

Approved
Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2006

Attendance: Chairman Clark Thyng, Vice Chair Fred Kelley, Selectman James Brennan, Selectman Tom Giffen, Selectman Rick Lazott and Secretary Dawn Chabot.

7:04 p.m. Chairman Thyng opened the Public Meeting and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:06 p.m. Chairman Thyng opened the Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 31:95-b the Board will hold a Public Hearing to accept the NH Moose Plate Grant for the Soldier's Monument Restoration: Chairman Thyng reviewed the attached paperwork from Charles W. Canney, Camp #5, outlining the donations. It was noted the donations were for the monument restoration and that \$5,000.00 had been received as a result of the NH Moose Plate Grant Program and \$25.00 had been received at the recent Lincoln Talk held in Candia. Chairman Thyng stated the funding from the Moose Plate Grant program would total \$10,000 but the Town would have to spend the first \$5,000 in order to get the second \$5,000. Chairman Thyng stated the donation total for the Monument Restoration is at approx. \$14,500 and that the Town was getting closer to their goal of approx. \$22,500. Chairman Thyng mentioned that Dan Meehan of Camp Canney has been fabulous to the Town. Selectman Lazott thought that the Town should send a thank you letter to Mr. Meehan. Chairman Thyng stated he could write the thank you letter.

Immediately following the Public Hearing the Board will accept donations for the Monument Restoration and the Candia Food Pantry: During the Public Hearing Chairman Thyng reviewed additional donations received, noting a \$20.00 anonymous cash donation had been received for monument restoration and \$150.00 donation had been received from Paul Bergeron and Stacy Cote-Bergeron for the Candia Food Pantry.

Chairman Thyng motioned to accept all the donations as read. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:11 p.m. Chairman Thyng closed the Public Hearing.

Selectman Lazott to discuss a possible printer purchase for the Building Department: The Board reviewed the attached requested from the Building Department dated July 13, 2006. Selectman Lazott stated they are requesting a basic printer for their office and the funds are within the budget. The Board wanted the Building Department to consider the costs of the printer cartridges for the printer they select, noting that would be the most expensive part of the purchase. After some discussion Chairman Thyng motioned to empower Selectman Lazott to purchase a printer for the Building Department with funds up to \$150.00 for that purchase. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. Motion carried. It was noted that Selectman Giffen would be available to assist Selectman Lazott with the purchase should there be a need. Police Chief McGillen mentioned the department had a spare printer they may be interested in. Selectman Lazott stated he would look into it.

The Board will discuss with Chief McGillen disposal of a retired cruiser: Chief McGillen stated he had been utilizing the new cruiser. Chief McGillen stated they were looking to retire a

2001 Crown Victoria with 99,000 miles on it. Chief McGillen stated last year's retired cruiser was put out to bid and as a result was sold for \$2,500. Chairman Thyng asked how the Building Department vehicle was running. Selectman Kelley stated it had 150,000 miles on it and is currently blowing smoke. Selectman Lazott thought the upcoming retired cruiser should be rotated to the Building Department and then they should auction the current Building Department vehicle. Selectman Lazott briefed on recent criminal mischief done on a cruiser resulting in door damage. Selectman Kelley thought they should take the door from the vehicle to be disposed of and replace it with the damaged door. Chairman Thyng wondered what the cost would be to have the vehicle de-stripped and questioned if they should consider keeping the vehicle stripped and just change out the lettering. Chief McGillen was not sure about the suggestion noting the Building Inspector could get flagged down to an emergency situation in which people would think he was a Police Officer. After some discussion, the Board agreed that they would provide the Building Department with the newly retired 2001 police cruiser and put the 1999 Building Department vehicle out to bid via the process that was utilized in 2005. Chairman Thyng stated Selectman Lazott and Chief McGillen would work on the details (to include the swapping of the doors and working on the ad placement).

Selectman Lazott to discuss procedures specific to processing Veteran Credit application:

Selectman Lazott stated the Department of Revenue over the years has given Assistant Emerson a hard time regarding not having copies of DD Form 214s in the Veterans Credit files for approx. 120 individuals. Selectman Lazott noted the procedure in past years was the veteran would show the office a copy and then it would be given back. Selectman Lazott felt some of the older veterans may no longer have a copy of their DD Form 214 and obtaining one may be difficult if the Veteran does not know his or her service number. Selectman Lazott noted at one point the military went by service numbers instead of social security numbers which they presently utilize. Selectman Lazott stated the RSA does not state that a copy must be on file. Secretary Chabot stated that the State has been unwilling to place the requirement in writing. Selectman Lazott felt reaching out to the approx. 120 veterans was unnecessary because they have already proven eligibility at one point and you don't lose eligibility. The Board reviewed the attached information dated July 24, 2006 from Assistant Emerson. Selectman Giffen thought the Board should steer clear of sending the letters at this point because the RSA does not state the Town has to maintain copies of the form. Selectman Lazott noted that Assistant Emerson was in the process of updating the elderly exemption files. Secretary Chabot informed that the updating letters were being sent out in increments. Selectman Lazott felt the updates on the elderly exemptions were reasonable noting someone could have a change in financial status. Chairman Thyng conducted a poll of the Board members. The Board unanimously agreed not to send letters to the approx. 120 individuals that do not have copies of their DD Form 214 in their application file and to continue with the current process.

Selectman Kelley to review Operator Whitcher's May 2006 Recycling Center Report:

Selectman Kelley reviewed the attached report. Selectman Kelley noted that Operator Whitcher continues to do an outstanding job. Solid Waste Committee Chair Paul McHugh reported that they had received approx. \$4,000.00 in revenue since the start of the aluminum can recycling program. Chairman Thyng noted that was excellent considering they recently purchased the use trailer for \$1,000.00.

The Board will discuss possible ideas for the naming of the High Street Pond Park:

Chairman Thyng stated completion of the project is scheduled for late this year. Chairman Thyng stated at some point the Park will need to be named. Chairman Thyng thought the Board

could come up with some fun ideas on how to go about naming it such as: some type of raffle or some type of suggestion contest. Selectman Lazott suggested giving the Park a generic name such as: Veterans Park to honor all Veterans past, present and future. Selectman Lazott noted that two Candia residents had lost their lives in Vietnam. Selectman Lazott stated the only honor for those two young men is a plaque located in the Moore School. Chairman Thyng stated Memorial Park was suggested last year to the Heritage Commission. Chairman Thyng informed that the Heritage Commission had contacted Mr. Davis who owns 1/3rd of the pond and stated they would name the Pond after the Davis name if they donated some of their land. Chairman Thyng stated he would bring some of the suggestions to the Heritage Commission for discussion. Selectman Giffen suggested placing a suggestion box out at the Old Home Day event. Selectman Kelley mentioned the recent emails regarding an upcoming gazebo delivery and the need to have a forklift available to take it off the truck. Road Agent Lewis stated he could assist with his backhoe. Selectman Lazott informed he had a friend with a forklift that may volunteer to help. The Board noted they were not in favor of utilizing any of the equipment from the Recycling Center. Chairman Thyng thought that Road Agent Lewis was a good option for the project.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Chairman Thyng motioned to approve the Public Minutes of 7/10/06, Non-Public Minutes of 7/10/06 1 and 2, Non-Public Minutes of 07/13/06 and re-approval the previously approved Public Meeting minutes of 6/26/06 with the following correction: page 3, 2nd line after the word "through." Insert the following sentences: "It was noted that Selectman Lazott had voted in favor of the Conservation Easement Proposal in a prior Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Lazott agreed that he did but stated after thinking about it he should have voted no." Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Lazott stated in regards to the re-approval of the 06/26/06 Meeting Minutes he probably said more but thought what was added would be sufficient for permanent record.

Any Other Business

South Road Reconstruction: Selectman Kelley asked Road Agent Lewis how the South Road Reconstruction project was going. Road Agent Lewis stated it was going well and reported they would be paving in approx. two weeks. Selectman Lazott mentioned in front of his neighbor's house the pavement was heaving. Road Agent Lewis stated all they could do is shim it. Selectman Kelley mentioned a hole near the entrance of the Recycling Center. Road Agent Lewis stated that area was a driveway people created. Road Agent Lewis stated they could place man pack in the rut and thought they had some at the Recycling Center because he had delivered some there at one point.

Deerfield Fair Police Detail Contract: Chief McGillen stated he recently received the Deerfield Fair Police Detail contract from the Deerfield Police Chief. Chief McGillen advised he was not in favor of signing it because the contract hourly rate would be \$27.50 and their current detail rate is \$35.00. Chief McGillen stated he would be discussing the matter further with Selectman Lazott. Chief McGillen stated he reviewed the RSA and it appears if they are creating the hazard they would be obligated to pay the established rate. Chairman Thyng thought the discussion sounded like a good future agenda item. The Board wondered what other Departments' rates were. Chairman Thyng thought Candia's rate was in the top 1/3rd. Chief McGillen stated he spoke with the Officers and they are not favor of working for the Association rate as done in previous years.

Selectman Brennan to discuss Skate Park and Moore Park: Selectman Brennan wondered what the Board's thoughts were on having the Skate Park fall under the Parks & Rec Budget under the Town. Selectman Brennan also wondered what the Board thought about placing a fence with a lock around the Skate Park. Road Agent Lewis stated they would not be able to place a fence around the Skate Park because of the plow trucks. Chairman Thyng stated there were past problems at the Skate Park, however, there have been no recent problems. Selectman Brennan stated he was asked about the Skate Park falling under the Town to provide maintenance on the equipment. Chairman Thyng stated he was not in favor of that and noted at the time the Skate Park was established it was determined it would be maintained by its users. Selectman Kelley noted there is an ordinance that states there is a 9:00 p.m. curfew in Moore Park. Selectman Kelley advised he received recent complaints regarding late activity at the basketball court. Chairman Thyng stated he was unaware of any problems at the basketball court. Chief McGillen stated he informed Selectman Kelley to have the complainants contact the Police Department when it is happening. Selectman Kelley also stated he received complaints regarding skateboards weaving out in traffic. Chief McGillen stated he had looked into the matter in the past and it appears without an ordinance skateboards are considered pedestrian on the street. After some discussion the Board members agreed they were not in favor of having the skate park fall within the Town budget. The Board also determined they were not in favor of strongly enforcing a park curfew at the lighted basketball court unless usage becomes a problem. Selectman Brennan advised the Board there would be an upcoming proposal from a citizen on the naming of the skate park. The Board did not feel the need to post curfew signs at this time.

Website Advisory Committee: Selectman Giffen stated the advisory committee to the Governor's Council was in favor of Candia's Grant Request. Selectman Giffen noted at their meeting on August 14, 2006 a representative would attend to discuss the grant program.

Next Meeting Date: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

8:07 p.m. Chairman Thyng motioned to close the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried.