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Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Carleton Robie, Vice-Chair David DePuy, Selectman Dick Snow, Selectman Boyd Chivers, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 01/12/2015. Selectman Snow moved to accept the January 12th, 2015 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jack Munn to discuss solar panels at 119 New Boston Road. Jack Munn was present. Mr. Munn noted that he is working with Andrew Kellar who is the owner of NH Solar Gardens. If you Google the name you'll find all you need to know about this company. He's been operating since January of 2014 but he has a long extensive background in developing solar on buildings in New Hampshire and surrounding states. He used to work for Revolution Energy which is Clay Mitchell's company in Exeter. Chairman Robie wanted to make it clear that Jack was not there representing SNHPC. Mr. Munn said he is doing this on the side. He goes around to all of the communities looking to build community solar gardens. They came across the land fill as an opportunity in Candia. He mention in the Town of Antrim they are working with the water and sewer department to put in a solar array in that community. Candia doesn't use a lot of electricity. They use enough to build a small solar panel. The economics of building these solar panels has come down significantly. The advantage to communities and towns is that it is a revenue positive growth opportunity. The Mr. Kellar was in Candia last week and he took a look at the land fill. He looked at the topography. The slopes are a little higher then what they would like to build solar panels on. There are several communities that have solar panels on landfills currently. Hillsboro is one of the larger ones they are working on. They identified the area near the capped land fill on either side of the access road as a possibility to put in solar panels. It would be up to about 100 kilowatt size which is 20,000 square feet. They would be looking at about a quarter of an acre on that site. This way they keep it off the land fill. The panels would be built on either side of the access road, so there wouldn't be any impact to the land fill. They put together an initial proposal (see attached). They would like to develop up to 100 kilowatt solar photovoltaic array known as a solar garden. They figure this array would generate up to 125,000 kilowatts per hour of electricity. He felt the solar array would produce enough power to power all of your buildings on the electrical bills. 100% of the power generated would go back to the electric grid. This would offset the power that we use for our buildings in a solar rebate program. They offer communities two sources of revenue. They would get the revenue for hosting the solar array and they would enter into a land lease agreement, similar to a cell tower agreement. It is a 20 year land lease agreement. They had it vetted through Atty. Bart Mayer. There is no cost to the construction of the solar array. If they would like to proceed they should have the town attorney go through the land lease agreement to make sure it's legal. This would be the only cost. NH Solar Garden pays for all of the maintenance of the facility and assumes all of the liability and risks. It also includes a decommissioning plan, so after 20 years they don't want the solar panels NH Solar Gardens will come in and decommission it. The garden would take up to 80 panels, so they can get a sense of that sort of solar array size. It's not small but it is not as big as the ones they typically build. This spring they are starting to build up to one

megawatt systems. The Town of Antrim is a 492 kilowatt system. The bigger the system they build the more money goes to the communities and the rebate offsets would be greater to the town as well. They think they could build up to 100 kilowatts in Candia. The good things is under the state's group net metering laws for every kilowatt that is sent back to the grid they offset it by an off taker. All of the town buildings that are municipal owned would be an off taker and they would be eligible for the rebate program which is one cent below their PSNH bill. The land lease will be about \$1,800 per year in lease payments for the town resulting in \$36,000 in 20 years the rebate program credits would be about \$1,250 per year. They can include other buildings as well in the community like the school. If the School Board would be interested they could install panels there. They could include it as part of the overall community project in Candia. Residents in Candia would also be eligible if they wanted to be part of the solar project. All they need to do is send a copy of their PSNH bill. They send it to Andrew Kellar at the website. They are going to find that there are a lot of communities that will become quite visible this spring and summer when the construction starts happening. One of the key parts of the financing for this project is investors that Andrew Kellar has lined up. They are over near the seacoast area. They are completely financed by other individuals looking for tax credits. This is a tax equity financing tool for these larger investors. NH Solar Gardens are the developers of the projects. They work with the towns and find sites and locations. They do all of the permitting and all of the approvals needed for funding and construction. One of the big financing parts of this is to get the state's public utilities commission public, commercial and industrial rebate program. It's important that if you're interested that we get you in the queue and get your application over to the utilities commission and have them sign off on it. The list is growing and they are the largest number of potential sites. They are taking up a lot of lists that the public utilities commission has now. If Candia is interested they could line up this project for 2016. The other aspect is because this is a 20 year agreement a lot of the town's Selectmen decide that they would like to follow state statute and require that a warrant article go before the town voters so the voters then approve the Selectmen going into a long term lease. Some larger communities already have the authority granted. Chairman Robie said they didn't and they are going to lose two members of this Board come March. This would be something they would reconsider after elections. Mr. Munn said he could come back after elections and they could go over the PSNH bills and match up the kilowatt usage. Depending on the new Board and if they want to do this, they may want to talk to the school. He noted this is a fixed asset for the community. This is a really positive asset for New Hampshire communities. He noted their highest lease agreement is \$15,000 per year and that is for a big megawatt size. A quarter of an acre is small, but not that small. He told the Board to feel free to get in touch with them. One thing they do is give them a letter of intent. If they would like them to continue working on this project for the town the Board can review and sign the letter. This will let them spend some risk capital and they will bring the utility company out to the site so they can do their analysis of the power lines in the area. Chairman Robie said he will bring it to the attention of the new Board members after the election and if they are in support of it he'll be in touch by the first of April. He thought this was something worth looking into. Selectman DePuy clarified the residents could join this program and save one cent per kilowatt hour. Mr. Munn said yes and they would get paid in two rebate checks once every six months. Chairman Robie said he would be in touch. Mr. Munn thanked the Board for their time.

The Board to discuss the role of Selectmen's Rep to the Planning Board. Selectman Chivers explained he is the rep to the Planning Board since Selectman Soares resigned. He hasn't been informed as to what his responsibilities are. They way he sees it is that they are an elected, seven person Board and six members are elected and the seventh is a representative of this Board. He asked if it was fair to say that this is the only way that information from this Board can be communicated to the Planning Board. Is it though the Selectmen's representative or can any members go to the Planning Board and present whatever information on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. He is curious on how this is supposed to work. Selectman Snow said his personal opinion is there are liaisons on the Boards and Commissions. Their responsibility is to carry information back and forth between the committees. When they are sitting on the committees they have the statutory requirements of what their position is. If they are carrying information back and forth as a Selectman and they (the Select Board) have given them direction on what needs to be done it goes back to the Board or Committee that way. He doesn't see anything wrong with it and that is outside the liaison position. Chairman Robie is on the Budget Committee and he carries the information over that we ask him to. He is sitting on the Budget Committee as an ex-officio member. He said it would be the same thing for the Planning Board. This is his understanding. Selectman Chivers thought if a Selectmen's Representative presents information to the Planning Board that's been considered by the Selectmen, he thought the Planning Board Representatives position of this Board is greater than an individual appearing before that Board. The Selectmen's Representative speaks with the voice of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board accords a little more respect to that voice then they do if someone just shows up on their own behalf. He suggest for the next couple of months if they have any information they want to present to the Planning Board they discuss it as a Board and then authorize our rep to the Planning Board to present it. This is the right way of doing it. Selectman DePuy said you don't know what is coming down the pike all of the time. He thought Selectman Snow expressed it very well. Selectman Snow said the only thing he would add to that is if the Board has a position at Town Meeting and he wants to express a position as a member of the town meeting. He would go down into the audience and he would discuss it from there (as a member of the audience). This goes for anyone of them expressing their own opinion. Chairman Robie said he went to the Planning Board meeting to bring forward the progress of two warrant articles. One was for the first phase of the Master Plan. The second was for 23 Main Street. He brought them information of what has happened on the Selectmen's side. Six or eight weeks ago when they were discussing tax deeded properties they made sure the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board were aware of that. He felt it was his responsibility last Wednesday night to make the Planning Board aware of what was going on with those two warrant articles. Selectman Chivers asked why he didn't go through the Representative. Chairman Robie said he didn't see the need for that and in this case the Representative might have had a different view. He personally thought he could go to any Board and any Committee and speak as the Chairman. Selectman Chivers asked as a member of this Board or a private individual. Chairman Robie said as the Chairman and a leader in this community he felt he could go to the Board and speak to them, especially if he didn't think they would get his version of what happened. He asked Atty. Mayer about this and he told him there was nothing wrong with him speaking with a Chair of any Board for whatever reason. Selectman Snow said he didn't get the impression that Chairman Robie was running around the backside. Selectman Snow said he might have presented information, but he decided to keep his mouth shut. Chairman Robie said they have been accused of not having open government and

he has tried really hard to be open and transparent with everything they do. If he offended Selectman Chivers, he apologized but he is going to continue to lead this community further ahead. He didn't believe in Leaders who think it is good when nothing happens. Leaders are there to lead us and grow our community. The community needs to grow to make it sustainable. He noted on December 3rd when Mr. Munn was there to present visions of the master plan. Ms. Clifford said "this could also be a sign of the leadership that the people voted into this town", meaning the Board of Selectmen. By bringing that information to the Planning Board they were welcoming the leadership from this side of the room. He didn't think the Planning Board has had this for years. He noted the Planning Board was in support of 23 Main Street. Selectman Chivers said the next time he speaks on behalf of the entire Board, he should have the consensus of the entire Board to authorize him to do so. Chairman Robie said he would attend the Planning Board as a member of the community or a member of this Board. This is what it is about, their community. Selectman DePuy said the Chairman does a lot of things that don't require the Boards involvement i.e. the day to day activities of the office. The Chairman of the Board goes to other Boards and Committees to express what this Board has done and he would say fine to this, but should not be there saying things the Board has not agreed to.

The Board to meet with the Moderator Clark Thyng. Chairman Robie asked Moderator Clark Thyng if he had anything he would like to discuss with the Board. Moderator Thyng noted there haven't been any substantial changes in the law and how they are going to operate the Deliberative Session will be run like last years. The goal as the Moderator is ensure that all of the folks in attendance understand what is happening, have an opportunity to voice their concerns, and an open and respectful discussion.

The Board to discuss the warrant and discuss warrant article 22 and possibly amending it. Chairman Robie would like to motion to move article 22 to the end of the warrant. They would swap it with warrant article 25. He would like to have someone make the motion at the Deliberative Session at the beginning of the discussion. Selectman Snow asked if it would make sense to do it in the beginning instead of waiting until they get to warrant article 22. What would be the best way to do this? Moderator Thyng said they should make their intents clear to the folks in the audience. There are a number of ways they can do this. Although they conduct the Deliberative Session very much like a Town Meeting, the idea of a formal motion to say these two articles will be switched. This would be the best idea and it would be very clear to the people. If there is a question for this, he was sure a member of the Board would be happy to speak to it on why the particular move is being made. Selectman Snow reiterated is it better to do it in the beginning or wait. The discussion he anticipates is that they are looking at questions with the 10% rule and they are trying to get article 22 down to the bottom. Moderator Thyng said before they start considering any of the warrant he could recognize the Chairman or change the order of the warrant and this is what the proposed change would be. There would be a motion followed by a second and then the Chairman (or someone else) could give a brief explanation and then they will call for a vote from the audience. Selectman Chivers asked what would be the intent to swap the two warrant articles. Chairman Robie said for example if you swap warrant article 22 to the top (of the warrant article) and it passed as written and they went over the 10% rule which is going to \$282,000, the articles towards the end of the warrant wouldn't get their money. This is why they want to put article 22 at the bottom of the money warrant articles. He asked if one of the Selectmen would like to make that motion on this at the

Deliberative Session. Selectman Chivers offered to move it. Chairman Robie said he would second the motion. Selectman Snow said normally the Moderator asks the moving person to speak to it, so why don't they let the Chairman make the motion and Selectman Chivers can second it. The Chairman can then speak to it. Chairman Robie thought the Budget Committee was supposed to move the warrants. Moderator Thyng said they can but they don't have to. Traditionally they have a Budget Committee member speak to that. Chairman Robie said the Board would do that, because they didn't have someone from the Budget Committee in attendance this evening. He noted they would move the warrant articles individually. Moderator Thyng said they can move them as a group. Last year they chose to do that with the charitable warrant articles. Selectman Snow suggested they don't move them as a block but somebody else might. Chairman Robie asked Moderator Thyng to move 3 through 13 as a group. He asked who would like to move the revaluation article which is number 14. Selectman DePuy said he would move number 14 and it would be seconded by Selectman Snow. Selectman Snow said he would like to move warrant article 15 regarding the Master Plan and Chairman Robie would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 16 regarding the Fitts Museum and Selectman Chivers would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 17 regarding the first phase of Chester Turnpike reconstruction and Selectman Chivers would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 18 regarding winter road maintenance and Selectman DePuy would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 19 regarding mosquito control program and Selectman DePuy would second it. Selectman Chivers said he would move article 20 regarding fire apparatus capital reserve fund and Selectman Snow would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 21 regarding the Smyth Public Library funding and Chairman Robie would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 23 regarding transferring town property under the management and responsibility to the Conservation Commission and Selectman Chivers would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 24 regarding rescinding the playground maintenance fund and Selectman DePuy would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 25 (which will be switched to article 22) regarding CYAA funding and Selectman DePuy would second it. Selectman Snow said he would move article 26 regarding establishing a recycling/energy committee and Selectman DePuy would second it. Selectman Chivers asked if someone was going to move to swap article 22 and article 25. Chairman Robie said the Moderator was going to address that at the beginning of the meeting. Moderator Thyng said he was going to make the announcement that this was going to happen and they would need a formal motion and then they could vote. Chairman Robie explained through the budgeting process the Budget Committee voted article 22 down and they didn't recommend the amount of \$359,000. This puts the warrant over the 10% rule, so if warrant article 22 pass's it still fails. The 10% is about \$282,000. Selectman DePuy wanted to clarify for the minutes that this is now article 25 (purchasing 23 Main Street). Chairman Robie said it will be switched at Deliberative Session. He referred to the 10% rule and noted there was much discussion prior to getting all of the facts to the commission's and boards. They need to appropriate the whole sum of \$359,000 not the \$229,000 which was what they thought needed to be appropriated. They need to revote on it and appropriate the whole sum. Things happened that skewed that number. There was never any intent to circumvent the Budget Committee or the Selectmen or the citizens. The facts come out at the end that they couldn't anyway. When the town voted SB2 they did take away some of their rights by instituting a Budget Committee and this is one of them. This is very important to our community. He spoke to the Planning Board and numerous people in the community that think this a worthwhile project for our town. He

would still like to move this to the people. He is going to suggest to this Board that they reduce their operating budget by \$80,000 this will be the same as the default budget. If they amend it by \$80,000 this will give them the money at the end of the warrant articles and they have enough money to pay for article 25 (which is the 23 Main Street article). The 10% rule is figured on the budget. Selectman Snow asked what they were going to do about the operating budget. Chairman Robie explained last year's budget which is pretty much the same as this years, if they didn't do the closure project which cost us \$83,987. They encumbered \$67,000 and they ended up with \$57,000 left over. If you take out \$50,000 they put in last Deliberative Session that would have left us a remaining balance of \$159,000 at the end of 2014. They would have over budgeted 6.7%. If they reduce budget by \$80,000 that will be about 3%. They still should have between 3 - 4% at the end of 2015. Selectman Snow clarified they are just reducing the bottom line opposed to looking at specific line items. Chairman Robie said just the bottom line. He is telling them this because they are an open and transparent government. This could backfire at Deliberative Session depending on what happens. They may get a lot of support on this. Selectman Snow said you always have to consider the possibility that at town meeting the default budget could be voted in. Chairman Robie said he could have gone to Deliberative Session and thrown this out there without telling the Board. He has been out speaking with the members of our community. If they are going to move the community forward this is a key piece of the puzzle. Everybody knows it and everyone will tell you it is. If they don't amend the budget, he was pretty sure someone on the floor will move it. He said for some reason this passed and they ended up in a position that they were short for 2015; he felt the Budget Committee would grant them permission to overspend if needed. Selectman Snow said as a point of information he wasn't sure if the Budget Committee would allow them to overspend, he believed it would have to go to the court. Chairman Robie said it was just something he was throwing out there; he didn't think it was going to happen. He spoke with people about the closure last year and budgeted down to the pennies. They still had \$57,000 to give back to the town. Selectman Snow understood and he thought his rough analysis was accurate to be able to do things they need to do. He thought they would have enough and this makes sense. He believed that 23 Main Street was a valuable property to have and they are in a bad position because they are an SB2 town. The voters in this town could put the kibosh on this very easily by voting no. Chairman Robie explained it would be very bad if the town voted yes and we had to tell them it couldn't happen. It would be better if they voted yes or no and that's the answers they get. Selectman Snow said it makes sense to him and the citizens should have the opportunity at the Deliberative Session on whether or not they want to do this. Selectman Chivers asked if it was conceivable that the voters would take the \$80,000 out of the budget and then vote down article 25. Chairman Robie said no when he makes the motion if warrant article 22 doesn't pass he wants to make sure they have the option to reconsider article 2. Moderator Thyng said once they vote to restrict reconsideration it's done. Chairman Robie said he didn't want to restrict he wanted to leave the option open. Moderator Thyng said if the body says they don't want to and vote that way, you have lost that option. He learned through his Moderator workshop that a majority of towns have their budgets last on the warrant for this very reason. This is an option they could consider. Selectman Chivers said let's say they do this and on Election Day the rest of the town votes this idea down are they still \$80,000 out. Moderator Thyng explained you'll get whatever was in your budget that passed. Selectman Chivers said they are \$80,000 out and the town votes the warrant article down that is the worst case scenario. Moderator Thyng explained if article 22 is zeroed at Deliberative Session they have not impacted their budget at that point. Selectman

Snow said if they haven't restricted reconsideration they can go back to the operating budget and bring it back up again. Chairman Robie said they could go on voting day and vote default and nothing lost or gained. As far as moving their operating budget off of the top (of the warrant) he rather not. He noted for as long as he has been Selectman they have always put the petition warrants at the end. Moderator Thyng noted they do use a town meeting format for their warrant articles for Deliberative Session. Chairman Robie said this is why the CYAA ended up at the end, but the 10% rule would have affected that. They are aware of this now and that is why they make the adjustment. Selectman Snow asked who was going to move the operating budget. Chairman Robie said he would like to make the motion if he is going to have the support, if not he will have someone else make the motion. Selectman Chivers asked how this was going to explain that their budget has \$80,000 worth of room. Selectman Snow said that is the politics of it. Do they want to have the warrant article reduced by \$80,000? This is a vote that the Board needs to take to allow the Deliberation Session to handle it any way they want. Selectman Chivers asked if they thought their budget has enough flexibility in it that we can take \$80,000 out so we can get around the 10% rule. Chairman Robie said everyone involved in this warrant article thought we wrote it to circumvent the 10% rule which we didn't. If he had explained to the Budget Committee that this was a one shot deal for the town and if they vote "no" the people won't get the chance to vote, the Budget Committee wouldn't have voted the way they did. They voted on the merit that this was done to circumvent the Budget Committee. If it has any merit let the people vote and they will get it anyway without us. That's what was said and that was wrong. Selectman Chivers asked if this was another attempt to circumvent the 10% rule, taking \$80,000 out of the budget. Chairman Robie said if the people don't want it they will just vote no. They have to give them the opportunity. Selectman Snow didn't think anyone could make a valid case that we attempted to circumvent anybody. They never really knew what the 10% number was. When they were putting the warrant together they didn't know what the 10% was. They weren't circumventing anybody. Selectman DePuy asked the Moderator if they leave the budget as the number two item and they vote to reduce it by \$80,000, then later on the purchase of this property gets voted down are they stuck with the lower budget. Moderator Thyng said it is possible and it hinges on whether the body voted to restrict consideration. If the body votes to restrict reconsideration then you're stuck with the number that was voted on earlier. If the body doesn't vote to restrict consideration and the article is zeroed out, they can go back and change the budget. Selectman Snow hoped that would come up in the discussion. Moderator Thyng said if there was a call to restrict consideration at that point it would call for an explanation. Chairman Robie said if the motion is made with the option to reconsider, it is made and seconded, that vote needs to happen first so they can come back and reconsider if needed. Selectman DePuy said it sounded like his motion would preclude their reconsideration. Chairman Robie said he hadn't finished writing it yet. He wrote it to say "to reduce the operating budget by \$80,000 to the sum of ---" whatever the number comes out to be with the option to reconsider article 2 if warrant article 25 fails. Selectman Snow said the problem with that is the Deliberative Session in and of itself can't amend an article and does it have any significant value during that Deliberative Session. This would be the way the warrant article would go to the ballot and they certainly wouldn't want it there because you can't do anything after Deliberative Session. He would suggest that they move the operating budget \$80,000 less, they put it as the lower number and then they explain what they are doing, why they are doing it and why they don't want to restrict reconsideration on article 2. Moderator Thyng didn't think they could do that. Chairman Robie thought they could and he has spoken with legal counsel

about it. Moderator Thyng thought that legal counsel would defer to the DRA. He thought this was cumbersome and it would be difficult for the body to understand what they are trying to achieve. He suggested instead of using the wording reconsideration say "if the article fails or is zeroed then the budget reverts back to its original figure". Then they have taken the gray area out. His opinion would be that the body felt that you tied their hands by not allowing a reconsideration. Chairman Robie said he is trying to untie their hands. Selectman DePuy said that option seems to make sense. They have done this before and he would be in favor of this proposal. He asked him to repeat his suggestion. Moderator Thyng said if this one fails (article 25) then this one (article 2) reverts back to its original number. Selectman Snow stated any amendments made to the warrant article is going to the ballot that way and you can't move it to the ballot saying it will revert back. Selectman DePuy said they could and they have done it before. Moderator Thyng said nothing fails at Deliberative Session; it's just the way that it is presented to the ballot. He didn't know if the Board would care to say "if this number is reduced" or "below this certain amount". He doesn't know what the number is but they don't want find themselves below that because it will trip the 10% rule. Chairman Robie said they are going to tweak the number and there is a rough number, their around \$73,000 short. This is if everything pass's. Moderator Thyng thought the body might struggle with the part of reducing the budget gives you more money. Just prepare to have explanation for that. Fire Chief Young said the bottom line here is this opportunity to buy this land needs to be there before the voters of this town on the day they go and vote. He thought the 10% rule hinders them with SB2. The bottom line is the people need to decide this. People are so mad in this country because they don't get to make the decisions other people make them for us. They have the chance to get this before everybody and that is what they have to do. He thought the Selectmen can get the word out at the Deliberative Session and it will be explained very well. He disagreed with the Moderator. The intelligence of the people at the Deliberative Session is pretty high and he thought they would understand. He felt it would be explained really well and if they don't want it they will vote no. There were times he voted no on something on voting day, but voted yes at the Deliberative Session. Everybody should have the chance to vote. He complimented the Boards effort to get this before the voters. Chairman Robie said the point is to get it before the voters and if they vote yes they will follow through with it. Citizen Becky Sarra thought this was an opportunity to explain the 10% rule. Most people have an limited understanding of what it actually is. Chairman Robie thought he explained it well enough this evening. He asked if she would explain it to her neighbors and the people she talks to. He thought most of the people this evening understood and the Board understood a whole lot better. Leading this community forward is his (and the Selectmen's) job. It is a learning process. Selectman Snow noted people love to be informed but they hate to be educated. Chairman Robie asked if there was any other input. Selectman Snow asked if Chairman Robie was going to move it and he asked who would second it. Selectman Chivers asked Chairman Robie to explain how taking \$80,000 out of 2.5 million dollars increases the amount that is available to us for the Fitts property. Selectman Snow said the total appropriations would be \$80,000 less. Chairman Robie said they have warrant for 2.5 million and they have the warrant articles, the total budget is 3 million dollars and 10% of 3 million is \$300,000. There are a few things they have to take out with the bond issues, etc. This brings it down from \$300,000 to \$282,000. This is the 10% and it is all we can spend. Selectman Chives asked if you have to reduce the \$80,000 from the 3 million. Chairman Robie said no the number you start with doesn't change. Citizen Becky Sarra reiterated that they need to explain this so the people understand. Selectman DePuy thought people would

understand the basic concept, that if the vote goes this way we are not going to get the piece of property even if it passes. He felt people would understand the point. Selectman Snow asked who was going to second the article. Selectman DePuy said he would second it. Chairman Robie will present the warrant article with the reduced number and explain why it was reduced. Selectman Chivers asked if they were going to vote on this. Chairman Robie thought they were all in agreement. Selectman Chives said he would like it to go on record as objecting to it. Chairman Robie said he can do that. Selectman Snow moved to accept the decisions that were made as to who was going to move and second the warrant articles. Seconded by Chairman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Snow moved to amend the operating budget at the Deliberative Session. Seconded by Chairman Robie. Chairman Robie, Selectman DePuy, Selectman Snow were in favor and Selectman Chivers was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 1. Selectman DePuy asked if the elected official page in the mailer had been corrected. Chairman Robie said to clarify the office staff did their due diligence and asked the Town Clerk for verification on the positions. The Town Clerk said the positions in the mailer were ok and ready to go. There were a few positions that were missed. A one year and two year term for the Budget Committee, the Moderator should have been on last year's warrant, and Library Trustees (public rep). It was noted that they are correct on the posted warrant.

The Board to appoint two Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Snow said he was interested in being a Cemetery Trustee. He would suggest the Board appoint a one year and a two year term. He offered to do the two year position. He said that Mr. Michalek said he would take any position. Selectman Snow suggested they appoint Mr. Michalek to the one year position. He would be willing to make the motion. Selectman DePuy moved to appoint Dick Snow for a term of two years as a Cemetery Trustee. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. Selectman Snow recused himself from the vote. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman DePuy moved to appoint Theodore Michalek for a term of one year as a Cemetery Trustee. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to discuss Highway Department plow rates. Chairman Robie recused himself from the discussion. Selectman DePuy said Road Agent Lewis presented the Board with a plow rate comparison (see attached). Selectman DePuy asked if the Board wanted to consider this now or do something later in the year. Selectman Chivers said they ought to do it now. Their guys have been underpaid for a long time. There is a huge spread between Candia and other towns. Selectman Snow said this is something they need to consider in next year's budget. He didn't believe that it was in the budget for this year. He felt the Road Agent would like to do it this year. Selectman DePuy asked Road Agent Lewis what he would suggest. Road Agent Lewis said he was going to suggest increase half this year and half next year. They have been behind for a long time and the state hasn't adjusted those rates. The last time they adjusted the 6 wheel plow truck rates was in 2005 by around \$7.00 per hour. They can see the break down and how they need to calculate if for each truck. Most towns don't follow that anymore they just do the lump sum job to job. He said Epping pays \$95 per hour and that is regardless of what the truck is equipped with. It is doing the same job, it has a plow and it has a wing. Every truck he has hired has a different pay rate by a few dollars. His is \$62 per hour instead of \$68 because he has a town plow. Selectman Chivers asked what his recommendation would be for part of it this year (for a 6 wheel truck). Road Agent Lewis said \$10.00 this year and \$10.00 next year. They would be comparable to Chester's rate. The final rate for a large truck would be \$90 per hour.

For a 6 or 10 wheeler because they are doing the same job. Selectman Snow asked if this was going to apply to his winter warrant article. Road Agent Lewis said it wouldn't apply to anything other than snow plowing. It wouldn't even apply to his loader or the grader only to the plow trucks. Selectman Chivers asked if it applied to the one ton. Road Agent Lewis said it would be the same for those; it would be increase from \$60 per hour to \$70. The only trucks with a slight difference would be the ones that push a town plow. He noted it is a gamble whether it is going to fit in the budget at an old rate or a new rate. They never know how the winter is going to be. His fear is that he is going to lose his drivers to other towns that pay more. He has a good crew and he would hate to lose them. Selectman Chivers said what they are doing is matching Deerfield's rates and next year they will match Chester's rates. There won't reimburse for fuel. Selectman Snow said he expects to get the same amount of service that they budgeted in September. Road Agent Lewis said that is the risk they take every year. Selectman Snow said he wasn't arguing, but they should have done this in September. Selectman DePuy said they won't get the service if they don't get the plow guys to plow. Road Agent Lewis said what they would lose the most is summer work. It is the gamble they take every year. Selectman Chivers moved to increase the plow rates by \$10 per hour for the 6 wheel truck and \$12 per hour for a one ton truck effective this billing cycle (Sunday). Seconded by Selectman Snow. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Bob Panit to discuss Emergency Operation Plan. EM Director Panit said he was there to discuss the Emergency Operation Plan. Before he does he would like to discuss the pending snow storm. It will be referred to as winter storm Juno. It will be over 2 feet of snow with wind drift's of 35 to 50 mph. There may power outages. The duration of the storm is now until the middle of the day on Wednesday. He has met with the Police Department and they put out notices on the Nixel and the town website. Those are alerts and the blizzard warning was issued by the State of New Hampshire. It is recommended that people stay off the roads. In the event of power outages the town's emergency shelter will be made available on an as needed basis. Residents should call 483-2317. He made arrangements this morning to have access to Moore School. Selectman Snow asked who works with him at the emergency shelter. EM Director Panit said whoever is available. Chairman Robie asked about the Emergency Operation Plan. EM Director Panit said every five years they have two plans that need to be updated one is the Emergency Operation Plan and the other one is the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. In the past years they had a company Hubbard Consulting put the plan together. He asked her for preparation this year for that update. Her estimate was \$2,500 total. Once this is approved he will put in a grant through the State of New Hampshire to see if there is money available to cut that amount in half. At the most is they would pay half of that \$2,500. It is a simple grant. He asked the Selectmen if they had any questions. Selectman Snow thought Hubbard Consulting did a marvelous job last time. Chairman Robie motioned to authorize EM Director Panit to update the Emergency Operations plan and authorize the expenditure of any matching funds that are necessary for the grants. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Chairman Robie announced the grand total of payroll and accounts payable checks for January 22nd and January 29th was \$126,876.73. Selectman Snow motioned to accept accounts payable and

payroll checks for January 22nd and January 29th in the amount of \$126,876.73. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Any Other Business

Selectman Chivers said he received a call from Sandra Noelette. She is the sister of the former property owner of 308 Raymond Road. She would like to redeem the property. He told her to get in touch with her brother and make some confirmation that this will happen financially and we'll talk. Selectman DePuy said he spoke with Bruce Nelson today and he said he would drop off the key to the building on Thursday or Friday. He told Selectman DePuy that they would like to do whatever is right to get the property back. Selectman DePuy told him that he would speak with the Board to get what their sense was. He would suggest they pay the back taxes, the interest, and the penalties. Selectman Snow added and a plan for remediation for the issues they have outstanding with the property. Selectman DePuy asked who had the issues, the Building Inspector. Building Inspector Murray said he would pull the file and make a list. Selectman Chivers noted there is a court order. He asked if this was the sense of the Board even though the redemption period has expired. Selectman DePuy said they don't want that property. Selectman Chivers said Mr. Nelson needed to deal with the IRS over the lien. Selectman Snow moved that they notify Mr. Nelson that if he can come up with the necessary costs and a plan on how he is going to clean up the property, they will allow him to redeem the property within a time frame of 30 days. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor. Selectman DePuy said there is an attorney handling this for 308 Raymond Road, LLC which is in the name of his five daughters. His name is Greg Michaels and he will give him a call.

Chairman Robie motioned to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Selectman DePuy. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary