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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 22, 2010

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair 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.

The Board to hold a public hearing in accordance with RSA 40:14 Section 11-b regarding petition warrant articles 39 and 40. Chairman Kelley noted this was similar to the last warrant article public hearing and they are required for to have an open meeting. Chairman Kelley it was decided at the deliberative session to eliminate the months (April and May) in articles 39 and 40. Selectman Lazott motion that the Board move on petition warrant articles 39 and 40 as the voters so decided at the deliberative session. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Duarte, Selectman Robie, and Selectman Lazott were in favor. Selectman Snow abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.

Citizen Jon Gunnerson to discuss cemeteries. Citizen Jon Gunnerson of 115 Critchett Road was present. He noted severe neglect has taken place in the cemeteries and its time the town did something about it. He believed the Selectmen could appoint a representative to have free reign in the cemeteries sites for the purpose of restoration. This is not to supersede or take the place of an elected official. Some sites such as Critchett Rd has as many as one hundred people in it is overgrown with trees and needs attention. Most of the stones have broken and they need attention after 200 years. The Village Cemetery needs attention. Mr. Gunnerson reiterated that he wanted to have free reign for the purpose of restoration at these sites. He asked the Selectmen to approve this request. Chairman Kelley asked if he was talking about the town cemeteries or the private cemeteries. Mr. Gunnerson replied both. There are private cemeteries have been neglected for more than 20 years. The state statute says they need to be taken care of them. Selectman Lazott how many cemeteries do we have. Mr. Gunnerson replied eleven with Palmer Road. Selectman Lazott clarified these are including the five the town already maintains. Mr. Gunnerson explained these six private cemeteries have been neglected. The Lang Cemetery is a perfect example and has never been disturbed. It's the way it's supposed to look. At the Reynolds site all of the walls are down and the head stones are broken. Chairman Kelley asked where this cemetery is located. Mr. Gunnerson replied at the end of Forest Drive. Mr. Gunnerson explained these sites need more than the elected position of Superintendent of Cemeteries. He further explained that he didn't profess to know everything about maintaining the cemeteries (i.e. tree removal). There are people who do know and this is not unique to Candia. There are other cemeteries in the state that are in the same situation. Chairman Kelley would like to look at the cost factors. Mr. Gunnerson replied the cost is not monetary, the cost is time. You have to have a desire to do it. He explained some of the stones need an epoxy and the cost of it is maybe \$5.00. Chairman Kelley replied who will do the work. Mr. Gunnerson explained he would do the work. Selectman Lazott thought this could be a project for the Historical Society where it pertains to Candia's history or maybe the Boy Scouts could get involved. Selectman Lazott stated they should get the Heritage Commission involved. It could

be a community involvement situation. Mr. Gunnerson replied this won't work, because some of the cemeteries are on private property. Selectman Lazott stated he was trying to get the ball rolling to maybe get the community involved. Chairman Kelley asked how much right do we have to go on the private property. Mr. Gunnerson explained it's like the Reynolds site after 20 years the town can lay claim to it (per RSA 289:19). It has to be noticed in the paper and after 60 days the Town has it (RSA 289:20). Selectman Robie asked if he knew that Selectman Snow was acting as Superintendent of Cemeteries. Selectman Snow noted he and Mr. Gunnerson have had some discussion and Mr. Gunnerson brings up some valid points. Selectman Robie thought that it seemed logical to get Selectman Snow involved. Mr. Gunnerson reiterated that he wants the Selectmen to appoint a trustee or a designee so that they can have free reign of the cemetery. Selectman Lazott stated he would like the cemeteries documented, find out where they are, and the approximate size of cemeteries. Selectman Robie asked Selectman Snow if he had all that information. Selectman Snow suggested having Surveyor Jim Franklin find out the dimensions of the public cemeteries. Selectman Laoztt stated he was worried about the six cemeteries that weren't being taken care of; not the public cemeteries. Selectman Snow noted that all of the cemeteries Mr. Gunnerson has mentioned, the Trustees of the Cemeteries are aware of. He further noted that Mr. Gunnerson was on the Heritage Commission when they were gathering the cemetery information. There is a lot of good information. Selectman Snow explained the first step is to identify public cemeteries, then identify the private cemeteries and determine if they are abandoned. If they are abandoned they could and decide if they want to take over responsibility. This would have to be budgeted for next year. Selectman Snow noted there are private cemeteries that are being taken care of. Mr. Gunnerson asked who was taken care of them.. Selectman Snow thought a couple on Critchett Road were. Mr. Gunnerson explained there was only one site on Critchett Road. Selectman Snow stated there is a lot of information in the records that indicate where the eleven cemeteries are. They are all on the list to receive some level of care. Mr. Gunnerson replied that he didn't understand what he was talking about. Selectman Snow explained there are lists of all of the cemeteries. The Heritage Committee looked at the eleven cemeteries. Some are private and some are public. There is a cost associated with picking up the private cemeteries. Mr. Gunnerson noted that no one has every talked about a budget. He asked when there was ever a group of trustees. Selectman Snow explained the Trustees were organized in November. The Trustees meet on a monthly basis. Selectman Snow invited Mr. Gunnerson to attend the meetings. It was clarified that the Selectmen are the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Selectman Snow gave Jon paper work. Mr. Gunnerson stated those sites need attention. Selectman Snow agreed. Mr. Gunnerson stated we are talking about a reality. Selectman Snow replied it's not currently in the budget. Mr. Gunnerson stated you don't need a budget you need a desire. Chairman Kelley stated they needed to talk about this some more as a Board and check if it's legal. They can't be going on people's private property. Chairman Kelley further stated he understood the cemeteries need a lot of work. Mr. Gunnerson reiterated money isn't the issue; you need desire to fix them. Chairman Kelley informed Mr. Gunnerson the Board would look into this and get back to him.

The Board to consider the reappointment of Heritage Commission member Diane Philbrick and alternate member Sarah Giles and the Board accept Heritage Commission member Jim Lindsay's resignation. The Board to consider appointing Heritage Commission alternate Betty Sabean as a full member. Selectman Lazott motion appoint Diane Philbrick as a full member of the Heritage Commission, Sarah Giles as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission, Betty Sabean as a full member of the Heritage

Commission, and accept Jim Lindsay's resignation with regret. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Robie to discuss the Heritage Commission setting up a Semiquincentennial Committee. Ron Thomas presented the Board with handouts. Selectman Robie explained that Ron Thomas and his wife would like to head up a committee to organize the Semiquincentennial (250th) celebration in Candia for the year 2013. They will need to use the Town Hall meeting room to hold these meetings (3rd Thursday of the month). Selectman Lazott motion to allow a Semiquincent Committee run by Ron Thomas and wife and use Town Hall for their meetings once a month. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to consider changing the maintenance contract for the generator from yearly to bi-yearly. Chairman Kelley suggested that they have the generator serviced twice a year. The company that services the generator is J & D Power Equipment out of Deerfield. Selectman Robie noted that it should be serviced twice a year. Selectman Snow asked if there was a contract, because he hasn't seen one. He felt there was a lot of cost associated with maintaining and repairing it. Selectman Robie read the three options (see attached). It was decided to put option 1 and 3 together, which will cost \$800 and the generator will be serviced twice a year. Selectman Robie suggested splitting the payment, so pay half this year and half next year. Selectman Lazott noted they have provided the town with good service. Selectman Robie motioned they use J & D Power Equipment for the next two years at a cost of \$800 and pay \$400 per year. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Robie read from Mike Greene's letter (see attached). Selectman Robie explained to go from here they will have to add equipment. Selectman Snow asked Selectman Robie if he was satisfied with this. Selectman Robie thought that everyone was pretty well satisfied. He noted they added eleven circuits, so most of the equipment is working. It is being used to its fullest capacity.

Catherine Sangillo to discuss 5K fundraiser for the Moore School. Candia PTO Secretary Catherine Sangillo and Race Director Cheryl Alden were present. Mrs. Sangillo presented the Board with a handout of the proposed route. She explained this is a fundraiser for the PTO. She has spoken with Chief McGillen. He spoke to her about volunteers at corners and intersections. Selectman Lazott asked if this was the same route for the 8th grade fundraiser. Mrs. Sangillo explained it is, but in reverse. The date for the road race is May 22nd. She noted Chief McGillen didn't have a problem with it. Selectman Lazott motioned to approve the 5K Moore School PTO fundraiser on May 22nd, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Police Department coverage: Selectman Lazott stated that Donna DelRosso has offered to fill in for Administrative Assistant Karen Merchant for vacations. He noted past help was receiving an hourly rate of \$11.25. Selectman Lazott motioned to authorize Donna DelRosso to fill in for Administrative Assistant Karen Merchant on an as needed basis at a rate of \$11.25 per hour. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on web master service: Selectman Lazott stated that the Board wasn't informed that Catherine was appointed to webmaster. The webmaster has to be appointed by the Board, not by one person. Chairman Kelley added most of the Selectmen didn't know about it. Selectman Lazott explained where there is a stipend involved the person has to be appointed by the full Board. They would normally post something like this. Selectman Lazott stated the Board was circumvented on this matter. Selectman Snow replied don't use the word circumvented. He apologized for not bringing this to the Board. Selectman Snow explained that Catherine had been volunteering, so he suggested moving the stipend of to her from Joe Miele. He didn't think it was a big deal. Selectman Snow stated the Board should have made this policy aware to him. He explained that Catherine has been working on the school website and he thought she would do a good job. Selectman Lazott felt this had to be brought by the Board. Selectman Lazott stated you don't have the authority to just appoint someone. This should have been posted publically. Chairman Kelley explained he didn't know who this person was and if Selectman Snow introduced Catherine back in September he would have been happy with that. Selectman Snow stated he will let the Selectmen know in the future. Chairman Kelley asked the Board what they wanted to do. Selectman Duarte felt they should let Catherine continue to do the job. Selectman Lazott thought there might be other people out there that might step forward with the economy the way it is. Selectman Lazott noted these jobs have always been posted publically. Selectman Snow asked if the job was posted when Joe Miele got the stipend. Chairman Kelley replied yes we posted it. Selectman Lazott stated we are in an awkward position. Chairman Kelley thought Catherine was doing a good job. Selectman Snow reiterated that he apologized and it won't happen again. Selectman Robie stated when an appointment comes up we need to be informed. He thought they should leave things as they are. *Selectman Duarte motioned to appoint Catherine Sangillo as our new web master and will be receiving a quarterly stipend pending Joe Miele's resignation.* Selectman Snow noted that Joe Miele is still working on the website and is not receiving a stipend. Selectman Robie felt Joe Miele should officially resign. Chairman Kelley thought he did resign. Selectman Snow questioned why Joe had to resign if he is still doing it, he's volunteering his time. Selectman Lazott stated he has to resign because he was the appointed as web master by the Board. *Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Agricultural Commission: Selectman Snow asked if the Board would like to put out an announcement in an attempt to form an Agricultural Commission. This is a non-town body that would like to put up an announcement. It would be an equivalent of the Heritage Commission. They would have to come to the town and put it before the voters. Selectman Snow asked if the Board was interested in having a steering committee that's working towards forming an Agricultural Committee. Selectman Duarte thought it was a good idea, but the interested parties should come in so the Board so they can meet them. Selectman Snow noted there are advantages and disadvantages. If they are become appointed by the Board as a steering committee they now have to follow RSA 91-A (i.e. minutes, noticing, use of the meeting room, etc.). Chairman Kelley noted the meeting room is getting booked solid. Selectman Snow asked if the Board was interested. Chairman Kelley noted he wasn't against this. Selectman Snow replied the use of the meeting room wouldn't be a limiting factor. Selectman Snow stated he would like the potential steering committee to present something to the Board. Selectman Lazott would like to hear what the committee's game plan is. Chairman Kelley asked Selectman Snow to report back to the

Board next month.

Easements: The appraisal on the Rand easement has come back. The numbers come back within \$5,000 of what they were originally looking for. They are now reviewing it and the Conservation Commission has not had a chance to yet. Selectman Snow noted has talked with Stubby Gilbert about his piece of land and he hasn't gotten a chance to speak with Carol Sieminski. He gave Charlie Bowman a copy of the presentation and told they would consider anyone who brings up an issue like this. The Sanders subdivision was approved and this brings up the questions of will they still be interested in conservation easement (for the rest of it). The Rands are actively considering the proposal. They have some concerns that came up. Selectman Snow noted the appraisal was \$70,000. Selectman Lazott asked how much land was involved. Selectman Snow replied around 30 acres. Selectman Robie asked if they were meeting with the Conservation Committee. Selectman Snow replied nothing was scheduled yet, they were just considering it. Selectman Robie thought they have been considering it for the long time. There was discussion about the appraisal process. Selectman Snow stated they will be back some time in the spring. Selectman Robie thought that might be a piece of land that the Conservation Committee would be interested in, because it would make a nice greenway. Selectman Lazott had some concerns with spending that tax money. Selectman Snow explained he was willing to talk with people on the behalf of the Conservation Committee. Selectman Robie stated he was in favor buying high and dry land rather than wetlands.

Open Space Update Committee: Selectman Snow explained the Open Space Update Committee needed an ex-officio member. Selectman Snow explained he was approached by Scott Komisarek to be on it. He is going to the meeting on February 24th. There will be talking about setting aside some money to purchase open space. He felt it would be a significant value to have a Selectmen acting as an official member of it. Selectman Robie replied they don't need to be putting aside money to buy open space. They did that through the Conservation Commission. People just voted on it and they want the money to go into the budget. If they could sell the land at Exit 3 they could be get money coming in through taxes. This helps offset the cost considerably. The Conservation Commission has done a good job and has some funds. Selectman Snow stated the master plan has something in it saying they should set aside money for certain purposes. Selectman Lazott replied it's only a suggested guideline. Selectman Snow stated your go to manage to accomplish it just the way you're doing it until someone takes you to court.

Town Reports: The Town Reports will be delivered on Friday and delivered over the weekend.

Thibeault Sand & Gravel: Selectman Snow explained the Raymond Planning Board denied their application. Selectman Robie thought they were getting a conditional approval. Selectman Lazott noted it was in the hands of the lawyers at this point.

Selectman Duarte mentioned the Recycling Center brought in \$43,000. He would like to see a monthly report and put a comparative report with it. They can get some more revenue out of this. This type of report will help us.

Selectman Lazott explained the two set of numbers in the monthly Building report are new

permits and renewals.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes and non public minutes of 02/08/10. Selectman Lazott motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of 2/8/2010 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Lazott motioned to approve the non public meeting minutes of 2/8/2010 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Robie. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Lazott, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte were in favor and Selectman Snow abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion on the minutes: There was some discussion about the encumbrance of the fence and bark mulch money. He felt the Board wouldn't have agreed to encumber the money. Selectman Robie replied that Selectman Snow was told to wait until the end of the year to see if there was money left in December. Selectman Snow noted he never asked to encumber the fence money, because it never occurred to him to do it. Also, Selectman Robie came to the meeting with a number. Selectman Snow stated everything that he brought up at the meeting was shoved down his throat and that's just a perception. Selectman Snow further stated he can't effectively present things. Selectman Robie replied the fence and the mulch wouldn't have been shot down. Selectman Robie stated they have to work together on the simpler things; it will make the bigger things easier. He further stated you have to keep it simple, you need help us do that. Selectman Snow stated when he talked to the Selectmen in September, he got cut off at the knees. We had the money. Selectman Robie replied when we focus on the little things we get more done. Selectman Snow stated they have to work as a Board and he will see what he can do.

Selectman Lazott stated we have to function as a Board not as individuals. Chairman Kelley explained we don't know how the vote is going to go. Selectman Robie noted when we get thru the election we need to unite. Selectman Lazott thought maybe a simple format. These things might only require a individual Selectmen's decision; any major decision will need to be brought to the Board. Chairman Kelley thought 2009 was a tough year. We all have committee's and department's we need to deal with. There was further discussion about new Selectmen coming on the Board.

Selectman Duarte motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Lazott. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary