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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Monday August 9, 2010

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Joe Duarte, Selectman Amanda Soares, 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.

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

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He explained that most of August was Patten Hill Road reconstruction. They paved it today and will hopefully be done tomorrow. He did some tree removal on Old Manchester Road and brush cutting around the salt shed. Selectman Robie asked if he came in on budget with Patten Hill Road. Road Agent Lewis replied hopefully they'll have enough money left over to put up a new guard rail. Chairman Kelley asked if he will go a little further on Patten Hill next year. Road Agent Lewis replied that he will keep going until he's finished.

Police: Chief McGillen noted that criminal activity was on the increase. There have been thefts occurring in certain areas of the town specifically Chester Turnpike and Currier Road. He explained they are looking for houses that are unlocked. There have been thefts of laptops and cameras. They do have a suspect in one of the incidences. A resident on Adams Road called in a vehicle a week ago. Chief McGillen stopped the car and the guy had his family with him. The vehicle matches an incident that occurred on Currier Road. He explained that his wife is going up residents doors and handing out flyers to refinish desks and do siding. Chief McGillen had another resident call on Island Road. Officer Mahoney found the vehicle down at the Mobile Station and the girl fled into the woods. She was wanted by the Merrimack Sheriffs on a couple of warrants. Officer Langlois found the guy in the port-a-potty. He gave a false name and was wanted on two warrants. The female was charged with felony possession of heroine. He noted that the drugs go hand in hand with the thievery. He noted that he has received positive feedback by putting information up on the website and felt it was a good way to get stuff out there.

The Board to consider the appointment of Harry Magee as Animal Control Officer. Chief McGillen introduced Mr. Harry Magee of Tower Hill Road. He recently applied for the Animal Control Officer position. Chief McGillen noted the he is still finishing the background check for Mr. Magee. He would like to do a conditional hire pending a successful background check. He is looking to keep the same stipend he had with the prior ACO. The pay would start at \$12.50

with a guaranteed minimum of eight hours. There would be a 90 day probationary period. Mr. Magee would like to go to the animal control school at UNH. Chief McGillen felt this would be a good thing. Chairman Kelley asked the Board if they had any questions. Selectman Duarte felt the fact that Mr. Magee lives in town was a bonus. Chief McGillen noted that response was a big issue. They had applicants that didn't realize what the job entailed. He had a problem with finding a person, most people want more hours. Mr. Magee is retired and lives in the area. Chairman Kelley noted he will need all of his shots for the position. Mr. Magee replied that he was working on that. He noted the reason he was taking the job was because he likes animals and the position seems interesting. Selectman Soares motioned to hire Harry Magee as the Animal Control Officer at \$12.50 per hour and a guaranteed minimum of 8 hours per week pending successful background check. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Fire: Selectman Robie read from reports.

Building: Selectman Soares noted that Building Inspector Ciardi has been busy. She read from the attached report. BI Ciardi has dealt with some intent to cut complaints and calls on junkyards. Selectman Soares mentioned the Fire Department has enjoyed their interaction with him and find to him to be very nice and helpful. Selectman Robie added BI Ciardi is pleasant and knowledgable. Chairman Kelley noted he's heard nothing but praise from the citizens. Selectman Soares felt he was doing a good job and is getting up to speed.

Solid Waste: Selectman Duarte read from the attached report. He mentioned the staff continues to do a good job at the Recycling Center. Selectman Soares asked Selectman Snow if he could put the Household Hazardous Waste Day information on the website. This year it will be held on September 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Selectman Soares thought that flyers should be handed out to residents at the Recycling Center. Selectman Duarte mentioned the baler will be worked on next Monday. Road Agent Lewis mentioned he will be moving the blocks on Wednesday. Chairman Kelley asked Selectman Duarte why the on-call employee at the Recycling Center is still working every Sunday. Selectman Duarte replied he's there when Facility Operator Whitcher needs him. Selectman Duarte thought he wasn't working every Sunday. Chairman Kelley replied he's working every Sunday and provided Selectman Duarte with copies of his time cards. Selectman Duarte felt they were paying this employee \$70.00 per week. He sees stuff coming through the office at \$30,000 per week. If they are going to scrutinize this department, they should scrutinize all of the departments. Selectman Duarte felt this was Facility Operator Whitcher's call. Selectman Snow felt this didn't make sense. It's on a Sunday which is a busy day and their within their budget for wages. If Facility Operator Whitcher says he needs the on-call person why not let him work? Selectman Robie clarified the reason the on-call person was hired is so he could cover vacation and sick time. He is only supposed to be covering vacation time and sick days. The on-call person trained every Sunday

for 90 days. Once the 90 days were up he would go to an on-call status. There shouldn't be four people working on a Sunday. Selectman Snow replied that Facility Operator Whitcher has decided that he needs him. Selectman Duarte stated that he trusts Facility Operator Whitcher's judgment. Selectman Robie replied that wasn't the intent. The intent of hiring an on-call person was that they always have three people working. Selectman Snow noted that the on-call person is doing a good job, he's well trained, and it's a service that needs to be provided. He thought he should be allowed to continue working on Sundays. Selectman Duarte reiterated that he trusts Facility Operator Whitcher's judgment and if he felt he needed an extra person on Sundays then he should have the on-call person work. Selectman Duarte stated that it's not fair for the part timer to sit around the phone on Sundays and wait for the call. Selectman Robie thought the Board should stick to what they said they would do. Selectman Duarte replied that they were. Selectman Robie stated they were not, because the motion said they would have the on-call person work Sunday's for a 90 day period and then go to an on-call basis. Selectman Duarte questioned if they should change the motion. Selectman Soares asked if the on-call basis was clearly defined in the motion. Selectman Snow noted the important point is that we hired this person who was qualified and works on-call if we needed him. We found out that he adds value to the process on Sundays. Selectman Snow didn't have a problem with the on-call person working on Sundays. Selectman Duarte mentioned that the on-call employee is a level four which is the same qualifications as Facility Operator Whitcher. He follows direction and he has worked out well. Selectman Soares noted that its busy on Sundays, but she understands both sides of it and a decision was made back in December. Selectman Robie felt the citizens should be thankful the Recycling Center is open on Sundays, because a lot of other towns are not. Selectman Robie felt they were over staffed on Sundays. Selectman Duarte didn't think so. Chairman Kelley asked why the on-call person is there every Sunday. Selectman Duarte replied because Facility Operator Whitcher feels he needs him. Selectman Robie reiterated the intent was he was to be trained and on an on-call from there on. Selectman Duarte felt the department heads are very trustworthy and he would go with what the department head says because they would know what's going on in their department. Selectman Robie stated it should be his call to do what the Board agreed to do. He thought Facility Operator Whitcher should have told the Board he needed the on-call person every Sunday and then they could have discussed it. Selectman Snow noted that Selectman Duarte is bringing it to the Board this evening and Facility Operator Whitcher thinks he needs the on-call person on Sundays. Selectman Robie thought if two men were baling on Sunday and two were helping the townspeople he could see having four employees on Sunday. Selectman Soares agreed but you can't see everyone working all of the time. Selectman Soares noted she gets positive feedback from residents and they feel they get the extra help from the employees. She further noted that Sunday seems to be the worst day. Selectman Snow suggested they leave this up to Facility Operator Whither. Selectman Soares thought the Board could discuss this with Facility Operator Whitcher and come to a reasonable decision.

Parks/Rec: Selectman Snow read from the attached report. He mentioned that Old Home Day is coming up this month. He's working on getting the water tested at the park. He noted the older kids have been jumping over the fence, so he put some yellow pipe on the fence to protect them. He was going to buy parking barriers for the skateboard park, but he is going to use telephone poles instead. He knows a guy in Epson that sells them \$35.00 a piece. He is working on getting more concrete ramps and is working with the Leavitt's on this. He is looking at seal coating and has a price he thought was reasonable. This probably won't get done for a while.

Resident Chantel McCabe to ask Boards permission to hold 5K road race for a fundraiser.

Chantel McCabe was present. She explained that she competes for Miss. New Hampshire and part of competing for Miss. New Hampshire is a complete scholarship. She has earned over \$25,000 in scholarships. She felt it was important to give back to the program and was asked to do the fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. The Children's Miracle Network invests in research for terminal illnesses and they put on events for sick children. They buy hospital space for families to stay at when they have sick children being taken care of. They ask each contestant that competes for Miss. New Hampshire to raise \$250.00. They were hoping to raise that money for all the girls that are competing, so they didn't have to worry about it (because of school, work, and other stuff). They would like to put on a 5K to do this. She noted that her father has done road races in Candia in the past. It would be easiest to use the town of Candia for the road race. Chairman Kelley asked if she talked with the Police Chief about this. Chantel noted that they have talked with him and other people at the Police Department. She noted they are trying to find the best route, so it doesn't interfere with traffic and go through intersections. It's only 3.1 miles. Mr. McCabe explained that they are trying to figure out the best route, because Candia has a lot of hills. They are looking at flatter areas in town. They thought of starting down by that pond near the Getty Station and then the trail by Patten Hill Road and end at the church. They are trying to avoid going through any intersections and ending it on a big hill. They are in the process of working out the details. Chief McGillen noted that he is trying to work with these organizations and use some volunteer flaggers when they can. Selectman Snow thought they needed a state permit to do this. Chief McGillen noted if they are on a state road. Ms. McCabe has turned in a permit to the department. Mr. McCabe noted that years ago he had to get a state permit even though they were using a small portion of the state road. Chairman Kelley didn't have a problem with this request. Selectman Duarte commended Chantal not only is this a great effort but it's a great cause.

Rand easement status update. Selectman Snow explained the Conservation Commission looked for someone to hold the easement. Southeast Land Trust Conservation Commission has decided that they would hold the easement. The Conservation Commission took the easement to them and they are revising the easement language. We were supposed to close on the 24th of August, but they will be closing on September 17th. He noted that Atty. Mayer is working with another attorney to get the closing done.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 7/26/10. Selectman Snow clarified that the money that is going to Jim Franklin is \$800 and the \$800 was supposed to be for contract services. The total amount will be \$1,600. Selectman Robie wanted to make clear that the budget that was voted on is the budget they have. Selectman Snow noted that he had the expenditure sheet from 12/30/09 and he never voted on changing the \$800 to \$400. Selectman Robie explained that he brought this to the Board back in December and he wasn't going to argue about it. Selectman Snow moved to accept the public meeting minutes of July 26, 2010 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll and accounts payable manifest. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000584-05, checks to be dated 8/5/2010, with a total gross payroll amount of \$14,950.44. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 080110, checks to be dated 8/5/2010, with a total amount of \$410,072.84. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000585-02, checks to be dated 8/12/2010, with a total amount of \$15,418.34. Seconded by Selectman Soares. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 080210, checks to be dated 8/12/2010 with a total amount of \$45,125.22. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Testing at the old recycling center. Selectman Soares informed the Board that she got the report back from the Scott Lawson Group and it will be in the sign folder. All of the levels were under the state's requirements for hazardous waste which is good. There is no asbestos material in the incinerator. They will have to do something with the incinerator, but they won't have to worry about hazardous material. She explained DES will look at their plan for the closure and okay it. Then they will proceed with the clean up. Selectman Soares noted she would be meeting with someone from DES next week to go over the plan. Chairman Kelley clarified they will tell us what we need to do to close the old recycling center. Selectman Soares noted once the plan is approved she will notify Clay Caddy to take the chimney down for us. She mentioned that Jerry Becker has been mowing, so she can pick up the remaining garbage. Selectman Soares mentioned she would like to see what's in the two drums (behind the old swap shop). She thought she could bring them to Household Hazardous Waste day and have them tested. Selectman Robie mentioned if its oil someone come and take it.

Dragon Mosquito Report. Selectman Soares noted there were some residents who were not happy with Dragon Mosquito on their property. She talked with these residents and explained the process. They seemed to be understanding. She gave Dragon Mosquito copies of the tax maps, so they could see the possible high breeding areas. They haven't gotten anything positive back. They will check with residents before they test certain areas. Selectman Snow asked if there was an alert out from the state. Selectman Soares would check with Building Inspector

Ciardi. Selectman Soares noted this season has been declared a high state of risk, but there wasn't specific instance. Selectman Robie noted its coming to that time of year. Selectman Soares noted they have more medium and low breeding areas than high.

Horse case. Chief McGillen mentioned the woman involved in the horse case is employed and paid more money to the town this month. Selectman Soares asked if we could increase her payments. Chief McGillen explained the judge has made a decision. Selectman Snow thought if her earnings changed, the Board needs to know so the court order can be changed. Chief McGillen noted the prosecutor is in charge of that. Selectman Snow noted the court order that he saw was if her income were to change she was supposed to let us know and things would be adjusted accordingly. He didn't believe it had to go through the judge again. Chief McGillen believed it did have to go through the judge. Chairman Kelley felt at least she's making the effort to pay.

Deerfield Fair. Chief McGillen mentioned to town is still owed the money (for the details). The Deerfield Fair Association formed a committee and he met with them on May 10th. He heard the Committee was going to recommend the Deerfield Fair Association pay Candia the outstanding bill. He hasn't received any official word. Selectman Snow asked when they are going to get the request for this year. Chief McGillen replied probably soon.

Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date. The next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting will be August 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Kelley motioned to adjourn at 8:00. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary