

**Unapproved  
Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Chair Young called the public meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes: Public and Non-Public meeting minutes of December 26<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Selectman Chivers moved to accept the Selectmen's Public meeting minutes of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Dann moved to accept the Selectmen's Non-Public meeting minutes of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Chivers moved to accept the Selectmen's Public meeting minutes of December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Dann moved to accept the Selectmen's Non-Public meeting minutes of December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Chair Young said they were going to try something new for public comment. Again this is your Board and we are accessible to you. They want to be accessible to you and hear what you have to say. They are going to try and give everyone three minutes to make a statement for those who wish to at the beginning of the meeting. There is also a spot at the end of the meeting if you are interested in doing it then. If you could keep it to two to three minutes they'll try to get everyone. Then if they have some type of a follow up they're hoping they can cut that a little bit short, so they can begin their business meeting on time. She just wanted to explain that to the audience and they are welcome to give input on that. They can try this and see how it works for a couple of meetings then they can go from there and adjust if they need to. There was no public comment from the audience.

**Departmental Reports: Highway; Police; Fire; Building; Planning; Solid Waste; Budget; Other.**

**Highway:** Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report.

**Police:** Chief McGillen read from the attached report. He noted they have a new system and last year they have approximately 4,395 total calls for service. He didn't have numbers to compare it to, but he would say it is in the ballpark. He was hoping to have a candidate for the full time position tonight. They ran into a little situation and they have to research it. He is hoping to have someone here for the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. He wanted to let everyone know that there are some books over at the library. The Police Department sponsored and paid for these books for the elementary school kids. It's about how to cope with life situations, how to deal with stress, how to deal with strangers, and how to deal with a death in a family. The department joined on board to sponsor them and it didn't cost any taxpayer money for it. He went over and looked at the books and there are two different versions. He asked people to spread the word. They are pretty decent books and they are made by a company down in North Carolina. He wanted to let everyone know they are at the library.

**Fire:** Selectman Dann read from the attached report. The activity is basically the same as in the past.

**Building:** Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report.

**Solid Waste:** Selectman Dann read from the attached report. He noted that the Recycling Center has generated \$54,777.92 in revenue. The town approved a skid steer in November and it is working. He wanted to thank the townspeople for their support, it is very important. Selectman Chivers said how the income compared to 2017. Selectman Dann answered the revenue in 2017 was \$63,000. If you look at the other things that were shipped

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out they would be close to that amount. With the weather conditions and everything else sometimes they don't get the trucks in. The revenues fall behind. They shipped out on December 31<sup>st</sup>, but there is no way you are going to get revenues before that time. They are close to that \$63,000. Selectman Chivers clarified the value of those recyclables isn't going down appreciably. Selectman Dann said no they're not. If they can get more people to recycle cans and cardboard that will pick up some of that. Like anything else it changes, but they were closing in on that \$63,000.

**Budget committee:** Chair Young mentioned that he Budget Committee met last week and went over the remaining warrant articles.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update on Fiber Optic lines:**

Selectman Chivers said they got the final report from Avitar Associates. They are recommending the assessment against AT&T and US Sprint in the amount of \$154,800 for each one. This is for the value of their fiber optic lines that run through Candia. This works out to about \$308,000, so the Town of Candia will get about \$7,000 in property taxes which is not a bad return on our investment for a \$450 survey. Assessor Tammy Jameson said she would put it in the Vision system, so the next time they run bills it will automatically go into the billing. She thought it should go to Candy and the Selectmen's Office will need to generate a supplemental warrant, because it is a supplemental bill. Chair Young thanked Selectman Chivers for pursuing this.

#### **Review petition warrant articles:**

Chair Young reiterated that they Budget Committee reviewed these last Wednesday. Selectman Robie clarified that they voted on the petition articles. Chair Young said they did because they came in on Tuesday. If it was a money item they voted on it. Selectman Robie asked if the Board was going to do the same. Chair Young said they have already voted on the warrant articles once unless there was some type of change. They haven't addressed the petition warrant articles yet because they came in on Tuesday and the Board wasn't meeting until tonight. Administrative Assistant Hansen noted the Board has voted on petition warrant articles in the past. Chair Young said she would like to move the new agenda item "Smyth Memorial Building warrant article" to old business because they are discussing warrant articles.

#### **Smyth Memorial Building warrant article:**

Chair Young explained there was discussion at the Budget Committee meeting about the Smyth Memorial Building fund for the \$3,500 that they place in the building fund account. It wasn't necessarily lack of support for the Smyth Memorial Building. They stated that they thought it wasn't transparent, because people might think this is all that is spent on the building if they weren't familiar with the detailed town budget. What she got from the conversation was they would like it worded so people understand that the operating budget is contained in the regular town budget. She offered to do that to get their support but it didn't work. Again they didn't recommend this warrant more so for the reason that they don't think it is transparent versus they don't support saving up \$3,500 every year. She didn't know if this was the place that they could add something or maybe the Deliberative Session. Maybe there is something the Board might think would work better or maybe they don't touch it at all. Selectman Chivers thought they should just leave it alone. Chair Young asked the Board was in agreement or did they have another idea. Selectman Dann thought they go forward with the way that it was submitted and they voted on it already. It was the consensus of the Board to leave this warrant article as is. Chair Young said if this is something they want to change it can be brought up at the Deliberative Session.

#### **Are you in favor of Article 28 as follows:**

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*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five dollars (\$133,235) for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. Funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0). Chair Young noted this was recommended by the Budget Committee. Selectman Robie moved to recommend Article 28 as read. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**Are you in favor of Article 29 as follows:**

*To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to the **Candia Youth Athletic Association** for the specific expenses of providing youth recreation programs to the children of Candia. Said expenses to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0). Selectman Chivers moved that the Board of Selectmen support this warrant article. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**Are you in favor of Article 30 as follows:**

*To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$5,800 for the purpose of building an **addition to the Swap Shop** at the Candia Recycling Center. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Recycling and Energy Committee) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0-1). Selectman Dann moved Article 30 as read. Seconded for discussion by Chair Young. She is concerned this amount is not high enough. She believed from what she read from the minutes the the Recycling and Energy Committee will be depending on volunteer help to make this happen. Selectman Dann explained the reason for this is that they are trying to keep things as low as possible to get it done. The reason for this is to put an addition on the back of the building for the big articles that come in. Now if there is any bad weather it gets destroyed. Then they have to put it in the dumpster and then the town is paying to ship it out. So what they have here is a place to keep the furniture dry. Habitat for Humanity will pick up pieces for recycling, but they won't pick up one piece. So what he is saying is if there are a number of pieces sitting there for a period of time they'll call them and they will come and pick them up. It is another way of recycling large pieces of furniture. Chair Young said she supports the purpose but she is not sure the amount is high enough to get the dirt work done and a pad poured. Selectman Dann answered the site work will be done for \$1,000. Then the concrete came in at another \$1,000 and then they have to buy the materials and then the construction. There are people who volunteered to work on the construction. The Committee felt the amount was adequate. They threw around \$10,000, but they don't want to kill the project and it is worthwhile. This is why they come up with \$5,800. Selectman Robie thought the Select Board should go back and read the minutes from when they built the original swap shop. So everybody knows exactly what they have and where they have been with this. He thought there was a lot to be said. It was about ten or eleven years ago and there were many discussions about the swap shop. Selectman Robie also pointed out that they are always talking about how cramped for space they are down there and there is no space to put anything. He questioned if they should be saving old mattresses and couches. Selectman Dann replied it is not mattresses, it would be couches and bureaus and what have you. They are paying as Candia citizen's by putting them in the dumpster. They are paying to send them out, so they are saving money for the town at this point. Chair Young thought if they could store the larger pieces. She has been following on Facebook and a lot of people have been coming down to pick this stuff up. It is not going into the recycling flow is the way she understands it. She was of the understanding that it was furniture not old mattresses. That place is cramped that's why she didn't know if this was enough. Selectman Dann said the purpose is for the large pieces of furniture that come in that get destroyed and then we have to ship them out. Selectman Komisarek said the one concern he had was the esthetics. He's sure the Recycling and Energy Committee has looked this over and how it will esthetically look. Selectman Dann explained it extends the back of the building. It will stay level with the roof. It will carry on as far as it will go*

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back. It's non-usable space right now. Chair Young noted this doesn't address the heat in the building. Selectman Dann said there isn't any heat in the building. He noted this article is to protect the pieces of furniture that come in. Selectman Chivers said this is a good opportunity to show support to the people that run that swap shop. Chair Young added it is one of the biggest volunteer groups that she has ever seen. She hoped they get their helpers to get it done. This was her only fear and she supports the whole philosophy of what they were trying to do, but she didn't think it was enough. If the Board is comfortable with this then she is. Chair Young called for a vote. Chair Young, Selectman Chivers, Selectman Komisarek, Selectman Dann were in favor and Selectman Robie was opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1 (4-1-0).

**Are you in favor of Article 31 as follows:**

*To see if the Town will establish an Agricultural Commission in Candia, NH according to RSA 673:4-b and RSA 674:44-e to establish ordinances, which will protect the rural character, keeping land in open space, and growing healthy locally-produced foods. Submitted by petition. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0). Selectman Komisarek moved to recommend Article 31 as read. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**Are you in favor of Article 32 as follows:**

*To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,000.00 (One thousand dollars) to the Agricultural Commission (if said Commission is Established) in a Trust Fund according to RSA 674:44-g and having the Agricultural Commission as agents to expend the funds in the said Trust. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0). Chair Young asked Mr. Snow to speak to this. Resident Dick Snow said he was speaking as a resident not as a Budget Committee member. The intent is to reduce the article from \$1,000 to \$1.00 to get the fund established, but not to ask for any money the first year. The life of the Agricultural Commission if it gets established, they are not going to need a significant amount of money. They can manage to do everything they need. They need to get the fund established because it would allow for donations, private money, and grants to go into the fund. It would be a non lapsing fund that is kept by the Treasurer of the town and it would be spent on the authorization of the Agricultural Commission. This is the intent. Selectman Chivers asked Mr. Snow if he would be amending this article at the Deliberative Session. As he understands it because he can't speak for the Budget Committee or the Agricultural Commission Steering Committee, the intent is to reduce the warrant article at the Deliberative Session to \$1.00. Selectman Chivers moved that the Board not recommend this warrant article the same way the Budget Committee did for the same reasons. Seconded by Selectman Dann. Resident Jenny Tyler explained they originally put \$1,000 in because they couldn't ask for it later. They don't want to discourage any from moving forward with this positive direction with coming up with an Agricultural Commission and freak the residents out. So they are ok with raising the funds themselves in order to move forward in the direction they are going. As Mr. Snow said they will be amending that warrant article at the Deliberative Session to \$1.00. She appreciated the Boards support. Chair Young called for a vote. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Snow noted that the intent of the Budget Committee is to review that article after the Deliberative Session and if it is amended to \$1.00 he would suggest that he would be asking them to approve it. If the Board of Selectmen were to also review it after the Deliberative Session and change it before the warrant got printed, that would be a nice thing too. Chair Young said that is something they will do before they adjourn the meeting.*

**Are you in favor of Article 33 as follows:**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the implementation of the Master Plan per RSA 674:5 and future planning and for Municipal Capital Improvement projects. (Submitted by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 4). Selectman Komisarek moved to recommend Article 33 as read. Chair Young seconded for discussion.*

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Selectman Chivers said he was opposed to it, but he wasn't going to change any minds here. He thought they should just put it to a vote. Selectman Dann said are they talking about capital improvement projects. Selectman Robie said that was correct if they need to plan. Let's say they want to make an improvement to our building here, they would need to hire someone to draw up a plan. Chair Young added if there is anyone interested or has a lot of time there is a capital improvement booklet for the Town of Candia available on the website.

Selectman Robie told the Board that there was a really good article in the latest edition of Town and City. It talks about financial planning for a community. Chair Young noted they've had some discussion on this before, so they have a motion and a second. But before they vote she would like to explain her philosophy. She won't support this; she did at the Budget Committee meeting because the Board had voted to support it. She didn't support it because the Planning Board meetings are cancelled because there aren't any applicants. She is not seeing a lot of planning going on at the Planning Board. This may change and she is hoping it will change; this is the reason she just doesn't see anything happening that is concrete.

Selectman Robie said just based on what she just said he couldn't see how anybody can vote at one meeting and where they are representing the town and vote yes and come to another meeting and vote no on the same thing. This is very confusing to him. The money doesn't have to be spent by the Planning Board they need to hire the people to do the planning for us. None of us here are willing or capable to plan and the Planning Board has the same effect. Just like the y hire Carol Ogilvie to do a tiny piece of our Master Plan, but we stopped there. They need every little aspect of that Master Plan the commercial side, the housing side, the village side. You need to hire someone to do each one of those tasks and then hire a planner to put back together what everyone comes with. If they don't spend some money on that they are never going to fulfill our Master Plan needs and the needs for our community. They don't understand that. So, on those two things if she could answer the first question he had for her because he can't figure that out. They are not looking for the Planning Board to spend. They need to figure out what the next step is in the Master Plan that they want to get some input on. This is how it works and \$10,000 isn't enough. They are going to keep trickling in a few thousand dollars a year and people are going to get discouraged and they are going to do less. Just like the book says.

Chair Young wanted to answer his question. First when they had Budget Committee hearing the \$10,000 was a line item in the town budget. She voted no on it for the same reasons, the Planning Board wasn't meeting and so she was thinking they were going to give the Planning Board \$10,000 to not do anything in her opinion. Selectman Robie answered if they didn't do anything they wouldn't \$10,000 they would spend nothing. If they didn't do anything they wouldn't spend anything. Chair Young said they probably have a difference of opinion of what has been spent so far and what has happened. So she voted no on that and the Board of Selectmen voted 3 to 2 and they took it out of that line. Then they had a date of December 6<sup>th</sup> that any town Committee or Board needed to submit a warrant article to the Selectmen for consideration into the budget and they didn't do it. The Planning Board did not submit this warrant article. Then they had a public meeting with the Budget Committee that was the next Wednesday and there was nothing submitted again. At a meeting prior to that, it wasn't until January 2<sup>nd</sup> that they decided that they wanted this \$10,000. They ended up receiving this request long after the Selectmen had voted on it. They had a Candia town public hearing, the Budget Committee had voted on it and all of a sudden this appeared in the read folder. It wasn't the 2<sup>nd</sup> when they had their meeting; she believed it was the following week. So all of a sudden that happened and there were no representatives at this last Budget Committee besides Scott to speak to this article. Not one representative from the Planning Board for whatever reason. This doesn't give her a confident feeling that these same people are going to get something done. She voted at the Budget Committee because she represents the Board. She did vote for the Master Plan even though she personally is not in support of it, because she did what she thought was right for our group. This is why her vote changed. Not because she wanted to but because she is representing all of us and the majority of the Board wanted it done that way and her job is to do what the group would like. This is why she changed her vote. Not because she was in support of it in any way, shape, or form nor is she again tonight as the Selectmen are going to vote on it. They just got this a week ago. The other thing

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that doesn't sit well with her is why did we have a deadline of December 6<sup>th</sup> and she knows it might not be an RSA like the petition warrant articles. Why do we have a deadline when major committees in the town aren't going to stick with it? She found that irresponsible. She doesn't have anything against the Planning Board or the members its volunteer and she understands that they are working hard too. She is not sure if they throw more money at it it's going to be more effective. Selectman Chivers clarified tonight she was representing her own view. Chair Young replied exactly that's why she is changing back again.

Selectman Chivers wanted to bring up three points. The first so far we have spent over \$26,000 to implement our Master Plan. They haven't seen any results yet. They have been punting this down the road for the last two years. The second point was they gave the Planning Board \$10,000 for planning last year and they didn't spend a penny of it. The last point is when they were hiring these outside experts to come in and do our planning for us they get their view of things. They are bringing people in that don't share Candia's view of its future the same way we do. So they are hiring these experts and they are getting, for example, Carol Ogilvie's take on what a village district could look like and it didn't go anywhere. For those three reasons he is opposed to this. They have a Planning Board who is capable of planning. Selectman Robie said they aren't going to get a Planning Board that is willing to do that for us. That isn't going to happen in this day and age. Until they get serious and he has spoke if this before, it's not necessarily the Planning Board it is us. They are the Selectmen they need to show direction for our community. The financial plan means where they are going to get the income to continue down this road. They just saw this increase in our tax rate and it is not going to go down it is only going to go up. With some proper planning it is going to go up. Instead of going up \$2.00 it may go up \$1.85. It may go up more but they need to plan for something. It is not necessarily the Planning Board's money its money for planning. However wants to do that whether they want to drive the plan or they help the Planning Board. The Planning Board doesn't have time to get done what applications come in.

Chair Young reiterated the cancel meetings month after month they aren't planning. Selectman Robie said he is not going to argue about the people on the Planning Board. This is what they have to deal with. If they wanted to come in here and plan on a week when there is nothing on the agenda as far as application, they would come in here and plan. He has said that before they don't do that here. It is up to us to either drive this bus in a direction that he is speaking of or they drive in a direction that Chair Young and Selectman Chivers are speaking about. This is all up to the people, but they ought to let the people make that decision. Chair Young said she was not going to debate it, but she did publicly bring up nicely the Planning Board should not be cancelling meetings. If they don't have applicants for the second meeting they need to be planning. She was assured that would happen and since then it hasn't. She is not pointing the fingers at anyone; she knows how hard these jobs are. She is not judging them she is just saying the amount of money they have spent. She didn't believe the Boyd had Stantec in there. They have spent an awful lot with no results. Maybe she is too result oriented.

Selectmen Komisarek said when you come up with \$26,000, he thought if you look at it by law they are required to update the Master Plan. The last time it was updated it was 2003. So that money was used to update the Master Plan. There hasn't been money spent to implement it. There was a grant. Selectman Chivers said that is still money. Selectman Komisarek replied it was money that was spent on this town though. Selectman Chivers said it is still money that was paid by somebody. It's not free. Selectman Komisarek said he absolutely agrees. He has been involved with the Planning Board for the past 10 years. He is kind of getting a feel for what really happens in this town. Why is it that since 2003 that we haven't implemented the Master Plan. Here is something that is required by law to do but then they have people that don't get behind it or don't believe in implementing it. So they have this culture where they don't have a culture of planning. He agrees with Sue and Boyd and they have to do a much job at planning. He asked Chair Young if she could look at the work that the Planning Board has done this coming year and you look back and say what a job wow they are really doing intelligent planning. Then you would be sitting here saying they are working hard and she would be behind it. Chair Young said for sure. Again she is not playing down anybody and what they do. It is a volunteer position. She is not being negative about any individuals or whatever because everyone is busy. She thought unless this money is going to be used and it says Master Plan and now they have thrown in the CIP.

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They've heard complaints about the Smyth Memorial Building and there is no use for it. Here is \$10,000 being asked for and she has read the CIP and the Master Plan. She doubts that half people who are voting on this probably have. She asked what they were going to do and did they have a timeline.

Selectman Komisarek agreed it was dysfunctional. He got involved with the Planning Board as an alternate over ten years ago. They had the 2003 Master Plan and there was a lot of excitement in town. He got on the Planning Board and he was exciting. He talked with Planning Board Chair Mary Girard at the time and he told her he was excited about it and she told him to knock himself out. What happened as he sat there on the Board which he sat almost every time, he started to realize he didn't have any allies for planning at all. They have a history of really discouraging planning. This makes it tough. It could take another 10, 15, or 40 years to finally get a Board together that is a strong Board with a lot of confidence. It's partly the culture and it is hard to get people to volunteer. He talked to someone about running for the Select Board and they said they aren't a fan of public flogging. In this town let's say someone really was ambitious and they really wanted to do a good job at planning they would find themselves working very hard just of the very right to come up with an ordinance to get before the people. It wouldn't be neutral; it wouldn't be knock yourself out and do the good planning let the people decide. There would be a strong core group of people that would work very ambitiously that this didn't happen. This is very difficult because it is hard to change and it is easier when it is just the status quo. They think it's not broke and they think it's great. Then they have other people that don't think it is working so good. He doesn't judge there are people that think it is going great. They are entitled to that opinion. He didn't think they should be using their position of power to squash any efforts.

Chair Young would tell him why she disagreed, because they just approved the agricultural thing. She thought the problem people have is either they have to build or they can't build at all. She thought there was a happy medium. There are a lot of people on one side or the other. There was a group that felt strongly about planning, they planned an Agricultural Commission. She thought all of them voted for it so it can be done. She just thought sometimes if some people on the Boards don't agree with what the Master Plan says that doesn't mean their flogging the Planning Board it just means now let's go more agricultural then development. People don't like that, some people want to develop and some people don't. She is probably in the middle. She wants to see progress with a couple of houses, but not six clusters throughout the town. They have different people with different philosophies. Right now that Agricultural Commission she would assume would try to get some type of a zoning ordinance to make some of the things they want to accomplish happen. They will probably do it on the one penny that the town gives them; she didn't think there would be \$10,000. Selectman Komisarek explained he was involved a number of years ago with Diane Philbrick to try and establish an Agricultural Commission and they met at library, they had people from Lee come because they were doing a great job there and they thought it was a great idea. Then they had a couple of citizens put out a negative letter about it and it didn't pass. He hoped it does pass this time. The thing is here we are living in southern New Hampshire and you look at the website and it says growth is inevitable but we don't want to destroy our rural character. This does imply some growth, but if you look at the population of Candia today versus thirty years ago what would you say it is. Chair Young said 4,000. Selectman Komisarek answered when you say you know they are going to have some sort of growth, but they are really not. Chair Young didn't say they were going to grow the tax base that to her is commercial. Selectman Komisarek said when you look at Candia there really hasn't been any.

Chair Young noted that Selectman Chivers had a list of how many houses were being built each year. Selectman Chivers noted they build 20 houses per year. Chair Young said it's not like there aren't any houses allowed in Candia. She asked Selectmen Dann his thoughts, they haven't heard from him. Selectman Dann said this here is the implementation of the Master Plan. He is listening to both views. Last year they asked for money for implementation so it is a year behind at this point. New people you talk to moved to Candia because it is Candia. It is accessibility to the highway and the rural atmosphere they have. This is where this agricultural article comes in; he doesn't know much about it or what they are going to do. He believes in himself. He would personally is in favor of it because he thought it should be talked out by the town. But the question that they have is they are going to have 150 people at Deliberative Session and there are the other

4,000 people that don't know anything about it. All of the Boards have to get in front of the people that entail special meetings. It is on the Boards themselves to say they want this lets get our voices out there to these people. It is like everything else you have to educate the people here in Candia.

Selectman Robie commented last year the \$10,000 was in the budget by the Selectmen. Just to clarify that. There will be about 65 people at Deliberative Session. It's usually about 65 – 75 people that will listen. Those people are the most informed in our community. They are pretty serious about what he's talking about which is planning. They do realize without plan you are going to fail. If you don't have a plan you are destined to fail, everyone knows that. This is why they have always supported that money in the budget and how it got taken out of the budget is some of what everyone here has and came here on a late warrant article, but that is just the way it shook out. Maybe they will go to the Deliberative Session and amend the operating budget and get that money into the operating budget then the warrant article will become null and void. He believes it belongs in the operating budget and it should have a line in there. They can use some of it and if they needed a little bit more they could find a little bit more. Chair Young didn't think legally that would hold. Selectman Robie said it would. Chair Young clarified that it is a bottom line budget. Selectman Robie said they would amend the budget. Chair Young explained if you add \$10,000 to the budget it doesn't mean anything. Selectman Robie said it adds \$10,000 to the bottom line. Chair Young noted it doesn't mean they are going to implement that. Selectman Robie stated that the people have voted for such a thing at a public meeting which he just spoke about. To sit here as Selectmen and not approve an expenditure of that line in the budget would be pretty foolish of the Select Board. Selectman Dann stated it is a real shame that 65 people run the town.

Chair Young called for a vote. Selectman Robie, Selectman Dann, Selectman Komisarek were in favor and Selectman Chivers and Chair Young were opposed. Motion carried on a vote of 3 to 2.

### **Perambulation:**

Selectman Komisarek said reached out on a couple of occasions to the Town Administrator in Auburn. The second time he reached out he didn't a call back. He reached out again and he was on vacation. Then they got an early snow in November and he travel three and a half weeks. This is why it didn't get done and he was ready to do it and the weather was good, but he couldn't get coordinated with the Town of Auburn. It was noted the Selectman Chivers worked Hooksett a few years ago. Chair Young clarified then they have Auburn and Chester to do. She asked if Selectman Komisarek was going to work on those. Selectman Komisarek didn't think with snow being on the ground it was the best time. He doesn't know about this time of the year with the snow. Chair Young said she will leave it in his hands and asked that he take care of it as long as he is on the Board. Selectman Komisarek confirmed that he would.

### **New Business**

#### **Chad Brannon of Fieldstone Consultants - Donavon Road subdivision:**

Chad Brannon of Fieldstone Consultants was present. He is representing the Lodi Trust and Ashwood Development Company. The Lodi Trust owns Tax 411 Map 040 which is situated off of Donavan Road. It consists of 18.74 acres of land. It has approximately 2,190 linear feet of frontage on Donavan Road. They are situated on the southeast side of Donovan Road. The property is currently developed there is an existing residence situated centrally on the property. In July of 2018 they made a submission to the Planning Board for a preliminary hearing and they ultimately presented this plan before the Board at their September hearing and at that time there was some discussion about potential improvements to Donovan Road to support a subdivision over the subject property. They are proposing three new lots. Currently Donovan Road provides access to six residents on the road if he is correct. So they would be adding three new homes to the road way. Donovan Road is currently a Class 6 Road. It varies in width but it is approximately 15 feet wide in number of the narrower locations they located along the frontage of the property. So what came up in discussion with the Planning Board is does this fit within the Class 6 and private road policy or would it be an upgrade to Donovan



Road from a Class 6 to a Class 5 standard. After researching that to some level he thought it was the latter of the two. They are before the Board this evening to talk about some potential improvements to Donovan Road to support the development. Typically in a condition like this there is an existing Class 6 Road and they are looking to upgrade it to a Class 5 standard. They would be proposing a road way that is more fitting with the development or the residents in the area or the homes that they would be servicing. They would be looking at a proposal of upgrading the road to 20 foot wide which would support the NFPA standards and obviously would be a huge improvement of what currently exists out there. Again Donovan Road currently services 6 residential properties. Typically with an improvement like that along the road they would terminate the road in a turnaround so there would be an obvious demarcation of where the upgrade would end. They would have a complying turnaround area for the emergency response vehicles and also the Road Agent and Department of Public works vehicles. Part of the process of upgrading an existing road way in town is to come before the Board and get some insight and feedback from the Selectmen. This is why they before the Board this evening. He was hoping to have a productive dialog on how they may go about proceeding with this project.

Chair Young asked if the Planning Board denied this. Mr. Brannon answered they didn't deny it basically what happened the Planning Board is they submitted a formal application for a preliminary hearing. At that hearing it was determined that they would come before the Board of Selectmen on some level for a discussion about improvements along a Class 6 road whether that fell in the Class 6 and private road standards or an upgrade. After they left that meeting they did some research and they thought it probably lies in the upgrade or along the lines of an upgrade to Donovan Road. They thought the most prudent way to proceed with this project would be to come before the Selectmen and get some feedback and proceed from here to the Planning Board with a formal submission for a four lot subdivision. Again it would be three new lots with one existing lot.

Selectman Dann said there are a lot of wetlands in there. Mr. Brannon agreed there is a fair amount of wetlands. The lots are all oversized. Selectman Dann said he was talking about the road. Mr. Brannon agreed there was. There are quite a few crossings that would have to be upgraded as part of the offsite improvements. They would certainly be willing to work with the Town on that and the associated permitting. Inevitably this does service six existing lots and he believed based on his preliminary research there are six residents on this road. Any improvements to that would be beneficial to the current residents that are there. He thought that would be a productive improvement in that area.

Selectman Dann noted you say hopefully, but there are people that live on that road because they like it. He asked about the turnaround and would it go as far as the old railroad bed. Mr. Brannon explained what they are proposing is improving the road along our frontage. So they would be providing some sort of a turnaround at the end of our property. They have control over the right of way on their side, so they would ultimately dedicate some land to the Town to accept a turnaround in that location. Selectman Dann said the question he had was all of the land would there be future access to get to that land to develop it. Mr. Brannon said they aren't contemplating any access to adjacent land. All they are strictly doing is looking at an upgrade of an existing Class 6 road. As part of his presentation tonight he is talking about nine lots and improvements associated with nine lots. If someone came in down the road, if there is land or owners further down the road doing something different then you would be looking at a different level of road improvements being proposed he would assume. It is all a function of anticipated traffic. Selectman Dann was wondering if someone could get a right of way into that other area and develop it. Mr. Brannon explained the lots range from 3.3 acres in size to 5 ½ acres, so they are good sized lots. They do have wetlands on them. Selectman Dann asked if they existing residents would have the right to come in and have their say on this. Mr. Brannon answered yes and as part of the project moving forward there will be noticing.

Selectman Chivers asked Mr. Brannon could point out where the existing houses are now. Mr. Brannon showed where the existing house was. He showed the Board a photograph. There was discussion about access on Donovan Road. Selectman Chivers asked if Donovan Road went all the way through. Selectman Robie said that it went through to High Street, but there is a swap there. There was some discussion about the subdivision.

Selectman Dann asked if he would be going past the rail road bed. Mr. Brannon said no and there are two homes beyond their lot.

Chair Young said they were open to comments. The only thing she was thinking as far as she was concerned was she would like to run this by our Town Attorney. She knows that he is trying to build on a Class 6 Road and she believed that she knew what the rules were on that, but she has more research that she needs to do. Also, she feels more comfortable running it by the attorney.

Selectman Robie thought if they read the policy the first step is to draw plan to town specs for a Class 5 Road. Mr. Brannon said that would be the next logical step and that is why he was here. Selectman Robie said that would be the next logical step, engineer that and look at your wetlands. He asked Road Agent Lewis if Class 5 was still considered a gravel road. Road Agent Lewis said they do have Class 5 gravel roads, but would they have another one as gravel. He couldn't give an opinion at the moment. Selectman Robie said they have some and the policy says Class 5 or better which gives access to a Class 6 or a private road. He thought it was the Board's decision when Mr. Brannon gets a plan and they accept an upgrade to a Class 5. He thought that had to go through the Board here. Mr. Brannon understanding was it's ultimately the Selectmen who approve any improvements to an existing town road. The Planning Board is the body that would approve new roads. Ultimately that would get accepted by the Selectmen.

Selectman Robie said they just got done talking an hour ago about how our dirt roads turn to mud when they get a thaw and spring comes and they get rain. Then they talked about how many wetlands they have on that road, so he is just saying it says Class 5 upgrade or better you may want to consider the or better. This is just what he thinks.

Selectman Chivers thought the prudent thing to do here tonight instead of rushing to judgment, to get a recommendation from the Road Agent and advice from counsel on handle something like this. This has consequences that go beyond Donovan Road. There are many other Class 6 roads in this town that are eligible for the same kind of treatment. He thought they ought to make a decision on how to deal with it, but not tonight. Chair Young added she hasn't done the research and she couldn't make a sound choice herself. It would be interesting to hear from other people and hear what they think about that whole thing. Selectman Robie thought that is why the Selectmen drafted a policy fourteen years ago, so when someone came in it would give them some direction. The policy is very clear. All you do is read it. Chair Young said she hasn't spoke with counsel but they have several Class 6 roads that this would affect. In her opinion you can't say yes to one and no to another. She would feel more comfortable if the Board could discuss this with counsel. Selectman Robie said that was wonderful but that is why they have a policy to read and understand. They have been spending a lot of money on counsel about questions they should be able to answer ourselves. Chair Young said she broke down the bills for last year and the Selectmen did not spend hardly any of it, but other Boards did. Chair Young asked the Board what they would like to do. Selectman Chivers said Selectman Robie encouraged Mr. Brannon to come back with a set of plans. He thought they needed to decide how they are going to follow this policy and the consequences of it.

Selectman Dann asked Mr. Brannon saw the policy. Mr. Brannon said he had and it was introduced to him at the Planning Board meeting in September. He's had an opportunity to review it and he thought the improvements that it contemplates are reasonable. They can certainly come back here with a plan, but they want to move as productively and efficiently, so they are really here tonight looking for some guidance. If they are to follow this policy then fine he will prepare a plan in conformance with this policy and be happy to submit it to the Board for review. Chair Young asked if that was an expense. Mr. Brannon said it was, but if that is the direction he is being given then that is the direction he will move. Chair Young said she didn't necessarily support having him go through that expense until they find out from Town Counsel, but she will leave it up to the Board. Selectman Chivers agreed with Chair Young and they need to decide how they are going to adopt and implement this policy. Chair Young didn't want them spending money if it is not something that is going to happen. To her that is just not fair.

Selectman Chivers suggested they get a report from the Road Agent and advice from counsel on this before he makes an investment on this. Chair Young asked what the Board thought. Selectman Komisarek

agreed if it is not going to happen then he shouldn't draw up with a plan. Selectman Dann said he hadn't seen this policy. If they are talking about other roads and this would affect whatever they do let's take some time rather than ask him to do something and say we aren't in favor of it. Chair Young asked Mr. Brannon if he was agreeable to that. Mr. Brannon said if that is the decision that the Board is going to make then he doesn't have any choice, but he would like to know a timeframe or something like that would be helpful. Selectman Chivers replied give them a month. Mr. Brannon said if he could hear back within the month he thought that was reasonable.

**Award RFP for reval:**

Town Assessor Tammy Jameson was present. Harrison Becker of Vision was also present. Chair Young explained they have four proposals from four different companies. She noted the proposals incorporated all of the same things. Selectman Chivers said they use Vision software on the office. If they use Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC and they change the numbers how does that get incorporated into Vision. Assessor Jameson explained all of these companies that gave us proposals include working with Vision software which they and they would be doing the data entry into our system and tables. This is a little different than a revaluation; it's called a statistical update. In 2014 they hired a company and they went around to every house and check measurements and went inside which is called a complete revaluation. A statistical update is they would go around and they would visit the sale properties. In most cases they are going back two years they are fortunate this year there have been a lot of sales and any company is going to put the most weight on recent sales. They have a lot of sales data so they will go around to those sales and verify the information and the assessing record is correct before they go and use those sales for an analysis. They will analyze the sales and come up with new values for different areas in town and update the tables. So that is the difference from the revaluation. All of these companies know they are working with the software they have. They aren't proposing they come in with their own software. Selectman Chivers asked Harrison if they had to upgrade their Vision software. Somehow they are getting confused between the reval and software upgrade. Harrison explained it is completely different. Selectman Chivers noted that Vision proposed \$33,000 for the reval. Harrison explained this would be for the statistical update. He noted the Town currently has Version 6.5. This is completely separate from the upgrade. Their newest software is Version 8. If the Board wanted him to explain he would. Selectman Chivers asked if they could make Version 6.5 work for us. Harrison said it certainly does and they have and update MS-1 report that will work with it as well. They are encouraging a lot of their communities to upgrade to Version 8 is that when it is running on Oracle they will be sun-setting that platform. So there won't be any more upgrades or updates, there won't be any more support for it. So if there was an upgrade to Windows that wouldn't support it anymore Vision 6.5 wouldn't be able to work. This isn't happening right now and it won't be for a number of months. It will be in a couple of years this is why they are suggesting they move up earlier. It doesn't have to be decided right this movement by any means. There are number of other upgrades that will help out with sketching and other things in the assessment field. Chair Young asked if they were to go with the upgrade it would be \$8,000 in addition to \$33,000. She asked about Vision having a problem talking with BMSI for the MS1 report and has that been resolved. Harrison said it is not a Candia specific problem, so they have worked with their IT team and they are working through that. He knows with Vision 8 there hasn't been a problem. He knows they are looking to upgrade Version 6.5, so they won't run into that problem either. Selectman Chivers said he read the responses to the RFP and they are all going to do the same job. It is all going to conform to the DRA standards, so he didn't know why they wouldn't award the bid to the lowest bidder for \$22,000. There is a huge spread between them and the highest bidder. Chair Young noted that sometimes you get what you pay for. She thought there might be something in here and Tammy might be the best one to answer that. Assessor Jameson wanted to point out one difference when she was looking at the contracts and maybe Vision would be willing to change this. All of the other three companies CNP, KRT, Whitney Associates were looking at two years of sales. If you have lots of sales you could put a heavier weight on the more recent ones if that looks like what you should do. There might be sections of town that they don't have sales this year. She noticed in Vision's bid it was looking back one year and everyone else

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was looking back two years. That was the only difference that she saw. Selectman Chivers asked if she considers this inadequate, a one year look back. Assessor Jameson would like the company to look back two years. If they find that they don't want to put as much weight. Selectman Chivers asked if she would be willing to venture a recommendation to this Board. Assessor Jameson said that was the only difference in the proposals. If they go with Vision right now they are going to know \$2,000 off of the upgrade that they are going to need in a year and a half. Then she looked at the other companies and added \$10,000 for a total cost. They might be \$22,000 for the reval, but they might need to spend \$10,000 for a software update. Even so KRT was the most expensive and then Vision. CNP is \$22,000 but they are going to need the software upgrade and that would be \$32,000. Selectman Chivers would like to cross the software bridge when they get there. Assessor Jameson said they have to keep in mind they have a \$2,000 savings doing it this year. It still doesn't make them cheaper. CNP did our revaluation in 2014 she was happy with the job they did. They've had a few personnel changes since then and she has asked Andria to call some of their towns. The people she talked to still gave them a favorable report. Whitney Associates are new but their President Stephan Hamilton was the Director of Property Appraisal for the DRA for 10 years and a bunch of other experience. So he certainly has the resume to get this done. She didn't know anything about KRT and Vision did our reevaluation in 2004 and our update in 2009 and they have our software. She thought any of these three companies would do a great job. Selectman Robie moved that they go with Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC for their statistical update based on Assessor Jameson's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Komisarek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Town Report dedication:**

Selectman Robie moved to dedicate the 2018 Town Report to Fred Kelley. Seconded by Chair Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Employee of the Year:** Chair Young said she would like to nominate Joe Lamarche. He has worked at the Recycling Center for 15 years in July. Personally she has only heard positive things about Joe. Chair Young moved to nominate Joe Lamarche as Employee of the Year. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chair Young would like to invite Joe to the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

**Judi Lindsay's letter:** Chair Young read from the attached letter from Wings of the Dawn. Selectman Dann thought this was a good way to do it. They are volunteering a box (to be located at the Recycling Center). He appreciated Judi bringing this forward to us. It was the consensus of the Board to secure a box at the Recycling Center.

### **Moore Highway Fund expense:**

Selectman Robie asked if the funds have been requested yet because if they haven't we're too late. Road Agent Lewis said he had no idea. Administrative Assistant Hansen said she has all of the backup paperwork from Donna. Chair Young asked if it was before the end of the year. Selectman Robie said he didn't know, but it needed to be submitted to the Trustees of the Trust Fund before the end of the year. Their last meeting was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December. Road Agent Lewis said he isn't the one that produced the bills. Selectman Robie said he wasn't pinning this on Dennis, he asked about it numerous times. Chair Young asked if they wanted to take a vote if the paperwork was done in the correct time allowed. Did they want to do this so they don't have to wait until their next meeting? *Selectman Dann moved to approve the request for funds from the Moore Highway Trust Fund in the amount of \$13,067.70. Selectman Robie seconded for discussion.* He wanted to clarify so they could understand it a little bit better. The Selectmen need to solicit the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the funds prior to the end of the calendar year for which they were expended. He thought they might want to reword the motion. Chair Young said or add to it. Selectman Robie explained that is how the trust fund is

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written. Selectman Dann thought they were here to approve that and they can submit it and if it is not accepted that is what it is. Chair Young suggested adding "pending proper procedure". Selectman Robie said it should read "the Selectmen solicit the funds from the Trustees of the Trust Funds from the Moore Highway Fund ...". Road Agent Lewis said they could do it one of two ways. If they were late submitting that to the Trustees they could submit it this year and move on. Selectman Robie said they can move on but they are going to lose the \$18,000. Road Agent Lewis said he tries to keep it around \$13,000, because that is what it commonly is. He made sure his bill came in around \$13,000. They can leave last years to add interest and put that on this year and they won't do a project this year. Chair Young suggested they check and make the motion "pending proper paperwork was filed in the required manner". If they do that they won't have to meet again to approve it. If not they can make another motion or you can continue your motion to apply it for this years. Selectman Dann suggested they submit it and if they come back and say no, they'll make a motion with a condition. Selectman Chivers noted that the work was performed in 2018, they just didn't make a requisition for the funds until 2019. Chair Young said she didn't know that did he know that. Selectman Robie said it is the Selectmen that vote to requisition the funds. It is our duty to solicit the funds from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Selectman Dann thought they should solicit the request. They submit it and what happens after that will depend. *Chair Young called for a vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

**The Board to authorize payment of payroll checks and accounts payable checks. 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 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and January 17<sup>th</sup> was \$910,870.56. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for January 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and January 17<sup>th</sup> was \$910,870.56. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Calendar**

- Town Deliberative Session at the Moore School – February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9 am (Snow date February 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm)
- School Deliberative Session at the Moore School – February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm (Snow date February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am)
- Filing period begins January 23<sup>rd</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chair Young noted that this information will be on the website.

Selectman Komisarek noted that he will not be at the January 28<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's meeting and the Deliberative Session on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Public Comment**

**Warrant:** Resident Dick Snow asked when the warrant was due to be posted. Administrative Assistant Hansen asked Mr. Snow to call her tomorrow and she could give him date. Resident Dick Snow asked if the two warrant articles that the Cemetery Trustees gave to the Selectmen in the warrant. It was noted that they were included.

**Planning:** Resident Becky Sarra wanted to revisit the discussion about planning. She asked the Board if they had a vision or a plan for this town. Have they worked together as a Board to have any thoughts or plans or targets to shoot for?

Selectman Robie said he does but he doesn't have any help. He has talked about a capital improvement article and planning on a regular basis. They have warrant articles that were submitted a little too late. They

have Selectmen the next day after a Budget Committee meeting contacting legal counsel seeing if there are any problems with the legality of it.

Selectman Dann clarified Becky asked if they had a work session. Resident Becky Sarra noted that would be one way to go about it. She has been coming to meetings for quite awhile, she didn't hear anything as a Board. She hears individual pockets of what is going on. If they don't have a Board in agreement how do they get a Planning Board in agreement? They talk about getting consultants, but that is the consultant's vision of things. Shame on the consultant and shame on us for letting that happen. It is not the consultant's job. Ultimately it rests with the Select Board to make sure the consultant has our vision to move forward. Again it is a challenge, but what is the vision for the town. Pick a topic, something to shoot at and move forward.

Chair Young said her opinion is that on most Boards no matter what it is you'll probably get as many different opinions as you have people and that is normal and natural. Personally she has reached out to the School Board. She sees that as a big group that needs to get together with us. They have not met with the School Board. She didn't think, but maybe they are responsible for the planning. The town votes the Planning Board in and they don't control that and they don't control who is in and who is out or what they do. The wording of this (warrant article) does not say that the \$10,000 is under the Planning Board or that they are in charge of the spending. So she is to assume that the Board of Selectmen could be. She thought they all had individual ways that they think or different ideas about things. Her thought it is sooner or later or ultimately the residents decide. They decide by who they vote in or who they vote out, things like that.

Resident Becky Sarra said they are never going to go anywhere until they can come together as a Board and compromise and have a vision. They need to come together as a Board and work together as a Board. Find topics to shoot at and get something done. Chair Young though they get a lot done, not as much maybe as they should. Resident Becky Sarra noted that she sees the managing of the day to day stuff that goes on in this town. She doesn't see the bigger picture.

Selectman Chivers said that was a fair assessment. Chair Young said maybe they need a newsletter. Selectman Chivers thought it was a fair assessment to say that the people in Candia are happy with the way that it is. Resident Becky Sarra didn't think so. Chair Young asked Selectman Chivers to clarify what he meant by "the way it is". Resident Becky Sarra said no change, status quo. Selectman Chivers said Mrs. Sarra was right.

Resident Linda Bergeron noted that no one comes to these meetings which tell you a big story. She comes here every other week and Becky and Cinny comes and maybe a few others and that's it. That is the problem right there. Chair Young added if you aren't part of the solution you are part of the problem. Resident Becky Sarra responded but nothing changes it stays the same. Chair Young answered in the Boards defense she is not sure they can do that.

Resident Jenny Tyler said this is really quite interesting. She is helping spearhead the Agricultural Commission and there has been a real sense of community in the last couple of weeks. Some of us have never met each other and some people have lived in this town a lifetime and some have just moved to this town. She feels like there is a positive change moving forward. She didn't mean to pick on Carleton and this is not a personal thing, but what you mentioned earlier about people not working together and everybody has different idea. She forgot what he said but that's not a good attitude to have as a leader in this community. You are supposed to be representing us. He didn't know what he background is or whatever, but she has read the minutes from the Planning Board meeting over the past couple of months. You took the words out of her mouth, like there hasn't been a lot of progress. If you feel like maybe that isn't the right position for you or it's not the right group of people, she would ask that he steps done and allow us that want to move forward and see progress in this town to step into those positions. Selectman Robie answered that he didn't know where she was quoting from, but he hasn't sat on Planning Board. He sat in on one meeting recently; he hasn't been on the Planning Board for a year. What Mrs. Sarra speaks about is what he has been driving at this table for the last ten years. Trying to get this Board to be the leaders in our community and trying to get us in a direction that they need. He is about the only one that has ever spoken about that. Resident Jenny Tyler said she sees it in the notes. She sees what he is saying but what are you doing, where is the action to move it forward. Selectman Robie said he is trying to move the Board forward to realize that. He noted that Selectman Komisarek spoke an

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hour ago about if you move it just a little bit there is going to be a force to push you back before you even get your foot through the door. He thought there were numerous people in this room that understand that and they don't get anything done. He noted that Boyd wants status quo and there's a group of people that want that and want to continue with that. So you can say you don't know why I sit on the Board and his comments. Resident Jenny Tyler answered it was his overall attitude about how they can't get new people. She apologized and didn't remember exactly what he said. It was the way he said it and it was the tone. It is just not a good representation of how to get people involved and be part of the solution. Selectman Robie said if she can figure that out then let him know. Resident Jenny Tyler replied that she would ask him to come to us as a community and get us involved. She wants to be part of the solution. She is saying that right now as a resident. They want to be forward thinking and they want to be involved. So involve us she will help in any way she can. She didn't want to set any of them up for failure, but you have to do something here. Something has to happen. Selectman Robie said that is what he has been saying for 10 years, but thank you for supporting him.

Rob Jones of the CYAA said his first statement will represent the CYAA because he serves on the Board there. He thanked the Board for their support. He thought they continue to do good things for the town whether it is elections, graduations, and things such as that. He appreciated the support of the Select Board tonight and the Budget Committee as well. If they have other ideas on how they can do other things for the community they are more than happy to hear from them, because they continue to look for different ways that they can be considered an asset for Candia.

Resident Rob Jones was made as a resident of Candia. He was on the committee that helped collect information. He thought for us to sit here and blame Carol (Ogilvie) is absolutely wrong. Blame the Town of Candia that not enough people showed up for the sessions she held when she collected the information, because the information that she conveyed back to us was exactly what she collected from the town. Everyone's opinion in there was noted if you were not the majority that wasn't what she focused on. She focused on the majority of the folks that attended that committee reported back to her. So it's not Carol's fault. To Becky's comment maybe if the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen had given her more structure or more direction then maybe she would have changed the way she presented some of that, but they didn't do that. They took that grant money and they asked Carol to go out and collect some information and that is exactly what she did for us. The other thing he will mention is the word "compromise" has been used a couple of times and he didn't think there was any compromise up there. Regardless of what side you sit on that debate of what they want to do from a planning perspective. The other thing we struggle with is planning doesn't necessarily mean commercial development. Planning can mean exactly two of the warrant articles that you see on that list about establishing an Agricultural Commission and shame on him because he doesn't go to the Planning Board meetings and occasionally comes to the Selectmen's meeting, but the Planning Board needs to take direction from you (the Selectmen) from Becky's comment around the leadership piece. And they need to establish what they want that plan to be and there can be multiple aspects to it. He would love a four corners and he was very clear on that. It doesn't mean he wants a four corners with a Wal-Mart. It means the four corners with a little coffee shop and you can sit around in and congregate as a community. It also means probably protecting what people want to do with their land and their animals and not have one animal per acre. He thought they could probably all do a better job coming together and establishing that future direction. This doesn't mean commercializing the Town of Candia, because that isn't what he would want either.

Resident Dick Snow wanted to thank the CYAA for all of the work they have done for the Town of Candia. Second he would suggest to everybody that was here that it is not appropriate to by name, name somebody who is not here to defend themselves. Talk about a position, but please don't mention anybody's name.

Selectman Chivers thought while Rob was here they should express their appreciation for allowing us to have the elections at your facility. It makes it a lot easier. Mr. Jones said they were happy to have them. Selectman Chivers noted the access and the parking; it just works a lot better.

Selectman Komisarek wanted to reiterate a couple of more points. One is yes they need to do a much better job with planning and they need people to do it. They also need as Becky was talking about is the spirit

of compromise. He could write a book on the things that have transpired in this town around planning and zoning changes. He respects everybody's view, because everyone has a view. But when you use your position to undermine and to think that you speak for the whole town he thought at the very least if you are not going to be part of the process then you should be neutral. He can assure you that in his involvement in the Town of Candia there are things that go on in this town that shouldn't happen. There are things that are not ethically right, so if you have a view you have a vote and you can express it, but when you work to undermine the process it makes it that much more difficult. This is what you are finding. Some people who just want to keep it as it is because they have lived here their whole life or have been here a long time but they just like it the way that it is. He respects that. There are other people who say they think we can do better when they drive around this town and say yes I think we can do better. There are two different points of view. If you are in this camp up until a couple of years ago the mere mention or talking about planning was taboo. There is a culture around it and it is really quite difficult. So personally thought that wasn't appropriate. Anytime he has been vocal about these types of things he has had his character attacked and there have been rumors spread about him. What happens is that it becomes a hostile environment. The whole idea is if you make it nasty enough and you make it a very negative experience then people will go away. They don't want you here so go away. He didn't think it was the way they should be playing this game; he didn't think it was appropriate. Selectman Chivers asked Selectman Komisarek what he was trying to say. He asked him to get to the bottom line here. Selectman Dann said they have two sides on everything. Chair Young added whether it is this Board or any other Board. Selectman Komisarek said what he is saying is that there should be ethics to the way they conduct themselves. Selectman Dann asked if he was talking about the Board when he says "us" or is he talking about other people. Selectman Komisarek reiterated he could write a book. He has sat down with town counsel about the things that have transpired in this town. He is just saying when they talk about the spirit of compromise people really need to look at this and have appropriate behavior and be ethical about it. Selectman Dann agreed with him about that.

Chair Young thought as town counsel says when you run for a position or you are elected to position you do not give up your civil rights. He has said that time and time again. You have every right whether you are on a Board or off a Board to say what you privately think. You should preface it by saying you not speaking for the Board or not speaking for exactly for what he did. But you have every right if you think there needs to be a mini mall at the four corners you have every right as a citizen whether you are on a Board or not. This is from legal counsel directly to state your preference, again whether it is here or on the School Board if people are being facetious that is going to happen. It is not a good thing but they can try to make themselves better. She thought this Board needs to raise itself up, they need to have a positive attitude whether they agree or not. They need to encourage people to help, they can't alienate them. Whether agree with us or not most of us can work with other people and accomplish what they want to accomplish. She didn't think most of us have an all or nothing attitude. She didn't feel the doom and gloom that a lot of people feel about this town. Someone said at the Budget Committee that the town was decayed. She was offended by that. She loves Candia, it's not perfect and it can be better but it is not decayed. She didn't like that somebody thinks that. She thought to herself why someone would want to stay in a decayed town maybe they might choose another place. She found that very offensive. You said some people want things to stay the way they are and other people want to improve the town. She didn't think that was a fair statement. She thought they could keep things the kind of the way they are and improve the town. She thought they needed to get in the middle. The trouble that she finds that with this kind of divisiveness is people do feel that way. It is all one way or all the other. She thought they have a lot of people that want to help out. Like she said the Agricultural Committee, they've accomplished something. She didn't agree that nobody wants to get involved, she felt that some are intimidated which she didn't blame them.

Road Agent Lewis thought for a town to work they have to be content with their town. They need to be happy with it; they don't need to be sitting in the audience watching this divisiveness. If anyone could write a book on the town after 25 years of being the Road Agent and going to all of these meetings he could write a book that a lot of people wouldn't be happy about. He thought if the quality of life is good in the town, people



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will volunteer and they'll sign up to run for office. If you don't have that they won't, because they don't want to get dragged into the fight. He thought if they concentrate on the quality of life in Candia, they have the CYAA and Old Home Day again. They have all of these things going on and if people come out to be part of it and they see its positive the rest will fall into place. Until they bring the town together this is what they are going to have.

Chair Young didn't think it was horrible. Road Agent Lewis added Candia is a great town. There are people that were born here; he has lived here his whole life. Candia is a good town and they've had a lot of good things going on in Candia, they've had a lot of issues in Candia. It isn't being developed at a rapid pace and if someone isn't happy about it maybe that is what they have to live with here. If you are here to profit from it that is the wrong reason to be here, but they need to keep Candia a good town and the people will step up to the plate. They always do. Chair Young noted a lot of people are looking to move here, so it can't be decayed that badly in her opinion.

Resident Linda Bergeron wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen for supporting their extension to the swap shop.

Selectman Komisarek commented that when Road Agent Lewis says that people aren't satisfied that the town isn't being developed at a rapid pace that's not what he advocates. Road Agent Lewis said he didn't say he was. Selectman Komisarek noted when he talks about profit can there be something that is good for the town and the private sector gets involved with. The first thing that people assume is somehow there is a profit motive. It is hard when you advocate for something and he's heard comments that some people don't believe or agree with the Master Plan. Yet that is the document that is what they are supposed to do. When you look at that the simple point he makes is you go all the way back to 2003 and he would ask the question time and time again why aren't we doing anything. It took him awhile to understand the dynamics of why that is.

Resident Marcia Trudeau thanked the Board for supporting the Agricultural Commission warrant article.

Selectman Dann moved to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
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