

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2018

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

7:00 p.m. Chairman Robie called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 02/26/18. Selectman Dann moved to accept the February 26th, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board will award the Boston Post Cane to Reginald Henshaw based on the Historical Society's recommendation. Sis Richter of the Candia Historical Society and Boston Post Cane recipient Reginald Henshaw were present. Chairman Robie explained that Mr. Henshaw will be receiving the Boston Post Cane this evening. Mrs. Richter noted in the paper today there was a gentleman from Londonderry that received the Boston Post Cane and he is only 89. The Boston Post Cane was given out years ago and it has come and gone. The Historical Society brought it back to life. They had replica made of the Boston Post Cane which is Reggie's. The original cane is in a display case in the Town Hall. She presented the cane to Reggie and told him to enjoy this with will. Mr. Henshaw said he would and thanked the Board and Mrs. Richter. Chairman Robie said knowing that Mr. Henshaw and Selectman Komisarek are acquaintances; Selectman Komisarek had a few words to say. Selectman Komisarek said he would like to read a couple of things about Reg. *"Reginald F. Henshaw was born May 20th, 1923 in Ilkeston, England. He served honorably in WWII. In 1947 he came to Pawtucket, RI to manage the bakery owned by his Aunt and Uncle. Reggie started bee keeping in 1972. He is a member of the Pawtuckaway Bee Keepers Association and the New Hampshire Bee Keepers Association. Reggie has been a Freemason since 1949. Many of you know Reg from the Sunday morning breakfasts and the many special meals that he has been part of. Reggie has been a Candia resident since 1986. Having been friends of Reggie for more than 10 years he can tell you Reggie is an outstanding citizen and one of the kindest, most generous people he has ever known. As well as bee keeping Reggie is an avid gardener. He grows vegetables, fruits and berries on his homestead property. Having grown up in a depression and going through the food shortages during the war years, gardening was a means for survival for the people of England. Reggie has a great love of gardening and has been a great source of agricultural knowledge to the community. Thank you for that Reggie. Living to almost 95 years is not a coincidence; Reggie makes a conscience effort to live a healthy life style. Consuming a variety of fruits and vegetables each day as well as consume a couple of tablespoons of his honey. It is with great pleasure that on behalf of the Board of Selectmen he present the Boston Post Cane to Reginald F. Henshaw the longest living resident in the Town of Candia."*

Clark Thyng to discuss Town Elections: Moderator Clark Thyng said he forwarded a memorandum to Selectman Laliberte earlier this week. All the Moderators were advised on March 6th that they have absolutely no authority whatsoever to postpone town meetings. The Attorney General is also agreeing with the Secretary of the State. If you recall last year they had differing views. So the law has not changed just the legislature's position on the law. So he has been

fielding questions since Saturday night on whether or not he was going to postpone the elections. He has posted on social media and the town website saying they are a go for March 13th. He is simply at this meeting to answer any questions there might be to resolve any confusion. He is not going to take a position on legislature. He got a talking to last year from the Governor, so he is going to be a good boy this year. He asked if there were any question he might answer for the Board or anyone in the audience. Accounting and Payroll Specialist Donna Becker asked if there was a way they could change that going forward as far as maybe the town adopting the ability to do that. Moderator Clark Thyng explained the legislative power of the state is going to overrule what the town is to do. Actually the Moderators are taking two actions tomorrow. They are handing out the phone number to the Secretary of the State if anyone has questions. Also there is an active discussion about moving the town meetings to May. It could be reactionary; he doesn't know and hasn't looked into it. He couldn't tell you why town meetings are held in March. It probably had to do with plowing fields in March and April. Selectman Laliberte asked if Moderator Thyng talked with the CYAA about keeping the area cleared and plowed. Moderator Thyng said there are three different people that plow and shovel at the CYAA. They are not only going to plow and shovel, they are talking about bringing a snow blower up to do some quick passes to keep that lane absolutely clear. He talked with the Road Agent yesterday and he said he would make some extra efforts for us to keep the roads clear for people coming back and forth to the polls. He even talked to Snap Dylan who plows that piece of state road. He said he will definitely try to make an extra pass right around 7:15 p.m./7:30 p.m. as the poll workers are heading out at the end of the day. Those three groups have all coordinated together to keep the roads cleared as best we can. It was noted the polls are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. Chairman Robie thanked Moderator Thyng for coming in and making the public aware.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to accept quarterly grants and donations in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III (a). Chairman Robie opened the public hearing. Selectman Laliberte announced the quarterly grants received for the 4th quarter. State of NH – Hazard Plan Update in the amount of \$6,000; State of NH – Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$34,292.03, and State of NH – FD Warm Zone Grant in the amount of \$679.20. Selectman Dann moved to accept the quarterly grants for the 2017 4th quarter. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Laliberte announced the quarterly donations received for the 4th quarter. Scott & Tami Baker - \$1,000 food pantry donation; Cogswell Benevolent Trust - \$2,500 welfare donation; Wal-Mart - \$2,500 welfare donation; American Legion - \$100 food pantry donation; David & Nancy Kelso - \$100 food pantry donation; George & Eileen Denoncourt - \$250 food pantry donation; Thomas, Alice, & Crystal Seward - \$50 welfare donation; Michael Ryan & Robin Steiner - \$50 food pantry donation; Lucinda Griswold – \$100 holiday assistance donation; Steven & Sandra Schubert - \$300 pantry donation; Anonymous - \$115.50 swap shop donation; Pine Ridge Lights - \$473 food pantry donation and \$473 welfare donation; and Dennis & Lisa Richards - \$50 fuel assistance donation. The total amount of donations received was \$8,061.50. Selectman Komisarek moved to accept the quarterly donations in the amount of \$8,061.50. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Dann wanted to thank the people for their donations and it is greatly appreciated.

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

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He noted there has been a lot of patching to do from the warm weather. The mud on Tower Hill this year was fairly bad and the

lower end of Currier Road has been the worst it has ever been. It is still muddy on Currier; the lower end is still soft. The roads have been posted for mud season. Chairman Robie said it has been a trying season so you do the best you can. Road Agent Lewis said it has been a tough season. Chairman Robie thanked Road Agent Lewis for his efforts.

Police: Chief McGillen explained they have a new dispatch system and the break down is still a little off. It is still a work in progress they will get it streamlined. They are trying to come up with a better report. All of their information is being stored at Rockingham now. When they enter into the computer system here they are actually entering into the system at Rockingham dispatch to get these stats. What the new system is doing is recording follow up when they go to a call and they sign off, that is going onto the log. They could have a burglary and a theft and they could go there three times each one of those is getting logged in as a call for service with the dispatch. It could be the same case that is why some of the numbers are up. Another reason the numbers are up, each house check used to be handwritten on a form and never documented until a person came back from vacation. Now the Officers themselves are entering the information into their laptops on the spot when they go to someone's house or business checks. They are recording that so they know what time they were there. There has been no major criminal activity which is a good thing to report. He has had some good luck on an illegal dumping case up at the Hall Mountain parking area. Someone dumped a pallet full of patio bricks, some 2 x 6's and odds and ends. They found a packaging label on a piece of discarded card board with these bricks. They back tracked it and have a suspect. The cruiser they bought from the Ford Dealership is up in Pembroke. They are backlogged and they are still waiting for parts. It will probably be another week. They aren't having that much luck finding someone for the part time ACO position. They've done a few interviews and they have a couple of more in the works. He may have better news on that at the next meeting. A lot of the applicants that have applied for the part time officer job have found other jobs in the interim. A lot of departments are hurting. There is a big draw out there and there aren't a lot of qualified guys. Selectman Young asked if they found anyone for the ACO position. Chief McGillen said he has one other person that may be interested in that position that they are looking at. He doesn't have an answer on that yet. Selectman Dann asked about the dumping. If you find a person is there a fine involved. Chief McGillen said potentially yes it is a misdemeanor to dump stuff like that. If they can prove that someone had the intent and they know who it was they would get charged. Selectman Dann said he would like to talk about a littering fine in the Town of Candia. It would be something that is posted. He is trying to figure out how they can punish these people that are doing this. Chief McGillen noted they had a good break in the case with the most recent dumping. A lot of times there are no leads, camera's, or witnesses. Road Agent Lewis has been helpful. He'll come and pick up the items and the town pays for it. They are still working the case. He doesn't like people littering and dumping stuff around in any town. He can see if they can get a penalty levied. Chairman Robie asked if this was a report for the year. Chief McGillen said he just noticed that at the bottom of the report. It says year to date – January 1st until now. Chairman Robie said "M/V Stop" must mean motor vehicle stop. We have 240 (self column) of them. Chief McGillen said that was correct. Chairman Robie said then you move over a column and say's "dispatch" and that is 0. You moved another column over and it says 30.5 and what does that mean. Selectman Komisarek clarified it's the percentage. Chairman Robie asked if it was 30.5% of calls. He asked what "Avg. Arrive" meant and did it mean minutes. Chief McGillen replied yes. Chairman Robie said he was just trying to understand it. Chief McGillen said he didn't know if he liked the way the breakdown was. Chairman Robie asked about the old cruiser. Chief McGillen said he would like to get permission to dispose of it and advertise it on potential websites. He would like to see what he

can get for it and negotiate. He will try to get the best amount of money for the town. Chairman Robie said that was a good idea and he can advertise and negotiate. He asked if he was going to advertise it for a certain amount. Chief McGillen asked if the Board had any idea, they were offered \$2,500 from the dealer. He was thinking \$3,500 - \$3,800. Chairman Robie said whatever the Board fancy's on that. Selectman Komisarek said if the dealer is going to give you \$2,500 it is probably going to retail at \$4,000. Chief McGillen said he would get on this. Chairman Robie thought he should wait until he gets his car. Chief McGillen said he would like to get it advertised on line. Chairman Robie said that was fine. He asked Chief McGillen if they are interviewing part time officers that already have their credentials or people that want to become an officer. Chief McGillen said they have been doing both avenues. They only had two people that were certified from somewhere else. Chairman Robie asked how many were interested in pursuing police work for a career. Chief McGillen said they had quite a bit but a lot of them were weeded out because they were from southern Massachusetts or elsewhere. They had no experience. They put it out on Indeed (free to the town) and they got a lot of people that were security guards, no disrespect to them. He thought they just clicked the button on the internet and sent out their resume. They don't realize they have to drive up to Candia for "x" amount of dollars on a Friday night from Boston or Quincy. Chairman Robie asked if they had two part timers now. Chief McGillen said they have Ken McCarron, Shawn Santuccio, and John Minichiello.

Fire: Selectman Dann read from the attached report. They are keeping busy.

Building: Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. The numbers definitely go along with the weather. Revenues are up from last year too.

Solid Waste: Selectman Dann read from the attached report. Waste processed during the month of February was 81.48 tons. When they talk about revenues, these are commodities and they go up and down. Just like copper and brass. Cardboard and mixed paper generated \$581.75. Just to be aware China has eliminated importing 20 different types of recyclables. These were areas where all markets in the US were able to ship a lot of their product. They are going through some restructuring over there. With that in mind China is trying to use some of their material at home instead of bringing some of these things in. They don't have renewable resources for paper and what have you. If you ever bought something that has been made in China or the Orient, they have to buy their cardboard. Some of this is backing up right now. NRRA has been looking at how and basically once they get their ducks in order over there the gates will be opening again. So it is one of these things, they have to live with recyclables. It costs more right now; right now they aren't getting that much in return for paper. If they shipped it out it would cost \$70 per ton to ship it out. They still want to recycle and they are doing some stock piling in different places waiting for things to change in the Orient. Just be aware that recyclables go up and down.

Moore Park: Selectman Komisarek noted they have the pole up. They will put the light up when the weather is good. They'll call Mark Hetzel to install the light. Building Inspector Murray said he would contact Mark and did they encumber funds for that last year. Selectman Komisarek said they did have it in the budget and he did mention it to Donna. It is not going to be a big item. Chairman Robie said they didn't encumber it, but they will get the light up. It is time to do that.

The Board to reappoint Ingrid Byrd, Ron Howe, and Bob Petrin to the ZBA. Selectman Young moved to reappoint Ingrid Byrd, Ron Howe, and Bob Petrin to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as full members. Seconded by Selectman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to reappoint Ellie Davidson to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Laliberte moved to reappoint Ellie Davidson to the Conservation Commission as a full member. 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 March 8th and March 15th was \$111,760.74. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for March 8th and March 15th in the amount of \$111,760.74. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Surety Bond: Chairman Robie said at last meeting Road Agent Lewis mention a surety bond regarding a project at 608 High Street. They have received the surety bond. It was noted the Planning Board approved the subdivision plan under 66 Vinton Street and the bond is under the subdivision name with DBU Construction. Mr. Robert Carrigg of Carrigg Commercial Builders was present. He just wanted to come to the meeting to introduce himself and see if the Board had any questions. He wanted to put a face to the project. Selectman Young welcomed him to Candia.

Farewell Selectman Komisarek: Selectman Young wanted to thank Scott Komisarek. It has been a pleasure. Selectman Dann thanked Scott for all of his assistance and what he has done for the Town of Candia.

Town Hall roofing project: Selectman Laliberte asked if they had an update on the roof. Chairman Robie said they are waiting until the election to see if the budget is approved. Then Building Inspector Murray was going to check the numbers to see if what they quoted is correct. When the election has passed they will meet with Building Inspector Murray at the March 26th meeting and he will give a recommendation.

Public Hearing: Road Agent Lewis asked if they closed the public hearing. Selectman Komisarek moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Blood Drive March 17th: Chief McGillen wanted to let people know that there is a Blood Drive on Saturday at Moore School from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Selectman Laliberte moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.