. They would use it to transport under certain circumstances, but they would maintain their relationship with AMR as long as they are able to provide us this service, so they would have reliable 24 hour paramedic service. In a situation where they were unable to provide service which happens occasionally or where there are multiple patients and they would do the transport. They would also make themselves available to provide mutual aid services to surrounding towns. They would generate revenue from that in addition to creating an experience for the folks on the fire department with running an ambulance. This would prepare them if the day comes and they lose the AMR contract to be able to take over primary ambulance service in the town. Chairman Chivers asked how it works now for emergency response service. Lt. Seidner explained they go to the scene with all of the tools and equipment except for the ability to put someone on the stretcher and drive them somewhere. They provide care on scene and they wait for the transport service to come and pick the patient up and drive them to the hospital. This is a different vehicle, it has to be licensed with the state and it has regulations and requirements on what you have on it for gear. They are in a great position and they are very well equipped already. What they have would transfer nicely over to an ambulance. Selectman Dann asked if the vehicle they have now could be sold or would they keep it for first responders. Lt. Seidner said they would keep it because it is a multipurpose truck. They can use the truck to do technical rescue, extrication from cars, lighting and it does all kinds of other stuff. Selectman Dann asked what the approximate percentage of patients transported was. Lt. Seidner said it was about 80 – 85%, they have a lot of people who choose not to be transported. He noted if they do all of their own transports they would generate about \$110,000. If they got into a situation where they were doing all of their own transports they would be able to generate a significant amount of money for the cost of the truck, staffing people, and equipment. It would be self-sustaining. Chairman Chivers asked if it was possible that Manchester could renew its contract with AMR for the next twenty years and a truck is something we don't need. Lt. Seidner said yes but he doesn't know if he would use those words though. It would be a truck that would be used for every medical call that came in. They wouldn't drive to the hospital most times but it would be used. When they go to car accidents now they have a compartment that they can sit people in. If he has someone

that has to be immobilized flat it's a difficult compartment to get them into. If they had the ambulance he would put them in the back of it and keep them there until the transport truck came. Most of the vehicle accidents they go to have more than one person. They could get all of those secondary transports out of it. They've had times where they have brought in four ambulances at once. Their neighbors are often calling in mutual aid. They certainly could provide some service to other communities. Chairman Chivers asked what the first step would be and what would he recommend to this Board. Selectman Young asked if they could put a warrant article in or they put so much in a fund this year and maybe purchase it next year. Lt. Seidner said what he was asking the Board this evening was to consider this and it is something the town needs to prepare for and think about. They need to move forward and crunch the numbers and make a plan. If the Board supports this he will move forward with trying to get grants to help us pay for stuff. The ambulance part is pretty easy to spec out and get numbers on. They can take two approaches on this. If they get a grant they do it right and go full board and if it is something they are going to ask the town to pay because the grant won't pay for it then they'll go used and inexpensive. Then the building is another issue, because they need a place to put it. It has to be conditioned so they will need to put an extension on the fire house of some sort to make that happen. This is something they'll have to do some planning for and they'll have to generate some numbers and try to do it in a cost effective manner. Chairman Chivers noted a proposal of this magnitude has to go before the entire town not just before this Board. He asked if he could put a warrant article together. Lt. Seidner said he could and he thought this was where they were headed but he didn't want to do that without the support of the Board. Chairman Chivers didn't think the Board tonight is prepared to endorse this idea and tell you to move forward and put a lot of time and effort into this. This is something that should go before the voters of this town with the presentation just like you made to us. He was sure he could get this endorsement for a warrant article based on this discussion at the Deliberative Session. He felt this was a huge decision and a precursor to a full time fire department. Lt. Seidner said this is why he gave them the hand out with the volunteer departments, because an ambulance service will make money and these departments make it happen without having a paid fire department. None of the towns he listed are a full time fire department. Chairman Chivers asked if they would be changing the staffing over there and would there be people available 24 hours a day to run this thing. Lt. Seidner said it is definitely an on call basis and if they have a situation where AMR is still providing us service than nothing changes. If they take over primary transport service then they will have to put together a call schedule. Then they will have a guaranteed group of people covering the ambulance. He doesn't ever see someone sitting in the station. He felt they could make this ambulance very easily pay for itself. He noted the way they function now is to try and get as many hands in there as they can. He sees two trucks going to most of those calls. The medical care side of things is easy; the learning curve will be the billing. He mentioned that AMR charges exorbitant fees and most of their transports cost \$2,000 to \$3,000. Municipal services charges are based on standard Medicaid rates in the area of \$500 to \$600. Selectman Komisarek said based on the numbers if they didn't have AMR it would pay for itself. Yet if AMR retains this contract with Manchester they would continue their contract with AMR. Lt. Seidner said his primary reason for that is because they have a pretty tight knit, small group of people that are volunteering their time to do these medical calls. If you switch it from a first response type of scenario to a transporter it is a different ball of wax. They will need more people and more commitment and he needs time to make that happen. He needs to work on that now. If he has two years to get this done and increase their ranks and be staffed in a way they

can provide high quality service to the town. If they did this tomorrow they would fall on their face. Selectman Dann asked when AMR's contract is going to expire or when will Manchester take over. Lt. Seidner said they have a two year contract with an option to extend it twice. He thought it would be about two more years. At that time Manchester will take over five of AMR's ambulances. Fire Chief Young thought it was the Chief in Manchester's Fire Departments priority to get the medical equipment back to the fire departments. None of them will ever say that but there is a pretty good chance that's going to happen. He noted that all of the Manchester firefighters are EMT's which they started to require about twenty years ago. He felt the writing was on the wall and they'll have to do something. Citizen Fletcher Perkins asked if Manchester would be willing to contract out to us. Lt. Seidner explained that the reason AMR has enjoyed significant success there and the reason they want to work the 9-1-1 system is not a goal mine of wealthy individuals who call 9-1-1 all of the time, it's because they have an infrastructure that allows them to capture the transport market. So all of the transports to nursing homes to and fro is very lucrative for them. By having all of the infrastructure there has allowed them to make all of that money. The dedicated city trucks have been overwhelmed so they bring in the transport trucks to meet their contractual requirements. Citizen Fletcher Perkins asked if Manchester will do the transports also. Lt. Seidner replied no because Manchester will be overwhelmed. Selectman Young appreciated knowing about this beforehand so she can review the information. Chairman Chivers asked Lt. Seidner what was the prudent thing for this Board to do. Lt. Seidner said if they thought he was on the right track he'll just keep moving forward and he'll get some more details pinned down in terms of expected cost and he'll put together a warrant article and talk with the town. Selectman Dann mentioned at the last meeting Chairman Chivers asked departments to bring anything to the Board that was going to be an expensive budget item and he was glad to see Lt. Seidner working on this.

**The Board to consider public concerns regarding the Smyth Memorial Building.** Selectman Dann said there was a group that went to the Smyth Memorial Trustees meeting and the Chairman told them to come to the Selectmen with some of their questions. It's just a group of people who are interested in doing some things for the Town of Candia. When the group has a chance they will send in a request to talk with the Board. This has nothing to do with the Smyth Memorial Building. The Trustees had invited them to come and see the building. Chairman Chivers asked if he was going to recommend tabling this discussion. Selectman Dann said he would unless someone has any public concerns. Selectman Young asked what this group is called. Selectman Laliberte explained they are from the Community Profile Event. There were five committees formed from the Community Profile Event concerning the most important issues. Selectman Dann said they have a lot of different questions they want to bring forth to the Board. Citizen Judy Szot said she was concerned about the questions for the Smyth Memorial Building. If she recalls, maybe two or three years ago the Selectmen decided they were going to form a Board of Trustees for the Smyth Memorial Building because they had too much to do. They didn't to be burdened with the upkeep of the building. The warrant article was presented to the town and they now have Trustees. She thought any questions this group may have should go to the Trustees of the Smyth Memorial Building. The Town voted on a Board of Trustees. They have it staffed with people and this group is saying they are going to bring it to the Selectmen. Isn't the proper place the Smyth Memorial Building Trustees meeting? Why is it being discussed here? Selectman Young said she completely agreed. Selectman Dann said the Chair of the Smyth Memorial Trustees told this group to come before the Selectmen and that is what

they are going to do. They have questions not specifically about the Smyth Building. Trustee Fletcher Perkins said he disagreed and they had specific questions that night about the Smyth Memorial Building and they asked a lot of questions about it. Selectman Dann said according to the Smyth Memorial Building minutes there were no questions asked. Selectman Young said her feelings are they have a lot of people that want to make a lot of decisions about a lot of things in town. They have all of these ideas and they are never willing to work on these committees and boards. They don't have time to do this or that but they have ideas on what should be done. The town has a committee if they are interested in that it would be great if they join the committee so they can help out a little bit and not direct things without putting in the time. Selectman Laliberte said this comes from what happened on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Community Profile Event. One of the issues that came out of the meetings was to get Smyth Memorial Building on line as a Senior Center or a Community Center. Selectman Young pointed out that 62 voters showed up for that event out of the 3,000 residents in this town. Selectman Laliberte said from that came out a committee that wanted to do that. Far be it for him to tell them not to do that. This group of people may not be the most savvy or know the ins and outs of what is going on this town, but they put together this group and they want to move forward. It's not to disparage the current Trustees. Selectman Young said that was offensive to her because they don't know the ins and outs of the town so they aren't Trustees of the Smyth Memorial Building. Selectman Laliberte asked why that was offensive. Selectman Young didn't think that the Trustees that are serving and have for three or four years are only serving because they know the ins and outs of the town. Selectman Laliberte said all he is saying is that you have people that wanted to be a part of it and may not have been aware there was a committee. Now the question becomes are they going to work together or in parallel. They have a Board of Trustees and they have a group that wants to use it as a community center. They're similar but different missions. He may be missing something, but he would like to hear from the Trustees where the differences lie. Chairman Chivers said this Board seated that committee and they are our representatives for the Smyth Memorial Building and they are accountable to this Board. This group's first stop is to the Trustees and present their recommendations to them. Then the Trustees can bring it to the Board and they can bring something to the town as a warrant article. Selectman Dann said this group was invited to a Trustees meeting and the Trustees told them they had to go in front of the Board. This is a group that would like to present their thoughts to the Board not necessarily about the Memorial Building. They would like to discuss their objectives with the Board at a future date. Chairman Chivers questioned if their objectives should go through the Master Plan Committee before they come to this Board. Selectman Dann asked if he was saying that this group can't come in and share their thoughts with this Board. Selectman Young didn't think if this group has other plans for the library they should come before the Selectmen. They should probably address the Trustees of the Smyth Memorial Building. Why aren't they addressing the committee that is in charge of that? Selectman Dann reiterated that the Trustee told them to go to the Selectmen. Smyth Memorial Building Trustee Carla Penfield said she would accept responsibility. She did say they would need to talk with the Selectmen. The specific question that was asked of the Board of Trustee for the Smyth Memorial Building was were they open to using that building as a community center. They don't have any real plans for that building. They don't have a septic and they don't have any water. They tried to explain that to the people that came to the meeting. She also tried to explain that three years ago they had a warrant article for \$160,000 to renovate that building so that it could be used for whatever. The community turned it down. Our Board of Trustee's feel very grateful that they are getting the small budget they get in the town budget.

The Selectmen have a say on what they would do with that building. You can't tell this people that we are going to make it a community center. It would have to be brought to the Select Board and it would have to be voted on by the town regardless of the money. She felt this group of people was not happy with her response. They are not opposed to that, but they can't say this is going to be what they are going to do. Selectman Young said they don't have the authority to do that. Trustee Carla Penfield said if that building was going to be a community center the town would have to vote on it. She also explained that at such time they did establish it as a community center they would then have to expand on the budget. She would then anticipate they would be looking at a line item of \$40,000 in the town budget to maintain and to staff that building. You have your basic building that they would have to maintain and you need to hire a manager and/or a janitor. Someone would have to be on staff that would book people in. She would assume there would be people lined up wanting to use it. The question was would the Board of Trustees be willing to use it as a community center and she said they were not opposed but they can't say they would do that. Selectman Young asked it to be noted in the minutes that 19 people want to get Smyth Memorial Building on line as a Senior or Community Center, 19 out of the 3,000 taxpayers. Selectman Dann said now they are throwing around and saying only these people showed up. These are a volunteer group people that are expressing a concern for Candia. Is this wrong? Chairman Chivers said it is unfortunate that these people aren't at the meeting to hear this discussion. Selectman Dann said they want to present their side of it, not somebody else's side. Selectman Young thought they were coming tonight. Chairman Chivers said they asked to be on the agenda tonight. Selectman Dann said they apologized that they didn't call in to reschedule. They will call when they can get together and come in as a group. Citizen Ingrid Byrd said being one of the senior citizens in town that building is not suited for a Senior Center. It is a wonderful building; it obviously isn't a building for someone over 79 or someone who is handicapped. The second thing is she has seen nothing in the papers or heard any discussion of a public meeting of a group who is talking about a Senior Center or a Community Center. Selectman Dann said because it is a group of volunteers that hasn't gotten together. Mrs. Byrd said look at this realistically they want all sides of an issue to be presented and represented and you're not. You are hearing one side and it sounds like it is 19 people stomping their feet. Maybe they need to do something publically and draw people in that might be interested. Citizen Sharon Dewitt said she was at that meeting and the sense she got was this was a group that got energized by the Community Profile Event. Her sense was they wanted to go to the Trustee meeting and they wanted to see what they could do to help. One of the biggest issues was the funds they would need and it was going to take 10 years to rehab that building. She questioned if they rehab the building do they need to make it ADA compliant. Trustee Carla Penfield said it didn't have to be because it is a historical building. Citizen Sharon Dewitt just thought that Russ was trying to facilitate this group that was trying to help out. One of the big things was could they do fund raisers and that could go towards helping complete the building. They were told to go to the Selectmen on this as well. She didn't think there were any underlying reasons other than people in town want to get involved. She heard several times people want stuff done but they don't want to get involved. She felt from the conversation tonight that people shouldn't get involved or try to volunteer. The last meeting she came to this was also said. She wanted to point out that it doesn't feel very welcoming as far as a volunteer goes. Her next question was about the comment they should join committee. It appears that there isn't an opportunity to joint that committee. Trustee Fletcher Perkins noted they do have public comment at the end of their meeting and they welcome it. Chairman Chivers said all this

Board is asking for is that if people want to participate or volunteer they have to recognize there is an established structure they have to coordinate their efforts with. The Smyth Memorial Building Trustees would be one example. If they want to get involved they would have to start there. Citizen Sharon Dewitt noted they did start there and were told to come here. Selectman Young pointed out that they just had to take a Selectman and appoint him as a CCC member, because they can't find volunteers. She understands that people are busy, but everyone wants things to happen but they don't want to put in the time. Selectman Komisarek asked if it was feasible and if it isn't then it is a mute point. If it is feasible they can come up with another warrant article for the town to vote on. It's a fundamental question that needs to be answered. Chairman Chivers said the Smyth Memorial Building Trustees will advise us on this and help us determine if we should support any type of warrant article. Citizen Judy Szot said it's not only a Senior Center, it's is the Community Center as well. She mentioned the handicapped accessibility. They can't put a ramp in because it may alter the historical feature of the building. They also have the problem of the bathroom facilities. Trustee Fletcher Perkins said to answer Selectman Komisarek's question they have a set of plans that finishes that building and should answer all of his questions. Selectman Dann asked what the building was going to be used for. Trustee Fletcher Perkins said he didn't know and they have a set of plans they paid a lot of money for. They are fixing things a little bit at a time with the budget they have. Trustee Linda Maxwell noted they are not replacing the windows they are restoring them.

**The Board to discuss potential 2017 extraordinary budget items with Candia Police Department and Highway Department.** Chairman Chivers noted that Chief McGillen was not in attendance this evening. He asked Road Agent Lewis is he had any expenses. Road Agent Lewis said he'll probably put in a warrant article to do another road next year. They did this with Diamond Hill Road and it seemed like a favorable way to do it. He'll find another road comparable to Diamond Hill. There was some discussion about paving. Road Agent Lewis said he didn't see anything extraordinary coming up but all it takes is a big weather event. Selectman Dann asked about a building so they can work on their trucks and plows in the winter. Road Agent Lewis said part of that is the location. It should be centrally located in town, because it will save them money being centrally located. The location they have is ideal, room wise it is not. Long term they should look at a Highway Department, but it depends on how much the town grows. They've added ten roads since he's become Road Agent and a few parking lots. They've managed to keep operating out of that small shed.

**The Board to authorize Chief McGillen to apply for an OHRV grant.** Chairman Chivers deferred this discussion until the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**The Board to approve accounts payable and payroll (6/23/16 and 06/30/16).** Selectman Laliberte announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$147,611.84. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$147,611.84 and Warrant Articles #14 Smyth Memorial Bldg Trust - \$3,500, Warrant Article #15 Town Office Bldg Trust - \$5,000, Warrant Article #16 Revaluation CRF - \$20,000, and Warrant Article #23 Fire Apparatus CRF - \$50,000 for a total \$78,500. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Planning Board Vice Chair Al Hall to discuss Solar Up:** Planning Board Vice-Chair Hall said at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting the Planning Board voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the Selectmen. Last year Candia and Deerfield had a very successful Solar Up project in conjunction with SNHPC at no expense to the town. The resident tax payers were offered the opportunity to get solar power at a discounted price. The Town of Raymond is considering joining with the Town of Candia in a similar manner to do the project. They are looking for a letter of support from this Board. The Board could review the letter at the next meeting. Chairman Chivers asked what is required from this Board. Selectman Komisarek said a letter of support. Planning Board Vice-Chair Hall said the letter would basically say you are supporting the idea and its same letter as last year. Chairman Chivers said they had 35 people sign up last year and is it fair to say they exhausted the market. Planning Board Vice-Chair Hall said it is an advantage to the taxpayers at no cost to them. Selectman Young said you are giving the tax payers the options of having solar. Planning Board Vice-Chair Hall said there are different installers to choose from. Selectman Laliberte asked what the percentage of the discount was from last year. Planning Board Vice-Chair Hall said he didn't have an exact number but it far exceeded what they expected. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Planning Board Vice-Chair Hall to bring a letter to the Board for the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Other Business:**

Selectman Young wanted the minutes to show that she really appreciates Tax Collector Stamatelos' attempt to be available to the citizens to pay their taxes. She should be commended. She thought maybe a thank you note.

**Primex contract:** Chairman Chivers explained Primex is our property and liability insurance. They cover any premium increases that the Town is exposed to at 9% a year. They haven't exceeded 2 ½ % per year, provided they sign an agreement to keep our business with them for the next two years. This is a commitment to continue with Primex for next two years. We are extremely happy with Primex and they never shopped around. Selectman Young said she hadn't read any of this. Chairman Chivers said if they are thinking about leaving Primex they probably shouldn't sign this. Selectman Young said this was received on June 13<sup>th</sup> and this is the first time she saw it. Selectman Laliberte suggested they postpone this until the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Logger letter to go with the intent to cuts.** Chairman Chivers motioned to have this notice go out with the intent to cuts. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motioned carried.

**Revised Welfare payment voucher.** Selectman Komisarek moved to accept the revised version of the welfare voucher. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Citizen Becky Sarra told the Board they may want to consider the way they are approaching the topic of volunteering. She questioned why anyone would want to volunteer in Candia. They don't communicate very well in this town. Selectman Young said there are different people with different opinions. Road Agent Lewis agreed with Becky and the volunteers are the back bone of our community. They need to try and improve that.

Selectman Laliberte moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.