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**Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 8, 2009**

**Attendance:** Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chairman Rick Lazott, Selectman Joe Duarte, Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Richard Snow, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

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

**In accordance with 31:95-b the Board will hold a Public Hearing to accept grant funding from FEMA and the State of New Hampshire for the December 2008 ice storm.** Selectman Lazott motioned to accept funds from the State of New Hampshire/FEMA in the amount of \$21,405.75. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Civitina Gordon to meet with Board to discuss issue with her property located on Murray Hill Road.** Property owner Civitina Gordon and Alfred Sanborn were present. Chairman Kelley explained Ms. Gordon has a piece of property (.12 of an acre) located on Murray Hill Road. She pays \$42.00 a year in taxes. The Board reviewed the attached map. Chairman Kelley asked Ms. Gordon how she ended up with this piece of land. Mr. Sanborn explained the land went with an old farm located in Auburn. Chairman Kelley verified when they put the Town line through, it left that small piece of land. Mr. Sanborn explained he owns the land next to Ms. Gordon's 413-010-2. Selectman Lazott suggested that Ms. Gordon give her land to Mr. Sanborn through a boundary line adjustment. Selectman Snow explained the easiest way to do this is though a boundary line adjustment or combined the two together so there is one lot between Auburn and Candia. Then they would be paying one tax bill on the Candia piece and one tax bill on the Auburn piece. Selectman Lazott reiterated Ms. Gordon can add her piece to Mr. Sanborn's piece and make one lot. Mr. Gordon question if his taxes would go up, because his they are currently \$1.00 for his piece. Selectman Robie suggested they combine their two pieces of land through a boundary line agreement and there should be a zero tax increase to Mr. Sanborn's property. If Mr. Sanborn is paying \$1.00 know there should be very little increase, if any at all. Mr. Sanborn asked if the land will still be in current use. Selectman Robie stated it would, because current use cross's Town borders. Chairman Kelley explained that Mr. Sanborn and Ms. Gordon should call the Land Use office for more information. Ms. Gordon and Mr. Sanborn thanked the Board for their time.

**The Board to meet with Chuck Therrien of Aflac to discuss their insurance plans.** Mr. Chuck Therrien of Aflac was present. He presented the Board with packets. Mr. Therrien stated he had met with Selectmen's Assistant Cheryl Eastman a couple of months ago to go over their insurance plans. He noted Aflac provides supplemental coverage that pays cash to certain individuals for various sicknesses and injuries. Mr. Therrien explained it would cost the employee \$60.00 per week. This would cover the individual should they get hurt and if they seek medical attention within 72 hours they'll

receive a check for \$120.00 (just for going to the doctor). Mr. Therrien explained the blue plan insurance. He explained he has personally collected a lot of money on this plan. Most recently his wife had surgery on her shoulder, who spent 2 days in the hospital. They collected \$2,000 just on the accident policy. He noted Aflac has a great cancer policy. Mr. Therrien explained these policies do not cost the Town anything to offer to the employees. It can be done through payroll deduction. If the employee leaves they can take the insurance with them and Aflac's rates are guaranteed. Mr. Therrien stated all he would need is the Board's approval to get things started. Selectman Duarte stated the payroll deduction thing could be involved and can the employee pay it direct. Mr. Therrien stated they can set up a payroll group and the employee's can pay through their checking account. Mr. Therrien explained someone from the Town has to sign an authorization form so they can give the employees payroll rates. The only involvement the Town has is signing the authorization and letting him come in to talk with the employees. Chairman Kelley stated he would like to discuss this as a Board before they made any decisions. Selectman Robie stated they should send a memo out to the employees to see if there is any interest. If there is they will get back to Mr. Therrien.

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

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He noted there was a beaver and muskrat issue on New Boston Road. Chairman Kelley asked how Crowley Road was going. Road Agent Lewis replied they started work on Thursday. Selectman Duarte asked if he has received any quotes for paving. Road Agent Lewis stated he was still waiting for one more and would get back to the Board. Road Agent Lewis mentioned he would have to close the lower half of Crowley Road for a day to do a box culvert. Sometime the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> and he would talk to the residents. The Board was okay with this request.

**Police:** Chief McGillen read from the attached report. Chief McGillen noted there have been some recent Craig's list scams. He would like to get something up on the website regarding this.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Cartier read from the attached report. He noted some of the fire fighters have obtained some new certifications. The roof has been replaced and the heating system has been reinstalled. The electrical tie in should be done this week, including the exhaust fan. Fire Chief Cartier stated they should be up to speed with the Department of Labors concerns. The department is currently posting a 36 hour advanced rescue program; there are four fire fighters in the program at no cost to the Town. Fire Chief Cartier noted the staff at the department has had a lot of enthusiasm lately and the guys are really getting involved. He has eight applications for membership. He noted he has been working with Chief McGillen on background checks. Selectman Lazott asked how many applicants were from Candia. Fire Chief Cartier replied two out of eight applicants are from Candia. He has been working on the roster to see who's been active and inactive. Fire Chief Cartier stated he will have recommendations in July for appointments that should be rescinded. There was some discussion about fire fighters

having CDL licenses to drive the fire trucks. Fire Chief Cartier stated he has some fire fighters working on Standard Operating Guidelines. The Fire Department has started doing annual building inspections and found some significant problems. They have been working with the businesses in Town and they have been very cooperative. Fire Chief Cartier asked the Board if they were in favor of the Fire Station Grant program. He felt they should proceed with it and would like to get something together for the Board. There is \$210,000,000 in grant money to build new fire stations. They can get up to \$5 million for a new fire station. They are expecting to do 100 grants across the country and are expecting to receive 5,000 to 8,000 applications. If the Board was in favor of this, he can get information to them. Selectman Lazott asked if this was a 100 percent grant. Fire Chief Cartier replied yes, but they were asking if the Town could contribute. He further noted it would have to be on Town land. There was further discussion about what would be done with the grant money. Fire Chief Cartier stated he has some of his fire fighters doing some research on this grant. Selectman Snow asked if the grant was specific to fire stations or safety centers. Fire Chief Cartier noted specifically fire stations, because they feel there is more of a need for them.

Selectman Robie noted Mr. Frazier and In-Laws Construction should be commended for the work they did on the Fire Department.

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

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Duarte read from the attached report. Selectman Duarte explained the reason the figures for transporting debris was so high was because they didn't know what it would cost this year to transport. They looked at the last five years and budgeted the highest amount. Also, Facility Operator Chuck Whitcher thinks summer and fall will have the highest amount. Selectman Duarte noted a machine (loader) at the Recycling Center needed to be repaired. If so there is 41% left in the repair line. Selectman Duarte thought the company should incur some of the repair costs. Selectman Robie noted people in Town have been using their own containers (C&D and rubbish) and recycling more. He felt they will be hauling less in the summer. Selectman Duarte stated they should wait until after the summer, they still have a tremendous amount of stuff coming in. They had 61 tons of C & D debris just in the month of April. Chairman Kelley noted Selectmen's Assistant Eastman contacted Eastern Propane to remove their tanks from the old recycling center. Eastern Propane will have to empty the tanks before they remove them. The Town will get a credit on the propane. Chairman Kelley informed the Board that Facility Operator Whitcher has been cleaning up at the old recycling center. Selectman Snow noted he will be sending some Boy Scouts down to the old recycling center to help clean up. He has already spoken with Facility Operator Whitcher about them helping out.

**State Bureau of Purchase & Property - Salt Bid:** Road Agent Lewis explained he received a letter from the State asking Towns to participate in a state wide bid for salt (see attached). He asked the Board if they would like him to participate in this. He noted he has received his salt from the same supplier for 13 years. The prior Road Agent used the same supplier 6 years before him. Road Agent Lewis explained if they have a

different supplier they may not get their salt deliveries as promptly as they do now. Selectman Snow asked if had talked with the supplier and was he aware of the States program. Road Agent Lewis replied he usually receives pricing from all three salt suppliers in mid June. Selectman Duarte noted it looks like we may have missed the deadline, which was June 5, 2009. He added Road Agent Lewis should stick to what works best for him. The Board did not need to make a decision on this due to the passed deadline.

**Parks & Recreation:** See attached report.

**Cemetery:** See attached report.

**Selectmen to sign Ambulance Service Contract.** The Board signed the Ambulance Service Contract. Fire Chief Cartier noted this was just an extension of their current contract and its less money.

**Board to discuss direct deposit proposal for the employees.** Finance Director St. Pierre provided the Board with a write up regarding the direct deposit request (see attached). The Board was in favor of allowing the employees to have the option of direct deposit.

**Selectman Snow to give update on M & C Children's Learning Place summer recreation program.** Selectman Snow noted there has been very little interest in the summer recreation program. They will keep enrollment open until mid June and if there is no interest M & C will not run it. Selectman Snow noted the Town hasn't signed anything. Resident Joni Plante explained she has a six year old son and wouldn't sign him up for the program because she felt the park wasn't a safe place for him. She thought if it was held in a fenced in area people would feel more comfortable. Selectman Snow thanked Ms. Plante for her input.

**Cemetery Trustees meeting:** Selectman Snow noted he recently attended a Cemetery Trustees meeting at the Attorney General's office. He explained if the Board is going to act as the Cemetery Trustees they have to set themselves up as a Board of Trustees, as a separate board or group. Selectman Snow noted Russ Seward was the last acting Cemetery Trustee and it was not official. When Neil Sieminski was Selectman the Board took over the Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Duarte asked why they were addressing this. Selectman Snow suggested they do what the statue requires. The Board needs to do what they should be doing as Cemetery Trustees and if not they need to elect someone. He would prefer to have independent Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Lazott stated they should table this discussion until they have more information.

**Skateboard Park:** Selectman Robie noted there are some ramps that needed to be replaced at the skateboard park. Selectman Snow noted there will be a meeting regarding the skateboard park on June 13<sup>th</sup> in the library. He noted this meeting is separate from the Town. Selectman Robie stated he met with Primex last year and they made some improvements to make it safe for the kids. There are currently some pieces of equipment

in bad shape. Selectman Snow stated they will address it at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was some further discussion on the skateboard park. Selectman Snow stated he would report back to the Board with information from the meeting.

**The Board will consider authorizing Chief McGillen to execute documents on behalf of the Town in regards to the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game OHRV Grant.** Selectman Lazott motioned to allow Chief McGillen to sign paperwork for the OHRV Grant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider reappointing Roger Stenbak to the Solid Waste Committee.** Selectman Lazott motioned to reappoint Roger Stenbak to the Solid Waste Committee as a full member. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 5/18/09.** Selectman Robie motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of 05/18/09 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Any Other Business:**

**Generator issue:** Chief McGillen asked if there was a contact person for the generator. The power went out the other day and the generator ran for quite a while. Chairman Kelley stated he called JD Power equipment and they will be coming to fix the problem. Selectman Robie asked how the electrical situation was going with the generator. Fire Chief Cartier replied that he and Selectman Snow have not had a chance to get together on this and take a look at it. Fire Chief Cartier noted the problem could be fixed fairly cheaply. He noted there is no shut off in this building until it gets to the circuit breaker panels, there is no main. Selectman Robie thought there was a disconnect. Fire Chief Cartier replied he wasn't able to find one. There was some further discussion about the generator. Selectman Robie stated if Fire Chief Cartier and Selectman Snow don't have the generator work done before next winter he would like to have electrician Mike Green do the work.

**Update on SPCA bill:** Chief McGillen asked the Board if they have seen a letter from Atty. Mayer regarding a contract that the SPCA wanted him to sign regarding the horse incident on Critchett Road. He explained they have unanticipated bills of over \$10,000 that is not in his budget. He agreed to assist the SPCA from the beginning. Chief McGillen noted whether the contract is signed or not the Candia Police Department will get billed. If the court finds the horse owner guilty they can order restitution. Chief McGillen noted that most of the horses have been returned, but not all of them, so vet bills will still be incurred. Chief McGillen explained that he just wanted keep the Board informed on the situation.

**Request to use Recycling Center:** Resident Joni Plante introduced herself to the Board. She explained she has lived in Town since the second grade and her whole family lives in Town. In addition, she volunteers in Town. Ms. Plante explained she is renovating a house in Raymond. The Raymond dump is 4 miles away and the Candia dump is only 1

mile away. She is renting dumpster for 99% of the work. Due to the position of the dumpster, she is unable to get some of the debris into them. Ms. Plante was asking the Board if she could bring approximately four loads to the Candia dump. She understands the issue of setting precedence, but she is a Candia resident and is asking for an exception. Selectman Snow stated she could bring the debris to her house (in Candia) park there overnight and then bring it to the Candia dump the next day. She is a resident. Selectman Duarte stated even though she is a resident, coming from Raymond is a problem. In addition, Facility Operator Witcher allowed her to dump one load at the recycling center. Ms. Plante noted it wouldn't be an ongoing thing. Chairman Kelley explained they have not allowed this in the past. Selectman Robie noted it was admirable that Ms. Plante came to the Board with this request, but she does have a dumpster on site. Selectman Lazott stated they have a policy in place. Selectman Duarte stated the other option could be to charge her. Selectman Lazott stated they are not in the market for charging. Selectman Snow thought they could let her bring in four loads and maybe charge her. The Board took a vote. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Lazott were not in favor of this. Selectman Snow was in favor because Ms. Plante came to the Board and asked. The majority of the Board was not in favor of allowing Ms. Plante to use the recycling center.

**Paving on Raymond Road:** Selectman Snow stated since Raymond Road is being repaved maybe the Town should approach DOT about changing the yellow lines between Liquid Planet and Deer Run Road. Selectman Lazott stated he didn't agree with that, because the passing lane is necessary. Chairman Kelley stated he has met with the DOT in the past and they said there is plenty of room for turning. Selectman Snow stated this would be an opportune time to re-stripe the road.

**Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date:** The next regularly scheduled meeting date is June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary