

~~Unapproved~~ **Approved**  
**Candia Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday February 28, 2011**

**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.

**The Board to open sealed bids for the Moore School emergency generator.** There were 3 bids received. The three companies were Gemini Electric, Longchamps Electric Inc., and Powers Generator Service. Selectman Soares announced the amounts of the submitted proposals: Powers Generator Service - \$99,106; Gemini Electric - \$64,562; and Longchamps Electric - \$69,909. Selectman Snow thought they should forward the bids to Moore School Maintenance Director Peter Barbuto and Emergency Management Director Bob Panit and let them make a recommendation to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Emergency Management Director Panit and Peter Barbuto to look at the bids and make a recommendation to the Board.

**The Board to consider the reappointment of Heritage Commission members Carol Howe and Ken Madden and appointing Mimi Alberu as an alternate member.** Selectman Robie motioned to reappoint Carol Howe and Ken Madden and appoint Mimi Alberu as an alternate member to the Heritage Commission. Seconded by Chairman Kelley. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider the appointment of Donald Oakes as a firefighter based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation.** Selectman Robie motioned to appoint Donald Oakes as a firefighter to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Fire Chief Young mentioned that Donald is a Lieutenant on the Epping Fire Department and is very knowledgeable.

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000615-03, checks to be dated 02/24/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$13,946.58. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts payable manifest number 020411 checks to be dated 02/24/2011, with a total amount of \$24,451.51. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of payroll manifest number 000616-03, checks to be dated 03/03/2011, with a total gross payroll amount of \$21,018.20. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow motioned to approve payment of accounts

payable manifest number 030111 checks to be dated 03/03/2011, with a total amount of \$572,139.72. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to discuss renewing the cleaning contract.** Chairman Kelley asked the Board if they wanted to renew the cleaning contract. Selectman Snow asked what Absolutely Spotless charges annually. The annual amount is \$6,500. Selectman Snow thought they should ask them for a proposal next year and the Board could consider it. Chairman Kelley was very satisfied with this company. He felt they were fair and pleasant to deal with.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes and non-public meeting minutes of 02/14/11.** Selectman Robie motioned to approve the non public minutes of 2/14/2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Soares. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie motioned to approve the public meeting minutes of 02/14/2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Other Business:**

**Recycling Center sign.** Selectman Soares mentioned they found a spot to hang the sign (behind the guardrail). The sign is not in any ones way and it's visible once you get through the gate.

**Deliberative Session prayer.** Chairman Kelley has heard a lot of feedback regarding the prayer that was held prior to the Deliberative Session. There were a lot of complaints received. The office called LGC and this is not recommended. A letter was drafted to send to the Moderator. Selectman Snow thought they shouldn't send a letter because it is not the Boards responsibility. They should send him a copy of the minutes not a letter. Chairman Kelley said they should tell him what he did was wrong. Selectman Snow replied we shouldn't tell him what he should be doing at the Deliberative Session. Selectman Robie read a draft of the letter (see attached). Selectman Snow stated he would not sign the letter. Selectman Robie explained what they are doing as a Board is protecting the Town from being sued. We are acting in the best interest of the town. Selectman Snow reiterated it is not our responsibility to tell the Moderator what to do. Selectman Snow thought they should send a memo with a copy of the minutes. Selectman Duarte asked if they had any complaints in writing. Selectman Robie noted they received complaints at the last Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Kelley mentioned that he received a complaint from a woman of Jewish faith. Selectman Snow felt if they send the letter to the Moderator he wanted to strike the last sentence and send a copy of the minutes. Selectman Robie agreed to strike the last sentence. Fire Chief Young mentioned they did salute the flag at Deliberative Session and we do say "under God". Road Agent Lewis thought the Board should direct the complaints to the Moderator. Selectman Snow noted if the legislature does this he couldn't see there being a problem with it at town meeting. Citizen Stephen Bradley said he didn't specifically remember saying "Amen" at the end of the prayer and does that make it a prayer. He thought it was a blessing and is it a technicality. Chairman Kelley replied some residents took offense to it and it's a touchy subject.

**PSNH Donation.** Selectman Robie told the Board PSNH would like to present the town with \$250 to help out with the cost of the Semiquincentennial event. He explained the Semiquincentennial group has set up a fund through the Fitt's Museum Foundation to except donations. Road Agent Lewis noted that fund and the foundation are two different things. The Fitt's Museum Foundation and the Fitt's Museum are separate. Selectman Snow noted the Foundation is not a Town entity. He asked where the donation would be going. There was some conversation about this fund and the Fitt's Museum fund. Selectman Robie instructed Administrative Assistant Hansen to call Ron Thomas and find out who to make a check out to and where to send it. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the donation. Selectman Snow mentioned PSNH will have to send the donation to the Foundation. If they wanted to accept it as a town donation (for the Semiquincentennial event) they can do that as well. Selectman Robie explained the Semiquincentennial group has already set up a fund to receive checks. Selectman Snow noted the only one that can set up a fund is the legislative body. Selectman Robie replied the museum already has a fund set up. This is why the Semiquincentennial group picked the museum to funnel the money through.

**SNHPC Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Program.** Selectman Snow would like to draft a memo to David Preece of SNHPC requesting that Exit 3 intersection, the intersection in front of St. Paul's (Route 27/43 split), and the intersection across from Fred's Garage be put on the 10 year plan. It doesn't mean anything is going to happen, but it's letting them know that Candia has some projects. The audit for the Exit 3 intersection is taking place. He didn't care if it was done under the 10 year plan or with some other money. He would like to go on record that Candia has three things they that need improvements. He would like the Boards permission to have Chairman Kelley sign the letter. *Selectman Snow moved to have the Board give Chairman Kelley permission to sign the letter to be sent to SNHPC requesting these three intersections be put on the 10 year plan.* Chairman Kelley thought that Bill Stergios was working on these three intersections. Selectman Snow replied the only thing he knows about is that Bill worked with an engineer and talked with someone from District 5. It hasn't gone anywhere. We should have this on the 10 year plan. Road Agent Lewis clarified this wasn't anyone Bill worked with, it was an engineering firm that sent us a proposal to do free work. They were hoping to get a design job out of it. This was done for free and SNHPC got a copy of the plan. Selectman Duarte thought Selectman Snow should draft a letter and have the Board look at it. This will acknowledge we have some issues and it wouldn't hurt to send them a letter. Selectman Soares mentioned these intersections are State Roads so it's the states responsibility. Selectman Snow replied we're telling the state that we would like them to do something. Selectman Soares couldn't image what they would do at the Route 43/Route 27 split. This intersection has been that way for a long time. Selectman Snow replied this is why we need to get this on a 10 year plan. Selectman Soares noted they have already talked with Bill Lambert from the state about the Exit 3 problems. Selectman Snow replied this is an intersection that isn't on the 10 year plan. If they are thinking of doing this as a part of a federal grant for intersection improvement, then it

would be taken off the 10 year plan. Selectman Robie mentioned we have already talked to the State about these intersections and Selectman Snow was involved. Chairman Kelley mentioned he and former Selectman Jim Brennan met with the State quite a few years ago and they said at the time they were going to put it on the 10 year plan. It included the Exit 3 intersection, the intersection at the Route 43/Route 27 split and the one by Fred's Garage. Selectman Snow mentioned if they send in the letter they might get on a list. Selectman Duarte thought they should send a letter. *Selectman Duarte seconded Selectmen Snow's motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**Raymond Sand and Gravel.** Selectman Snow mentioned he went to the Technical Review Committee meeting for Raymond Sand and Gravel. They are going to the Raymond Planning Board with a site plan and they are asking for permission to crush 12,000 to 15,000 yards that are sitting there. He didn't ask any questions or express any concerns. The only concern he had is how do we know they're not going to slide over into Candia Sand and Gravel and start pulling stuff from there. The site plan is before the Raymond Planning Board and he will be attending the meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The issues that were raised for Raymond Sand and Gravel was that they were supposed to be doing reclamation on the Raymond side. This is one of the issues that will be before them. If the applicant wants to they could do a joint meeting between the two Planning Boards. They could do this as a joint hearing. Selectman Snow questioned if the Candia Planning Board had in their subdivision regulations the rules to allow a joint hearing. Selectman Duarte replied that he didn't think there was a need for the Candia Planning Board to get involved with this. He thought they could discuss this after the hearing, but they didn't want them in Candia. They don't have the authority to do that. Selectman Robie stated we would like Candia Sand and Gravel to bring in a new reclamation plan to the Candia Planning Board to get approved. Selectman Snow thought Candia Sand and Gravel is saying they have a reclamation plan that was approved by our engineer and that is their position. The Town of Candia has given all of the Attorney's documents to the Raymond Planning Board and the documentation says they can't do anything on the Candia side. Candia Sand and Gravel can come back to the Candia Planning Board with an application. They have a court case where things might have to happen and they might decide to do something different. They have been granted in the Town of Raymond the right to crush gravel that's brought in from someplace else. Selectman Robie noted that Raymond knows they don't have any authority in Candia. Selectman Snow replied that he knows that and this is the reason why he didn't complain about the variance that was granted. Selectman Robie clarified they did get a variance to crush material in Raymond that they hauled in from Candia. Selectman Snow noted the he was just saying that the applicant has the right to bring in an application and when they do the Candia Planning Board will have to handle it.

**Old Smyth Library.** Selectman Snow thought the Board should hold off on sending the check for the septic design. He felt they should let the people vote on the use of the building before they do the septic design. This is the first step they need to do before we spend any significant

amount of money. There are a number of different options that are uses for that property. If we put a lot of money into it we are basically wasting the money. Selectman Soares felt they have already been through this and we are not wasting the money. Selectman Robie replied we have already voted as a Board to appropriate the funds to get a septic system designed and approved. Selectman Snow replied all we voted on was to get the septic design done. Selectman Robie explained if they get a septic design done it has to get approved and that is his interpretation on that. Selectman Snow's concern was the use drives what is going to happen to the facility. Selectman Robie explained they measured the square feet of the building and they figured out the max amount of people the septic can stand. Selectman Snow replied what if they put the septic somewhere different. Selectman Robie stated there is only one place it could be. He further stated the design has been completed, submitted, and paid for. Selectman Robie explained the Heritage Commission is going after a grant and they approved to match the funds if accepted. This would be for a scope of work on the building and you need an approved septic design to move forward. Selectman Snow replied his concern is that we haven't decided what the use of the building is. Selectman Robie said the objective and the use is getting the building functional. This is the objective of the Heritage Commission. Selectman Snow asked if they anticipated any significant expenses other than what comes out of the analysis that is being done. Selectman Robie replied they are trying to make it user friendly. Selectman Snow thought they would have to shut down the stairs. This would be a perfect opportunity to put in a lift, which would solve the problem of getting people from upstairs to downstairs. He doesn't want to change the building at all, but if this is something the Town isn't willing to accept he doesn't want to spend any more money. He reiterated that he wants to know what the people of the town want to use that building for. Selectman Soares explained we haven't gotten to that point yet. They are trying to get the building up to usable standards per the Building Inspector and per code. The Heritage Commission didn't want to come to a conclusion as to what the building will be used for. It's an afterthought as to what the building will be used for. Selectman Snow provided the Board with newspaper articles (see attached). He doesn't want to expend significant amounts of money and still not be able to use it. He is reluctant to spend any money on the building until they can figure out what to use it for. Selectman Robie replied the Heritage Commission has worked hard on getting a grant and a septic design. They have a pretty good plan which 20 people worked on. They people did come out and had a say on this. Selectman Snow replied that he respects the process but has concerns and the bottom line is it will have to go back to the town. Chairman Kelley noted that right now they can't use the building for anything. It doesn't have septic, water, or handicap accessibility. Chairman Kelley felt the Heritage Commission was taking the right approach. Selectman Snow stated he just didn't want to preempt any options. He wants to look at all of the possibilities. Chairman Kelley noted he worked on this project a couple of years back and when he brought it back to the voters with a cost, it got shot down. Selectman Snow noted there are a significant amount of people involved with this project and they need to look at every option.

### **Election Day Schedule.**

Dick Snow	10:00 am to 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm to closing
Amanda Soares	1:00 pm to closing (leaving from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – driving bus)
Joe Duarte	4:00 pm to closing
Carleton Robie	6:00 am to 12:00 pm & back in the evening

**Open Space Plan.** Selectman Robie asked if the Planning Board can just adopt any Open Space Plan that SNHPC comes up with and do the Selectmen have a say. Selectman Duarte replied that Planning Board does have the final say and it will be look over thoroughly. He explained there is one in place, but he is going to question it. Selectman Robie explained that SNHPC came to the Planning Board about a month and a half ago and had an Open Space Plan. They had about 50 properties they thought they could conserve for open space and out of the 50 they narrowed it down to 33. They didn't have names or addresses they had lot numbers. The Planning Board was asked if they were going to accept this and Chair Girard wanted to have further discussions on this. Selectman Robie thought the property owners should be notified and the abutters. Selectman Robie wanted to know if the Selectmen have a say on what goes into the Master Plan. It was noted the Selectmen can make recommendations, but the Planning Board has the final say. Selectman Snow noted it wasn't just SNHPC working on this; there were members of the Conservation Commission working on this as well. They helped SNHPC work on the process. There was input by members of the community and there were a number of open meetings. SNHPC put it together and did the maps. Selectman Robie felt the landowners should have been notified that they were part of this Open Space Plan. Selectman Duarte agreed and they targeted certain places and they should have talked to the people. Selectman Robie explained he looked at the map and if you get one property targeted the properties on either side are tied up. Selectman Snow replied these are only recommendations. Selectman Robie replied he understands how recommendations can go sometimes and he is skeptical. Selectman Snow explained there is only one area of open space in town and that is Libby Road. This wouldn't have any standing in court. Selectman Snow felt they shouldn't be spending any money to notice people. Selectman Robie felt that they should, because people should know that their land was targeted for open space. It was noted that if they make changes to the Master Plan they need to have a public hearing. Selectman Robie explained at the Planning Board meeting they were being pushed by the SNHPC to adopt the Open Space Plan that evening. Selectman Soares noted if the plan was accepted it would go into the Master Plan, but it needs to be reviewed. Selectman Duarte felt this was something that should go on the ballot. Road Agent Lewis asked when SNHPC presented 33 parcels were they presented as criteria (they fit into the list of wetlands) or did they present it as they would like to preserve the 33 parcels. Selectman Robie replied they presented it as preserving the 33 parcels. They had a cost analysis and valuations of the properties. Selectman Snow noted that it's similar to the zoning map. Selectman Robie replied maybe he didn't want his property in a specific zone that tells him he needs to conserve it. Selectman Soares said if you move a zone the Town has to vote on it. Selectman Snow replied the zoning is mandatory where is the Master Plan is a guided document that the State requires. Selectman Robie replied than let's keep master plan as simple as we can. Selectman

Snow said these are just suggestions. Selectman Robie replied he sees how these things go sometimes. Selectman Snow asked if they wanted to give the people working on this direction. Selectman Robie replied that he will attend the Planning Board meeting on Wednesday night. Selectman Duarte noted he will not make any decision on Wednesday. Selectman Robie read from an email and it states the Planning Board is possibly accepting this on Wednesday night. Selectman Duarte reiterated this is something that should go to the voters. Chairman Kelley replied if it goes to the voters it has to be a lot clearer than this. Selectman Robie questioned if the Planning Board can adopt an Open Space Plan put together by SNHPC without any input from the Selectmen. Selectman Duarte replied that they could. Selectman Soares added that it's the Planning Board's decision. Selectman Duarte thought the Selectmen could make a recommendation to the Planning Board. Selectman Robie asked the Board if they wanted to make a recommendation to the Planning Board. Selectman Snow explained this is an update. Selectman Robie disagreed and explained there are 33 parcels of land targeted for open space. Selectman Snow replied the concept of this was to update a previous Open Space Plan which was accepted by the Planning Board. It is his understanding that the Planning Board has the authority to update the Master Plan. Fire Chief Young felt the Planning Board would be doing the citizens of this Town a disservice if they don't tell those 33 land owners about this. If it was his land he would want to know about it and he wouldn't want his property on this list. Selectman Snow explained the areas were defined and within that area there were plots. He doesn't remember seeing anything about individual parcels. This might be the next step and SNHPC would come up with overlay maps. Selectman Robie asked if Selectman Snow saw the package they sent us. Selectman Snow replied no. Selectman Robie questioned you worked on this, presented it to the Planning Board, and you don't know what is in it. Chairman Kelley said his recommendation is that the all of Selectmen go to the Planning Board on Wednesday as citizens and address their concerns. Selectman Snow suggested if you know who the 33 land owners are you can call them up and notify them. Selectman Robie replied that isn't our responsibility it's the Planning Board's responsibility. Selectman Snow stated the purpose of this was to locate areas of value.

**Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date.** The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Kelley motioned to adjourn 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Duarte. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andria Hansen, Recording Secretary