

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2015**

**Attendance:** Chairman Carleton Robie, Vice-Chair Boyd Chivers, Selectman Scott Komisarek, Selectman Susan Young, and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen. **Absent:** Selectman Craig Sandler

Chairman Robie opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 9/19/15 and 9/28/15.** Selectman Chivers motioned to accept the Public Meeting of September 28, 2015 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Robie motioned to accept the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Selectmen's 2016 Budget Hearing minutes as amended. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Fire:** Selectman Chivers read from the attached report.

**The Board to appoint Adam Lawsen to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation.** *Chairman Robie moved to appoint Adam Lawsen as a Candia Volunteer Firefighter based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Chivers.* Fire Chief Young said that Adam has been coming around for a few months and he has shown a lot of interest. He has family members that are firemen, so it is in his genes. Adam lives in the village so he is nice and close. Fire Chief Young felt he would be an asset to the department. Chairman Robie called for a vote. *All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**The Board to approve reimbursing operating fund with grants received for Homeland Security training in the amount of \$734.84.** Chairman Robie asked if George May applied for this training grant. Fire Chief Young explained it was a grant that Bill Mortimer and Bill Cormier applied for. He explained Bill Cormier is their grant guy. Chairman Robie said they have received the \$734.84. Fire Chief Young explained they should reimburse those firefighters personally, not the department. Chairman Robie explained they have to be paid out of the training line and this money will go into the training line to compensate for that. Chairman Robie motioned to apply the \$734.84 towards the Fire Department Training line. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Department Reports continued:**

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. Selectman Chivers asked how they were doing on the road side mowing. Road Agent Lewis said there were no takers on that job. He has one person that is contemplating it and if he doesn't come through he'll have to do it himself. Most of it is the money. They pay \$7,000 to mow forty something miles of road by the time they pay their insurance and everything else it isn't worth their while. They have been spoiled for the last 20 years with the guy that used to do it for us. He retired and they'll find a replacement eventually. Selectman Chivers asked if they should put more money on that line. Road Agent Lewis said he added \$2,000 to that line this year and it wasn't enough. Selectman Chivers asked

what it would take to get someone to mow. Road Agent Lewis said he's going to try to determine that the next couple of weeks. He knows other towns pay \$16,000 to \$20,000. Selectman Chivers asked if they pay by the hour. Road Agent Lewis said it would be by the hour. He noted mowers are expensive and insurance is expensive. There are a lot of costs to it which used to be an easy job to get done. They'll get it ironed out. Chairman Robie thought they should consider buying a mower with an arm and a three point hitch. Road Agent Lewis said it would be expensive. Chairman Robie thought it was something to consider. Not too many people are buying them because they have no use for them. Selectman Chivers asked if they are going to buy the tractor too. Chairman Robie thought Road Agent Lewis had a tractor. Road Agent Lewis said they could find someone without having to own it. They would have to maintain it if they owned it. If they have to they will look into that. Chairman Robie asked if they were going to do anything with the Henry Moore Highway Grant. Road Agent Lewis explained that he was going to use \$12,000 of it to work on Chester Turnpike. Chairman Robie said they could make a motion to ask the Trustees of the Trust Fund to release those funds at the next Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Chivers asked if he got an estimate for a salt shed. Road Agent Lewis said he didn't know what to do with that. He wanted to build a new salt storage area but it is close to the brook. There are some issues with the brook being so close there. He didn't know if they should go to DES first to see if they would even grant permission to do that. He hasn't pursued that much because of the issues with the DES. So far they have done nothing down there that is a problem, but putting a structure there and adding more might be. They would need to get a permit because they would be building it within 75 feet of the stream. It is a tributary to Lamprey, so that kicks in the Lamprey River Advisory Committee and they are informed of things within a hundred feet. He wasn't sure what they should do. Selectman Chivers asked if they had enough storage down there for salt. Road Agent Lewis said they can hold four trailer loads of salt. They same amount they've stored for thirty years. This is why they have kept a good relationship with their salt supplier, so when they run out in a middle of a storm they can get it. It's hard because they don't want to store a salt and sand mix outside. If it rains it could leach down into the stream. It's something to think about and maybe they can discuss it more at the next meeting.

**Police:** Chief McGillen noted they've had an above average month. They averaged about 250 calls compared to 198 last year at the same time. Burglaries are down which is a good thing. They are getting a lot of scam calls. Residents are getting phone calls by people claiming they are the IRS. They're going to put something on the website and if anyone gets these threatening phone calls call the police department and they will check it out. They are targeting the elderly. It is happening all over the country. One of the calls they used the Candia Police Department number. It's all a scam and he encouraged people to call the department if they have any doubt. **Speed measuring device:** They just a new laser which is a speed measuring device, they will need to be trained on how to use it. They have someone coming to do that next week. They've been getting a lot of motor vehicle speeding complaints in town. **Town Office sign:** Chief McGillen mentioned that he and Road Agent Lewis looked the town office sign (on High Street) and they thought it should be moved directly across the street. There is a site distance issue when you are leaving the town hall. Road Agent Lewis noted they have looked at everything. This will be the fourth time he has moved that sign. Chairman Robie asked why they were moving it. Selectman Chivers said it was brought up at the recent Safety Committee meeting. He asked what the harm was with putting it across the street. Road Agent Lewis said there is no harm in it. He and Chief McGillen were looking at it this morning and they were thinking if they set it 8 feet back away from the pavement it shouldn't interfere with the states plowing. The arrows are going to face in from both ways. **Patten Hill Road guardrail:** Chief McGillen mentioned that another guardrail has been taken out again on

Patten Hill Road (by the swamp) last night. This has been the third or fourth incident in the past couple of years. He was thinking about asking the Selectmen to see if they can lower the speed limit in that section and they could put some signage up. They could come up with a number and some chevron's indicating where the corner is. It seems like people are heading towards Raymond and going off the right hand side. Just as a side note there have been thirteen accidents on Patten Hill Road this year and last year there were only four. This is the whole road not just down by the swamp. This is another road we are going to be targeting speed enforcement. Selectman Chivers asked if he thought lowering the speed limit would help. Chief McGillen noted it is 35 mph now and you can't do 35 mph on those corners. He thought if they put some signage up it would take the liability off of the town and they are looking at this issue and addressing it. He felt it was minimal cost to have some signs made up. Road Agent Lewis agreed it wouldn't cost that much and they have to do something. He put a new guardrail up less than two years ago. He noted they extended the guardrail 50 feet when he did the reconstruction. Chairman Robie suggested reducing the speed limit to 20 mph in the corners but the rest of the road should stay at 35 mph. Chief McGillen said it would just be in the corners, just in that little section. Joyce Bedard of Patten Hill Road said she moved to Candia in 2011 and Dennis has replaced the guardrail three times. Also, her husband has been run off the road on the corner they are talking about because people just aren't paying attention. **ACO car:** Chief McGillen asked if the Board would entertain the idea of putting the ACO car out for bid. Chairman Robie asked if Matt was okay with using his own vehicle. Chief McGillen said he was fine with it. Selectman Chivers said they could do the same thing they did the last time and establish a minimum bid. Chief McGillen said he needed a couple of weeks to get the equipment out. Chairman Robie suggested the he get it cleaned out and they could discuss this at the next meeting.

**Building:** Chairman Robie read from the attached report.

**Solid Waste:** Chairman Robie read from the attached report. Revenue generated for September was \$1,805.60.

**The Board to accept the Emergency Management Performance grant with the State of New Hampshire.** Emergency Management Director Panit explained the Board needs to sign the grant application paperwork. This grant has been used to update the Local Emergency Operations plan. They are required to update that plan every five years. The Board proceeded to sign the grant application paperwork. Chairman Robie asked what they were using the \$2,500 for. EM Director Panit explained Jane Hubbard Consulting Services puts the whole plan together. They will provide us with ten copies for each department as well as three copies that will be readable for the public. They will also be getting a thumb drive so it is available to print. Chairman Robie asked if they have the 50% match. EM Director Panit said it gets taken care of in "in-kind" hours. This is hours that people sit together and work on documentation research, so no money changes hands. They get reimbursed for the whole thing. They don't lose any money.

**The Board to reappoint Carla Penfield as a Smyth Memorial Building Trustee for a 5 year term.** Selectman Chivers moved to reappoint Carla Penfield as a Smyth Memorial Building Trustees for a 5 year term. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. 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 October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup> was \$714,135.97. Selectman Chivers motioned to accept accounts payable and

payroll checks for October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$714,135.97. Seconded by Selectman Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Any Other Business**

**Budget Committee meeting request:** Chairman Robie said received request from the Budget Committee to meet with the Selectmen on November 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Selectmen's budget. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Budget Committee on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Tax deeded properties:** Selectman Chivers said at their last meeting they reconsidered taking the deed to tax deeded properties. They reconsidered granting a waiver and one of the factors they took into consideration when making that decision was that the taxes would continue to accrue if the title goes to the town. It was thought at the time if the town holds the title the taxes don't accrue. He checked the RSA on that (RSA 80:90). He read from the RSA "For purposes of RSA 80:88 and 80:89, the phrase "back taxes, interest, costs and penalty" shall include all of the following: (a) All taxes assessed but unpaid as of the date of the tax deed, together with all taxes which would thereafter otherwise have been assessed against such property based on its valuation, but for its ownership by the municipality." So the town still has the authority to recover. It has nothing to do with the decision they made, but going forward it is good to know. Chairman Robie asked if it said "may" or "shall". Selectman Chivers replied shall, despite the fact that the town owned it they are still entitled to collect accrued taxes plus interest. Chairman Robie said he needed clarification on the phrase "but for its ownership by the municipality". Selectman Chivers explained even though the town owns the deed to the property they can still collect the accrued taxes on that property. Chairman Robie said he would like to look into that. Selectman Young asked if they could check with LGC. It seems like it would be unfair to continue taxing them if they don't own the property. Chairman Robie agreed.

**Public Auction flyer:** Selectman Chivers explained the flyer said map 413 lot 105 was located on Old Manchester Road, but it is located on Old Candia Road and the map showed the wrong location. The flyers have been fixed to reflect that correction.

**Pinkerton Support:** Randy and Julie Ladd of Raymond Road wanted to go on record that they in support of changing from Central High School to Pinkerton. Chandar & Jim Argeriou Main Street are also in support of changing to Pinkerton. Mr. Argeriou felt not only will it be great for the students but great for the town. Also, the Town of Candia will have two seats on the Pinkerton Board of Trustees per their proposed contract.

**Deerfield Fair traffic:** Joyce Bedard wanted to note that traffic went well for the Deerfield Fair weekend. She felt it ran smoothly and much better than she expected.

**Announce Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Robie motioned to adjourn 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.