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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 28, 2008

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chairman Richard Lazott, Selectman Tom Giffen, Selectman Carleton Robie, and Secretary Andria Hansen.

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

Jim Lewis and Joanna Belanger of Moore School to discuss fund raising event.

Moore School Assistant Principle Jim Lewis was present. Mr. Lewis explained they would like to rebuild the playground at Moore School and to put up a fence (between the playground and woods). He stated they didn't want to ask the Town for any money, but instead have a fund raiser. They would like to raise money through corporations and individual donations. Mr. Lewis proposed having a 5K road race to raise funds for the new playground and have a spaghetti supper the night before. The entrance fee will be \$25.00. They would like to get some of the businesses in Town and other Towns to sponsor the road race. Mr. Lewis explained they would like it to be a sanctioned road race so runners from all over the state can participate. The race will start at Moore School, go down Old Candia Road, right on Adams Road, right onto South Road, down High Street, and end at Moore School. They thought it would be appropriate to approach the Selectmen and get their okay. He had spoken with Chief McGillen and he is okay with it. Mr. Lewis expects the race to last about 2 hours and they want to do it early on a Saturday morning. They don't intend to close off any roads completely; they would use half of the road. Chairman Kelley stated he didn't have a problem with it. Selectman Lazott motioned to approve Chief McGillen and Fire Chief Cartier to help out with the Henry Moore School 5K road race fund raiser. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to set deliberative session date and discuss upcoming budget meetings.

The Board reviewed some suggested meeting dates. It was the consensus of the Board to have the first budget meeting date on Saturday September 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. and the deliberative session date to be set for February 7th, 2008. It was noted the Budget Committee would like the budget by October 13th, 2008. Chairman Kelley stated the department heads should submit their first draft budgets by August 29th.

The Board to discuss Chief McGillen's memo dated 7/21/08 reporting a favorable evaluation and possible increase for Rick Langlois.

Selectman Lazott stated a favorable review has been completed for Officer Rick Langlois. Officer Langlois will go to a step 4 of the Town Matrix (a \$1.50 increase effective 07/10/2008); his current rate is \$22.67 and new rate will be \$24.17. Selectman Lazott motioned to accept Chief McGillen's recommendation for an ncrease for Officer Langlois based on a favorable review. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board to discuss two abatement requests received. The Board reviewed and addressed the two attached abatement requests. The first abatement request addressed was for Sunbelt Rentals owned by Romeo Danais. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board to deny the request. Selectman Lazott motioned to deny the abatement request from Romeo Danais based on insufficient information. Selectman Giffen noted an income statement should have been provided. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All in favor. Motion carried. The next abatement request was for Hillcrest Apartments. After reviewing the attached information it was the consensus of the Board to deny the request. Selectman Giffen motioned to deny the abatement request. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Robie to discuss Heritage Commission's recommendation for alternate member Ray Cresswell to become full member. Selectman Robie stated they have a full member who will not be seeking reappointment. Alternate Ray Cresswell expressed interested in being a full member of the Committee. Selectman Robie motioned to make alternate member Ray Cresswell a full member of the Heritage Commission. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to consider holding a public hearing for 9/8/08. Chairman Kelley stated the Board would like to hold a public hearing for citizen's input in regards to the Conservation Commission's possible expenditure from the conservation fund. Chairman Kelley asked CC Chair Fowler if this date (9/8/08) worked for him. CC Chair Fowler stated it would. Chairman Kelley noted the public hearing would be first on the agenda. Selectman Giffen clarified this hearing is so the Board can solicit public input that will help them make an appropriate decision on the matter. This does not take the place of the public hearing that will need to be held by the Conservation Commission (should the BOS approve the request based on the BOS 9/8/08 public hearing).

CC Chair Fowler asked why "*Selectman Robie for the Heritage Commission to discuss storing Fitts Museum documents at the Smyth Library*" agenda item was not addressed. Chairman Kelley apologized and stated the request was withdrawn right before this evenings meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 7/14/08. Chairman Kelley motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of July 14th, 2008 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Chavez Fuel Help: Selectman Lazott mentioned the Selectmen's office recently received information from a citizen regarding New Hampshire receiving fuel help from Venezuela's president, Hugo Chavez. Selectman Lazott thought the office should send a letter to the state representatives to find out what they know about it. He added any help with fuel assistance is beneficial.

Work program: Selectman Lazott mentioned having a work programs for some of the welfare assistance recipients (provided they are not disabled in any way) and employee these people to pay off some of their debts. For example, shovel walkways and mowing the lawns (at the cemetery). Selectman Lazott thought Raymond had a program like this. Selectman Robie stated when the Town does something like this it could take away someone's job. Selectman Lazott noted this would be a good way on cutting down on the taxpayer's expense. Chairman Kelley thought it was a good idea. Selectman Lazott stated he would check with other Towns. Selectman Giffen added they should check with LGC as well.

Different Drummer Farm: Chief McGillen mentioned he had spoke with the farm owner and stated she was doing the best she could to do off site parking (when they have big events). She has had two big events in July. Chief McGillen noted that stretch of road is wide enough and didn't feel it was a hazard. The Building Inspector was looking into regulations about parking in front of businesses. Chairman Kelley stated he worked with Building Inspector Hallock on this and they couldn't find any regulations. Road Agent Lewis noted there were no provisions in the Town ordinance for parking on the street. It addresses the parking issues, but it doesn't permit it. Selectman Lazott stated there are no provisions, but it doesn't expressly prohibit it. Road Agent Lewis mentioned they have been through this several times in the past, and there ended up being no parking allowed on the street. Chairman Kelley clarified it was not written anywhere, it was though word of mouth. Road Agent Lewis agreed and stated there were no provisions for parking (on the street). He added anyone who has come to the Planning Board regarding this issue has been told not to park on the street. Selectman Lazott asked if the Town has a leg to stand on by telling people not to park in the street. Chairman Kelley stated there are no ordinances stating people are not allowed to park on the street and unless it is a safety issue it can't be enforced. Citizen Ingrid Byrd commented she can understand there being a safety issue on the roads, but there is a difference between business parking (Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm) and an agricultural venue that provides a service to the community on an occasional basis. Chairman Kelley informed Mrs. Byrd the complaint came about because someone was unloading horses in the middle of the road. Some people who live in the area want to know why the trailers can't be parked off the road. Ingrid Byrd stated it sounds like someone is upset about the whole operation and are picking on the owner. Chairman Kelley stated he had concerns with safety in the area. He mentioned a girl who was hurt last year because the horse she was riding was startled by a car. Ingrid Byrd suggested maybe the owner could put up a sign which saying "Caution Horses". Chief McGillen stated the owner was willing to work with the Town and he would mention the sign to her.

Chairman Kelley commended Chief McGillen and the department for helping out with Deerfield.

Signing of Plodzick & Sanderson engagement letter: Selectman Giffen motioned that the Board authorize Chairman Kelley sign the appropriate paperwork for Plodzick & Sanderson. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board to address reappointment of 911 mapping liaisons: Selectman Lazott motioned to reappoint George Denoncourt as the primary mapping liaison and Charles Wojcik as the secondary mapping liaison. Seconded by Selectman Giffen. All in favor. Motion carried.

Elderly Exemption: Selectman Lazott mentioned he has spoken with senior citizens in Town and they mentioned to him the exemption is set at \$50,000 for a two person income. He went on to explain this amount was set approximately 10 years ago and there has been no cost of living adjustment to that amount and maybe its time to revisit it. He thought it was something the Board might want to consider. Selectman Giffen replied some adjustment may be appropriate considering inflation since it was set. He asked Selectman Lazott to find out more information (when the amount was set). Citizen Tom St. Martin suggested asking the Town Clerk or the State Representatives when the amount was set.

Selectman Lazott motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary