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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2009

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Rick Lazott, Selectman Joe Duarte, Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Richard Snow, and Administrative Assistant Sharon Carrier

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

The Board will hold a public hearing to accept unanticipated funds in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III (a). Selectman Robie read from the public notice. Selectman Lazott motioned to accept funds from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety in the amount of \$16,091.20. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached reports.

Police: Chief McGillen read from the attached report. He noted the department continues to be busy. Chief McGillen explained they have working on two burglaries and an aggravated sexual assault case. They've had an illegal dumping incident. Chief McGillen mention the Fire Department received a lot of support at the recent fatal fire. He commended the Fire Department and felt the Candia Firefighters are the real heroes. He mentioned that he has Officer Mahoney at the school doing the Dream Program (similar to DARE) which will tailor to the school needs.

Fire: Selectman Duarte explained if anyone would like to see the Fire Department monthly report they can get in touch with Acting Fire Chief Davis.

Building Department: Selectman Lazott read from the attached report. Selectman Lazott mentioned that Building Inspector Hallock is now doing inspections for the Fire Department. Citizen Ron Severino mentioned that he has been very pleased with the way things are running in the office. He mentioned that he has been working on assembly permits and other things with BI Hallock.

Solid Waste: Chairman Kelley mentioned the Solid Waste Committee is still working on a contract with a hauler and it's not complete yet.

Parks and Recreation: See attached.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 10/9/09, 10/26/09, and the non-public meeting minutes of 10/5/09 and 10/8/09. The minutes were deferred until the November 23rd Selectmen's meeting.

Discuss Cemetery records: Selectman Snow stated he has spoken with Mr. Anderson and he would like to continue to work as long as he is able to. He would like to finish up some pending items. Selectman Snow suggested that as long as Mr. Anderson was still interested and able he would like to keep him on the payroll. Selectman Snow noted if Mr. Anderson is unable to continue he would step in. Selectman Lazott asked if there were copies of the records in the office. Selectman Snow replied all of the records are with the Superintendent of the Cemeteries. Selectman Lazott stated there should be two sets of records. Selectman Snow noted they are in the process of doing that. Selectman Robie asked if Selectman Snow was the Acting Superintendent of Cemeteries and if he had all of the records. Selectman Snow replied that he was and he has access to all of the records. Mr. Anderson has all of the records. There was discussion about the Superintendent of Cemeteries stipend. Selectman Snow noted they should come up with a job description for the Superintendent of Cemeteries. He further noted the Trustees of the Cemetery are going to work on a job description at their next meeting. Selectman Robie stated they needed to appoint someone temporarily for the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Selectman Snow replied they'll have to wait until the Trustees of the Cemetery meeting, because they appoint the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Citizen Ingrid Byrd thought this was an elected position. Chairman Kelley stated he was told by Selectman Snow that it was no longer an elected position. Selectman Snow replied the statute was changed in 1994 and the legislature decided they didn't want this to be optional elected position any more. Selectman Robie question why the does the Town continue to vote on this position each year. Citizen Ingrid Byrd thought there might be a conflict of interest with a Trustee of the Cemetery being the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Selectman Robie felt this was a good point. Selectman Duarte thought they should table this until the next Selectmen's meeting. He felt they needed more information. Selectman Robie stated they need someone as their "go to" person. Selectman Snow replied that is the job of the Trustees of the Cemetery.

Discuss estimate for fencing at Moore Park: Selectman Snow stated he received a quote for fencing at Moore Park. It's for a 40' piece in the back part of the park. A couple of reasons for the fence would be to keep the children inside the park and keep the animals out. The amount of the quote was \$1,575. Selectman Duarte suggested putting this in as a warrant article and let the townspeople decide. Selectman Robie stated the budget was tight of 2009 and they should hold on to the \$1,500 to make sure we cover our bills. Selectman Snow replied there is money in the parks budget and he would like to do this now before the ground freezes. Selectman Robie stated the budget is tight and they need to save money. Selectman Lazott agreed with Selectman Robie and noted they are a lot of budgets that will be over spent. They need to try to cut back and watch what their spending. Selectman Lazott noted putting up a fence in Moore Park is not a necessity. Selectman Snow replied that he disagreed and people use the park all of the time. Selectman Duarte mentioned that maybe they can revisit this in the spring. Chairman Kelley felt the quote was a good price, but the budget is too tight. Selectman Snow stated the Board is telling him that their departments are more important than his

department and he disagrees. Chairman Kelley replied if the computers break in the office they will need to replace them and it's important to him to keep the Town running. Selectman Lazott stated they have moved money around in the budget when there have been shortfalls in certain departments. Selectman Snow asked if this is the first year they've done that, because he doesn't remember anything coming before the Board. Citizen Ingrid Byrd noted this is the taxpayer's money and they have to think about the needs of the whole community. She felt children aren't using the park this time of year. Selectman Lazott motioned to not spend the money on the fence or make any unnecessary expenditure in the park and recreation department. Seconded by Selectman Robie. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Lazott were in favor. Selectman Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.

Summer Recreation Program 2010: Selectman Snow stated it's the same program as last year, but they are offering it early this year to give people a chance to sign up. He would like the Boards approval to go ahead with the program, so he can start negotiating and come up with a contract. They can start advertising in December. Chairman Kelley asked if M & C Learning Center would be doing the program again. Selectman Snow relied yes and he would like to get Liquid Planet involved as well. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Selectman Snow to pursue the summer recreation program.

Budget update: Selectman Robie noted he and the Budget Committee have been working real hard on the 2010 budget and it's been going well. Selectman Robie read a request from the citizens of Candia (see attached). He noted that 77 citizens signed this request. Selectman Robie stated he would bring this request to the Budget Committee.

Selectman Lazott asked that a letter be sent to all the committees and boards requesting that they start their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectman Duarte thought it was a good idea.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting is November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary
(transcribed from Sharon Carrier's notes and tape)