

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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

**The Candia Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing to ratify all actions, votes, and proceedings held at the town election that were scheduled to take place on March 14, 2017, but postponed due to weather and held on March 16, 2017. This public hearing is authorized by NH House Bill 329, which was signed into law on April 21, 2017.** *Selectman Laliberte moved the Board approves the election results from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as authorized by NH House Bill 329. Seconded by Selectman Young.* Selectman Dann asked if there was anyone from the public that had any questions. Resident Judy Szot said it has nothing to do with the public. Chairman Robie said it was a public hearing. Resident Judy Szot said it is just the Board ratifying what happened at the state level. Chairman Robie said that was correct but they are having a public hearing and if anyone wanted to contest the vote now would be the time. Chairman Robie called for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Young moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 4/24/17.** Selectman Dann moved to accept the Selectmen's meeting minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He noticed this year a lot of campaign signs stayed up for weeks and some are still up. Maybe next year when people sign up we can tell them to take their sign's down after elections. There are a lot of them still around. Selectman Komisarek thought they were supposed to be taken days within 10 days (after the election). Selectman Young said they don't have to be removed because it is called freedom of speech. When she called the state about sign placement, they said you can't make them take them down. She thought it would make a nice recommendation. Building Inspector Murray disagreed with that, if you see any campaign signs call him. He has been picking them up here and there. Road Agent Lewis said so has he but they shouldn't have to. Chairman Robie asked if the winter budget was spent. Road Agent Lewis replied our winter budget is spent and we are into the warrant article by \$28,000. They probably have \$70,000 for November and December. They should be all set on sand, but they will undoubtedly need some salt.

**Police:** Chairman Robie noted Chief McGillen is on vacation and Sgt. Gallagher was unable to attend the meeting. He asked if Selectman Komisarek had any comments on the police report. Selectman Komisarek said he talked with the Chief and he is going to come to next meeting to give us an update on what is going on in the community.

**Fire:** Selectman Dann mentioned that Smokey Bear says it is moderate for fire conditions. He proceeded to read from the attached report. He noted there was a natural vegetation fire and 13 EMS calls last month. The Volunteer Fire Department does an awful lot for this town and he was glad they were able to recognize them with the Town Report this year.

**Building:** Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. He mentioned there are a lot of things in the works.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Dann read from the attached report. The Recycling Center is working with Habitat for Humanity, so they can recycle some things that would normally be hauled off and they would have to pay for. This is a program initiated and if there is something they will come and pick it up. They don't have to do any chasing. They are working on new signage hanging over the recycling area. It is in the final stages right now for editing. He mentioned the Recycling Committee has been very much involved. They've been talking about LED lighting throughout the town and try to get some information on that. They are looking to do solar at the Recycling Center. The town energy audit was done quite a while ago, they are looking at updated the town audit completely. It would be all of the town buildings and outside lighting, so it would be a complete audit. The town wide clean up went very well and it was sponsored by the Heritage Committee and the Board of Selectmen. They've had the dumpster that was in back and it was about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Thanks to Road Agent Lewis for picking up that mattress left by the side of the road. He wanted to thank the people of Candia that got behind this and cleaned up Candia and got it looking more respectable. He shared pictures of people that participated. There were hundreds of people that got involved and he wanted to thank them on behalf of the Selectmen and the Heritage Committee. He mentioned the Heritage Committee is meeting tomorrow evening at the Smyth Memorial Library if anyone has any questions or what have you and it starts at 7 pm.

**Parks & Rec:** Selectman Komisarek noted they have \$5,000 in the budget for bleachers and benches. They purchased a nice set of bleachers. They have them put together and installed. He wanted to thank Jodi Hedstrom. She did quite a bit of work on getting pricing and shopping around. They have a couple of new benches and they got new fencing. He has a couple of little projects and now that they have it moving he's going to get that cleaned up. They need to do a better job with the bathroom for maintenance and make them look a little more professional. Chairman Robie asked if they were going to paint the inside of the bathrooms. Selectman Komisarek said yes and they are going to get new hollow metal doors with locks that will have timers on them. You know how we spend \$6,000 every year to open and close them. These locks will open them at a certain time and close them at a certain time. The doors now are in really bad shape. He mentioned the shed and it currently in on grade, so it needs to come up a little bit and be painted. They have some volunteers. Jodi's husband David came out and helped over a half on day on Friday with the bleachers. Road Agent Lewis is helping out coordinating the trees. They have to do something with the infield. For a small amount of money they are making a nice positive impact that people will appreciate. Chairman Robie noted with the automatic opening and closing (doors) they still need someone to clean the facility and make sure it is left in good condition in the evening. It is very important. Selectman Komisarek agreed and he has talked with Building Inspector Murray about this. He understood last year this wasn't acceptable. They are watching that more closely this year.

**The Board to discuss a resident's request to purchase tax deeded property on Donovan Road (Map 404 Lot 118).** Chairman Robie said the office received a resident request to purchase some property on Donovan Road. He noted there was a copy of the map and a warrant article in the Board's folders. He explained the town voted to temporarily transfer the management responsibility of this property to the Conservation Commission in 2015. It is a piece of property (that the town took) that borders the railroad bed. It went on both sides of the railroad bed but it seems like the party is only interested in that one piece. Chairman Robie said his suggestion is to leave the property as is. It is a piece of town owned property and it is in a good place right now. He sees the Conservation Commission Chair Sue Wilderman was in the audience and asked if she had any comments. CC Chair Wilderman said she just came to hear what the conversation was going to be about. Chairman Robie thanked her CC Chair Wilderman for coming. Selectman Komisarek asked what the market value was and he thought there was a little more background to this. When you say leave it as is there is some logic to what Chairman Robie is saying. He was curious what it was. Chairman Robie explained it is a landlocked piece of property and it's unbuildable. CC Chair Wilderman added it's fairly close to the whole Kinnicum area. Chairman Robie said they will send a letter to the resident that made the request and tell them at this time they are not interested in doing anything with that. If they decide they want to do anything with that it will probably have to go to auction. He thought that was the only reasonable way to do it. Selectman Dann asked if the resident was somebody in that general area. Administrative Assistant Hansen said it was a real estate agent that contacted her. Selectman Laliberte moved to write them a letter stating they have no interest in selling it at this point. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chairman Robie to address Atty. John Cronin's letter to the Board regarding Believe Freetown, LLC. (Map 407 Lots 066 & 071 Island Road).** Chairman Robie said they received a request from Atty. John Cronin. He wanted to discuss the property know as Map 407 Lot 066 & 067. This property is on the Raymond line and it is the former Cole property. Mr. Cronin came to the Planning Board meeting back in October. Mr. Cronin wanted to come in and talk with the Selectmen and he said they needed to discuss this. If you all could look through the minutes of prior Selectmen's meetings and Planning Board meetings, then they could discuss this at the next meeting. There is a lot of information and he thought the Planning Board meeting from October 2011 spelled it pretty well. They were interested in some excavation down there and he thought if you talked with our attorney he would say they need to have a reclamation plan. He felt it spelled it out pretty well. They are interested in some excavation. If you talk with our attorney they need a reclamation plan approved and it needs to be instituted before they do anything. Resident Judy Szot asked if all of the minutes were included from the ZBA. Chairman Robie felt what they got for them is pretty clear to understand the concept. Most of them are familiar with the sand and gravel pit. This has been ongoing for years. At this point they are not going to discuss this anymore until the Board looks over what he has supplied them. They will let Atty. Cronin know, so he could be in attendance and hear all conversations. Selectman Dann said if they are going to discuss this should they let the abutters know. Chairman Robie said Atty. Cronin can come in and represent anybody. It will be on the agenda. Selectman Dann said it looks like there are a lot of abutters to that property. Selectman Laliberte didn't think there was a formal process that requires that. Chairman Robie explained if Atty. Cronin submitted some blue prints to the Planning Board for approval then the abutters would be -notified. He asked the Board to look over the information; he thought it would be helpful.

Selectman Dann asked if Atty. Cronin couldn't make it this evening. Chairman Robie explained he wanted the Board to review this before he was here. Maybe they should get this done and ask Mr. Cronin to come in two weeks. Then they will have to do our due diligence and he can come and represent Believe Freetown, LLC.

**The Board to announce 170<sup>th</sup> A.H.C. Memorial Dedication at Foss Memorial Park.** Chairman Robie mentioned that Resident Russ Mowery has done some work at Foss Memorial Park with a flag pole and a memorial dedication for the 170<sup>th</sup> A.H.C. That is a helicopter unit that flew into Vietnam. It will be at noon time. He mentioned that there will probably be a memorial service on the hill at the Soldier's monument at 11 a.m. The A.H.C. Dedication Memorial will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Right to Know discussion with Selectman Laliberte and Selectman Young.** Selectman Young asked if she could go first if the Board didn't mind. She thought some of the things were going to roll into what Selectman Laliberte is going to propose. Selectman Young wanted the audience to know before she began that none of the other Board members knew about this and what she was about to say. This was from her personally. She proceed to read from her notes. She wanted to start by saying leaders at all levels make mistake, good leaders admit their mistakes, learn from them, and try to correct them whenever possible. She believed the Board of Selectmen prior to the March elections made some mistakes as well as the current Board regarding the Right to Know request from Sharon Dewitt. Tonight she would like to try to correct one of those mistakes and hopefully others will be addressed during discussion on the Right to Know policy. At the Board's last meeting three of the Selectmen voted to refund Mrs. /Dewitt some of the money for the copying costs of her Right to Know request. Mr. Robie and I abstained for obvious reasons. Personally she had mixed thoughts about that vote. After that meeting she wanted to be assured the Board had done the right thing, the right way. As a staunch supporter of government transparency she turned to a group she is a member of for their opinion which is Right to Know New Hampshire. She had the opportunity to have a very informative conversation with the president of the group. He clarified things she personally had questions about and gave advice on items they'll probably be discussing later when they discuss the proposed policy. The first mistake she personally made was she made available every single email written to and/or from every school and town official as well as department heads and members. This was a mistake as RSA 91-A states in part government communications need to be shared if there in furtherance of its official function. In an effort to be totally transparent all of the emails mentioned were given to the Right to Know requestor and it appears they shouldn't have regarding 91-A. For example, the Right to Know requestor didn't access to an email she personally wrote thanking the Conservation Commission for their wonderful hiking trails. She did copy that because it was a town agency. Another mistake that was made was sending duplicate emails as all were sent to all three of her emails. Not wanting to have the appearance of hiding anything, she sent any and all as she was doing what the Right to Know letter had requested. Most of what she shared goes under the mistakes made/lessons learned categories. The one mistake she believed is possible to correct is the amount Ms. Dewitt was charged. She asked to have the records available for inspection, emailed to her, or put on a zip drive she would provide. Despite the fact that she incorrectly started searching her personal and Budget Committee emails for every bit of communication concerning Candia and the same was done for Dana Buckley most if not all of these were records that didn't even apply to RSA 91-A and most

others could have been given electronically. RSA 91 states Right to Know requests can not include time and labor just the cost of copying. *Therefore at this time she would like to make a motion to refund all of Ms. Dewitt's money that has been charged for her February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Right to Know request.* She understands that will upset some people but she is trying to do the right thing here. If there are pieces of paper that could not have been sent electronically she will cover them personally or whatever the Board desires. She reiterated that she would like to refund Mrs. Dewitt the full amount and then we can go forward with a policy. *Selectman Dann seconded the motion for discussion.* He would like to get this done and move forward. He liked the idea of the refund personally. Selectman Laliberte said that sounded fine to him. Selectman Komisarek said he didn't have the level of understand that Sue has or Mark has based on him getting involved. He be honest his doesn't know the ins and outs but he likes the spirit of where Sue is coming from and he would be inclined to vote in favor of it. Selectman Young said she would abstain on this vote just like she did the other one. She wasn't sure if she could even make the motion. Chairman Robie said they need to clean that up a little bit. You can't make the motion and then not vote. He is not going to accept that and he didn't think that was the proper way of doing what they are doing here. Selectman Young asked if it needed to come from someone else. Chairman Robie said he would say it does. He is mediating this once again. Selectman Young understood and she knows he wasn't involved. Chairman Robie said he agreed with everything she just said and this should have been taken up when the request came. He has said that from the beginning, from the outside looking in. *Selectman Dann moved to refund the remainder of the Sharon Dewitt's Right to Know request. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. Selectman Komisarek, Selectman Dann, Selectman Laliberte were in favor and Chairman Robie and Selectman Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 2 (3-0-2).* Selectman Young thanked the Board. Chairman Robie said this is a positive thing moving forward.

Selectman Laliberte said the lesson he got out of this was they need to make this clear. They need to make filing a RTK request clear, easy, not a cudgel against the citizens and something that is open as possible. So a couple of weeks ago it was suggested that they do this. Last week he was able to finish this and get it over to our attorney's at Upton and Hatfield. Atty. Courtney who works with Bart Mayer was kind enough to go through this. He explained what he tried to do with this is to have two documents. First there is the form which is the form "Right to Know Request – Town of Candia". This is modeled after the Town of Rye who has this on its website. Theirs is a little older so it doesn't address electronics so he had to update it. He used the group that Sue is part of, NH Municipal Association. It makes it crystal clear, if you say you want to inspect documents it says "*Upon submission of this form, a Town of Candia representative will contact you to discuss date/time you can come to Town Offices to inspect information. **There is no charge for this service.***" The second one "***There is no charge to email or save any unredacted information that is available via electronic format (i.e. Microsoft Word, Adobe .pdf, .jpg). However, all document requiring redaction (because they contain information exempt from 91-A), will cost the requester \$0.50 per page***". When someone from this office gets this form and reaches out to that person that will be made crystal clear before anything else is done. Then there is "I would like hard copies mailed to me (**USPS postage charges apply**)" and "I would like hard copies held for me at Candia Town Offices." This will be made clear what those charges are. One of the things they will also do is make sure if someone requests agendas, minutes, anything they have on their website or they know is available for free we will let the

person know. They can download that information on their own. If they still want print outs of that then they would have to pay for that. They are going to make it clear to them all of their free options in terms of Right to Know request. The second page is filing a Right to Know request with the Town of Candia. It's just general instructions and it kind of goes into that information a little bit more. If anyone has any questions they can come to the town. Some information refers to exemptions – availability of information, copies, etc. His hope is that if this gets approved they will have copies of this at the town offices during normal business hours. They will also have a place on the website to be able to download this information. He would like to have a button on the front page and then a page dedicated just to this. So if anyone ever asks us about Right to Know it's there. This is what he has so far and he would be more than happy to take information from this Board or the public. Selectman Young mentioned she was just speaking with David Sand who is the President of Right to Know one of the things that we might want to consider is some people had a problem with .50¢ per hard copy because it doesn't actually cost that. He was very willing to come and help us with this in any way he could. Selectman Laliberte said to keep in mind that is from town vote in 2004. We as a town have established that. Selectman Young said that is something he said to think about. She felt that .50¢ was pretty much average. Selectman Laliberte thought that was the standard and it hasn't gone up in 13 years. Selectman Young said the other thing is the USB flash she thought in one of these discussions it must be new and in a sealed package, because someone could put virus on their drive and it could get into our computers. Selectman Laliberte said that was a good point. Chairman Robie said people would use this form and there would be no more emails sent out to a person asking for RTK requests through a personal server. This is the only way that a RTK request will come through our office. Selectman Laliberte said this is the form and it has the address and it will be on the website where people will be able to get that information. He may look to see if there is a way where someone can push a button and it automatically goes to the town offices. It helps with efficiency, because they want to make sure people get information and they don't want to have any miscommunication anyway they can clarify that he is totally on board with. Chairman Robie said before they start this process they will have a written hard copy for here. Selectman Laliberte explained both of these copies will be available to the public. Selectman Dann said but they could fill this out and email it to the office. Selectman Laliberte said they could drop it off or mail it. Then someone from the office will then follow up with them just to clarify that this is what they want. Selectman Dann asked if there is a sufficient amount of time to respond. Selectman Laliberte said time as stated in 91:A. It is prescribed by law and if the law was to change they would have change the form to adhere to the law. Selectman Dann said seeing how things change so much they talked about the flash drive or any current electronics. Selectman Laliberte said that seems to be the standard way to go these days. If something radically changes in the next few years, if anything you would have less flash drives and more email. Theoretically you could have drop box or Google drive. The long and short of it is technology is always changing. The group that Selectman Young was talking about is usually on top of this and we can keep an eye on it. Selectman Dann thanked Selectman Laliberte and there was a lot of time spent on this. Chairman Robie mentioned that Selectman Laliberte was working on RTK stuff when Selectman Young belongs to a RTK group. Selectman Young said she belongs to Right to Know New Hampshire and it is about transparency and stuff like that. She thought she had this law memorized and until he pointed it out and she had to go back again. It says specifically only governmental operations did she realize that she was sending any communication she had with anyone else in the government,

school, or the school incorrectly. They might want to put the law on their forms. Selectman Laliberte said one thing he could put is "any questions not answered here please refer to RSA 91:A on the States website". He'll put a link to the State website. Selectman Young said it is a bipartisan group. It is all different people who are interested in government transparency. Chairman Robie asked who this organization is run by, is it a private group. Selectman Young said it was a private group. Chairman Robie noted that our attorney might not agree with this group's interpretation of something. Selectman Young said that was correct. Selectman Laliberte thought the suggestions that Selectman Young have made are fine and he didn't think the town attorney would have any issues with that. Selectman Young noted that there are attorneys in this group. She said this isn't a dangerous group in her opinion. Selectman Laliberte said his sense is that he would make these changes and a lot of them are cosmetic. If people wanted him to he could give it one more run by Upton and Hatfield. He felt all of these changes were relatively cosmetic. He could have this over to the town offices by Wednesday and it will go to the website as well. Chairman Robie thought he did an excellent job and this gives us a lot more to go by and everybody will be clear. Resident Sharon Dewitt said the only suggestion she would have is maybe note on the form that you can't require people to fill out the form. You can have someone in the office fill it out for the person but you can't force a person to fill this out. Maybe put it on the form so people know that. Selectman Laliberte pointed out that it says on the form "While state law does not require a written RTK request, written requests assure all parties have a verifiable copy of the request, and there is no ambiguity as to what is being requested." It says they don't require a written RTK request. Resident Sharon Dewitt asked if it was on the form itself. Selectman Laliberte said he would put it on the form. Resident Sharon Dewitt thought the form will float around and this (informational form) won't necessarily. Chairman Robie asked Selectman Laliberte to clear up what was just said. Selectman Laliberte said technically they can't require somebody to use a form, in fact they can't require anyone to give us a written RTK request. Somebody can orally ask for it, but the problem is that creates a massive possibility for ambiguity. They can't require you to fill out this form but we strongly recommend it because that means everyone has a copy of the request and there is no ambiguity. If someone really wanted to give a verbal, but even the group you are part of highly recommends a written RTK request. Selectman Young reiterated legally you can't make someone file out the form, they can tell you verbally what they'd like and that is enough. Selectman Laliberte said but they can make it as convenient as possible and as comprehensive as possible they would want to use the form, they just can't require them to use it. Chairman Robie said he understood what they are saying but it seems like it would leave a lot of grey area. Selectman Laliberte said this was something he talked to the attorney about, because you want to make sure they understand and they don't have to use the form but you want to encourage using the form. Selectman Dann thought if you show somebody this and you have a form, you get that one person and you rewrite everything because one person doesn't want to do it. We'll set down and write it out for them and ask them specifically what they want. A person in the office can offer that. Selectman Laliberte said he will do the recommendation that Mrs. Dewitt has suggested, but we can revisit this, if it is working as intended then great. *Selectman Laliberte moved that the Board accepts this with the recommendations made by this Board and residents in the audience. Seconded by Chairman Robie for discussion.* Chairman Robie asked if they would revisit the coping fees at town meeting time. Selectman Laliberte replied absolutely. Chairman Robie called for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.* Selectman Laliberte said

he wanted to thank everyone for their help on this and everyone gave him some great advice. Selectman Young thanked Sharon Dewitt because it came to light and that was a big part of it.

**The Board to consider extending the solar exemption deadline.** Chairman Robie noted the deadline for the exemption paperwork was April 15<sup>th</sup> and the residents seemed to have missed that. He asked the Board if they wanted to consider extending the deadline to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Selectman Komisarek asked if they had to do this annually. Chairman Robie said the deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup> and it is the resident's responsibility. Selectman Komisarek said the concept in general is a good one. Selectman Laliberte said this is a courtesy to the homeowner. What they are doing is extending it because people are missing it. He felt this was a courtesy on our part. Chairman Robie said they are assessed as of April 15<sup>th</sup>, so when you add a solar array you will be assessed as of April 15<sup>th</sup>. The assessment goes on the bill, but without the credit they can't take it off. This is giving the residents an exemption from that assessed value. Building Inspector Murray thought the residents assumed this was an automatic thing; they didn't realize they needed to file for the exemption. There was some discussion about filing an exemption. Selectman Young moved to extend the deadline for the solar exemption. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. 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 May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> was \$550,802.93. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> in the amount \$550,802.93. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**Plant NH Day:** Selectman Young mentioned that May 20<sup>th</sup> is Plant New Hampshire Day. The Garden Club is having a sale from 9 am to 12 pm at the Masonic Hall. She thought this was perfect timing.

**Memorial Day Celebration at the Moore School:** Selectman Young mentioned there will be a Memorial Day Celebration at the Moore School on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Moore School. They will be dedicating the weathervane at 1:30 pm.

**Retirement Program for Town Employees:** Selectman Dann asked about the retirement program for the employees and what do they have. It was noted the town employees (excluding the Police Department) have IMCA and the town's contribution is a 2 ½ % max. Selectman Dann said he would like to discuss this at another meeting, because town employees can go on the state program. He didn't know the advantages and disadvantages of that. Chairman Robie said there would have to be a vote on that. Selectman Dann said he would like to have a discussion on that, because they don't know what they have right now. Chairman Robie said they know what they have they do contribute to a 401K for our town employees and they contribute to the state for the police. Selectman Dann said it is the same program as the state. Chairman Robie said they could discuss this at another time and he will get the numbers on that.



**Exit 3 Property:** Selectman Komisarek said he is going to be working on putting the Economic Development Committee together. He has been thinking about it a little bit and he would like to get some thoughts, comments, and input from anyone on the Board. He was thinking five people. The Select Board would be represented, a Planning Board representative (he'll reach out to Tom Giffen), perhaps two business people, and a member of the public. Selectman Laliberte has been sending him some great information that he has access to and he comes across. So he is getting ready to get this thing going. He just wanted to let the Board know this. Selectman Laliberte mentioned that he works for DRED of New Hampshire. One of the things he has been working on is getting Raymond an Economic Development Committee off the ground. Theirs is a little more grandiose than what we will be doing. He sent this information over to Selectman Komisarek to show what they are doing to get their committee off the ground. He thought this would be a nice baseline to work from. Selectman Komisarek thought they all understood the intent is to generate revenue from commercial activity and or in the appropriate places. As Chairman Robie said if they don't do something to generate revenue/taxes they will be going up. Costs are rising and will probably rising at a quicker rate. Selectman Dann noted at the last meeting he brought up the property at Exit 3. They talked about having a public meeting and he thought that would be a good time to let all of the people know what it is and where it is at. A lot of people don't even know the vote was passed by the town to change all of the conditions that were on it. He thought having these people all together at one time, Planning Board and everyone else, so people know where we are at. They have talked about having a future discussion on that. Selectman Komisarek said the key to Exit 3 is to maximize the long term revenue to the town. They have two town owned pieces of property and one that the Hobbs own. They are probably going to have a cut right across from the Irving. Chairman Robie said let's get an Economic Development Committee first and then we can discuss it. Selectman Dann thought this Board should be discussing this property and getting townspeople involved. Chairman Robie said they discussed this two weeks ago. Selectman Dann added and they said they were going to discuss this at another meeting and it wasn't on the agenda. Chairman Robie said it is not on the agenda and they are talking about an Economic Development Committee and that would be a place that they would look at and bring that information to the Board. Selectman Laliberte said just like we trust the Recycling and Energy Committee with those ideas, we would be doing the same thing with the Economic Development Committee. Selectman Dann said that was fine and they are encompassing a whole lot, he is talking about just discussing that piece of property and letting people know where it is at and what have you. Selectman Komisarek explained the only way to let people know where something is at is for us to do the planning that is necessary and they are not there. First they put the committee together and they sit down and look at it and they bring people in who are experts in this area. Then they look at what the smartest thing (to do). There are probably very few residents doing that right now. That is what they are charged with doing. Once they do that and they really understand Exit 3 and what it's long term potential is and how they are going to maximize that long term potential and revenue, then they we come out with the plan and show the town what they think is a good idea. Chairman Robie said let's move on. Selectman Dann felt he was getting shut down a second time. Chairman Robie said if we are going to have this discussion about Exit 3 they are going to have it on the agenda and they are going to discuss it. They are not ready to do that in his opinion. Selectman Komisarek asked what the essence was of what he was trying to say and what he would like to see happen here. Selectman Dann said probably 50% of the people don't know what they are talking about, the piece of property, where it is at or anything else. You

people have been living in town, you know it all but there are people that don't know anything about it. How can people come forward to talk with the committee if they don't even know what it is? Selectman Laliberte said that is the essence of having an Economic Development Committee with a simple point is that everybody in that is talking. What you are talking about, you are having long formed discussions about the ins and outs. Getting the work out and discussing the pluses and minuses. Plus they will have a venue for that. Now if they come to the Board and they can summarize all of those meetings and tell us what is going on with that and have their recommendation. This will be a long form venue to talk about every nook and cranny of Exit 3, the properties and any other properties in the area as they go down towards Raymond and the village. That is the beauty of what that is. This Board has a million different things that it has to work on including Exit 3, but now they have a committee that is dedicated to such things that can really look at and answer any questions or concerns. He has plenty of questions and he will be going to that first meeting. He thought he would learn a lot and this is why he is so positive about it. They are going through the same thing in Raymond. They have parcels that the Selectmen really can't talk too much about because they are doing other things and they have a town manager and they have all of these other committees. They are starting this Economic Committee because there is a property off of Exit 5 they are looking at. They have properties down Route 27 they are looking at. This will give them the venue to really vet out the things. Selectman Dann said he likes that idea but since this has been passed by the town they have a quarter of a year that has already gone by and he doesn't want to see another quarter of a year before something gets before the townspeople. Chairman Robie said it probably will. They bought that piece of property numerous years ago, they put out all kinds of things. Like he said this isn't the time for this discussion and he was sure the Economic Development Committee will look at all of those things that come about. Hopefully the town can find a partner to do something over there. Selectman Dann stated he requested this be at a Board meeting. Chairman Robie said the Board will have to make that decision because he didn't think this was the right thing for the Board to do at this time. Selectman Komisarek said he was just trying to understand you are saying there are a lot of people in town that don't know that the town owns the land and you think it would be beneficial if the people knew that the town owns it and where it is located. Selectman Dann said that is all part of it and they just said it sat there for how many years. Selectman Komisarek said with all due respect there is a right way to approach this and he thought this was the approach that they are taking. They've had the land and they are going to sell it at some point, but now is not the time to do things in haste. Now is the time to actually sit down and really do the long term planning and look at it. Without going into all of the detail they want to maximize the revenue. So they want to look at the square footage and what is the appropriate use. So they need to talk to people in real estate. There is a lot that needs to be done and there are multiple parcels and there is a lot to figure out. There are a lot of questions he has, so when a committee does that work you can go to the meetings and once they have it all it will be public information. This leg work hasn't been done. Selectman Dann asked what are they looking at for a meeting time and when do they want to get this committee together. Selectman Komisarek said soon and time is of the essence. He has no intentions of sitting around. Selectman Dann said he understood that but when you have more people involved they have more influence. He wants people involved in things and he got shut down in another project that he had. People are scared to have people ask questions. He goes with him, but if this meeting lingers on and on he will be the first one to say where are we at. Selectman Laliberte said there will be a different caliber of people at this meeting, there are going to be outside people. He

knows for Raymond that they will be bringing in people from out office. They have people that are experts in site selection and experts in business recruitment. There is someone from the Rockingham Economic Development Committee that has a vast understanding of that to talk about tax credits and all different sorts of issues that will happen on that. The other part of it is they'll know what is going on in other communities and other parts of Route 101 and other area's so that when we make a decision we are making the right decision. They are not jumping into something just because it looks good when the reality is there may be a different option. They are going to be brining in those people and plus we have the Master Plan that guides us as well. He thought they are going to have a ton of resources and a ton of information that will guide this group of five into making and presenting to this Board some options that will be beneficial to the town. Selectman Dann said he agreed with that, but we have to get the people in town aware of what this is. Selectman Laliberte said he would make them aware and he'll get it on Facebook. Chairman Robie commented that the people voted in March to give the Selectmen the authority to move forward with Exit 3 without having to stipulate it has to be a grocery store. Now the Selectmen and the Economic Committee can move forward in another direction than they've moved in the last 15 years. A lot of people worked very hard to get something going at Exit 3 and it just wasn't feasible. It may still not be feasible for much to get going right now with the investment that has to go into that piece of property. This is what they are going to look at and they are going to see if there is somebody out there. They only thing the people did when they vote is give us the authority to do what we saw fit to maximize what that properties value is. Like Selectman Laliberte said you look at a lot of things tax credits, partnerships, etc. This is what the people said; the people didn't say sell that property because now you can build anything you want there. Selectman Dann said no it isn't and that isn't what the Board recommended either. Selectman Young said maybe Selectman Dann's desire is to have the education at Exit 3 is one of the charges that came up first. Selectman Dann said he is willing to listen to the committee. Selectman Komisarek said you don't want to look at it and say are we getting \$300,000 for it or \$600,000, it is the revenue stream. Selectman Young said it will be addressed. Resident Charlie Bowman said he was on the last committee to study putting a grocery store in Candia and they came this close to it, but they had one member of the Board who was on the committee that couldn't keep his mouth shut. The people walked away from it because just because he started blabbing they were going to have a grocery store here and here who it is. So to open it up to everybody isn't a good idea.

**Slate Rock and Gravel:** Resident Judy Szot said because that piece of property is in Candia and in Raymond the entrance they are talking about when they were building that property is in Raymond. What happens on that property has regional impact. It would behoove us that when this is discussed to let the people in Raymond know that it is being discussed. Also because the property goes back to the river any kind of building that is done or anything that is proposed there is a group (for rivers protection) that should be notified. If you don't let them know there is someone in town that will let you that you did not notify those people and you cannot go forward. She reiterated that they should let Raymond know, because the property is going to affect them. The traffic will come out through Raymond. Chairman Robie said they will discuss this in two weeks when Atty. Cronin comes in. They are not going to discuss this any further until the Selectmen review what he gave them and they are going to allow Atty. Cronin to come in and represent his client. They are not making any decision and there are all kinds of

things that need to happen. Judy Szot understood but at some point it would probably behoove us to let Raymond know this is happening.

**Open position for a Trustee of Trust Fund:** Chairman Robie explained Carol Coppola resigned and Mr. Hall and Mr. Snow are acting Trustees. Mr. Hebert isn't able to become a full time Trustee at this time, so they are soliciting a Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Comment from Conservation Commission Chair Susan Wilderman: CC Chair Wilderman mentioned there was a letter from the Conservation Commission that brought up concerns on the Raymond Road property. She wanted to bring that up because she knows the Board has a stack to look at, but in terms of records and inter board communication there is more information. She would be happy to forward that email. Chairman Robie said before anything happens Atty. Cronin is going to represent his client to the Selectmen lobbying us. Anything they want to do will have to go to the Planning Board and at that time get their plans and then it becomes open to everybody else. CC Chair Wilderman said she is not trying to bring up trouble; she is trying to encourage that they can all work together more collaboratively and be aware. Chairman Robie said you will have to come to the meeting in two weeks and see what transpires. She understood what she and Mrs. Szot are saying, but it has nothing to do with what Atty. Cronin is going to tell us and what we are going to respond back to him. Selectman Young said they haven't seen the letter. Chairman Robie said they are not going to bring that stuff up under other business. Selectman Dann said all he requested is to meet with the Board to discuss that piece of property. Road Agent Lewis said maybe if the Conservation Commission letter isn't in that packet they can add it to it. Judy Szot thought they can get the ZBA minutes from the Land Use Office. She noted a great deal of our records are missing. This case has been to the ZBA several times and those records have disappeared from the town office.

Selectman Laliberte moved to adjourn 8:20 pm. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary