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Candia’s Selectmen’s Public Meeting Minutes
July 11, 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.

Departmental Reports: Fire, Police, Highway, Parks & Recs, Building, & Solid Waste.

Fire: Selectman Dann read the attached report.

Police: Chairman Chivers wanted to take a moment to pause and reflect on the tragic event last week in Dallas, Texas. He spoke for the whole Board when they acknowledge that police work is difficult and dangerous and it is vital to our civilization. This Board would like to affirm their respect and continued support for the Candia Police Department. Lastly he would like to offer on behalf of the Board and the Town of Candia their condolences to the whole police community for the loss of five officers last week in Dallas. Chief McGillen thanked the Board it meant a lot and he’ll pass it along to his officers. It has been some trying times. **Report continued:** Chief McGillen said there has been some thievery around town. He wanted to give some credit to Sergeant Gallagher for apprehending one of these guys. He also would like to credit the resident who did a great job getting the license plate number as well as getting the vehicle description. He explained that an alarm call came in for an attempted break-in on Merrill Road, when they got there the screen was cut. Sergeant Gallagher caught the guy and things didn’t add up, the guy didn’t have any stolen merchandise but was arrested for prowling. He was outside of his vehicle near a residence. It is still under investigation. This leads to the department recovering some property stolen on July 1st. They used the new system they signed up for – Leads Online. They had two successes with this database. One was a stolen chainsaw from Chester Road and they recovered a stolen tool from Raymond Road. They were unrelated incidents and they have suspects in both of those cases. They are working with other agencies and are going to pursue charges. Using this database has proven itself and he would like to incorporate the annual fee into the operating budget. They’ve taken it out of the drug account to pay for it this year. One of the officers discovered that two more chains saws could have been taken from the immediate area. Someone may not know something has been taken and they urge people to check their sheds and garages. They recently caught someone who had taken a gas can with gas in it from someone’s shed. They’ve been trying to get out when they can; he and the Sergeant are the only two on in the day. They get a lot of stuff out on Nixle. They’ve put stuff out like suspicious cars in the area. They have also put out a message for the free helmets. He has already had some kids come in. They unfortunately had to use the AED on a resident and do CPR. He and the Sergeant worked together on this person as they were trained by Emergency Management Director Panit and Lieutenant John Seidner. They felt much more confident working together using EM Director Panit and Lt. Seidner’s techniques. He wanted to give some accolades to them because they deal with it all of the time. It was some worthwhile training. They did run out of gun locks. They have ordered some more. Selectman Laliberte noted if people aren’t

signed up for Nixle this information has been on Facebook as well. Chief McGillen mentioned that their ACO Officer was looking into getting them Facebook page and maybe managing it. It is hard for an officer who isn't there every day managing that information. He would like to create a Facebook and Twitter to get the word out there. It's proven that it works and people have responded back. It might be a missing link to solving a case. He has a meeting with the webmaster this Thursday to talk about some of the drug stuff they had spoke about getting on the website. He would like to get some information from the people who were here for the May 23rd Selectmen's meeting. He has some information from Congressman Guinta's office. There are a multitude of links and items, but he didn't think they needed to put them all on the website. Selectman Laliberte thought the most important thing was getting information for treatment on the website. Chief McGillen mentioned they have has some speeding complaints on Palmer Road. A resident told him there were no speed limit signs, so Chief McGillen said he would talk with Road Agent Lewis.

The Board to authorize Chief McGillen to apply for an OHRV. Chief McGillen explained that State Fish and Game pays \$45 per hour which will be reimbursed to the town. He felt it was a worthwhile program for 24 hours of patrol. The Select Board has always supported this. He just received a call from a resident down by the daycare that said there was an OHRV down by the railroad beds last night. Chairman Chivers asked what their detail rate is. Chief McGillen said \$35 per hour. Chairman Chivers said that leaves the town \$10 for the retirement. Selectman Young moved to authorize Chief McGillen to apply for the OHRV Grant. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He mentioned they got started on Diamond Hill and Forest Drive last week. They're all ground up. They stated ditching today and they are going to pave the binder course of pavement on Thursday. Normally he doesn't do it that quick, but Diamond Hill is a steep hill and this is thunder storm season. If it stays dirt too long it is apt to wash out. They'll do the topcoat in late August. Chief McGillen wanted to thank Road Agent Lewis for cutting the trees back on Route 27 and Merrill Road. It made a big improvement.

Parks and Rec: Selectman Komisarek said he didn't have anything new. Chairman Chivers said he's heard compliments on the field and the work he did. People are happy about that. Selectman Komisarek explained they fixed the dugout fence and the backstop. One thing he wanted to take up in budget season is revisit the light at the skateboard park. He has a number of residents come to him saying ten times more kids are using the skateboard park instead of basketball court. Selectman Laliberte asked how often do they need the lights on the field. If they aren't using those lights is it possible to move the light from the field to the skateboard park. Selectman Komisarek said he would like to talk with former Selectman Dick Snow about this. He knows that he did some legwork on this and it never came to be. He gave them a list of things that were incomplete. Former Selectman Dick Snow said the easiest thing to do is just go to PSNH and get another quote. The idea is that the line out there runs down to the salt shed. They were going to run it to a pole near the skateboard park. Selectman Laliberte said he and Road Agent Lewis looked over the skateboard park area and one of the thoughts was will one light be sufficient. Will they need two lights? Dick Snow explained one light is consistent with the way they did the basketball court. Selectman Laliberte thought the skateboard park was a

little bit bigger. Dick Snow said it wasn't, he measured it and they are about the same. He also explained the cost of trying to take the lights from the ball field for the skateboard park is exorbitant.

Building: Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. They've been pretty busy. There are a couple of subdivisions going on and lot line adjustments.

Solid Waste: Selectman Dann didn't have a report for this meeting because Chuck was on vacation. They have discussed at a past meeting the issue with waste from contractors coming in from other towns. When a contractor comes to the dump one of the employees goes up to check on them and see what they have. If they are busy they might miss someone, but overall they make sure the right people are using the dumpster. He mentioned the television disposal fee has worked out well.

The Board to consider appointing three members to the Recycling/Energy Committee. Chairman Chivers said this has been an issue they have been working on for the past couple of months. They now have applicants to fill three spots. The first one was submitted by Al Couch a former member of the same committee who resigned, but he has since submitted a letter of interest. They have also received a letters of interest from Clayton Caddy, Gail Thomas, Rudy Cartier, and Dick Snow. They have three vacancies. Selectman Dann said he would like to nominate Al Couch because of his past experience. *Selectman Dann motioned to appoint Al Couch to the Recycling/Energy Committee. Seconded by Chairman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Laliberte said he would like to nominate Gail Thomas. He explained that he has talked about bringing new people on to Boards. This is something they have talked about for awhile. Whenever someone new is trying to get involved he is going to encourage them to get involved and be active. So when new people put their name in he is going to be supportive of them and new ideas. *Selectman Laliberte moved to appoint Gail Thomas to the Recycling/Energy Committee. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Dann said he liked what Selectman Laliberte said and he's also supportive of new volunteers and new ideas. Chairman Chivers said he would like to nominate Clayton Caddy for the same reasons as Selectman Laliberte. He knows Mr. Caddy and he would be a real asset to the Recycling Center. He is a metal fabricator who could use his talents there. *Chairman Chivers moved to appoint Clayton Caddy to the Recycling/Energy Committee. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Chivers asked current Recycling/Energy Committee member Cinny Griswold to organize their first meeting.

The Board to reappoint Al Hall as a Representative to the SNHPC. Chairman Chivers explained there are two residents from the Town of Candia who represent us at the SNHPC. Al Hall's appointment is up this month. The other appointment is up in August. Bill Stergios has expressed that he is not interested in doing another term. Al Hall has expressed interest in doing another term. Selectman Komisarek moved to appoint Al Hall as a Representative to the SNHPC. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Resident Dick Abood to address the Board. Mr. Abood thanked Chairman Chivers for having him at the meeting. He explained the name of his business is Mr. A's Firewood and Logging. He has lived here for 27 years and he has been logging for 35 years. He mentioned that 80 acres

that the town owns hasn't been logged. This land is not under conservation. Chairman Chivers asked what he meant by "not under conservation". Mr. Abood explained these pieces are not managed by the Conservation Commission. The ones under Conservation, they probably don't want logged. He asked if any of those properties have been selectively cut. Conservation Commission member Dennis Lewis explained they have a Forester they work with and he puts them out to bid when they do have them cut. The Forester usually does the forest management plan for us. He'll go out and mark the trees and then he puts it out to bid for them. Selectman Young asked if they pay the Forester. CCC member Dennis Lewis said they do out of a Forest Management Fund. It funds itself. The last timber sale they did was on Hemlock Drive and it brought in around \$13,000. It cost around \$3,000 to do the forestry work like the forest management plan and mark the trees. Then the Forester puts it out to bid. If Mr. Abood would like to be notified and put in a bid when they do one, they would be more than happy to do that. Mr. Abood said he would be interested. It was noted that their Forester is Charlie Morino. Mr. Abood said he doesn't work with foresters, so there is no middle man. He selectively cuts the properties, he's been doing it for 35 years and he does know what he's doing. He has cut a lot of properties in town. He is interested in the 80 acres that the town owns. He doesn't want to waste his time. If the town is interested, he can go and check out these properties and come back with an estimate. These properties are just sitting there and the best thing you can do for a forest is clean it out. He cleared on Chester Turnpike for a gentleman that lives in Los Angeles. He's select cut the property and just in seven years the trees have grown unbelievably because they have been opened up to the light. It is the best thing you can do for a property. He also mentioned that when the pine trees get too big they start red rotting. Chairman Chivers said it was fair to say that Candia would like to follow best management practices when managing our public lands and one of them is to have a forester evaluate the potential for a wood lot and identify the species and volume to be cut and manage the cut on behalf of the Town of Candia. This is the recommended best management practice regardless of who owns it. Selectman Komisarek was wondering if we were currently updated on all of their parcels. He asked if Conservation Commission member Dennis Lewis knew. Conservation Commission member Dennis Lewis said he had no idea about the 80 acres. They only look at the ones that the Conservation Commission manages. The 80 acres isn't included in what they manage. Selectman Komisarek thought they should talk to Charlie Morino about the 80 acres. Chairman Chivers asked if the Conservation Commission would be willing to manage their 80 acres that Mr. Abood has brought to our attention. Conservation Commission member Dennis Lewis said he could bring it to their next meeting, he couldn't see why not. Chairman Chivers said that Mr. Abood has brought it to their attention that they have 80 acres out there that's not being managed. Selectman Laliberte said they are talking about 80 acres, but there may be more above and beyond what Mr. Abood has pointed out. There may be more than 80 acres of town owned land and are they going to have a policy for all town-owned land that would qualify. If they are going to do a policy they should look it over and make sure they are covering themselves. Mr. Abood thought it was foolish to let land just sit there. He would be willing to meet with Mr. Morino. Conservation Commission member Dick Snow said the one thing they should check is the legislative body when it was established and if they are part of the town forest. The Conservation Commission is responsible for managing the town forests. Some of those properties are not in the town forest and maybe other ones are. They need to find how the legislative body established that particular piece. Chairman Chivers asked if each piece would have its own legislative history. Selectman Young believed they voted on each piece.

Selectman Laliberte said that's what he meant by let's look at this. Selectman Komisarek said it makes sense if it makes the forest healthier and increases revenue, then it is a win-win.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting - June 27th. Selectman Young wanted to add why she abstained from the abatements, it was because she hadn't seen any of the materials and they weren't available (page 3). Selectman Laliberte moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of June 27, 2016 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Selectman Laliberte announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for July 7th and July 14th was \$837,946.02. Selectman Young moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for July 7th and July 14th in the amount of \$837,946.02. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Volunteers: Selectman Young said she believed in volunteerism and she felt it was necessary. She thought one of the things they didn't mention was there has only been one person that hadn't been an approved volunteer. Other than that there hasn't been one person who wasn't approved to be a volunteer. She didn't want anyone to misconstrue how she feels about it.

Carpeting: Selectman Laliberte asked about the discrepancy in the price which was discussed at the last meeting. Building Inspector Murray said it was the room size. They can do a large room just as cheap as a smaller room.

Judi Lindsey's reappointment to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Laliberte moved to reappoint Judi Lindsay as a full member of the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Carpet installation: Chairman Chivers noted the carpet will need to be installed on the weekend, so all of the furniture will need to be moved out of the offices into the meeting room. They are going to get two of the guys from the recycling center to help out who don't normally work on Friday or Monday. They will help move the furniture out on Friday and put it back on Monday. Selectman Dann said they have to ask them. Some of the stuff is quite heavy. They also need a date. Chairman Chivers said they would give them a couple of weeks notice. Selectman Young thought the carpet company was moving it. Building Inspector Murray said they were. The office staff will need to clean off their desk and file cabinets. Chief McGillen mentioned using work release guys. He can check the availability. There would be a supervisor with these guys. Chairman Chivers asked if he could see what is available. There was discussion about community service projects. Road Agent Lewis said he spoke with Officer Gray and if anyone else can't use them, he would have them paint the salt shed. Officer Gray hasn't gotten back to him yet.

Public Comment

Chairman Chivers mentioned a project that Accounting and Payroll Clerk Donna Becker is working on. She has taken all of the town meetings over the last thirty years and she has made an index. If you want to see warrant articles relating to a subject, she points you to whichever year they were discussed.

Selectman Komisarek asked about the perambulation. Chairman Chivers said NHMA is supporting a bill to repeal that law and maybe they should wait for the outcome.

Chairman Chivers said they will review the Fire Department and Police Departments budgets at the July 25th Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Laliberte moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary