

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**  
**Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Attendance:** Acting Chair Susan Young, Selectman Carleton Robie, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Boyd Chivers and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

**7:00 p.m.** Acting Chair Young called the Public Meeting to order and immediately followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked everyone in the audience for attending. She noted that everyone will have the opportunity to speak this evening, but they have a few things the Board will be discussing. You may not get to speak exactly when you want to, but everyone will have the opportunity. They are their Selectmen and this is your town. She asked the audience to please be respectful and refrain from talking when people are speaking.

**Approval of Previous Minutes: Public meeting minutes of 05/14/18.** Selectman Chivers moved to accept the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Selectmen's meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to accept Mark Laliberte's resignation and address the procedure on the vacancy per RSA 669:63.** Acting Chair Young said she would entertain a motion to accept the resignation of Mark Laliberte. Selectman Chivers asked if it would be appropriate to read that letter. Acting Chair Young said they could. Selectman Chivers proceeded to read the letter of resignation (see attached). *Selectman Chivers moved to accept the resignation of Mark Laliberte. Seconded by Selectman Dann.* Selectman Dann wanted to thank Mark for his time that he has spent serving Candia. He was very much concerned about Candia moving forward. *All were in favor. Motion carried.* Acting Chair Young read from RSA 669:63 (see attached). She noted the past practice is to give people the opportunity to put their letters of interest in. There is a sample of the posting (see attached). She noted it would be a 10 month appointed term which would expire in March of 2019. Selectman Chivers said they aren't going to meet again until June 11<sup>th</sup> and then again on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Why don't they make the cutoff date June 25<sup>th</sup>, so the deadline would be Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>? This way they could act on it at the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Selectman Young said her thought was the 11<sup>th</sup> of June and that way they could appoint a Chairman. She is basically Vice Chairman which is a role that she prefers. If they give the interested candidates until June 8<sup>th</sup> that is nine days to get their letters in then they could make a decision on June 11<sup>th</sup>. They have other decisions they are going to have to make and she thought they would need a full Board. She would prefer to do it sooner than later, but she understood what Selectman Chivers was saying. Selectman Robie said June 8<sup>th</sup> would be fine with him. Anybody that is going to sign up knows the circumstances and they will get their letter in next week. They can come to a meeting and the Board will seat someone and they can get on with their business. Selectman Dann said the communications in this town is the reason he questions doing it that soon, the first meeting in June. He asked if people will be aware of it and will it give people the opportunity to get their letter in. Chair Young replied with all due respect in this small town she heard about Mark's resignation before we received the letter. She thought it was pretty well communicated. They can put it on the website and they can post it on the Candia Community Facebook page. Selectman Dann agreed and use as many avenues they can to get it out there. Acting Chair Young thought they have important things they need to make decisions on and in her opinion it should be done with a full Board. Selectman Chivers agreed with Acting

Chair Young. They can post it on the website and on the Candia Community Facebook page. He asked when the closing date would be on this. Acting Chair Young thought the 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. If any of the Selectmen wanted to look over the letters they can come in over the weekend and then they would be prepared to talk with the candidates. She asked if the candidates come before the Board on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Administrative Assistant Hansen said the interested candidates should come to the meeting. Acting Chair Young thought that should be in the posting, so they know it is expected of them to come to that meeting.

**The Board to approve the transfer of the MTAG funds to the Planning Board operating budget.** Selectman Chivers moved to grant Mr. Cartier's request by transferring \$9,600 from the Master Plan Implementation account to the Planning Board operating budget. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**The Board to continue the skid steer discussion.** Acting Chair Young said before they start on this she would like to entertain a motion to table this discussion until they have a full Board in place. So instead of having just the four members hearing this they would have a fifth member. She asked Selectman Dann if he had additional information that he would like to share. Selectman Dann said he would like to bring people up to date from the last meeting. First, he would like to thank the Board members that took the time to go down to the recycling center and talk to Chuck about the skid steer replacement piece. He thought it was very good. There was some confusion at the last meeting. He didn't know about this piece of equipment and Chuck has never purchased a piece of equipment. He asked Chuck about reviewing skid steers out in the market and see in the last ten years what has changed. This is the reason there was a Case and a Bobcat. They were looked at and as Chuck has expressed in his presentation they did not have the requirements that are needed down at the recycling center. This was the confusion. They were both under the impression they should be looking at least three machines and two of them didn't meet the requirements that were needed. They brought them in to take a look at them and go from there. With the question on the JCB which is more expensive and there are reasons for that. He proceeded to hand out JCB skid steer brochures. JCB has an extended boom unit and they are the only company that makes it. He referred to page 9 of the brochure and you can see that unit with the boom. This is everything they need at the recycling center. This past weekend there was a lot of construction waste that came in. They use this to pack the dumpster down, they did this a minimum of five times and then they needed to go to another dumpster. Probably all three of those dumpsters would have been filled if they didn't have a chance to pack it down. It would have required hauling out three dumpster instead of less dumpsters being hauled. Also, on page 10 there is a safety factor is a side entrance. There is no other skid steer with a side entrance. He had the pleasure of talking with Dennis Lewis and he had told him that Volvo has a side entrance unit. He checked and they do, but it is only a skid steer that does not have a boom. Volvo is made and developed by JCB. The patent is on that boom. He was at an NRRA meeting this last week and went to a class that they had on safety. He brought this up with the front end of a Bobcat, when you have to crawl over the front end. They got into a very good discussion on this. People have never thought of the hazards that this creates. You have one person getting hurt and you're into a liability. This could cost you a loss of an employee, if they are hurt that bad. The other thing with the side entrance is if there is something wrong with the load that person can get out and take care of it. Otherwise with a normal Bobcat you can't get out, the arm is up on that unit. Another safety factor on page 11 of the brochure is the visibility. There is a lot more visibility in this unit. He noted on page 13 it notes that the JCB skid steer has a 2 year,

2,000 hour warranty standard. The boom itself is lifetime. This is where the extra expense is with a JCB. If you had a regular skid steer it would be around a \$53,000 to a \$55,000 price. He mentioned there was a question about the specs and all of the specs are on the back page of the brochure. So trying to bring forward what this unit is. Last time they got hung up on a couple of units that did not meet the requirements. Acting Chair Young asked if Selectman Dann got the other information that was requested. There was a question on taxes and a trade in. Did he have time to get that or not yet? Selectman Dann replied first of all the Bobcat that had a sales tax on it is not even in the discussion, so it was not followed up on. They have a \$3,000 trade in allowance on the JCB. Acting Chair Young thought that sounded low. Selectman Dann explained it is like when you go to a car dealership. This is the quote. He went up to JCB yesterday and asked them different questions. He asked about the \$3,000 trade in and they felt it was fair. They said if they picked the unit up and they felt they could do anything more, they could do it. Right now that is where it sits, at \$3,000. Selectman Chivers asked if this was the same kind of crab steering like the JCB they have now. Selectman Dann said it was the same thing they have right now. All of the specs are in the brochure. Acting Chair Young thought it would be a great thing to share and maybe he could put it in the yellow folder. The new person can look at it and maybe the minutes and familiarize themselves with this discussion. Selectman Dann asked if she was in favor of this. Acting Chair Young said she is not in favor of taking a vote without a full Board. She will open it up to the other Selectmen. She did talk with Chuck and they fixed a fuel line that leaked. He told her it will get by for now. She just would feel more comfortable with a full Board to make that decision. She wanted to make sure the information that was requested by Selectman Chivers and Selectman Robie was furnished before they went on. Selectman Dann asked what she was looking for. Acting Chair Young said everything they asked for. She didn't know if they had that. Selectman Dann said there was 7,000 hours on the current skid steer and Selectman Chivers had asked for that. Selectman Robie thought if they go back to their September budget meeting he was pretty sure the Board was told that they needed to replace a skid steer. They were told it was in very bad shape and it wasn't going to run much longer. They said they didn't have the money for that now, but they would budget for it and see what happens. So at that point he was thinking the JCB that they have was doing its job and it's good. They were told they needed to replace the skid steer and at the same time it was in bad repair. He remembered going back through the budgets and we spent about \$12,000 on that machine to keep it running. Maybe not \$12,000 but they spent a lot of money to keep the machine running. With that being said he felt at this point that machine they are going to trade in has a bigger value than \$3,000. He didn't know how much they spent and he didn't know how much the machine was worth. It needs to have a value. If they wanted to end up with two similar machines, then he thought that's what should have been requested. They started to talk about this at budget time. They knew what direction they were going. They have been using those skid steers that are front loading and no telescopic boom for ten years. They've seemed to do okay. Plus he didn't know who did the work on that machine, but they know how much money put in it in the last eight to ten months. If we considered buying from them, one of their machines he felt the trade in should be more than \$3,000. This is all he had. Selectman Dann replied he can see the front-end loader without a boom. It was purchased at the old site when actually all you did was push. When all you did was push, you picked up trash and pushed into the hopper. This is all that it was used for. It is not efficient to go into the baler, it is not efficient to stack down the cardboard and paper. Like he has said it saved us this weekend with C & D materials. Being able to compact that waste, if they didn't have anything to compact the waste, the unit pays for itself over a period of time. They are talking about a \$13,000 expense.

The other end of it, say you have a project that needs to be done and it is 20 feet high. What do you do buy a 10 foot ladder because it is cheaper and the project doesn't get done. Try to put this in some comparison. They are talking to an individual who works and manages this facility and it is his recommendation to have this JCB with the boom. This will extend the life of the unit they have now and they will be able to have two units. If one breaks down you will have the other one. The older one is ten years old and it needs repairs too. Selectman Robie mentioned a Wall Street Journal article that he read a few weeks ago (see attached). He said the name of the article was "Recycling Firms Hit by Crushing Economics" and it explains that recycling as we know isn't working. He read from the article "Recycling as we know it isn't working" and "U.S. recycling programs took off in the 1990's as calls to bury less trash in landfills coincided with China's demand for materials such as corrugated cardboard." Selectman Robie explained recycling as we know it is going to change very quickly, it is going to have to. He's been looking at it and saying it. So they need to consider this. He noted they've spent a lot of money at the recycling center. They just bought an \$80,000 baler. They are talking about spending \$55,000 - \$60,000 on another piece of equipment. He is not making this stuff up. It's out there you just have to go out there and research it. They talked about this a couple of weeks ago and Mr. Couch came in with the big spiel that they are doing it right. He understands all of that and the concern that a few citizens have about that facility. On the other hand as far as a community goes we need to consider what they are doing down there. You can believe it or not, but it is coming down that path that this isn't working. We keep putting more and more money into this equipment and facility and we're not sure where we are going. Selectman Dann said what his recommendation would be. If they aren't doing the recycling properly what would his recommendation be? Selectman Robie said he wasn't sure. They put that out there for the Recycling and Energy Committee and Mr. Couch came back with a 30 minute talk about how everything was good. Selectman Dann said they are getting off track. Selectman Robie said he didn't want to spend \$60,000 on a piece of equipment that they aren't going to need in short period of time. Acting Chair Young thought they were getting a little off track. They are looking at the big picture and she appreciated what Selectman Robie was doing. Before they get into a two hour debate on this, she thought the audience would have some input that they would like to share. It sounds to her from talking with Chuck that he can get by until the next meeting. They have repaired the fuel line. Is that accurate or not? Selectman Dann said it was fixed. Acting Chair Young said then they don't have to do this tonight. She asked if he found out the trade in cost for the Case and the Bobcat. Selectman Dann said the Case will give you \$6,000. That's fine but you are buying a piece of equipment that is going to be sitting there and not being used. He thought that was very foolish. Acting Chair Young said if the Facility Operator goes to these people and says we have another company that is going to sell us a less expensive machine and they are going to give us \$6,000 and you're going to give us \$3,000. We've spent over \$12,000 in repairs. She asked if he could go back to Chuck and maybe he could use that as a tool just like buying a car. Selectman Dann said that has been done. He went to JCB yesterday and that is where it is at. He went up there, him personally, and it wasn't that he doesn't trust Chuck. He got the brochures and they spell everything out that the Board had questions on at the last meeting. Candia had decided many years ago that they are mandated recycle. Now if they want to change that it is totally another discussion. They are talking about equipment that is needed there to process the way they are doing it at this time. They have a multimillion dollar facility out there. The baler, if they decide to close that facility that baler could be sold. At the last meeting this is what came down, roadside pickup. Acting Chair Young asked if it was the pleasure of the three Selectmen that we have a full Board and if we have any questions at all they

will wait until the next meeting. Chuck said he could get by because they fixed the fuel leak. She asked the Board if they wanted to wait or do they want to make a decision tonight. Selectman Chivers didn't think they were ready to make a decision and he thought Selectman Robie brought up some pretty good points. Recycling may not be in Candia's future. They maybe buying a \$65,000 machine that we are not going to need next year. It would be foolish of them to sit here tonight and commit ourselves to a \$65,000 machine when the economics don't support recycling in the next 18 months. Acting Chair Young said having said that, how about we table this until the next meeting. She thought they had some comments from the audience that might help give us direction one way or the other. Is that okay with Selectman Dann or not? Selectman Dann said this is where he gets frustrated. He was at the NRRA meeting last week. Recycling changes all of the time and they are part of the NRRA. Recycling has changed and it will continue to change in different ways, but single streaming everybody wants to get out of it. It's very costly. Ten or fifteen years ago it was the "in" thing to do. What they are doing is the benefit; this is where it is at. They are getting money for things that they recycle. They are talking copper and brass, all of these things you want to recycle. They can kick the can down the road awhile. If you talk about going into another type of recycling, you're not going to do that. You need a town vote to eliminate mandatory recycling. You are going to have to be here taking care of what they are doing now. Acting Chair Young said so you can see Carleton's point that maybe they need to look at as far as spending that much on something that might not be useful. She thought he was looking ahead, but she didn't want to put words in his mouth. He is looking at the future. Selectman Dann noted this unit will have better resale value than any skid steer they have because of that boom. Loudon has gone to it. The safety factors of getting in and out of that unit and visibility, in 10 years things have changed. Acting Chair Young said he didn't need to convince her. She asked what the Board thought as far as voting on this now or wait until they have a full Board. Selectman Chivers said you are going to put a new Selectman right in the middle of this. Acting Chair Young asked if they wanted to make a decision tonight that's okay too. Selectman Robie said he would vote to fulfill what they said they were going to do, replace the Case skid steer. They were going to replace what they needed to replace. If something changes those machines have a lot of resale value out on the market. This is where he would head with this. This is what we said we would do and we budgeted for that and the people voted for that. This is what they told the people that they were going to replace the machine that was down. Acting Chair Young said they budgeted \$65,000. Selectman Robie said no because they didn't have a quote. This is what they budgeted. Acting Chair Young said it could go either way. Selectman Chivers said on that point he doesn't like seeing a \$65,000 line item for something that they quoted \$65,000. He doesn't like that. Selectman Dann said it is a \$68,000 machine. You are just nit picking a situation. The reason that came up is because Chuck was here at that meeting and Selectman Robie asked if the unit needs to be replaced. If you need to replace it put it in the budget. But a regular skid steer, he didn't care if you spent \$10 you would be wasting the money. It is not efficient for what they need. Acting Chair Young asked if there was a reason this wasn't presented to the Budget Committee if it was needed. Selectman Dann replied for the simple reason it was said let's put money into the budget that is what Selectman Robie recommended at that time and it was like bang here it is put it in the budget. Don't put it in a warrant article put it in the budget. Acting Chair Young asked if there was a reason that this particular thing with the arm wasn't presented at the time. Why didn't he say that he needed this? It wasn't that long ago it was only a couple of months ago. Selectman Dann said they need to look at what they need. This is what it was entailed to do. For us to turn around and come to you and tell you to buy a machine that is not adequate for the needs. He used the Chief as an

example. There is a cruiser you need that is correct to do the job. You couldn't go out and get a Volkswagen to do it. Acting Chair Young didn't know if it was fair to put him on the spot like that. Selectman Dann said what he is saying is they had someone that has done the research that works down there. He can see if they vote on this it is going to be a vote no anyhow. Acting Chair Young said let Selectman Robie finish. Selectman Robie said they have a machine like this with tires on it. Selectman Dann said if you turn it to the page I told you, it showed it with the tires on it. Selectman Robie said they have one of these and why do they need two. They have one he is confused. Selectman Dann said why spend money for something you don't need. Selectman Robie said they don't need anything then they won't spend any money because they have one doing the job. They have a very small recycling center. Selectman Dann said that's why you have a skid steer because it is very small. Selectman Robie said then they don't need two of these machines they only need one. Selectman Dann said they do have one. Selectman Robie asked why do they need two he's missing something. Selectman Dann said the unit has 7,000 hours on it and it is used every day that they are open. They can push this down the road and if it breaks down they can bring it forward to get a replacement. Acting Chair Young asked if he wanted to try that if they have one of these. Selectman Dann said they have one and it is used daily. You talked to Chuck; you were one of the people that took the time to go down and see what it is and talk about it. He appreciated that very much. Acting Chair Young said because she doesn't know anything about it. Selectman Dann said this is why the write up was prepared for everybody. Acting Chair Young asked if he wanted to wait until this one breaks and how long will it take to get a new machine. Could they have it within the week? Selectman Robie said any machine like that can be repaired. They just repaired the machine they were going to trade in for \$3,000. They can repair it and it has gone since September when it was on its last leg until now which is June. Selectman Dann said they didn't say it was on its last legs. You're the one who brought it up at that meeting and said we should look at replacing it and put it in the budget. Selectman Robie said that Chuck said he didn't want to spend any more money on it because it was in bad repair. Go and look at the minutes from last September. It came out if it is that bad let's not spend any money on it, but we went ahead and did that anyway for a machine that is obsolete. Why did we bother fixing it why didn't they just put it outside and leave it broken? And use the one that works. He is very confused. Selectman Dann said Chuck did not have it in his budget and you insisted that he put it in his budget. Selectman Robie replied because he said we needed to replace that machine that was broken and wasn't worth fixing. Acting Chair Young confirmed that he did say that. She thanked Selectman Dann for the information and it was very useful. She reiterated that maybe they can see how they are going along and if something breaks she would assume someone can get a piece of equipment to you fairly quickly. Selectman Dann said there is one sitting on their lot right now. Its allocations and what have you. He didn't know. You could go to buy a car and you look at it and you come back the next day and it could be gone. Acting Chair Young asked the Board if they all felt comfortable doing this. They have the money there and if you need it you can buy the machine. Selectman Chivers said the argument is not going to change between now and two weeks from now. Acting Chair Young said she wasn't talking about waiting until the next meeting. Do they want to wait until the one that they have breaks? What do you want to do? Selectman Robie said he is going with what Selectman Dann has informed him with. They are talking about a skid steer and front entry is useless to them down there. This is what he pretty much said that it's a useless piece of equipment and they have a machine that runs. They need to look at what they are doing down there, so now he is going to say we put it in the budget but he was misinformed. Acting Chair Young said they don't need to spend every dime they have.

Selectman Robie said that's right. He reiterated that he was misinformed and we have a machine that is working. If they take care of it and have it serviced and looked at, it should go a long time. Selectman Dann said Selectman Robie says he doesn't know what goes on down there. Maybe it's time for him to spend some time to see what is taking place down there and there is more than the 15 minutes you take to run through to put your stuff in the C & D area or the garbage. Come down and take a look and see what is needed. Again there is the safety aspect. Crawling over a front of a bucket is not an ideal situation. If they get into an insurance situation it will more than pay for that \$13,000. Acting Chair Young asked if he would be agreeable to what they just proposed and wait to see how it goes. Selectman Dann said he wasn't in favor of that at all. He is in favor that they need this unit and that's what he'll state. Selectman Chiver's opinion was they make do with what they have and look down the road and see what they are going to be doing down there in the next two years. Instead of buying another piece of capital equipment down there that may be useless to us two years from now. Acting Chair Young said they are all aware that he might need this and if he needs it they can address it at that point. She asked if they need a motion for this or how about they table it until we need it. Selectman Robie said someone could make a motion and if no one seconds the motion it's dead. *Selectman Chivers moved they defer consideration on this until such time it becomes more urgent than it is today. Seconded by Acting Chair Young. Acting Chair Young, Selectman Robie, Selectman Chivers were in favor and Selectman Dann was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 1 (3-1-0).* Resident Carla Penfield said she heard Mr. Dann speak about a whole lot of construction material that came in. It sounded like three dumpsters full of construction material. Is that correct? Selectman Dann confirmed that they receive construction material. Acting Chair Young said she would like to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. Then she will open it up to the public.

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks.** Selectman Chivers announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$84,699.42. Selectman Chivers moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for May 24<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$84,699.42. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

**Land Use project:** Selectman Chivers mentioned a project that they have been working on in the Land Use Office. Building Inspector Murray, Administrative Assistant Andrea Bickum and he have been looking at the Zoning Ordinance to find out those features of the Zoning Ordinance that are either contradictory or they don't make sense. Or they are not in conformance with state law. They are keeping this ongoing log of recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance so it makes it easier to administer for Dave and Andrea and easier to understand for the public. They are then going to make these recommendations to the Planning Board before the fall and Town Meeting. They have an ongoing effort to kind of improve the quality of the Zoning Ordinance. There are no big policy changes in there, but it's just to make it a little more workable. The Building Inspector often finds unbelievable contradictions within that same ordinance and he has a hard time reconciling. They are trying to work some of the kinks out of this thing. Building Inspector Murray said it will clean it up a lot and help him out. It is so much easier when things are concrete and black and white, this will help out a lot. Acting Chair Young said Building Inspector goes to a lot of the Planning Board meetings. She thought they were kind of doing the

same thing but they cancelled their next meeting. Building Inspector Murray said it would have been a good chance to work on this. It is Zoning Revision. Acting Chair Young thought what the Planning Board was supposed to be doing was planning not just seeing people when they come in for a site plan. She wonders why they cancel their meeting when it is a perfect opportunity to go over the ordinance. Selectman Robie clarified there have been some changes happening since last March with the Planning Board and the Select Board and the representatives. They are going to get back into looking at that. Selectman Chivers said the Planning Board is not aware of how difficult the Zoning Ordinance is to administer on daily basis. They are looking at it from 30,000 feet, but not seeing it the way Dave sees it every day.

### **Public Comment**

**Recycling Center C & D Dumpster.** Resident Carla Penfield said she had two comments. The first thing she wants to say is that they should take a look at the way they are recycling. They are million miles away from what they intended. If we all look back our recycling was going to cost us zero, because we were going to sell all of our recycling material. This has changed and it is no longer viable. So she thought it was reasonable to look at this now and have the discussion about what kind of changes if any they should make. The second thing is a more concrete question. The last time she was here the construction material thing came up. They are not sure when people come in and they have a Candia sticker on (their vehicle) and they are loaded with construction material whether that construction material originated in this community or it originated in another community. Selectman Dann just mentioned three dumpster full of construction material. She questioned why they accept construction material. She did a little construction project at her house and she got a dumpster. Why shouldn't anybody that is going to do a construction project be required to get a dumpster. This is not normal trash you are talking about, this isn't your normal bag of garbage. This is somebody's project. Has the Board thought at all about addressing this issue, just of construction material? Selectman Chivers asked if the town had an obligation to accept all the waste that anybody can haul over there. Resident Carla Penfield said she had curbside pick up and she can't put construction material out for pick-up. That is one of the things in her contract – no construction material. So she is just asking the question would it be reasonable to say no construction material. Building Inspector Murray said if you want a view of what is dumped in the C & D dumpsters it is not really construction material. People are doing spring cleaning right now everybody is cleaning out their sheds, barns, and backyard accumulations. A lot of that is what actually comes in; it's not from construction jobs. Resident Carla Penfield said she is speaking just about construction she is not talking about someone cleaning out their shed. Building Inspector Murray asked Selectman Dann what percentage he thought that was. He thought it was pretty thin. Selectman Dann said now they have a contractor in town that wants to help a person that needs some help and wants to keep the costs down. So that contractor would then bring it to the recycling center. You have different reasons for people using it. The Building Inspector mentioned a number of them. There are reasons why people get a dumpster. A contractor if he is doing anything major, because he should have. If the contractor says he won't charge that person because he can dispose of it at the dump, fine but he is still charging that person the time to go to the dump. It is not an easy answer. His other thought was, because of the NRRA meeting he was going to talk to Waste Management about a flyer in the spring. Most people saw it advertised on television. You can buy a bag and it is costly, but some people might not be aware of it. If they can eliminate some of that coming into our recycling center that would be great, he would like to see



people doing any type of construction use it. But if they tear a porch or a deck down this is a service for the tax payers paying for this. Acting Chair Young said it is a fine line how much is too much and if it is mine it's really not too much but if it is yours it might be. Building Inspector Murray said it is a fine line. Acting Chair Young said those are all great points and she doesn't know what the answer is but it is something to think about. She asked if anyone else in the audience had any comments. Resident Linda Bergeron thought if they don't have a place to put those construction materials, it's going to end up in everybody's woods and everybody's property. Selectman Dann said those containers with the mattress's and what have you that come in are put on the top. It is very useful; otherwise Dennis would be going around town picking up mattresses. Fire Chief Young said most people know that he is a carpenter. He does a lot of little jobs; he doesn't do a lot of big jobs. He recently did a job in the village and he replaced rotted clap boards and a corner board and he took them down to the dumpster. There is no way he would get a dumpster for that. If he had a big job or when he did the roof on his house he got a dumpster. He dumps a lot of little stuff in the dumpster. Selectman Dann said that is what he is talking about. Fire Chief Young said people aren't coming in with big tractor trailers and dumping stuff, it's all normal stuff. Everybody has little stuff, for people to get a dumpster would be kind of tough. Dumpsters are a great thing now a day's. To travel down there is money for customers, but for little projects. Selectman Dann said that is what they have and that is what's used. It was brought forward to us one time. This person was trying to save a person money by disposing the small amount at the recycling center instead of a dumpster. Acting Chair Young said maybe enforcement is that key to that. The recycling center is not her forte but if they see one company coming in with four trucks of stuff then someone might mention it then. Selectman Dann said it is scrutinized.

**Police Department update.** Chief McGillen said he had a couple of quick things. They had the Drug Take Back Day at the fire station and it was pretty successful. There was 54 pounds (2 boxes) of unwanted medication. People are using the drug drop off box. They've emptied it a couple of times, it's been full to the top. It's not a big container, but people have been using it quite often. They are having problems with some of the portable radios. They will try to look for grant money and see how the budget looks towards the end of the year. How this came to light is Rockingham switched over one of their frequencies and a couple of the portables are non-compatible. The Motorola doesn't have a fix for that and they are getting outdated. The radio people that service the radios said there are a few of them that should go bye-bye. They are going to look at that and do an inventory of that and see what they can get rid of. Acting Chair Young asked who his liaison is. Selectman Robie said it was him and he talked with the Chief about it today. Chief McGillen mentioned that the guy pled to illegal dumping, he was fined \$250 plus a 5% penalty assessment for dumping up in the Hall Mountain area. They've had an increase in some drug activity calls and some juvenile related abuse situations in town. This has required some additional investigation. It's getting a little taxing with that. It seems like when the warm weather broke they are getting busier with that type of stuff. Some of it doesn't rise to the level of crime but you have to investigate it. They work with the Child Advocacy Center, so there was a safety check required on a young girl who might have been exposed to something. The officer has to go to the interview and then they have a trained interviewer deal with the child. This way the officer doesn't interview the child. Some people don't realize that. This isn't done here; it is done at two locations. So there have been a couple of those interviews and he doesn't know where they are going to lead to. He just signed off on the Old Home Day permit today. He sent that to the state to get the approval for the parade permit. Selectman

Robie confirmed that Chief McGillen said 54 pounds of drugs were collected at Drug Take Back Day. Chief McGillen said that was correct. Selectman Robie noted nationwide the Drug Take Back program has increased in volume since its inception five years ago. Chief McGillen said it has been more than that. This is probably the 14<sup>th</sup> one overall. Selectman Robie said it keeps going up and they all know this is a problem. The turn back increases yearly. The message probably isn't getting out there to the right people that we don't need as many pills being subscribed, because the volume goes up every year that people turn back in. This starts at the top with the pharmaceutical companies to the doctors and the insurance companies. We all pay for that and then we turn them in and dispose of them. Chief McGillen agreed there is something wrong. Selectman Robie said it increases, if the number was decreasing with the amount of drugs being turned in yearly then we could say we are working on taking care of this problem. They are still prescribing as many if not more and they are not being used. Chief McGillen noted he made some good points. They have some committees and they have new guidelines that they have been trying to pass. It's a trickledown effect so it is going to take awhile. He also thought there is more awareness out there and this is being advertised all over the place. He has heard people say that they didn't know that they could bring their drugs. They've had their father's medication and he passed away a couple of years ago. He tells people to bring it in, they don't ask questions. Selectman Robie said it seemed like a lot. Chief McGillen agreed that it was a lot. Selectman Robie said it was just a thought. There are a lot of drugs out there that aren't being used that are prescribed and paid for.

**Recycling Article:** Resident Canny Griswold wanted to say the article Selectman Robie was quoting from is really about single stream recycling. It is not what we do. At the end of the article it says that they are all going to have to develop new ways to recycle. Selectman Robie said the article was mostly talking about recyclables having no value. Resident Canny Griswold replied that their recyclables do have value. Selectman Robie said in her opinion. Acting Chair Young said even the fact that we aren't throwing them away. Selectman Dann said recyclables have a value. There are some that have less value than others. This constantly saying that recycling has no value is wrong, totally wrong. Selectman Chivers thought what they were trying to get at is does it have net value. Does it have value that exceeds the cost of recycling? Selectman Dann said ok now turnaround and put it all in landfill, these landfills get filled up. Now are we going to put it on a train to Kansas or Texas? Now what are your costs? This sounds so great that we can go into landfill. There is only so much landfill that you are going to have. You are talking bottles, cans, steel and all of this can be recycled. You are going to take all of this and throw it into a landfill. Acting Chair Young said this is a subject that they could go on and on about. Selectman Dann said they keep going back to single stream. Like Mr. Robie said they had a gentleman in here that is passionate about it and he explained what it is and nobody wanted to listen. Acting Chair Young said they will end on a high note and they will try to recycle. This would be a great discussion to have at the Recycling & Energy Committee. Selectman Dann said the Recycling & Energy Committee has had this. Acting Chair Young said she meant for input.

Selectman Chivers moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.