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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2009

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.

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

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. Selectman Giffen commended Road Agent Lewis and his crew for doing a fantastic job during the ice storm. Citizen Brian Travis agreed with Selectman Giffen.

Police: Chief McGillen read from the attached report. He noted the year end numbers show that offenses were down. He attributed it to good police work. Selectman Duarte asked Chief McGillen if he thought things would get worse with the economy the way it is. Chief McGillen replied stated there wasn't any burglaries last month, but when the weather warms up there may be an increase in that type of activity. He noted there has been an increase in domestic issues. Selectman Duarte commended the department on doing a good job.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Cartier read from the attached report. Fire Chief Cartier stated some of the firefighters worked extended hours during the week of the ice storm. He thanked the firefighters who committed their time during that week. Fire Chief Cartier informed the Board that Engine 3 was back and the final price on the rebuild (over the past 2 years) would be approximately \$15,000. They should have the truck for another 10 years. Fire Chief Cartier noted the fire department has two snow rakes available to the public. If there are senior citizens who need help raking snow off of their roof they can call the fire department and someone will come out to assist them. Fire Chief Cartier thanked and commended Officer Mahoney on a recent call, which involved a heart attack victim. Fire Chief Cartier explained the call went exactly the way it should have due to the training the police officers and firefighters have received and the teamwork involved. Chief McGillen also noted a vehicle hit a pole that evening and Officer Bowen was assisting with CPR at that scene. He commended Officer Bowen on doing a good job as well. Selectman Lazott asked about the ambulance bills. Fire Chief Cartier stated they send bills monthly. Selectman Giffen asked about an invoice from Fire Tech of New England in the amount of \$1,700 and what was it for. Fire Chief Cartier explained it was a replacement frame and water tank for Engine 2. Selectman Lazott asked why that bill couldn't have been deferred until after January. Fire Cartier stated they ordered it in early November.

The Board to consider re-appointment of Joshua Mann and the appointment of Thomas Faucher based on Fire Chief Cartier's recommendation. Fire Chief Cartier stated he would like Joshua Mann to be reappointed since he is now able to devote the time to the department. Selectman Lazott motioned to reappoint Joshua Mann as a Firefighter/ EMS provider for the Candia Fire Department. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Fire Chief Cartier explained Tom Faucher has his Firefighter Level 1 and EMT Basic. He is enrolled in a fire science program and has good recommendations. Mr. Faucher has the time to devote to the department. Fire Chief Cartier explained they have changed the law regarding background checks. He explained volunteers have to go through state and federal background checks that will cost the volunteer \$25.00. It costs another \$10.00 to have a finger print check done. Selectman Lazott stated Chief McGillen hasn't seen anything on this individual and would like to differ this appointment until the next meeting. Selectman Robie asked Chief McGillen if he had Mr. Faucher's background check with him and what did it say. Chief McGillen stated Mr. Faucher had no criminal record. Selectman Lazott stated as a general policy they should have the information two weeks in advance. Chief McGillen stated it usually is, but there has been a change in the procedure. Selectman Duarte motioned to appoint Tom Faucher as a Firefighter for the Candia Fire Department. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie asked that the Firefighters get the personal plans as soon as possible. Fire Chief Cartier replied he was working with the office on that.

Building Department: Selectman Lazott read from the attached report. Selectman Lazott noted Building Inspector Hallock continues to work well with the public.

Solid Waste: Selectman Duarte read from the attached report. Selectman Duarte explained they should try to get information out to the public on recycling. He noted recycling paper has gotten quite expensive. Selectman Giffen explained if you recycle paper properly, you have taken 40% of your trash from being land filled. He agreed that they should get information out on recycling. Selectman Lazott thought maybe a brochure could be sent out in the Boy Scout packets. Heidi Frederick of Critchett Road asked about a reused center or a sharing shed. Selectman Lazott stated someone has recently submitted a petition warrant article for a swap shop in the amount of \$15,000. He noted they had one in the past that was maintained by volunteers, but once people stopped volunteering it turned bad. He further stated he wasn't in favor of paying someone to maintain the swap shop. Ms. Frederick stated it would be nice to have a swap shop with the economy the way it is. Selectman Giffen explained the swap shop is usually the last stop at a recycling facility, but at the old recycling center it was the first stop and people would dump their trash in the shop. He noted Bedford has a swap shop that is only open when a volunteer is there. There is also a charge for the items in the swap shop. Selectman Duarte noted a lot of people enjoyed the swap shop. Chairman Kelley stated there was a designated spot for a swap shop at the new facility. Brian Travis of Critchett Road asked what the revenues were for recyclables last year. Selectman Giffen replied approximately \$60,000. Mr. Travis asked why the Town of Candia was in the recycling business. Selectman Giffen replied they were required by law and its supported by an RSA. Mr. Travis asked if it was something they could take

up with the state. Selectman Giffen noted they could go to paper throw like the Town of Raymond. Mr. Travis asked if he used a third party would they adjust his taxes. Selectman Giffen replied no and he would have to pay for the Recycling Center, regardless if he uses a third party. Mr. Travis asked if they went to paper throw could they get rid of the recycling center. Selectman Giffen replied no and it's considered an essential service by the state. There was some further discussion on the Recycling Center and paper throw. **Campaigning at the Recycling Center:** Chairman Kelley stated they have received some complaints regarding campaigning on Town property. He thought maybe near the gate (the exit side) would be a good spot. Selectman Lazott thought the land outside the gate would be a good spot. Chairman Kelley noted the Town doesn't own the land outside the gate, but maybe people could campaign in the rotary. Selectman Robie stated they should put a sign up saying "No Soliciting". Selectman Lazott agreed. Mr. Travis thought they couldn't restrict political campaigning. Selectman Lazott stated he would rather see no campaigning. Selectman Lazott motioned to restrict any political advertising within in the gated area at the Recycling Center. Mr. Travis asked if it's a conflict of interest for incumbent politicians to make laws like this. The Board members are people who have an advantage and if they keep people from campaigning is dirty pool. Chairman Kelley stated he didn't have a problem with people campaigning in the rotary. Fire Chief Cartier stated they should check with the Town Attorney before making a decision. Selectman Lazott removed his first motion and made a new motion to ban all solicitation of any type within the Recycling Center gate pending Town Attorney Mayer's opinion. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Selectman Robie explained the Heritage Committee doesn't need a demolition review process and it was more for the historic district. The Heritage Commission is asking to be notified by the Building Department when a demolition permit is filed. They would like to document the building being removed. Selectman Robie stated they weren't trying to stop people this was just for documentation. Selectman Lazott stated Building Inspector Hallock had no problem copying the Heritage Commission on this.

The Board to formally accept the road bond for Tower Hill Road in the amount of \$7,500. Selectman Giffen explained the bond was put in place to cover any potential damage. Selectman Lazott motioned to accept the road bond check in the amount of \$7,500 and funds to be returned upon completion. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to review Budget Committee's final recommended budget. Chairman Kelley explained there were two extra columns on the operating budget request spreadsheet. It was the consensus of the Board to add the two extra columns. Chairman Kelley stated the Board needed to review the final budget. Selectman Lazott thought the budget didn't have any rhyme or reason. Selectman Giffen motioned to table this discussion so the board can review the budget in further detail. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. There was further discussion on the budget and the default budget.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 12/11/08 and 12/22/08.

Selectman Lazott motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of 12/11/08 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. 4 were in favor and Selectman Giffen abstained. Motion carried. Selectman Giffen motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of 12/22/08 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: The next Selectmen's meeting will be January 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

8:25 p.m. - Selectman Lazott requested a Non-Public Meeting in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) immediately following the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary