

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**May 14<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Chairman Mark Laliberte, Vice-Chair Susan Young, Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Boyd Chivers and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

**7:00 p.m.** Chairman Laliberte called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 04/23/18.** Selectman Chivers moved to accept the April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Selectmen's meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Selectmen will hold a public hearing at their regular scheduled meeting to accept quarterly grants and donations in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, III (a).** Chairman Laliberte opened the public hearing. He announced the grants received for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$22,861.35; Bear-Paw Regional Greenways in the amount of \$1,300; and the MTAG Grant (Municipal Technical Assistance Grant) in the amount of \$9,600. Chairman Laliberte announced the donations received for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: The R. David Depuy 2005 Trust in the amount of \$500 (fuel assistance); Candia Trailers & Snow Equipment in the amount of \$250 (welfare donation); David and Kristen Gould in the amount of \$250 (food pantry), and David and Kristen Gould in the amount of \$250 (fuel assistance). The total amount of donations received was \$1,250. *Selectman Chivers moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grants and donations. Selectman Young seconded for discussion.* Selectman Chivers asked if they accept a grant from the State of New Hampshire for \$22,861 do they credit the highway account with that amount. Road Agent Lewis explained that it goes back into the general fund. Selectman Chivers asked if it was the same for the \$1,300 from Bear-Paw and the MTAG grant. Chairman Laliberte explained the \$1,300 from Bear-Paw. The Conservation Commission spent \$2,600 on the survey and Bear-Paw agreed to reimburse half. So it will go back to the Conservation Fund. Selectman Chivers asked if the MTAG grant would go back to the Planning Board. Selectman Robie said it was missed labeled and it is supposed to go back to Carol Ogilvie. It was the housing grant not the four corners. It was for Carol Ogilvie she billed \$9,600. Selectman Chivers asked if \$9,600 would be going to the Planning Board. Selectman Robie said it will go to Carol. Selectman Chivers clarified they were accepting the grant and they are going to pay her bill with it. Selectman Dann asked if this was half of the amount of the Highway Block Grant compared to last year. Chairman Laliberte said they come quarterly. Selectman Dann referred to the revenue report which says we have received \$44,000. Road Agent Lewis noted they get four payments. Selectman Dann said he was looking at the comparative revenue report. Selectman Chivers asked Road Agent Lewis what this was based on. Road Agent Lewis said road miles. They update their road miles every year and if their road miles increase they give us more money. If they appropriated \$400,000 for the highway department at town meeting and \$100,000 comes in for grants in four payments, that would go into the general fund and it would offset what you raise by taxes for the highway department. It is 25%. Selectman Chivers asked if it was based on road miles and fuel consumption. Road Agent Lewis explained it comes from the gas tax,

which is updated every year. *Chairman Laliberte called for a vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.* Chairman Laliberte closed the public hearing.

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Chairman Laliberte announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup> was \$575,482.41. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$575,482.41. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached reports. He noted that they had some pretty deep wash outs from the rain in April. **Adams Road project:** Road Agent Lewis asked the Board if they would like him to do it or how do they want to proceed with that. It is the Selectmen's call. They can put it out to a contractor or they can do it the way they've been doing it, it's up to the Board. Selectman Robie asked if they were going to grind that. Road Agent Lewis said they are going to grind it and box it all out. It will be a full rebuild. Selectman Robie asked if this was going to be the road reconstruction project this year. Road Agent Lewis said they will start at Route 43; it won't get the whole road in one year. This road needs some under drain. There is a lot of water that comes out of the hill heading towards Route 43. There is some ledge in there. Some of the ledge will be coming out but they won't need to remove all of it. So it's basically the full box rebuild, it will be a minimum of 3 feet from out of the road and will be replaced with suitable materials. He is thinking down towards 43 it will probably be 6 feet from out of there. It's low and it has been filled in. It started as a wagon path. Selectman Laliberte said Road Agent Lewis knows the road cold and he has been doing this with the other roads. He would just assume that he does the work. He asked the Board if they have any questions or concerns. Selectman Chivers asked Road Agent Lewis how long they have been doing it this way. Road Agent Lewis replied long before he was doing the job. Selectman Chivers asked if they have ever used an outside contractor to do the road reconstruction. Road Agent Lewis replied not since he's been doing the job, maybe before him. Selectman Chivers couldn't see any reason to change. Selectman Robie asked Road Agent Lewis if he was documenting what he was doing. Road Agent Lewis said he has been keeping a list since he has started – how many feet they went down, what material is in the road, etc. There is a file for everything. When he is done as the Road Agent he'll bring the files to the town and whoever takes over, let's say Brown Road needs work again they'll know they won't have to dig it out. All they'll have to do is reclaim it and repave it. He's put different notes in there like if there was ledge they didn't take out or something that may bother in the future; there is a note in there for that. Selectman Robie asked if they could get a copy of that stuff. Road Agent Lewis said he could make up some copies. He did for the person that will take over eventually or whoever needs it will have that information. **Guardrail on Patten Hill Road:** Selectman Robie asked about the guardrail on Patten Hill Road and has the insurance company paid for that. Road Agent Lewis said he wasn't sure and he would ask Police Administrative Assistant Karen Merchant if she has seen anything. Selectman Robie asked if they billed them. Road Agent Lewis said it went to the insurance company when the accident happened. He checked awhile back. He noted this is an expense in his budget but its offset with a reimbursement, so it will appear as an overage. This is the third time this has happened. **Painting the Salt Shed:** Road Agent Lewis noted the prisoners from

Rockingham County are going to paint the salt shed. He has to buy them lunch, that's the deal. The town supplies the material and they supply the labor. This is free other than the cost of lunch. **North Road culverts:** Road Agent Lewis noted that he has been working with Stantec on the two North Road culverts. There are two galvanized metal culverts which are basically opened bottom culverts now. They are by Soha's pond, they have been rusting out through the years and they need to be upgraded to box culverts. They are going to look for a grant to cover that. They have been doing the preliminary work to apply for a grant. The whole dynamic changed there. They rebuilt the dam a couple of years ago and now the emergency spill way is significantly larger and it takes water a lot sooner than the old one did. So now the emergency spill way that is further up the road, there are two culverts there about 150 feet apart, the further one is taking water sooner and faster than the main culvert where the brook is. So it is probably good we have never done these earlier because it definitely needs to be rethought with the improvements to the dam. There are some grants out there to cover those mitigation projects. They are looking around for one and he just wanted to let the Board know they are working on that. **Paving Prices:** Road Agent Lewis noted that he has gotten two back so far and they are almost dead even. They have used both contractors in the past and he is still waiting for the third one. He was hoping it would come today but it didn't come. Selectman Young asked who they were. Road Agent Lewis said one was Pike and the other is Bourassa. Bourassa usually does our smaller work. Selectman Young asked if Continental responded. Road Agent Lewis replied they aren't interested in what we do. He has called them in the past maybe three times in the last 20 years and they only have 3,800 ton and it's kind of broken up over small projects. Selectman Young thought Pike was a pretty big company. Road Agent Lewis said not like Continental. Selectman Young heard that Continental is the least expensive, but she doesn't have factual data. Road Agent Lewis said he can call them tomorrow. Out of all of their projects there is only a \$972 difference in the whole thing. He's not quite sure what to do with this until he gets the third price and he'll let the Board know what it is. **Highway Department – Equipment rates:** Road Agent Lewis said the other thing he wanted to bring up before budget season is, if you would like to review the equipment rates they pay for, not plow trucks but other equipment like on the road projects. The last time they were upgraded was 1999 and 2005. He printed up what they pay now (see attached). At the end of the meeting he will give them a sheet of what it is and they can check and see if those rates should apply. The state doesn't have any interest in changing theirs because they don't hire people much anymore. 2005 is a long time since the rates have changed. Selectman Young asked if they have state rates. Road Agent Lewis said he had them with him. He will give them to the Board. Selectman Chivers asked Road Agent Lewis if he thought the state rates were inadequate. Road Agent Lewis thought so, but it is the Board's decision he didn't want to be the guy that recommends changing the rates. He asked the Board to review them to see what they thought. Some things he thought were ok and others don't fit the bill. Selectman Young asked if the numbers he gave them were the state rates. Road Agent Lewis said they are the state rates and that is what the town is paying now. Selectman Chivers asked if they are inadequate how do they find a reliable bench mark for what is adequate. Should they call Severino? Road Agent Lewis said he could ask him, but he doesn't want to be the guy that changes his own rates. He is giving the Board the decision. Selectman Laliberte asked if the NHMA have any information. Road Agent Lewis said he didn't know if NHMA would have information or not. The state no longer hires much equipment. They have a lot of their own, so they don't change the rates. It is something to think about before budget season. Selectman Young asked if he wanted her to call around, since it is her department.

Selectman Chivers thought that was a good idea. He asked if these numbers were with an operator. Road Agent Lewis explained the only thing he listed in there without an operator is the loader. So when that goes over to say the town pit in the summer for the road project, there is no operator the truck drivers load themselves. In the winter when they plow the truck drivers load themselves. Selectman Chivers asked if that includes the labor, fuel, insurance, etc. Road Agent Lewis said it includes everything. Selectman Robie asked if those truck rates were what they were paying. Road Agent Lewis said that is what they pay. Those have been upgraded through the years from the state. Selectman Young clarified the Selectmen don't vote on what they are going to pay, you have always just upgraded them to keep up with the state. Road Agent Lewis said they only time they have been upgraded is when the state upgrades their rates. Chairman Laliberte thought since it was 2005 that maybe they can up the numbers. Road Agent Lewis suggested that they evaluate them and see. For instance, he didn't have a backhoe and you had to go hire one, he didn't know if they could find someone to work for the price. Selectman Dann asked what the price for a backhoe is going for right now. Road Agent Lewis said with a wrist and things like that probably \$80 to \$90 per hour. Selectman Robie thought they were paying the trucks the same rate as they did in the winter. Road Agent Lewis said not when they haul. Selectman Robie noted that a tri-axle is \$85, its \$75 to \$80 nowadays. Road Agent Lewis said and their rate is \$66. Selectman Robie said they don't use any trailer dumps. Road Agent Lewis replied that they have in the past when they had the floods and sometimes he would get someone like Glenn Young or Jerry Becker to haul for us. It is something to think about before season and see if they want to adjust them. **Salt Shed facility:** Selectman Robie asked if he has thought about a facility. They need to think about a facility. Road Agent Lewis said he knows and he has looked at what they could do for a wetlands permit if they were to expand down there. If anybody has any thoughts on a place they could move to he is all ears. Selectman Robie said they need a highway facility. Road Agent Lewis said it is very tough because they only store four loads of salt and they have no place to get into if something breaks, they fix it in the snow. Selectman Robie said they need to think about this seriously. He doesn't know how many people know this; we don't own anything to do with highway except four or five snow plows. Road Agent Lewis confirmed that was it and a hand shovel. They are using a port-a-potty; it isn't up to standard today. Selectman Young asked if there was any way they could piggyback off of or get a space at the state (shed). Selectman Robie said no. Selectman Young asked him why he was saying no, does he know that for a fact and there is no sense asking. Road Agent Lewis said it works best near the four corners because they use the loader at the school, in between spreader runs they'll run over and use the loader over there or here or at the fire house. There is a fair amount of convenience to being close to here. He did start the ball rolling to see if they could do anything down there. He's not sure there is anything they can do. Selectman Chivers asked if they had enough room down there. Road Agent Lewis said they would triple the space if they had a wetlands permit. He thought with the cemetery there if they did build a building they could build it into the bank and they could use part of it upstairs. He has looked at tax maps and tried to figure out where they might go and he really can't find something fairly close to here. Selectman Robie said they have a pretty good size piece of land at the Moore School they have 11 acres over there. Road Agent Lewis said it depends on what their future is going to be. Selectman Young said they won't be expanding. Road Agent Lewis said you never know ten years from now it could be different. Selectman Young noted the whole population has gone down with both high school and elementary. She didn't think they would be expanding. Road Agent Lewis said he is open to any suggestions because he has thought about

this for years. He is the guy fixing the stuff down there in the cold, wet, rain and trying to make sure they have enough salt to try to make sure we get through the next storm with no storage capacity. Selectman Robie noted Dennis is the last generation that is going to lay in the salt and the water and use a port-a-potty and sleep in his truck. The years are numbered and they are not very far away. Road Agent Lewis said it is reality this is why he has been thinking about what they are going to do here. To add to Selectman Robie's statement he is getting very hard pressed to find people that are willing to do that. There is nobody left that wants to stay up all night and don't want to buy a truck. They don't want to work that way. He works for a lot of other towns with a grader and they can't find help. There are two towns near here that have been looking for a Road Agent for 8 or 9 months now. Selectman Young asked which towns. Road Agent Lewis said Nottingham and Northwood. Selectman Robie said it is going to have to be a paid position with benefits and equipment to use. The hours will be 8a to 5p and when it snows they go to work. This is their job. Selectman Young said to piggyback off of what you just said she definitely agrees and she would really like to have a meeting with the Selectmen and the School Board. They are going to have to divert some funds she didn't think the answer was to raise taxes. She thought they could move funds around, she thought they needed less spent in certain places and maybe this year we can do a shed. They need planning and she doesn't see that happening. Selectman Robie said they tried to do planning at the four corners and build a bypass and road frontage and access to the back of the firehouse and nobody wanted to hear it. Selectman Dann said the planning they are talking about are maybe fire trucks and ambulance, but they are talking about this situation and see if they can plan it in. Selectman Young thought they have a School Board that would cooperate; she thought they were going to have a meeting. Chairman Laliberte said he has been talking with Matt Woodrow. They talked last week and this is something he is probably going to bring up at the next meeting. He wanted to note the anonymous person wanted to thank the Road Agent for looking at the beaver dam and appreciates that you are keeping an eye on it. Road Agent Lewis asked if he knew who that person was. Selectman Laliberte said it was just an anonymous person. Road Agent Lewis replied an anonymous person that knows the beaver dam. Selectman Chivers asked which dam was that. Road Agent Lewis said it was the Abe Emerson Marsh. Selectman Dann asked when Road Agent Lewis is reclaiming Adams Road, before he starts could he talk with Facility Operator Whitcher because maybe some of that fill can give us additional room. Road Agent Lewis said they have been taking the fill back to the pit just because of the hassle of people who want it fight over it. Selectman Dann said if it could be done that would be great. Road Agent Lewis said he would check the plans and make sure there aren't wetlands.

**Police:** Chairman Laliberte read from the attached report.

**Fire:** Selectman Dann read from the attached report. Chairman Laliberte asked about the staff hours and there is a big discrepancy. He asked Selectman Dann if he could look into that number.

**Building:** Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. He noted there haven't been any new code enforcement cases and he really hasn't had time to deal with them. He's juggling five hot ones right now. Revenues have more than doubled since last year. They have some new houses going in and that makes a difference. Chairman Laliberte asked about the Skateboard Park lighting estimate. Building Inspector Murray asked Selectman Young if she

would like to talk about that. Selectman Young asked if she could discuss it under the Moore Park report.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Dann read from the attached report. There were 31 bales for the month of April.

**Budget Committee:** Selectman Young noted there were several things that were brought up by the Budget Committee. She mentioned there was a typo on the warrant and Dick Snow has questioned if they are legal. She thought that the Town Clerk took something from her Deliberative Session minutes and added it to warrant article 21. He questioned if that was legal. Her position was that it was fully discussed at Deliberative Session. The fact that there is a typo in there, he didn't know if that was accurate. She told him that she would try to find out. Selectman Chivers asked what the vote was on that. Selectman Young said it was 484 yes to 102 no. It wasn't close. He's a new member to the Budget Committee and he is being very thorough which is good. The other articles he had concern with were article 29 and article 31. He had concern with the wording "raise and appropriate". She thought maybe they shouldn't put that wording because there is no dollar amount. He didn't think those were legal. She thought it was very transparent at the Deliberative Session. Chairman Laliberte said when they approved this warrant article it didn't have the wording "raise and appropriate". Selectman Young said the Town Clerk might have made a mistake when she typed that as well. He also thought that in article 21 for the fire apparatus that it should say "the Selectmen appointed as agents". She thought it always said that and he told her they shouldn't have it in there. Or you don't need it in there until the year you are actually buying it. She believed it was written in there because if they needed the money tomorrow. She noted that Chair Chivers asked about the Master Plan and how much we have spent. The question being that is the \$9,600 going to be moved back into the operating budget and wanted to know what it was spent on. She said she would share all of that information since they accepted that grant this evening. If there are more questions she'll have them for the next meeting. Selectman Robie said that was for Carol Ogilvie's work. Selectman Young said she explained that but they wanted a breakdown of some things. It looks pretty thorough from what she sees there. Selectman Chivers asked if any of Dick's concerns are serious enough to invalidate the vote. Selectman Young didn't think so and she told him it was a typo and everything was very transparent. She didn't think anybody questioned it at the Deliberative Session. Selectman Chivers said there isn't much this Board can do for a mistake that was made in March. They can thank Dick for his attention and promise not to do it again. Selectman Robie said those really aren't Budget Committee items. Selectman Young said Dick thought it was. His understanding is when the budget is presented and we vote on it, it is not the Selectmen's budget it is the Budget Committee's budget. Chairman Laliberte asked if they could receive and files this. Can we say that we noted it, we weren't asked to make a decision. Selectman Young said the validity is what he is bringing up. He wanted it brought to the Board and she is doing what she has been asked. Chairman Laliberte said the one thing he will say separate from this is he wondered what the mechanism is to look at the ballot to make sure the "I's" are dotted. Selectman Young thought there should be some proof reading. Chairman Laliberte didn't know how that mechanism works, does the Town Clerk have the final call on that. Selectman Young said yes she writes it. Chairman Laliberte thought they should have somebody whether it is the Moderator or somebody to give it a second read. He thanked Selectman Young for bring that to the Board's attention. Selectman Young said the other thing

that was asked for was a timeline for all of the payments for the Master Plan. Chair Chivers would like all of the details. She asked if she should go to Administrative Assistant Andrea Bickum for that. Administrative Assistant Hansen also suggested talking with Accounting/Payroll Specialist Donna Becker because she keeps a record of all that information. Selectman Young asked where the \$9,600 goes, it says that it goes back into the operating budget. Selectman Robie said that is where it goes back into, the operating budget. Selectman Young asked if it goes back to the Planning Board budget. Selectman Robie said that is the operating budget. Selectman Young said that Chair Chivers asked to be specific. Is it going back to the Planning Board section? We have a bottom line budget. Chairman Laliberte thought it goes into the general fund. Selectman Robie clarified that it goes back into the bottom line of the operating budget. The Planning Board realizes that they spent their \$10,000 that was last year's \$10,000 it wasn't this years. Chairman Laliberte added they aren't getting revenue, it goes back to the bottom line. Selectman Young clarified that it is going back to the general fund. Selectman Robie said yes.

**Park:** Selectman Young said there is quite a bit to do over there. When she asked to oversee that park one of her things was a softball field. She did believe that Severino was going to do it. They've just donated one or two baseball fields over at the CYAA. It is not a big deal, the school uses it and the little kids use it too. They only have five games. Chairman Laliberte asked if Jessie Remington was using it. Selectman Young said they weren't using the softball field they use the other part which is the soccer field. There has been a lot of opinions on how to handle this. Selectman Chivers asked what they were doing. Selectman Young said to make the field the way it should be it should be dug out. To make a long story short Severino said he would do it. He donates to no end to this town. She explained the infield has to go down, because it gets weeds and it's all supposed to be sand, no grass. Selectman Dann said this is replacing the problem that they have. Selectman Young said there are several ways to deal with this. She wasn't sure what she had to get permission for to do over there. She didn't remember what former Selectman Scott Komisarek did. She asked if they would like to be updated and asked for the Board's opinions. Chairman Laliberte thought that is what Scott did. She noted that Severino is going to do that and if he said he is going to do it, he will get it done. They have removed the \$900 and didn't encumber it for the light at the skate board park. The estimate is \$1,600 or \$1,900. Chairman Laliberte asked what her recommendation was. Selectman Young thought \$1,600. She thought he had the lift included in this. They are out the \$900 and they have to replace it, so now the price is a little bit more. She did get a lift donated, so he doesn't have to do that. It's either \$1,600 or \$1,900 and he can get to it until sometime in June. Someone has to dig the trench. She didn't know if it was something that Ron (Severino) could do while he was there. It needs wiring. If they pay the \$1,600 or \$1,900 is that everything. What about the wires to get to it. Road Agent Lewis said if he leaves the conduit he said he would put it in. Selectman Young said she didn't know if he was too busy. Road Agent Lewis said it will only take a couple of hours to do the whole thing. It is just a trench to the pole. Selectman Robie said there is no reason they can't pay somebody to do that. If they are going to have a light then they are going to pay for it. It's nice when people donate, but we are not poor here. They can pay for a light. Selectman Young said she was just saying they had \$900 for the light and it's gone because it never got done. So they are down \$900 and the price of it has gone up. Selectman Robie said maybe we ought to re-budget for it in September or they suck it up and find the money to do it. To think people are going to do it for free. Selectman Young said

she didn't think people are going to do it for free. Selectman Robie said then let's do it. Building Inspector Murray said the difference in the price was different lighting. The skate board park is already half lit up anyway, because of the parking lot. He thought the smaller light would be fine. Selectman Young asked if they even needed this. She didn't know how much of it was labor and material. Do they need this big type of a light over there? Building Inspector Murray said apparently so, that's labor, materials, everything. Selectman Dann noted the pole is up already. Road Agent Lewis said he has to dig from the salt shed to the pole, put in a conduit, get some sand from the sand pile and fill it in. Selectman Young said she knows it has to be done, Dick Snow has complained about it for a few years. She is just trying to get it done. Road Agent Lewis said as soon as the conduit arrives at the salt shed he'll come down and work on it. Building Inspector Murray noted that Mark has dropped off the conduit. Dennis will put that in and Mark will install it. Selectman Young asked if they wanted the 300 watt bulb. Building Inspector Murray said they are LED's and they will turn on and off on their own. Selectman Young asked if this is what they want. Chairman Laliberte said it sounds like that is being recommended, a 300 watt LED fixture. He is good with that. Selectman Young asked if they need to make a motion. Selectman Robie said just do it. Selectman Chivers added it is budgeted. Selectman Young said they have a \$1,000 trailer they have to vote on so she doesn't dear buy a can of paint without permission. Chairman Laliberte noted last year they voted on \$4,000 to pave half of Moore Park and it did not faze anybody. This is something they have been talking about for years. Scott talked about this two years ago. Honestly he thought they could make this work in the budget. Selectman Young said she was trying to fix the park up for Old Home Day. Some benches need to be painted and repaired. There are some other stuff to do over there. Selectman Young moved to have a 300 watt LED fixture installed at the skateboard park in the amount of \$1,600. Seconded by Chairman Laliberte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to consider purchasing a storage trailer for the Recycling Center.** Selectman Dann said it's not a road worthy trailer and it is just going to sit there. It's for being able to store product so they can be able to save to get the maximum return, you can't take a bale that you bale today and get a return. You prefer a full tractor trailer load for the best pricing. Or maybe another town has a half a trailer and another town has a half a trailer and you're making the best. The biggest thing is that you're not moving things around all of the time being unproductive. Chairman Laliberte asked how much. Selectman Dann said the whole sale is between \$1,000 and \$1,500. It would be coming out of the impact fees. Chairman Laliberte clarified that one load would pay for itself. Selectman Dann said it could sit there for 20 years. He noted this is coming from the impact fees. Selectman Young asked if she could get money for the impact fees for the park. Selectman Robie said no, but if you re-write them you can. This is something that ought to be done. Selectman Young asked if this trailer was just going to stay there and store recyclables until there is a full load. Selectman Dann said in the past few years people on this Board have said go to other towns and every one of them has storage trailers to efficiently process product to get the best price. They'll have one trailer for each one they are recycling. Right now they are moving things around because they are in your way so you are staging them some place. It is nonproductive work at this point. Selectman Robie said they have been doing it that way for 10 years. Selectman Dann said yes but it doesn't mean that it is efficient. Selectman Robie clarified that he has been saying this for 10 years that this is inefficient. They ought to get rid of this stuff instead of storing it. They don't have room down there now to move



around and to add another tractor trailer in there is going to take up more space they don't have. Selectman Dann said they have more space in the dock. Selectman Robie said the dock probably isn't made to put a trailer in and leave it. The dock was made for something else. Selectman Dann said they can still have a full trailer come in and take a full trailer out. They have four bays there. Selectman Robie asked how many trailers do they have. Selectman Dann said they have two in there right now and this will be storage. Selectman Robie thought they had enough storage. Selectman Dann said if you take a bale today and you find someone to haul that one bale to the recycle center what is it going to cost to do that. You say as you make it get rid of it. It is not the proper way of doing it. It is costing more in shipping and everything else at the point. Selectman Robie said they have been doing it wrong for 10 years and they are going to get another trailer and keep doing it wrong. Selectman Chivers asked what the alternative is. Send out one bale at a time? Selectman Robie said they don't send out one bale at a time, they say they save up until they get a load. They have been moving bales in and out of those trailers to get to what we need. Selectman Dann said they are trying to eliminate a lot of that in and out and that is nonproductive. Chairman Laliberte said the current system is inefficient and they can all agree on that. So basically either we store more or we store less. What is the argument for storing less – getting it out as quick as possible? Is that the point? Selectman Robie said yes and have less unproductive time moving that stuff around and storing it. Chairman Laliberte said by doing that it will free up the time of the staff. He clarified that the Selectman Dann is saying by storing more that when we do have loads we will get more money per load. Recycling and Energy member Canny Griswold said she would like to clarify the situation. You don't send out a load of multiple things you need to fill up the truck with multiple things. Selectman Young said she would like to build fences up there so esthetically it doesn't look quite the way it does. She didn't know if adding another trailer is going to help with the appearance or if there is room. A couple of times a year she does go, there are cars lined up. Recycling and Energy Member Canny Griswold explained the trailer is going in the bay area near the building. There was discussion about the trailers that are there. Selectman Chivers asked if this recommendation comes with the endorsement of the Recycling and Energy Committee they've formed to advise us on how to run that place efficiently. Selectman Dann said they've talked about it and it is a fund that is there. Recycling and Energy Member Canny Griswold said it is something they have needed for years. Selectman Chivers said it was the position of the Committee that this would help the recycling center run more efficiently. Chairman Laliberte asked Selectman Dann how much more per load did he think they were going to get by doing this. Selectman Chivers didn't think that was an answerable question. You don't know what the market is going to do while we are storing this stuff, it could go down. Selectman Dann said you get tractor trailer loads and it is a commodity. It can change from today to tomorrow. If you are able to hold something you could get a better price for it. Citizen Al Hall said if it is the recommendation of the Facility Operator he thought the Board would want to consider his thought on this matter. He thought they should take the suggestion that he has saved the town a lot of money. Selectman Dann said he wouldn't bring something here if it was not supported by Chuck. He is the manager of recycling. What he is saying is that he is an expert in that field that recommends it. He is here as the liaison trying to express this at this point. Selectman Robie noted the impact fee is for the improvements to the facility. He wasn't sure if a portable trailer is considered a capital improvement to the facility or not. Selectman Chivers said he didn't claim that the trailer was a capital asset. Selectman Robie asked if it was an improvement, a broken down dilapidated trailer. Selectman Dann said it is not a dilapidated broken down trailer. Selectman Robie asked

if it held water. Selectman Dann said he didn't know they haven't bought it yet. Selectman Robie said he hoped they didn't buy a trailer that leaks. Selectman Dann said no, it doesn't allow water to get in. Chairman Robie asked if they were going to vote on this. *Selectman Dann moved to authorize the purchase of a trailer from the impact fees in the amount of \$1,000 to \$1,500 depending on what the cost is. Seconded by Selectman Chivers.* Selectman Chivers said he had a hard time sitting here not knowing exactly how that place is run telling them how to do it more efficiently. He doesn't have enough experience over there and he doesn't know what their problems are or restrictions are. He does know what their goal is and if this comes with the guy who runs this facility that we pay to make these kind of decision, with the endorsement of the committee we have established to give us advice on this, he has a hard time denying that request. Selectman Robie said after ten years of doing it wrong. They have a manager that has decided they are going to get it right to make this change. He hasn't asked for a trailer for 10 years, an extra trailer to make it more efficient down there. They are moving forward at getting better. *Chairman Laliberte, Selectman Dann, Selectman Chivers, Selectman Robie were in favor and Selectman Young was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1 (4-1-0).*

Selectman Laliberte said he does hear comments from the crowd. He knows people get excited but let's keep a level of decorum.

**The Board to authorize the purchase of a skid steer for the Recycling Center.** Selectman Dann said that Chuck put together a complete comparison of units. This is in the budget and is something that is needed to run that facility. Selectman Young said they will listen to what the Supervisor's need and recommend, but they aren't always going to be able to give it to them. It is no disrespect to Chuck. One of the Selectman said if that is what the committee recommends and that is what the manager wants we should get it for them. This isn't always going to be the case. She noted they had art work that was assigned to an area and Jim Argeriou made a moving wall and that was done. The manager was directed to limit the artwork to the wall. She has noticed that there is artwork all over the place. The manager is not taking direction very well. He works for the Town of Candia. Chairman Robie asked the audience to stop talking and Selectman Young to finish up; they have other things we need to address. Selectman Young said they can't always give them something that they think they need to have. She doesn't want someone going back Chuck and say "she didn't vote for it". She just doesn't want that to be the climate that he is working under. He and no one else will get everything they always want. Chairman Laliberte noted that we have all seen this in the folder. He summarized that Chuck looked at three machines and he is looking at the Case SV 280 which is \$51,952. The Bobcat S740 T4 is \$51,797.52 and the JCB 3TS 8W with a trade-in will be \$65,000. He is arguing that the machine that is \$13,000 is far superior, because he thinks it is going to last longer and fewer staff time to be used. He is using age as an example of that because of the aging staff. He says it has a lot more stuff to it. They did allocate \$65,000, but to see the difference between \$65,000 and \$52,000 is striking. He is tempted to look at option one and option two because of the vast savings. Selectman Young asked if they just spent \$5,000 on our old one. Selectman Robie thought it was about \$12,000. Selectman Dann said the last paragraph sums it up. The reason is what the machine needs to be used for. The other machines are incapable of doing a number of things. The JCB has a pattern on this boomerang and a side entry door which is a safety factor. Chuck has spelled this out real well. They had all of these units at the recycling center for testing, so they can make sure these units can do what is needed to be done down there. The JCB

allows when Dennis goes down to plow there are certain places that need to be opened up and with the JCB they can move this and push it over the side. He mentioned that Dennis hauls that ash for them from time to time. Road Agent Lewis said he hauls the compost down to the pit. Selectman Dann said they didn't dump it into the dump truck. There are other things this machine does that other cannot do. They are familiar with the JCB because they have one down there that is 13 years old and just last Saturday the hydraulic hose blew so it is down. The other one that they are replacing right now has a fuel leak and that is going to be used until the JCB is repaired on Wednesday. They are talking about the people that operate this; they are talking about people crawling on the pavement in the winter. They are people that are getting older. With the other unit you have to crawl across the bucket and get in. This is a safety hazard. He is summarizing and he felt that Chuck did a very good job of explaining everything here. Chairman Robie asked if there were any other thoughts or opinions. Selectman Robie asked how come all of the prices are with trade in. How come we didn't get a quote for the machine and we could sell our machine. He was sure the people at JCB that just spent \$12,000 repairing that machine realize how much money was put in that. Selectman Dann said it wasn't the JCB it was the other one. Selectman Robie asked who did the repair on it. Selectman Dann said he didn't have an answer for that. Selectman Robie said when you buy something you ask for a quote then you ask what they will give for a trade in. Then you can make a decision if you want to trade or buy it outright. Then sell your used piece of equipment. Selectman Dann said that can always be the situation to be sold. Selectman Robie said not if you trade it in, because they don't have a price on the machines without trade in. The only price they have is with a trade. They don't know what that \$51,000 machine is without the trade. Selectman Young asked if they can table this until the next meeting. Selectman Dann said this needs to be addressed because of the situation they have down there. Chairman Laliberte said he is getting the JCB fixed. He knows the Case is down, but as long as the JCB is working they can still do their job. In limited capacity, but they can still do it. Selectman Chivers asked which one were they trading in. He asked if it was the one they are no longer fixing. Selectman Dann asked if they put more money into it or not. It has a fuel leak at the present time. Do they do that or not? With what is spelled out here with everything this machine will do is needed down there. He'll say this when you look at other pieces of equipment or other departments this is what they need. They are spec'ing out what they need for their facility. This is what they are doing right now. Chairman Laliberte said sometimes they don't take the most expensive or highest option. This where his concern is, they see two tractors that could do the job, maybe not to their liking and then there is the third which is substantially more expensive but covers the bare minimum of what they need to do,. Selectman Dann said they have a unit that is 13 years old that you are going to insist work harder to do what this unit would do. So you are going to end up breaking that unit down sooner and need to replace it. Chairman Laliberte said the other unit is still going to be doing more of the other work that the older unit wouldn't be doing. Selectman Robie noted you just said that you tested these things. So they have two machines a Case machine and a Bobcat that list for \$51,000 and change. Then they have a machine that lists for \$65,000 which is the JCB. \$51,000 to \$62,000 is a \$13,000 difference. There has to be some difference in these machines to be \$13,000 difference in price. They are all the same and they tested them, why are two \$52,000 and one is \$65,000. Why would we bring something in to test if it wasn't going to be suitable for what we need it for? He is very confused for \$13,000. Selectman Dann said the unit has an extended boom and that is what makes the big difference and it is patterned. No other manufacturer can do that and it is side entry, When this boom is up the operator can get out of

the machine, on any of the other two they can't get out of the machine. Selectman Robie said why did they test them. Selectman Dann said they are skid steers there is no other one there. He said he wanted to know what was out there and he insisted on, number one when we went to these other recycling centers they had Bobcats. This Bobcat won't work for what we need. It's too big for turning in the radius that they have. Selectman Robie said then let's get a smaller one. Selectman Dann said it won't do the work that we need. They need the lift that is there. Chairman Laliberte asked if JCB that is currently there do the same work of the JCB that he is looking to buy. Would that be able to do the work that they want to do, even though it is 13 years old? What he is saying is that you could put more of the load on the new Case. If it is such a great machine it probably has a decent amount of life left in it. They can do the tasks that you want to do with this one. Selectman Dann said he could see what he is saying but now you have put that type of task on a 13 year old unit. Chairman Laliberte said you are taking away tasks from it as well and putting it on the case is what he is saying. Selectman Dann said so you end up with a machine that is going to have to be replaced and you would have to get into a JCB eventually down the road. If you replace the 13 year old one you are going to get that because that is what's needed. So you get the JCB now and you prolong the life of this 13 year old unit. Chairman Laliberte replied now you are in the cycle of getting the more expensive tractor. If you are spending \$65,000 now and then maybe you are spending \$70,000 when the 13 year old machine has to be replaced. Selectman Dann said then you take the JCB and when you have to replace the 13 year old one you go to something different. A regular skid steer, but you have a new unit that is out there working. Chairman Laliberte asked about Chuck applying for the NH the Beautiful grant is that applicable to any tractor they get or does it just apply to the JCB. Selectman Dann thought it would be for any unit. Selectman Chivers asked if they have a proposal from these vendors that tells us exactly what the retail price is and what they are allowing us for the trade in. This is an important number. Selectman Robie said without the prices of what you can buy the machines for with cash money. The town pays their bills on the spot. Selectman Chivers asked Selectman Dann if he could present this to the Board in a form of a spreadsheet. Chairman Laliberte didn't think the Board had enough information to make a decision tonight. Selectman Dann asked what they needed. Chairman Laliberte said they are looking for a trade in on these and they are looking for information. Selectman Chivers said there is no trade in allowance on either one of these. Selectman Robie said it is in the bottom line, this is how it is written. They have worked the trade in into the numbers. Selectman Chivers asked if he could have them break it down for us with cash price and subtract what the trade in allowance is. This is how they buy a car. Chairman Laliberte said he knows they are down two machines and they are trying to get one fixed, but they don't have enough information and the Board would like more information before they make a final decision. Selectman Dann said it is a piece of equipment that will do everything that will be needed to be done down there. Chairman Laliberte said that wasn't what he was saying, it doesn't seem like they don't have enough information to make an informed final decision. Selectman Chivers and Selectman Young agreed. Selectman Robie asked why there was a tax, what are they paying taxes on? There was a tax for \$2,426. Chairman Laliberte asked if they could push this off to the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Selectman Robie thought they would have to. Chairman Laliberte asked what do they want Chuck to give them for information. Selectman Dann said Chuck put a note on his write up that if there were any questions to call him. He prepared a program for us. He insisted that they had units brought in to our facility. Chairman Laliberte said he wasn't denigrating anybody; they just need a little more information before they can make a final decision. There was some further

discussion about the units. Selectman Young noted that Chuck said they needed a smaller unit because of the constricted footprint down there. Selectman Dann said the biggest problem is loading the baler. This is the restraint there. Selectman Chivers asked if Selectman Dann could find out how many hours are on the JCB.

**The Board to discuss a request to contact the Town Attorney.** It was noted the Linda Thomas who is the Chairman of the Fitts Museum Foundation asked if she could contact the Town Attorney. Chairman Laliberte said this is one of those cases that he was going to make a decision, but wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. They are a non-profit which shut it down for him. She wanted to talk with Bart to see if they could form a trust. Because they are a private non-profit he felt that would set precedence for other non profits in the town. Selectman Robie clarified they wanted to set up a trust to give to the museum which is a town entity. She is the Chair of the foundation. They want to move on. She wanted to speak with the town attorney to set up a trust fund to be overseen by the Trustees of the Trust Funds to be expended. Things need to be worked out to see who can expend and who is going to expend. If the Foundation turns that money over to the town it would be in the care of the Fitts Museum Trustees. She would like to get the wording and the knowledge of what needs to be done and if it is feasible or not. Selectman Chivers said the Town of Candia would be the sole beneficiary of this whole deal. Selectman Robie clarified the Fitts Museum will be trustees or most likely be the ones guiding that. Road Agent Lewis explained the Fitts Museum Foundation was founded as a separate entity to purchase the property behind the museum. Their money came from private donations. This is why it is separate from the Fitts Museum. It's always merged together and people don't understand they are separate things. The property behind museum didn't come up for sale and that money has been sitting there for years. Selectman Young noted the church bought the property. Chairman Laliberte said he understands it, but he was nervous they would be setting a bad precedence. They are not a town organization. This is why he brought it to the Board. This is a special circumstance. Selectman Young moved to allow the Fitts Museum Foundation Chair Linda Thomas to speak with Atty. Mayer for the purpose of setting up a trust to benefit the town. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Dann moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.