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Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 11, 2011

Attendance: Chairman Fred Kelley, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Joe Duarte, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman Richard Snow, Selectmen's Assistant Cheryl Eastman, 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.

Police: Chief McGillen noted they had 6 felonies last month and several thefts. There has been some bad checks and credit fraud going on. Sergeant Gallagher is due to tentatively come back next week for light duty.

Fire Department: Selectman Robie read from the attached report. The ambulance contract was finalized with Rockingham Regional Ambulance from April 1st, 2011 to April 1st, 2012. Selectman Snow asked if it was a new group for EMS training or a replacement of the previous one. Fire Chief Young explained it's a replacement there will be a new gentleman that is going to be the EMS Trainer. They thought it would be good to have a fresh instructor in there and he just does the EMS training.

Building: Selectman Soares explained Building Inspector Ciardi continues to keep busy. She read from the attached report. She mentioned that Administrative Assistant Sharon Robichaud did a good job with the attached report. It shows all of the building activity by quarters from 2007 thru 2010. They are definitely on a slow increase from 2007. Selectman Duarte asked her to tell Building Inspector Ciardi that he is doing a good job and the Board is appreciative.

Solid Waste: Selectman Duarte told the Board he would have a report for next meeting. Facility Operator Whitcher didn't have his numbers for the month yet.

Parks/Rec: Selectman Snow read from the attached report. He mentioned the Levitt's have some additional donations for the skateboard park and they expect to have something by the beginning of the year. The ski program is running well. The Candia Community Woman's Club is doing a good job getting people to use the pond. Selectman Robie questioned a comment in the Parks/Rec report regarding the CVFD. It stated they wouldn't be able to help flood the surface of the pond with a thin layer of water. Selectman Robie said that he mentioned this to

Fire Chief Young Chief and he would make an attempt to help. Fire Chief Young replied they would do their best; they aren't experts at making ice. Selectman Snow replied that he intended to say they would not be able to help, because the department had too heavy of a workload to handle the project. If they could help that would be fine.

The Board to have preliminary discussions on the proposed warrant articles.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Two Million Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$2,322,588)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Two Million Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Three Dollars (\$2,364,453), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Candia or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *Selectman Robie motioned to put Article 3 on as written. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$6,807) in support of the Rockingham County Community Action. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 4 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,250) in continuation of its support of the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County. *Selectmen's Assistant Eastman noted this was \$1,000 last year. Chief McGillen mentioned the department uses their services. They are mandated by the County Attorney's Office if there is any child abuse or sexual assault the children need to be interviewed by a forensic interviewer through this organization. So they use them quite often. He noted that some towns haven't been paying their fair share, so they came up with a formula and came up with this number. Chief McGillen asked the Board to support the amount, because this organization does a lot for the children. Welfare Director DelRosso said she also uses their services. Selectman Robie questioned if we are paying more because other towns aren't paying their fair share. Selectman Snow thought they came up with this formula, so it's being applied to every town that uses this service. Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 5 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) in continuation of its support of the American Red Cross. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 6 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) in continuation of its support of the Aids Response Seacoast. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 6 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion Carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$325) in continuation of its support of the YWCA Crisis Service. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 8 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in continuation of its support of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 9 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$669) in continuation of its support of the Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 10 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) in continuation of its support of the Visiting Nurse Association. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 11 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectmen Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0). Selectman Snow strongly supported this article. This Organization has done some marvelous work for his family.*

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400) in continuation of its support of the Area HomeCare and Family Services. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 12 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) in support of Seacoast Hospice. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 13 on*

the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225) in continuation of its support of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 14 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in continuation of its support of the Child and Family Services. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 15 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the existing Town Office Building Maintenance Trust Fund. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 16 on the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. Selectman Robie asked how much we spent out of this fund. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied nothing was spent out of it this year. Selectman Robie felt they could put \$10,000 in the fund this year, but next year maybe they could cut it back to \$5,000. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve fund for the Future Revaluation of the municipality. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 17 on the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0). Selectman Robie explained this is for the reval the town does every five years.*

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the fourth phase of reconstruction on Patten Hill Road. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 18 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0). Selectman Snow thought this would complete the project for Patten Hill. Road Agent Lewis replied there will be one more year. There will be a fifth phase that will go from Main Street to the intersection of Lane Road/Depot Road.*

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$125,955) for the operating expenses of the Smyth Public Library. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 19 on the warrant.*

Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for excess winter road maintenance, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be a non-transferable appropriation. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 20 on the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to cover the reimbursable costs associated with Police activities, including but not limited to Police Special Details and grant programs. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 21 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the costs to update the Candia Local Emergency Operations Plan. A grant has been applied for to cover Fifty Percent (50%) of the total cost for this update. Requested by the Candia Office of Emergency Management. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 22 on the warrant. Emergency Management Director Bob Panit explained this is one of the two plans they need to update on a five year basis. The first is the Local Operations Plan which is currently waiting FEMA approval. The other is the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. He explained both of these are required to keep us in good graces when we apply for grants. More often than not we meet the requirement of 50% by the people who are involved in creating the plan. This is to show on paper that we have the money in the event we don't quite meet that. We probably won't have to spend the \$5,000. Seconded by Selectman Snow. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be deposited in the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, established under RSA 35:1 at the March 1991 Town Meeting, for the future purchase of fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (By request of the Fire Chief.) *Selectman Robie motioned to put Article 23 on the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. Selectman Snow asked if the Fire Department put in a capital reserve request. Selectman Robie replied the Fire Department did not ask for the Capital Reserve last year. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to allow the Town to sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Day for Candia residents. The event is to be scheduled for the fall, and is to allow residents the

opportunity to properly and safely dispose of household hazardous waste materials that the Recycling Center does not normally accept. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 24 on the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. Citizen Lorraine Briand asked if the \$15,000 was just for one day. Chairman Kelley replied they could split it up into two days, but they are limited with set up fees and how much they can collect in a day. He explained last year they spent \$8,000, so they had \$6,800 left. Citizen Lorraine Briand asked if the residents come at the end of the day and you have reached the \$15,000 would they be turned away. Selectman Soares explained they would have to. She further explained that each hazardous material has a different value to it based on the level of hazard. The company that is there evaluates and there is a sheet of what they get. There is a certain amount that can go into a 55 gallon drum. They are also limited to the amount of hazardous waste they load on the truck, there is set regulations for hazardous material travel. Citizen Stephen Bradley added they are also limited to a capacity level as well. Citizen Lorraine Briand asked if we appropriate more would they take more. Selectman Robie replied not in one day. Selectman Soares explained if they appropriate \$20,000 they would definitely need to have two days. Selectman Robie noted the unspent funds get returned to the fund balance. Selectman Soares explained when they were done at 1:00 last year, they didn't have that many residents come in that's why the numbers were so low. Chairman Kelley called for a vote. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the Fitts Museum. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 25 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) and to place said funds in the expendable general fund trust fund known as the Playground Maintenance Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a at the March, 1998 Town Meeting. *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 26 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Robie. Selectman Snow would like to see the amount increased to \$1,000. Last the year the \$500 covered the surface stuff that went into the park, but it never covered the cost of maintenance and the equipment. We will be spending almost all of the money that is available in the fund next year. This will bring the level of the surface area up to where it's supposed to be. Selectman Robie asked if there is any money in the fund prior to last year. He thought the surface project was a three year plan. There should be some money from the year prior. Selectman Snow replied there should be \$1,500 to \$2,000 available for the surface. It's about \$1,500 for a normal load and he needs at least two. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman noted there is about \$2,200 in the fund. Selectman Snow mentioned that he took out \$400 for the repair of the equipment, which would leave him with \$1,800. Selectman Robie asked about the supplies and repairs line. Selectman Snow replied that budget is over and above any of the equipment that is in the playground. When the playground fund was created there was an understanding it would be maintained over time. The maintenance up until now has been replacing the surface.*

They are starting to have equipment go bad and there are things that need to be painted. Selectman Robie noted that when he over saw Moore Park he was able to do it with in the budget. Selectman Robie motioned to amend Article 26 to increase the appropriated amount to \$1,000 for the surface of the playground. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to establish an agricultural commission in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, promotion, enhancement, encouragement, use, management, and protection of agriculture and agricultural resources, tangible or intangible, that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts. The word "agriculture" shall include the entirety of RSA 21:34-a, which is the definition of farm, agriculture, and farming.

The commission shall consist of seven (7) members and five (5) alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of the agricultural commission. The initial members of the commission shall be appointed by the moderator, in accordance with RSA 673:5;II, within sixty (60) days of the vote establishing the commission. (By request of the Agricultural Commission Steering Committee.) *Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 27 on the warrant. Chairman Kelley questioned why they need 12 people. Selectman Snow replied the reason for the 5 alternates is because it's the maximum. The 5 doesn't have to be 5 it could be 1 or it could be more. He felt it would be prudent to put the maximum of what the statute allowed. It's consistent with the concept the Conservation Commission uses. Selectman Soares noted the Planning Board has seven members and they can have up to five alternate members. Selectman Duarte seconded the motion. Fire Chief Young asked what kind of power will this commission have with the zoning and can the commission stop development. Selectman Snow replied this commission doesn't have regulatory authority. He explained the way they are set up in the statute is like the Heritage Commission. They have no regulatory authority. They feed into the planning process knowing what is consistent with what agriculture needs to survive and thrive in Candia. They can recommend to the Planning Board for a specific site plan that had something to do with agriculture. He reiterated they have no regulatory authority. Fire Chief Young replied they can recommend and he didn't like it. Selectman Snow felt this was something that could be discussed at the Deliberative Session. Fire Chief Young thought it's another layer of government telling people what they can do with their land. Selectman Snow replied the idea is not to increase the level of regulations, but to ensure the regulations that do exist or proposed are consistent with maintaining agriculture in the town of Candia. Agriculture in Candia is largely horse owners, but it does include such things as forestry. Chairman Kelley called for a vote. Selectman Robie and Chairman Kelley were not in favor. Selectman Soares, Selectman Snow, and Selectman Duarte were in favor. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 2. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2)*

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Candia Fire Department from the "Town of Candia Fire-Rescue Department" to the "Candia Volunteer Fire Department." (By request of the Fire Chief) *Selectman Robie motioned to put Article 28 on the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:39-a & b, to modify the qualifications of an elderly exemption from the assessed value to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$35,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$55,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$70,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than _____; and own net assets not in excess of _____; excluding the value of the person's residence. (By request of the Board of Selectmen.) *Selectmen's Assistant Eastman explained right now the current guidelines for a single person is \$25,000, a married couple \$50,000, and net assets cannot exceed \$300,000. There was talk earlier in the year about increasing the income values. Selectman Snow asked if the presented numbers are consistent with what we had before. Selectmen's Assistant Eastman replied they are the same as before, the only thing they are talking about now is changing the criteria for qualifying. Selectman Snow suggested changing a single person's net income to \$50,000, then there would be no reason to change the \$300,000 (net assets). Selectman Duarte felt this would not be a good time to increase these amounts. Selectman Snow explained the two numbers should be the same, because when the spouse passes away they still have the same exemption and the taxes don't go up. Selectman Robie thought Selectman Snow suggestion was reasonable. Selectman Snow clarified when the Board speaks to this at the town meeting the only number that really changed is the \$50,000 for a single person. Selectman Robie motioned to increase a single person's net income for an elderly exemption to \$50,000. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)*

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:37- b, to modify the qualifications of a disabled exemption from the assessed value shall be \$35,000. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or it owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income from all sources of not more than _____ or if married a combine net income from all sources not more than _____ in the calendar year preceding April 1; and own net assets not in excess of _____ excluding the value of the person's residence. (By request of the Board of Selectmen). *Selectmen's Assistant Eastman explained this is basically the same thing, but for the disabled exemption. Selectman Soares motioned to change a singles and married person's net income to \$50,000 with net assets not to exceed*

\$300,000. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0)

ARTICLE 31. Are people in favor of spending up to but not to exceed \$18,000 from the balance currently available in the Conservation Fund, on a Prime Wetland Study? If this article is approved, we expect the resulting Prime Wetland proposal would go on the March 2012 ballot for public approval. (By the request of the Conservation Commission) *Selectman Snow explained the Conservation Commission was struggling with trying to come up with something that would allow them to get definitive input from the town meeting as to spending money out of the conservation fund. It would be used for a Prime Wetlands Study. They don't require the authority to do it by law. They want to get the opinion, because the monies that were put in by the legislative body were to buy land and easements. Selectman Soares motioned to put Article 31 on the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to grant the Candia Garden Club the use of the New Boston Road Swap Shop for the purpose of a work center and storage facility. The Candia Garden Club will provide maintenance of the building and grounds immediately around the building. Rather than using taxpayer money to tear the building down. With winter upon us, the Candia Garden Club would begin work the Spring of 2011. (Submitted by petition) (Pending signature verifications) *Selectman Robie motioned that they do not recommend Petition Warrant Article 32. Selectman Snow stated he would motion to move the article to the warrant, but he didn't want to make a recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Soares. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, Selectman Soares were in favor of the motion and Selectman Snow was not. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700) for the Candia Youth Athletic Association for the specific operating expenses of mowing, aeration, fertilization, and snow plowing. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. (Submitted by petition.) (pending signature verifications) *Selectman Snow motioned to move Article 33 to the warrant. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned that the Selectmen recommend this article. Motion died for a lack of a second. Selectman Robie motioned that the Selectmen do not recommend Article 33. Seconded by Selectman Soares. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1)*

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, a Public Safety Special Detail Revolving Fund for the purpose of providing public safety services by municipal employees or volunteers outside of the ordinary detail of such persons, including but

not limited to public safety services in connection with special events, highway construction, and other construction projects. All revenues received from Police Special Details shall be deposited into the fund. Appropriations, donations, gifts, bequests and grants specifically designated for the fund or consistent with the purpose of the fund may also be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered a part of the town's general surplus. Any money in the fund shall be available to be used for expenditures for the purpose for which the fund was established, including, but not limited to, administration, capital or expendable equipment purchase and repair, fees, labor, materials, overhead, transportation and training. *Selectman Snow explained the reason he brought these warrant articles in was because he wanted the Board to reconsider them. He didn't bring them in as petitions, because he didn't want an additional cost on the elections. He would like the Board to seriously consider this warrant article, because it would reduce the appropriations by the amount of \$55,000. The revenue this year was \$20,000 less than what they put in the police special detail. He made changes to this specific warrant article, because he expanded beyond police special details. The Fire Department may be able to use it as well. It makes sense to have the money that comes in roll over in a fund and use it to buy equipment and pay the people. Chief McGillen asked how this money would be regulated. For example, would he have to write a proposal to the Board to buy a police cruiser? Selectman Snow explained any expenditure out of this fund would go to the Selectmen because they have the authority to use it. Selectman Robie motioned to not include Article 34 on the warrant. They can use the operating budget to cover the details. It may not be a perfect system, but they don't need another checkbook that has to be balanced. Selectman Snow thought the Town should have the opportunity to vote on it. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman ~~Soares~~ Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.*

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 40:14, XI, to change the date for elections and the second session from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in March, inclusive? *Selectman Robie motioned to not include Article 35 on the warrant. Selectman Snow noted this is one put in by petition last year. He felt they are working things way too early. They are trying to put the warrant together in the middle of January and they don't have all the numbers from last year. He thought it made sense to do it in April. Chairman Kelley mentioned that not many towns do it April. Selectman Snow thought they should be forward thinking. Selectman Robie liked getting it done in March so the community doesn't have to run without an operating budget any longer than it needs to. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman ~~Soares~~ Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.*

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, a Recycling Revolving Fund for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging recycling efforts at the Candia Recycling Center. All revenues received from the sale of recycled commodities, goods and other material shall be deposited into the fund. Appropriations, bequests, donations, gifts and grants specifically designated for the fund or for the purpose for which the fund was established shall also be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered a part of the town's general surplus. Any money in the fund shall be available to be used for expenditures for the purpose for which the fund was established, including, but not limited to, administration, education, equipment purchase and repair, fees, labor, materials, overhead, transportation and training. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Candia Solid Waste Committee. *Selectman Robie motioned to strike Article 36 from the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. Selectman Snow stated the people in Candia voted for a recycling center. We should be doing everything we can to increase recycling. This increases the amount of money they get and reduces the cost to throw the stuff away. Selectman Robie replied we are already recycling and the money we accumulate goes into the general fund. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman Soares Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.*

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to establish, in accordance with RSA 31:95-h, a Cable Access Enhancement Revolving Fund for the purpose of enhanced cable access to public information for public, educational, or governmental use. All franchise fees received from local cable providers shall be deposited into the fund. Appropriations and grants specifically designated for the fund or consistent with the purpose of the fund may also be deposited into the fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered a part of the town's general surplus. Any money in the fund shall be available to be used for expenditures for the purpose for which the fund was established, including, but not limited to, administration, capital or expendable equipment purchase and repair, fees, labor, materials, overhead, stipends, transportation and training. *Selectman Robie motioned to strike Article 37 from the warrant. Selectman Snow felt this is one that they should really be concerned about. We pay a franchise fee to Comcast and we don't provide a service for the fee that is being paid. The money that is coming in should be used to enhance communications. It would reduce the appropriations. He can't see paying \$3.00 to the Town of Candia, it should be used for something. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. Chairman Kelley, Selectman Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.*

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to reinstate, in accordance with RSA 289:6, III, a five-member Board of Cemetery Trustees. If this article passes, a new board of cemetery trustees will be elected at the town meeting next following this vote. *Selectman Robie motioned to strike Article 38 from the warrant. Seconded by Selectman Soares. Chairman Kelley, Selectman*

Robie, Selectman Duarte, and Selectman Soares were in favor and Selectman Snow was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1.

The Board to accept donations on behalf of the Town in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III.

Selectman Robie reviewed the attached donations breakdown and reported the following donations that were received on behalf of the Candia Food Pantry and the Health and Welfare Department: Ellsworth Williams \$10.00, Candia Garden Club \$105.00, Command (Officers at Brentwood Jail) \$250.00, NH Masonic Charitable Foundation (Rockingham Lodge #76) \$1,000.00, Scott & Tami Baker \$30.00, Edna Brown \$20.00, Dawn Clancy & Elizabeth Kruse (In honor of Evelyn Schroeder) \$50.00, Thomas, Alice, & Crystal Seward \$75.00, Fletcher B. Perkins Trust \$500.00, Richard & Katherine Caron \$200.00, Mary & Harold Stimans \$50.00, Arlene Richter \$25.00, Candia Congregational Church \$286.00, Candia Woods Golf Links \$140.00, Stephen & Mary Higgins \$200.00, Dick Duhaime \$100.00, Mark & Holly Hamel \$600.00, Steven & Sandra Schubert \$200.00, Kevin Hamel \$50.00, Candia Volunteers Firefighters Association \$1,000.00, and St. Peter's Women's Guild \$200.00. Total Donation amount was \$5,091.00. Chairman Kelley motioned to accept the donations as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie thanked the people who donated.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes and non public meeting minutes of 12/27/10. Selectman Soares moved to approve and seal the non public meeting of December 27th 2010 . Garden Club member Judy Siemonsma noted there was incorrect information in the December 27th minutes. There were several comments made about the Candia Garden Club that need to be corrected. She felt that some of the comments in the December 27th minutes were saying that the Garden Club was demanding to use the Old Swap Shop and trying to tell the Board what to do. This is not true. We are not trying to tell the Board what to do with the town building. She mentioned back in 2007 she came to Chairman Kelley to see the basement in the old library. He gave the Garden Club permission to use it. Mrs. Siemonsma stated that they appreciated the fact the Board let the Garden Club use the space. They donated \$100 to a fund to restore the old library. At one point they were storing stuff in the basement of the Town Hall and they were asked to move it. They were given a small space (3 x 5) at old library and it's full. This is the reason they asked if they could use the old swap shop. She noted they always have tried to do the right thing by writing letters and approaching the right people. She didn't like that it was said that they are demanding and telling the Board what to do. It doesn't make the Garden Club look very nice. She would like this to be corrected (referring to page 4 & 5 of the December 27th Selectmen's minutes). Selectmen's Assistant Eastman clarified the minutes are a record of what was said at the meeting, so we can't change minutes. If you listen to the minutes this is what was said at the meeting. If it is not factual what you said here tonight will be in the minutes of this evening, but we can't go back and change minutes. Mrs. Siemonsma understood but was questioning some of the things that were said. She reiterated we never demanded the use

of the old swap shop and we never told the Board what to do. If we're not allowed to use it then we'll find another way of working around it. She asked the Board if they can't use the old swap shop can they have some more space at the old library. Chairman Kelley thought they were using the whole bottom floor at the old library. Mrs. Siemonsma replied they only used it for the plant sale. She noted they are up to 28 members and the small amount of space they have won't work. SWC Chairman Al Couch mentioned in the same paragraph (page 4 of the December 27th Selectmen's minutes) "the SWC Chairman had a whole year to work on the closure, but did absolutely nothing." SWC Chairman Al Couch took exception to this and he researched requirements and spoke to DES. He researched and printed out all of the appropriate RSA's. He started written closure plan and he set up an action plan. He met with Selectman Soares on two occasions and handed over recommendations on the closure. He just wanted to clarify, because he put in quite a number of hours in the closure plan. He wasn't physically on the site, but he did a lot of work behind the scenes to start the actual closure. Citizen Stephen Bradley noted the EPA article refers to all landfills not specifically the Candia landfill. Selectman Duarte replied Candia falls into that spectrum because it used to be a landfill. Citizen Stephen Bradley clarified it's a general article about landfills. He added as Vice President of the Garden Club he takes exception to the fact they have been accused of telling the Board what to do with building. We have done nothing but ask for the use of it. Selectman Robie asked if they could go back to Selectman Soares's previous motion. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie motioned to approve the Selectmen's public meeting minutes of December 27th, 2010 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Employee of the Year: Chairman Kelley announced that Administrative Assistant Karen Merchant will be the employee of the year for the Town of Candia. He noted that she has worked for the town for 17 years. Chairman Kelley motioned that Administrative Assistant Karen Merchant be employee of the year for 2011. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Soares added she does an excellent job for the Police Department.

Dedication for Town Report: Chairman Kelley told the Board he would like to dedicate the town report to Citizen Edna Brown. He felt this dedication was well deserved. Chairman Kelley motioned to dedicate the town report to Edna Brown. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Moore School Generator: Emergency Management Director Bob Panit explained they did get approved for a backup generator for the Candia designated emergency shelter. They need to word it that way, because that is how the grant was written. The emergency shelter designation is the Moore School. He has been working closely with Peter Barbuto and they had a meeting

last week with Karen Smith and the Superintendent of the school along with some other people. He has been keeping them updated and they are all on Board. Mr. Barbuto has been working diligently on updating the specs that he researched previously. One question was does the town have specific requirement for bidding process. He noted that FEMA has no guidelines and they leave it up to the community. Once the specs are sent out and bids are received a decision will be made. He would prefer to not do the lowest or the highest bid. The SAU would like to keep it as local as possible. They would like to keep it line with the same manufacturer, so they can maintain they can maintain service contracts that already exist with the town. Another topic was the maintenance versus the fuel cost. The price of propane is considerable higher than the price of diesel. He noted that diesel is more efficient. EM Director Panit mentioned that FEMA has adjusted their rules for payment. In the past if a community had a project they would submit those figures, FEMA would cut a check, and you would do the project. He explained they need to front the money for this project at which point we will be reimbursed in one of three manners. There is an option in which they can receive the funds and completely spend them within 30 days which means the project would have to be finished. He noted with the weather and going through the bid process that probably isn't an option. The other way to do it is submit bills to the EMPG (Emergency Management Project Manager) and an invoice would be sent and a check would be cut. This is called a hybrid reimbursement. The third option is a reimbursement of funds. This means the community will pay for the cost of the project and get the project done. Once the project is completed a project completion letter will sent to the issuing office for EMPG grant and then a check will be cut to cover the cost. He felt this seemed to be the most appropriate direction. He asked the Board which option they wanted to use. Selectman Snow noted they haven't accepted the grant yet and do we have to accept the grant to lock it in. EM Director Panit noted in the past they didn't have to do this in that order. He further noted they probably should accept the grant as a housekeeping item. EM Director Panit will make sure a letter is available for the next Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Robie stated we need proof that we are going to get the grant. There was discussion that the school had money in their budget to fund the generator since they are going to benefit from it. Also we understand it's going to be the emergency management shelter. Selectman Robie noted the Selectmen's Assistant Eastman was going to check the unreserved to see if we could expend funds out of it. Selectman Robie told the Board this is how he would recommend they fund this. He thought this was what the unreserved fund balance was for. Selectman Snow noted when you accept the grant that creates an appropriation of the amount of the grant. You are using the fund balance for your cash flow. EM Director Panit will contact the field rep this week and let her know they would like a letter outlining this. He will get three of the Selectmen to sign off on it. Selectman Snow asked what we are looking at for an installation schedule that would drive the cash flow on buying the generator. EM Director Panit explained the intent for the site work is to give Road Agent Lewis the opportunity to do. He noted that Mr. Barbuto said that in original bid to be put out would include installation, but there is a new version where he took the installation out. So the supplier would be purchasing the piece of equipment and delivering it. Road Agent Lewis told him that

he had a place to store in the event of a potential price increase. They could have immediate delivery and be able to store it. Selectman Robie asked if they have a list of vendors for the bid process. Mr. Barbuto explained he dropped off a specification that the Building Inspector is currently looking at. This is a three part specification that has a lot of boiler plate with it. They would like to use local contractors. Mr. Barbuto would like to come to the Board with the bids and make a recommendation. EM Director Panit asked if they needed to do a formal bid opening at a meeting. Selectman Robie asked who will post the bids. Selectman Snow noted the school district will post the bid. Once the bid is accepted they will have to pass money back and forth between the town and the SAU. EM Director Panit thought it should stay within the town because the grant went through the town. Selectman Snow asked when they anticipate we will be paying for the generator. Mr. Barbuto would like to speak to three different vendors and go through the project at the school. Then bids can come sealed at that point. He thought the installation would happen over April vacation. Selectman Robie clarified they will get the specs and it will go out to bid. The bids will come in sealed and they will be opened at a Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Soares explained it's like what they did with Solid Waste haulers. They met with the companies, they had specs, and then they let them bid. Mr. Barbuto has talked with PSNH. It would be located next to the new transformer. Selectman Snow thanked school board for their support on this. Citizen Lorraine Briand asked if there was a transfer switch on the generator. EM Director Panit replied it's an automatic transfer switch and it will power the whole school in three stages.

North Road Dam: Selectman Robie explained there were some issues on North Road at the Socha Dam. DES had asked them to do some repairs. There was a list of seven or eight repairs from June of 2000. DES has recently sent another letter to take care of some other issues to ensure the dam is safe. Selectman Robie asked the Selectmen if someone from the Board would like to speak to these people. He thought maybe they hadn't addressed the issues from 2000 and they are now in 2011. Selectman Snow asked if they would be stepping DES's toes. Selectman Robie replied it would be a courtesy call and they aren't stepping on anyone's toes. Selectman Snow asked if they should have the Building Inspector talk to them. Selectman Robie thought one of the Selectmen could talk to them. Selectman Soares said she would work on it.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks and accounts payable checks. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000607-06, checks to be dated 01/06/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$14,125.76. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 01-01-11 checks to be dated 01/06/2011, with a total amount of \$45,884.65. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000608-02, checks to be dated 01/13/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$13,752.72. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman

Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 01-02-11 checks to be dated 01/13/2011, with a total amount of \$569,153.03. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Swap Shop Volunteers: Selectman Soares recently met with the swap shop volunteers. There are some plowing issues at the swap shop. She mentioned an elderly woman fell down because the area in front of the swap shop wasn't plowed. She noted this is a safety issue. The Selectmen's Office received a call from a resident who rescues birds and wanted to get some newspaper as well as some scrap (metal and wood). When the Facility Operator was asked about this he said they don't have time and no dump picking is allowed. The Selectman agreed if a resident saw something they wanted they could ask a facility attendant to help them. These new rules are being taken to the extreme and it's not in good taste. Selectman Duarte explained that he spoke with Facility Operator Whitcher on Friday and he told him if a resident sees something they want let them have it. Selectman Soares mentioned that we need to address the plowing issue. Selectman Robie thought they were treading on thin ice. He stated they told Facility Operator Whitcher that he wasn't responsible for the swap shop. Selectman Soares noted the Recycling Center employees were not responsible for the trash removal for the swap shop. So if trash develops at the swap shop they can't help. She questioned what happens if it's a heavy item. Selectman Robie noted his responsibilities end at the swap shop. This is what we agreed to. He further noted one action creates another. Chairman Kelley explained the reason Road Agent Lewis didn't plow it was because he couldn't get around the jersey barriers. Selectman Robie thought they will have to move the jersey barriers so the Road Agent can plow the area. The Facility Operator is not allowed in the swap shop it's not his responsibility anymore. Citizen Lorraine Briand asked why the Facility Operator doesn't plow that area. He has a plow with a smaller truck. Selectman Robie explained they weren't going to pay the town employees to maintain and operating the swap shop. They drew a line in the sand and the swap shop is not their responsibility. This was the Board's decision and the employees stop at the metal pile. Mr. Siemonsma noted this is a public building it's for the town of Candia and the town pays the facility employees but still they can't go near it. Chairman Kelley noted we don't pay them to go in there. Mr. Siemonsma replied the swap shop building is part of Candia. Chairman Kelley replied the agreement was they wanted a new building, so they built a \$15,000 building. The agreement was that it would be volunteer run. Now they have a problem getting people to volunteer and we're hearing feedback in the office. Mr. Siemonsma agreed that it is a knee jerk situation and the Board is making that way. He noted a swap shop was included on the original scope of work for that piece of property. There was further discussion about the swap shop. A volunteer from the swap shop noted that she had an issue with being able to left heavy items and could they ask the employees for help. Selectman Robie replied no. She thought that looked really bad for the town. Selectman Robie stated they didn't appropriate enough money to build a facility to do what we need. He felt that \$15,000 was a knee jerk reaction to not having a swap shop at the facility. This is where it all started and now we have made some decision that we

have to work through. These decisions are not going to suit everyone and it was the best thing for the community to keep the employees out of the swap shop. Citizen Lucinda Griswold stated the community isn't agreeing with you. Selectman Robie replied when we made the decisions no one was here. Ms. Griswold replied we are here now and we didn't know about it. Selectman Robie stated he's not going to throw stones. Citizen David Higgins asked if the Board could go back and change the decision so they're allowed to help. Selectman Robie replied we could but he's not in favor of that. A swap shop volunteer asked if it was a financial issue what could be brought to the Board to help rectify the situation. Selectman Robie replied we are going to have Road Agent Lewis move the jersey barriers so he is able to plow it. A resident asked if they needed more money to solve this problem and would this allow the employees to help. Selectman Robie replied this wasn't what they were hired for. They were hired to run the Transfer Station. The same resident replied the swap shop is the epitome of recycling that's why we have it. She couldn't understand what this was about. Resident Glenn Baker thought it's a neighbor helping a neighbor thing. The employees have never been down there when it was unnecessary. He has never seen it and he volunteer's down there quite regularly. He asked if one of the lady volunteers needed help carrying and lifting what are the means of going about this. Selectman Duarte suggested having certain individuals come in on certain days that could help the ladies and the seniors. He thought SWC would be willing to help as well, because it's not in the budget for the employees to be in the swap shop. Resident Glenn Baker said they don't want to make this a problem, but we want some resolution. A resident asked again if they needed more money. Selectman Duarte replied the employees were hired to do one thing and that is to take care of the Recycling Center. The swap shop is a volunteer situation and the old swap shop was as well. He thought the swap shop should be closed for the cold weather. He felt when the weather is warmer they seem to have more volunteers. The same resident asked if they needed more money to keep it plowed. Selectman Robie replied the Road Agent keeps the recycling center plowed, he just can't get in front of the swap shop because of the jersey barriers. She asked if they needed extra money so the employees could come down and help with trash and heavy lifting. Chairman Kelley asked what's in the swap shop that is so heavy. A volunteer explained a lot of the stuff being dropped off is garbage. Chairman Kelley thought before anything goes in the volunteers have to look at it. If it's junk the person dropping it off has to throw it away. Selectman Soares noted they are currently working on a sign and they are trying to figure this out. She would work on getting a bigger receptacle for outside the swap shop. Volunteer Judy Siemonsma noted she started volunteering when the swap shop opened and everything was going great. She noted there is an influx of boxes being dropped off and there is a lot of garbage that comes through. She can't see why the employees can't take five minutes out of their day to see if they have any garbage that needs to be taken. SWC Chairman Al Couch said what they are hearing from the Board is that they made a decision. Perhaps the Board should acknowledge this wasn't the right decision. It would have been appropriate to say to the Recycling Center employees that this is a volunteer operation and we don't want you guys spending a lot of time in the swap shop, but to forbid the employees to go in the swap shop was

totally wrong. He noted that he was saying as a resident not as the SWC Chairman. The majority of the residents in attendance agreed with Mr. Couch's comments. Selectman Snow questioned if they wanted to make a change to the procedures. He noted the people of the town could suggest to the Selectmen that they would like to have a policy. This could be done through a petition. Selectman Soares explained the reason the decision was made about the employees, because there were problems communicating. This is a discussion the Board can't get into, but this was the reason the decision was made. It was to rectify what was going on and limit the amount of problems that could occur. Garden Club member Stephen Bradley thought there was a lot of tip toeing on the language and questioned what was going on. Selectman Soares replied they are not at liberty to discuss it, because it was discussed in a non-public. Mr. Bradley replied we are trying to have a conversation here and it's hard to participate because we don't have all of the information. Selectman Soares explained it's an employer/ employee privilege. Chairman Kelley added that information can't be discussed in public. Selectman Robie stated the Board made a decision and it was well thought out. Mr. Bradley reiterated we are trying to have a conversation and we are limited to how we can participate. Volunteer Judy Siemonsma mentioned there is a big snow storm coming will in front of the swap shop be plowed. Selectman Robie replied probably not. Selectman Soares told her she would go down on Thursday and let her know. There was some discussion about the swap shop hours. A resident questioned if this is being taken care of by our taxes, why isn't this being plowed. Chairman Kelley reiterated the jersey barriers need to be moved and then it can be plowed. Selectman Soares clarified Road Agent Lewis does plow the Recycling Center for the Town. Chairman Kelley explained the jersey barriers were put there for parking. Selectman Duarte thought because the original situation was handled in a non-public meeting there is information the Board has access to the public does not. This has lead to some of the decisions the Board made. The Board is going to try to correct this, but it's difficult to get a good conversation going because the people (in attendance) don't have all of the facts. He noted that he took the input he received this evening very seriously. Resident Glenn Baker told Selectman Soares that he would shovel out the swap shop on Thursday if she needed. Selectman Duarte thought they could post on the website the days the swap shop is open.

Management Training: Selectman Soares thought it would be a good idea to require some of the employees attend this kind of training i.e. customer service training. They are providing a service and it would enhance their skills. In every business most managers go to training no matter how good they are. She thought this is something the Board should think about. Selectman Duarte thought you should let the employee know about something like this before you hire them. Selectman Soares replied you can incorporate this at anytime. Selectman Robie mentioned that Building Inspector Ciardi goes to classes all of the time. Selectman Soares added it will only benefit the employees. Selectman Duarte felt it should be optional.

Solid Waste Committee: Chairman Kelley stated he is fed up with this committee sticking their nose into things they shouldn't. He explained they are trying to get involved with the closure and Selectman Soares is trying to handle it. Selectman Snow thought there was a memo sent to the SWC and it was acknowledged. He asked if there was proof that they contacted DES. Selectman Soares noted they asked about planting. Chairman Kelley heard that one of the SWC members has been working on the closure and he has been talking with DES. This is a capped landfill and we need to get it closed. Selectman Snow stated there are a number of approaches that could be taken to the actual closure of the facility. He has concerns as well. Selectman Snow stated if they could demonstrate that there was an action taken by a member of the SWC after the point in time they sent the memo he would be willing to listen. They have agreed they would not get involved in the closure. Selectman Robie asked if Selectman Soares has been getting help from the SWC involving the closure. She replied not really. Selectman Robie asked what is the SWC currently working on. Selectman Soares noted they are meeting with our waste management hauler to go over our contract and do pros and cons. There was discussion about the next SWC meeting and the hauling contract. Selectman Snow thought the SWC services a very valuable function. He would like to find out what their original charge was. Selectman Robie felt they have caused a lot of chaos over the last year. Chairman Kelley mentioned the SWC went to the Planning Board and spoke for the Garden Club. Selectman Snow stated the SWC took the initiative and tried to get public input. Selectman Soares explained that at the Planning Board meeting the Planning Board Chair told them she was not taking public input. The Planning Board was making the decision to support the Selectmen or not. Selectman Snow replied if they were there as citizens they have that right. Chairman Kelley noted they used the SWC when they went to the paper. Selectman Robie noted the swap shop stuff came about because of the SWC. They appropriated barely enough money to build a swap shop and then want all the amenities with it. This puts a burden on the taxpayers and it put us in a bad situation that keeps compounding. Selectman Snow asked what he suggested they do. He noted that part of being a Selectman is being able to deal with different groups. The benefit of volunteer is that they don't cost anything. Selectman Duarte is concerned because they are creating a lot more work for the Selectmen. He has a problem with the fact that the SWC isn't helping with the situation. We need to give them some specific instructions or just absolve the committee. Selectman Robie stated they have to make this work to the best of their ability and then they get criticized for it. They have some issues to resolve with the SWC. Selectman Duarte stated if we are going to have a SWC they shouldn't be getting involved with the closure. He felt Facility Operator Witcher should handle a lot of stuff they do. Selectman Robie noted Facility Operator Witcher was told not to take direction from the SWC. This is why we are here, it just keeps compounding. They tell him the opposite the Board does. Selectman Snow wanted to know what their charge is and then he can make a decision. Selectman Duarte stated there are too many hands in the pot. They did a good job on the new transfer station, but it's finished now. Selectman Snow would be opposed to any abrupt actions. Chairman Kelley noted they go over the Board's head and do what they want to do. There was

some discussion on the closure. Selectman Soares is going to ask Stantec where the approximate location of the cap is. Selectman Duarte thought the Board should come up with some suggestions and have the SWC come to the next meeting. We need to resolve the issues.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Kelley asked Selectmen Snow if he understood how the request for all committees/boards to do the pledge of allegiance came about. Selectman Snow noted it was a suggestion not a vote of the Board. He thought this should be voluntary. He didn't want to be told what to do. He has no problem with doing the pledge of allegiance, but he doesn't want to be told to do it. Selectman Robie replied if you listen to the last words "for liberty and justice for all" that is what it's all about. Selectman Duarte stated a lot military people appreciate the pledge of allegiance and he will do it by himself if he has to. Chairman Kelley couldn't believe that people even question it. Selectman Snow noted that he did his four years so people don't have to tell him what to do.

Selectman Snow motioned to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary