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**Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 8, 2008**

**Attendance:** Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Rick Lazott, Selectman Tom Giffen, Selectman Joe Duarte, 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.

**7:02 p.m. - The Board to hold a Public Hearing to seek input from the citizens on the Conservation Commission's proposal to purchase the development rights on Sander's property identified as Map 406 Lot 046, located on Healy Road.** Chairman Kelley explained the Conservation Commission came to the July 14<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting to discuss purchasing the development rights on the Sanders property located on Healy Road. He stated the Board would like to hear comments from the citizens first. Nancy Sanders, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, presented a letter to the Board. She read from the letter which in summary stated it was her family's and parent's wishes to conserve the majority of the property on Healey Road in a conservation easement. Ingrid Byrd asked if someone could define what a conservation easement is and how the Town will benefit from it. Conservation Commission Chair Ed Fowler explained an easement is a legal agreement that extinguishes the development rights on a piece of property. There are two things that can't be done on a piece of property under a conservation easement. One is to develop the land and the second is to mine the land. Anything else has to be worked out in a conservation easement document which is filed at the Registry of Deeds. They all differ to some extent. The land continues to be owned by the owner and they continue to pay taxes on the property. The easement is monitored on an annual basis by the holder of the easement to make sure the terms of the easement are being upheld. Ingrid Byrd then asked what the difference is between a conservation easement and buying developmental rights. CC Chair Fowler explained by purchasing development rights you will extinguish the right to develop and it can't be transferred for someone else to develop. Ingrid Byrd replied essentially there the same thing. CC Chair Fowler stated yes. Ingrid Byrd asked if the family owns the land, do they get to choose if it will be open to trails or snow shoeing. CC Chair Fowler replied it depends on the terms of the easement. If Town funds are used, it will usually allow people to use property for non-motorized ways. This means people can walk, snow shoe, ski, and hunt the property. Joanne Beckwith of 192 Old Candia Road asked how many acres would be purchased. CC Chair Fowler replied approximately 40 acres and there is a reserved right for one additional house lot that the trust has agreed to have taken out of the easement. Brian Beauchamp of 577 Old Candia Road asked what the value of the house lot is and the other parcel of land. CC Chair Fowler stated he did not have those figures. Brian Beauchamp asked what the value of the land was that the Conservation Commission wants to purchase. CC Chair Fowler clarified the development right value is \$200,000. Brian Beauchamp asked how many acres would be with the existing house. CC Chair Fowler believed it was 5 to 6 acres. Brian Beauchamp replied that would be worth a couple of hundred thousand and in addition the building lot would be \$100,000.

CC Chair Fowler thought a building lot would be worth more than that and asked Real Estate Agent Jeannie Menard what she thought. Real Estate Agent Jeannie Menard stated as a trust representative she was not at liberty to bring those values to the table this evening. She added the value of the house lot is independent of the value of the 40 acre parcel. Mr. Beauchamp asked if they would sell the house lot and subdivide after the purchase. CC Chair Fowler clarified the Conservation Commission is not offering to pay \$200,000 for the development rights, the trust has agreed to accept 50% of those development rights in return for extinguishing them. They would be paying \$100,000. Malcolm Higgins of 305 North Road asked if the owners would still continue to pay taxes at a lower rate. CC Chair Fowler stated yes at the current use rate. CC Chair Fowler explained to Brian Beauchamp the intention of the trust was to put a conservation easement on the 40 acre parcel and in the future sell the house lots plus the area (with the easement) to a conservation buyer. Betsy Kruse asked CC Chair Fowler to explain the Conservation Commission proposal for this project. CC Chair Fowler handed out maps to the Board members. He explained the Sanders family was interested in putting this land in a conservation easement. The trust was set up in such a way that nothing could be done to change the situation on the land until Mrs. Sanders passed. The trust department and the Sanders sisters decided they wanted to put a conservation easement on the land. They were trying to find a buyer who would buy the land and put a conservation easement on it when they bought it. They ultimately decided it would better if the trust went ahead and negotiated the conservation easement and sold the land to a conservation buyer with the easement already in place. They want Bear Paw to hold the easement, but they indicated they would like some money in return for the heirs of the estate and they would be willing to settle for 50% for the development rights. The development rights were determined by a qualified appraiser, Peter Knight of the Stanhope Group out of Portsmouth. They have determined the development rights were valued at \$200,000 and the daughters decided they would accept 50% to extinguish them. The Conservation Commission discussed this and voted unanimously to pay the \$100,000 plus the \$10,000 transaction costs to extinguish the development rights and keep this piece of property forever open. They had a reason to do it that way; there is another piece which is an open way from Healey Road to the Town line (the Sieminski's property). Chairman Kelley stated they were not talking about the Sieminski's property that evening. CC Chair Fowler acknowledged he is not allowed to talk about it, but they have started negotiations and will talk about it at a later date. Gary York of 39 Hemlock Drive asked if this was part of a larger plan that the Conservation Commission is looking at. Chairman Kelley replied part of one at a later date. Gary York asked if this would tie into another parcel. CC Chair Fowler replied yes. Tom DiMaggio of 42 North Road stated if the development rights are purchased for the Sanders property the potential to have miles of beautiful trails to access is something you will not find in other Towns. He further stated he is on the State Commission for off road trails and can say that most Towns would love to have this opportunity. There are probably 4 or 5 miles of trails on the property that could be cleared. He felt this would be very beneficial for the Town and it's important for the future of our children to have these trails. Brian Beauchamp replied what about my children's future. When they're older will they be able to move back to Candia to buy a piece a land (to build a house) or will all of the land be tie up an easements or have development right restrictions. He agreed there needs to be open space, but lets look at

the future for our children. They should be able to come back to Candia when they are older and be able to purchase a piece of land. He noted that one of the former Selectman had to move out of Town, because he could not find a piece of land or a house. Brian Beauchamp questioned if the future of Candia would be a bunch of elderly people, because the younger generation won't be able to find land (in Candia) or afford it. He doesn't feel the Conservation Commission should be buying up all of the available land. CC Chair Fowler stated first of all the Conservation Commission was not trying to buy up all of the land. They have reason why this green way makes sense. There is a lot of land they are not interested in buying, can't buy and will be developed. It depends on the developers' and if they can put houses in that are affordable. Brian Beauchamp replied it won't be affordable if they keep buying up good pieces of land with a lot of road frontage. Brian Travis of 456 Critchett Road stated he agreed with Brian Beauchamp. He went on to state the Town of Candia wants to spend \$100,000 of his money to buy the development rights on a parcel of land (on Healey Road) to keep it undeveloped. Chairman Kelley stated he was correct. Brian Travis stated he will have to pay for it, but won't own it. CC Chair Fowler explained what the conservation fund was, how it came about, and what it is to be used for. Brian Travis replied he wasn't sure what it will mean to him, but the Conservation Commission is asking the tax payers of Candia to spend money for something they don't own. CC Chair Fowler stated that money is already in a fund. Brian Travis asked where the money/ fund came from. CC Chair Fowler explained the money came from land use change taxes. When a developer takes land out of current use and subdivides the land to build houses, there is a 10% tax based on the highest and best use of that land, which goes into the conservation fund. They have also been appropriated money by the Town at Town meetings. They currently have about \$800,000 in which some of it is incumbent with another easement. This leaves about \$550,000 in the fund. The money is there for when an opportunity presents itself as it does now. Brian Travis stated it's only \$100,000, but you got \$800,000 and you could buy more. Who can afford to build if bargain sales keep coming up and all this property is in easements. CC Chair Fowler stated there are a lot of parcels in current use that will not be purchased for development rights. Brian Travis stated current use is different than an easement. If land is in current use, the owner can take it out and pay a penalty, but an easement says I can't do anything with my land even if I want to. CC Chair Fowler stated you can timber harvest and farm on land with an easement. You just can't mine or develop it. Chairman Kelley stated you just can't live on it. Carla Penfield of 433 High Street asked how many feet of frontage is on the parcel. Jeannie Menard stated there was about 1,200 feet of frontage. Carla Penfield clarified if they would be taking out 3 acres and 200 feet of frontage for a new lot. Jeannie Menard noted there was 500 feet for the existing house. Carla Penfield asked if 500 feet frontage will become part of the easement. Chairman Kelley noted there will be 41 acres with the easement. Mary Girard of 416 Deerfield Road asked if anything else can be done with the money in the conservation fund. Chairman Kelley stated the money in the conservation fund has come from tax payers through taxes and it can't be used for anything else. Kim Byrd of 105 Depot Road asked what year the fund was established and how was it established. Selectman Lazott replied it was established in 1991. It was established that 25% went to the conservation fund and 75% went to the general fund and after the 2001 Town meeting the conservation fund got 100%. In 1973 when the current use tax was enacted by the

State of New Hampshire 100% of the current use tax money was supposed to go into the general fund to offset the tax rate. That was the purpose of its first 18 years of existence, until 1991 when they passed an RSA stating that some of the money will go to the conservation fund. The purpose of the current use tax was to offset taxes. Kim Byrd asked if there is an RSA that establishes who the agents are of this fund and can make the decisions. CC Chair Fowler stated the Conservation Commission is the agents of the conservation fund. Kim Byrd stated once the money is in the fund we have no say. Chairman Kelley stated that was correct. Kim Byrd questioned why were they even here tonight. CC Chair Fowler replied they came to the Selectmen because the Conservation Commission was hoping the Board would approve holding executory interest in the easement, which means the Town would be a back up easement holder, which would give them some say on how the easement was written. If the Town is to have an interest the Selectmen have to approve it. Kim Byrd asked once the Conservation Commission has acquired the easement do those development rights still have some value and can they be transferred to a new owner by a sale. Phil Auger replied no the development rights have been extinguished, so they are not held by any entity. Bear Paw will take on the liability, because they agreed to monitor the contract. However, it could be transferred at some point in time, but there is no value. So they would be transferring the right to monitor it. Kim Byrd asked if the money that is being used in the fund be used for any other purposes, other than purchasing conservation easements. CC Chair Fowler replied it can be used for other conservation purposes. Kim Byrd asked if it could be donated to another conservation group. CC Chair Fowler replied yes it can if it's in the best interest of Candia. Kim Byrd asked if that were to happen would the Conservation Commission come before the Town to approve that donation. CC Chair Fowler stated they are not required to. Carla Penfield asked if the Conservation Commission can donate money, who could they donate their money to. CC Chair Fowler stated they can donate to another conservation organization if it is in the best interest of Candia. For example, there is a potential piece of land easement area on the Hooksett/ Candia line and they may approach Candia for support. Carla Penfield asked if that land was in Hooksett. CC Chair Fowler stated the land was in both Towns. Carla Penfield asked if they could donate to something that is not connected to Candia. CC Chair Fowler stated conceivably there is no law that says they couldn't. Gene Beckman of 523 Brown Road stated that any land that is in current use, the taxes on that land are going into the conservation fund. They are not going into the general fund. CC Chair Fowler replied that was not true. Selectman Lazott clarified the taxes a private land owner pays on their land in current use is 20% valuation not the 100%, so you are paying an assessment of 20% of what the actual value is. The current use penalty tax goes back to the conservation fund. For example, the developer did not pay the current use tax, the people who bought the house paid. Selectman Lazott stated the penalty tax goes into the conservation fund, not the current use fund itself. Gene Beckman stated think about what the Town's tax rate would be if there was \$500,000 in the general fund, about \$2.00 or \$3.00 lower. He asked CC Chair Fowler why his comments from the July Conservation Committee meeting were not in the minutes, where he stated they would use their money and not go through the Selectmen. He asked Selectman Giffen why his comments were not in the minutes as well. If the Conservation Commission is having a public meeting, their members' comments should be in the minutes. Selectman Giffen stated he can't

answer accurately for the completeness of the minutes. He explained the Conservation Commission does not view the money in the conservation fund as their money, they recognize that money belongs to the tax payers in Town. It's the Conservation Commission's job to identify properties that fit strategically within the open space plan, which has been developed in accordance with the Town's master plan. When the opportunity arises to secure an interest in that type of property or secure development rights, only then does the Conservation Commission recommend to the Selectmen that such a transaction take place. Selectman Giffen stated if he made any comment at the July meeting it was that the Selectmen on the Board haven't evidenced in their public meetings a favorable disposition to spend money on conservation projects at this time. It will only be brought to the Selectmen if it makes sense and fits the open space plan. They are not going to look at every parcel of land in Town, contrary to what has been said. Gene Beckman reiterated comments that are said at the Conservation Committee meeting should be in the minutes. Selectman Giffen agreed the sense of it all should be conveyed in the minutes, maybe not word for word. Tax Collector Jane Sanders commented for this calendar year, she has yet to see a current use penalty bill. It appears no one is taking their land out of current use. She thought there were two bills coming and they'll yield (for the Conservation Commission) about \$6,000 to \$12,000 a piece depending on the value of the land. Selectman Lazott asked it was based on the sale price. Tax Collector Sanders replied it's based on the fair market value of the property on the date that the land use changed; it's typically triggered by ground breaking. John Cole of 39 Fieldstone Lane commented that conservation is a lot more than a conservation easement. It's a wide concept that's not only conservation of property, but its preserving historic parts of Town and maintaining the rural character of Candia. He went on to explain recently a bill was passed, SB-342, which mandates that Candia will provide work force housing opportunities in the Town. Therefore it will have to be addressed and part of that is part of the master plan. John Cole agreed purchasing development rights was a worthy cause, but it does take away land from the future generations of Candia. Ingrid Byrd asked CC Chair Fowler if the Conservation Commission had to have a public hearing before you spend money for a conservation easement. CC Chair Fowler stated you have to have a public hearing if you are going to acquire interest in the land in the name of the Town. Ingrid Byrd asked if every single person at that public hearing said no we don't agree with this, the Conservation Commission can still go ahead and do as they please. CC Chair Fowler stated they would rethink their decision and consider the public input. Diane Philbrick of 95 South Road commented this is a parcel of land that has been a tree farm and used by UNH as a playground. It represents the agricultural heritage of Candia and part of the master plan to try to preserve this land. She liked the idea that she and her grandchildren can use the ski trails of that land. In addition, would love to see the Moore School children do their nature field work right outside their door. She went on to explain that a lot of land in Town will come out of current use and be developed, but how many of those land owners will have the heart to really want to conserve their land. The Sander's property will be a benefit to the Town for a very long time and an opportunity like this does not come up very often. She concluded that she was very much in favor of having a green way right through the heart of our Town. Peggy Mun of 109 Healey Road stated Sander's have given her permission to use the property, which she uses on a daily basis. The trails are

beautiful and they are already cut in the property. She cross country skis all winter and rides her horses on the property. It's a wonderful piece of property and it would be a waste not to buy it at a bargain price. Brian Travis stated the land seems to be sacred and it should be up to the Sanders trust as to how it should be used. Nancy Sanders stated she is representing the trust and Mr. Travis doesn't seem to be listening to what is going on. Brian Travis replied he is listening to everything that going on, but you're asking me to buy your land even if I don't want to. Thomas St. Martin of 464 Currier Road stated it's his tax money just as much as it's Mr. Travis's and he wanted to thank the heirs of Dr. Sanders for the offer they are making. They are offering a piece of land that will add to the Town's green way and he thinks that's a wonderful thing. He didn't think it would be rational to expect the heirs to donate everything for free. The easement approach is important, because the people of the Town still get to use the land. Betsy Kruse of 53 New Boston Road stated they have mentioned the master plan several times in the meeting it has received the most input than any other document in this Town. The overall message she received from the Towns people, when she worked on the master plan, was the need to preserve and protect the rural character of Candia. This means they need to be careful where they build and where not to build. When they have an opportunity to create areas of contiguous open space then they are encouraged to do that. Most of the time residential development doesn't pay for the amount of Town services it uses. For example, if you took the Sanders property and subdivided into multiple lots not one of the houses would pay for the Town services it would use, particularly the education. She encouraged the Selectmen to consider the possibilities of this project and how it can enhance the community in the future. Ron Severino of Thresher Road stated it seems to him there needs to be some compromise here. He thought the land wouldn't be developed because that was Dr. Sanders wishes and is surprised the Town is in a position to spend money. He thought maybe they should allow one more lot, which would still leave a lot of acres for the easement. He noted there's not a lot of good land in Town, about 75% of it will be a green way because it's too wet, too steep, and too rocky. When there is a nice piece of land and you take it away for ever there is a concern for the future growth of Candia. Steve Higgins of 291 North Road mentioned he talked to families who are concerned where their children will build a house. He moved to Candia because he loved that it has so much open space, but once he had children his thinking changed. He's stated he's not against conservation, but this is something they need to look. The school population hasn't gone up 10 years. If were not going up in the school population were not bringing in families. Sean James of Currier Road stated current use isn't the issue tonight, people are getting sidetracked. He noted he was in favor of the Conservation Commission purchasing the development rights. Judi Lindsay of North Road stated she agreed with Sean James comments. The owners want the Conservation Commission to protect the land and by getting the approval of the Selectmen they can protect it. Ron Thomas of High Street stated the forum to discuss house lots for the future generations of the Town is not the issue tonight. He noted the Planning Board for years has been encouraging 3 acre lots and that has been driving the kids out of Town. It's the job of the Conservation Commission to preserve land and look at the open space. Gary York stated the Planning Board has the tools at their disposal to put some of the Town's wishes into effect. The Conservation Commission is not going against the Towns people's wishes. They are doing a good job. He mentioned he was on the CTAP

committee (with Ron Thomas) and they worked on the 93 expansion. The 23 Towns who participated came up with a similar master plan to Candia's. These Town's echoed the same sentiment, which was keep taxes low and encourage open space. If conserving this land was outside the master plan, it wouldn't be a good idea. Gary York asked the Board what are the areas of discontent the Board feels. If it's financial the Board can't use the money in the conservation fund to offset taxes. Selectman Lazott stated not at this time. Gary York asked why some of the Board members were not in favor of this. It's been well thought out, appraised, and it's followed the letter of the law. Selectman Lazott stated he didn't believe in purchasing the developmental rights, it doesn't serve the tax payer well. He believed if Dr. Sanders was still alive he would donate the easement to the Town. Selectman Lazott questioned how many acres are in conservation easements right now. CC Chair Fowler replied approximately 110 acres. Selectman Lazott stated does that include private land. CC Chair Fowler replied including the Sandborn easement, it's about 170 acres. Selectman Lazott asked what has the Conservation Committee done to make the land user friendly. CC Chair Fowler stated the Boy Scouts put a parking lot on the conservation land on New Boston Road. They have been approached to put a parking lot on the conservation land near Deerfield. Selectman Lazott asked if there are any base maps showing trails on any of the conservation land. CC Chair Fowler there is one which is the Deerfield Road Town Forest. Selectman Lazott asked why not let the people vote on this in March. He also mentioned there is a proposed bill that may rescind the Conservation Commission's right to spend the money. The Conservation Commission can still spend the money without the Board's approval. CC Chair Fowler stated that was correct. Selectman Lazott asked if they were trying to get this pushed through because they may lose the right (to purchase the development rights). He further felt it doesn't matter what the Selectmen decide tonight the Conservation Commission can still spend the money. CC Chair Fowler replied this is not being pushed through for any calendar purpose. It's being put through because the trust has got the heirs to sell the property to a conservation buyer. Selectman Lazott stated he doesn't agree with this. It's a way to try and get the original \$700,000 asking price; some of it from the Town, some of it from the other lot, and some from the sale of the original piece. Selectman Giffen stated you obviously haven't monitored the Conservation Commission. He mentioned they have had two trail cutting days on the Girard property along with the other members of the commission. Selectman Lazott stated it should be in the minutes stating that it was done. Selectman Giffen clarified SB381 explaining the framers of SB381 wish to establish firmly what is already present in the RSA. It will allow the Towns people the opportunity to vote as to whether the right is granted to the Conservation Commission to spend funds. The intent is to eliminate the controversy. He added once the Towns people vote on SB381 it is iron clad and there is no more taking it to court. He added if the Conservation Commission was to do this right now it would defeat the purpose of having an executory interest. The benefit of executory interests is it allows the Towns people to have a say in the language of the easement. The Conservation Commission wishes to do it the right way and want executory interest, because it is in the best interest of the Town. Selectman Robie stated before anything can be done on the property, there has to be a subdivision. There was some discussion on subdividing the land. Selectman Robie felt there are some good buildable house lots available on a decent road. He noted you could sell a lot for \$96,000

after the current use is gone. CC Chair Fowler asked where the figure of \$96,000 came from. Selectman Robie stated if the land goes into an easement for the Sanders Trust, the land still has a value. The value is \$96,000, but may have been misinformed. Selectman Robie stated if we don't develop, the Town is dead in the water. The future generations need places to live and we need prosper. He thought there should be two house lots, instead of one, that will leave 35 acres in an easement. Frank Albert of Diamond Hill Road asked in response to Gary York's earlier comments, why the Board isn't against the whole idea of the conservation trust. Gary York replied if you owned that land and someone tried to tell you how to sell or what to do with that property, you might not take to kindly to it. Deb Levesque of Currier Road asked Selectman Lazott if he should have a personal opinion being a Selectman. Selectman Lazott replied yes and he was elected because of his stand on certain issues. Deb Levesque stated the Sanders family has her support. There was some discussion about work force housing. Ingrid Byrd noted people should read the Zoning Ordinance, in regards to the work force housing. She added they should look at the economy; maybe some of the current use money could be used to help the people of the Town who are in need. Larry Twitchell asked the Board if they could call for a show of hands. It was the consensus of the Board to not call for a show of hands. Selectman Robie stated the Conservation Commission should start the subdivision process. CC Chair Fowler stated they don't have any authority to say what can be done with that land. Betsy Kruse asked if the Board would be voting this evening. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Board to table this issue. Selectman Giffen motioned to table voting on this matter until the next Selectmen's meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Selectman Duarte and Selectman Lazott were opposed. Selectman Robie abstained. Selectman Giffen and Chairman Kelley were in favor. Motion failed due to a tie vote. Selectman Giffen motioned to table this discussion until the next Selectmen's meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 with no guarantee to vote on this matter. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Kelley closed the public hearing at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman Kelley called a 5 minute recess.

**9:05 p.m. - The Board to hold a Public Hearing to accept grants in accordance with RSA 31:95-b on behalf of the Town from the NH the Beautiful and NH Highway Safety.** Selectman Giffen motioned to accept the New Hampshire the Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$5,000 and the New Hampshire Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$5,352.95. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Giffen read the amount of the other donations: NH Masonic Charitable Foundation for Dream Police Program in the amount of 573.00; NH Highway Safety/ Candia Statewide DWI hunter patrols in the amount of \$2,336.40; NH Fish and Game/ OHRV Wheeled vehicle enforcement in the amount of \$3,375.00; and a Food Pantry donation in the amount of \$25.00.

**The Board to consider Conservation Commission's recommendation to hire Pat Larkin as their recording secretary.** Selectman Giffen stated Pat Larkin is more than qualified to do the job and the Conservation Commission proposed to hire her as a contract hire for \$12.00 per hour. Selectman Giffen motioned to hire Pat Larkin as the



Conservation Commission secretary as a contract hire for \$12.00 per hour. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Cartier noted that calls were up. The Board signed a form for the E9-1-1 Mapping Program. Fire Chief Cartier noted this will be at no charge to the Town. Fire Chief Cartier noted Kim Dome is resigning from the Fire Department and would have her resignation letter for the next meeting. He also mentioned the Fire Department will be helping out at the Deerfield Fair.

**Highway Department:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He mentioned that a box culvert has failed on Horizon Lane. It's started to erode and is causing problems with the road. It will cost approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 to fix. Selectman Lazott mentioned that Auburn just petitioned the DRA for a bridge in disrepair. Road Agent Lewis stated they couldn't do it for a failed box culvert.

**Building Department:** Selectman Lazott read from the attached report.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Duarte stated he didn't have a report, because they have just moved to the new recycling center and the numbers wouldn't be accurate. There was discussion on the Solid Waste Committee. Selectman Lazott asked if they could disband now that the new recycling center has opened. Selectman Giffen stated they were still beneficial to the Town. Chairman Kelley noted when it came to opening day at the recycling center all of the Solid Waste Committee members were there. They did a good job.

**Police Department:** Chief McGillen read from the attached report. He mentioned there was one major theft for the month.

**Chief McGillen to discuss with the Board Trick or Treat hours.** Chief McGillen recommended having Trick or Treat hours on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Selectman Lazott motioned to have Trick or Treat hours on Halloween October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to set deliberative session date of 01/31/09 at 9:00 a.m.** Selectman Lazott motioned to set the deliberative session date on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Selectman Duarte motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of 8/25/08 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Any Other Business:**

**New Hampshire the Beautiful:** Chairman Kelley noted New Hampshire the Beautiful came to the new recycling center to present the \$5,000 check and take pictures.

**Request from various Boards/Committees:** Selectman Giffen stated he would like representatives from the various Boards and Committees to come to the Selectmen meetings periodically to discussion any on going or new issues. Selectman Giffen instructed Secretary Hansen to send out a memo.

**Change of meeting dates in October:** Selectman Lazott suggested changing the meeting dates to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in October due to the holiday. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Selectmen's meetings on October 6<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date:** The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting is September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Giffen motioned to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary