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Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
March 25th, 2019

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

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

Roll call: Chair Susan Young, Vice-Chair Carleton Robie, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Boyd Chivers, Selectman Brien Brock and Administrative Assistant Andria Hansen.

Chair Young wanted to welcome Brien back on the Board. He was a Selectman years ago and he's now back. She welcomed Russ Dann back as well

Approval of Minutes: Public meeting minutes of March 11th, 2019. Selectman Chivers moved to accept the Selectmen's Public Meeting minutes of March 11th, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Resident Allison Butters of Currier Road would like to discuss the condition of the road. She knows that Dennis is doing a great job, but she would like it to be paved. She got stuck in the road and had to be pulled out by AAA on Friday night.

Resident Joe Silveira of Tower Hill Road would like to mimic the comments made. He knows that Dennis came out today to grade the road. The wetness turns to mud. His 93 year old neighbor who was driving to this meeting just barely got out. They almost got stuck in front of the snow mobile hut. As Dennis has said to him many times, it turns to mud and it needs stone. The Selectmen really need to address that. To give him permission to bring more stone up there, so he doesn't continually bottom out. He was driving today in a Pilot behind Walter Manley who was in a car. Mr. Manley just barely made it, they bottomed out and he would have pushed them out if he had to. Again he understands it is the conditions and the time of year. This stone that was put in front of Russ's and beyond that is working. It is holding together and it was a bad spot a week ago.

Mr. Silveira would ask the Selectmen to instruct or help Dennis to put in more stone and give him the funds to do that if he needs it. They've lived there over 42 years and this is the worst they've seen this road. They don't have culverts or an area for drainage. It pools up in the middle of the road. The water is there and the frost comes up and there are 150 to 200 cars driving over it per day. He was getting through it with his Honda Pilot, but many cars are having a hard time. All of the roads in town need to be paved and he knows it is hard. There was a list of roads 35 years ago that needed to be paved; he wanted to know what happened. Something needs to be done, they pay taxes. Everyone that lives on a paved road has the luxury of not having to worry about it. Every spring they need to worry about when they are going to get their oil trucks up there before it gets too bad. Resident Joe Silveira said that Fire Chief Young wouldn't have gotten a fire truck up their road or EMT's if his neighbor had a heart attack. They would've had to walk in and carry him out. He thought Dennis could agree with that a week or so ago.

Road Agent Lewis clarified that the Selectmen don't limit how much stone they can put in there. He tried to put enough in to keep everyone moving. He does have a budget to worry about. They spend quite a few thousand dollars a year to keep them as passable as they can. That particular Saturday and Sunday it was hard for them to even get stone in there. Had there been a 5 degree difference on Thursday night and Friday night it

would have firmed up during the night and they would have been all set until noon. He could see it all happening and there is nothing you can really do about it. Every town with a gravel road had the same problem that we did. Short of rebuilding the roads there is not much else you can do unless you rebuild them and pave them. He's had this happen every single year. It is a public safety issue. Three roads were the worst – Flint Road, Currier Road, and Tower Hill. He can sort of do some repairs to Flint because it doesn't have the big volume of traffic. There were some new areas this year that got muddy, they can repair those. There really isn't much they can do with Currier because of the share traffic volume. As everybody knows they've seen him haul hundreds of pure stone into that road and every year they have the same problems. Tower Hill has never been as much of a problem, but there is a lot of traffic on it now. More then there was ten or fifteen years ago. There is one particular area that was totally impassible on that Saturday and Sunday. That one he can dig out and repair because that was never there before. It just came out of nowhere and it was an area you couldn't get through. The other areas were by the snow mobile club and up by the field. They can do some work to those and buy some time, but every year there is going to be another 50 cars added to that road, because of its location. It's more of a cut through, when they get it smooth it is even more of a cut through. A lot people go there to walk around the pond. It's busy and they have to adjust their road repairs for the volume of traffic

Mr. Silveira said 40 years ago they had ditches on either side of the road. So in the spring time they always said drive up the middle of the road. If you went to the left or the right you would get sucked in. There are no ditches anymore. He said to Dennis they need to bring those ditches or grade back up, so that the water and the frost works itself out. They will at least have the center of the road. His son lives next to him and he remembers driving down the middle of the road. He couldn't even do that this year.

Road Agent Lewis explained anytime they have the frost they had under their roads this year, until that frost goes out no matter what matter you have there, it turns into mud. Even if you had a ditch 6 feet deep you can't get there because the ground is frozen. You're working on whatever inches of frost come out that day that is your mud depth. So when you have three or four warm days in a row and you have frost come out, guess what you got there. It doesn't matter what kind of material they have in there because the waters trapped and it can't get out. They could dig it out and put fabric under there, but you still end up with the same problem with the material and with water trapped in there. Mr. Silveira said the fabric will hold the base. Road Agent Lewis said that it would hold the base; they've done it with the roads they've paved. It has worked fine, but you have to dig it out and it is a huge expense. You start digging out a mile and a half of Tower Hill Road going down 2 feet, removing that material, putting your fabric down, and putting select material back on top. It's more than our \$20,000 gravel road budget. Mr. Silveira said from Russ Dannels's to the top of the hill is three quarters of a mile.

Resident Trish Silveira of Tower Hill Road said she has lived on Tower Hill Road for 43 years. Our road has gotten wider and wider. It has been graded down and down. The ditches are now gone. She would love all of them to ride up Tower Hill Road, but the ditches aren't there because it can't drain. The pooling in the middle is a new situation. She knows what the roads have been like since they moved up there. They need a lot of stone and the road needs to be built from the foundation up. They need a good foundation. The road needs to be built from the base up and fill it in with a lot of stone. Today they were in a heck of a mess just trying to get here tonight. She would like them to look at the road and see if it is appropriate. There are RSA's involved with roads and RSA 231:90 "if roads are in a state of insufficiency". In 2011 she had to write a formal letter to the Town of Auburn which made them come up and fix a section of the road. They had to come up with a plan within so many days by law. She would say that Tower Hill Road is in a state of insufficiency. If her or any of their cars get wrecked the town is liable. In 43 years she doesn't show her face around here, she stays up on the road and does her thing. This is where they really need some help.

Resident Carol Ober of Tower Hill Road said this is 2019 when she moved in 38 years ago there were only 8 houses on the road now there is 23. More oil trucks, UPS, Fed Ex, people visiting the pond, and people

that live there. When she left message on your phone and said no EMS could make it up, they were stuck. Chair Young said the Fire Chief might address that to alleviate your fears. Ms. Ober said she also called the Police in case there was an emergency. You need to have a backup, some type of plan b. This is why she left the message to make them aware of the conditions. She had to get home riding on the snow bank berm, she almost rolled over. She didn't go to work on Saturday, because she couldn't get out.

Resident Paul Frasier of Currier Road said he missed what they Road Agent had to say about Currier Road. Road Agent Lewis said he explained how the frost came out and the volume of traffic they have now. It came out too fast this particular year. This is the third time they've had a mud season this winter, which is unusual. They were on these roads back in December, again in January, a partial one in February, and then one in March. There is very little they can do and every town had the same situation. Unless the roads are completely rebuilt and they are paved, every town that had a gravel road had this issue. Saturday he had more calls than he's had in the 23 years of being Road Agent. It was all over the news that every town was in the same boat. It didn't just happen in Candia, it happened everywhere. He did the best he could, he went out at 3 a.m. to get them all set for the next day until they thawed out again. They were back in the mud by noon and all of the rest of the day. They did all they could. Chair Young thought the public realized that.

Mr. Silveira said the Road Agent did do all he could do. No one is attacking Dennis, he does the best job he can but they need something done. Selectman Robie explained to Ms. Butters that they put forth a warrant article a few years ago to rebuild Currier Road and pave it or at least bring it to a gravel state and the warrant article failed. Ms. Butters said she understood that. Selectman Robie said if they moved forward and the people wanted to do Currier Road, at this point would be up on Tower Hill Road. They went from 8 homes to 23 homes. So Dennis has bent over backwards. Mr. Silveira said if you put in a warrant article and it fails ask those people if they live on a dirt road or do they live on a tar road. The people on the dirt road are getting the problems. Selectman Robie said at the time it was a choice the Board made to put that forth as a warrant article and he thought if they look at the minutes he was pretty adamant that it should have been a decision of the Select Board if they were going to upgrade these roads. So they aren't dumping thousands of dollars in a hole and it keeps sinking in. That material is never going to be reclaimed. What comes out of those roads will go over the bank for fill somewhere. It is just not feasible to screen it out and reuse it.

Resident Tyler Frazier said they are only residents here that don't want the road paved. Resident Paul Frazier thought the warrant article was to pave the road, not ditch the road. Chair Young said the vote was 2 to 1 against paving it.

Resident Christine Watson of Winslow Lane said they've heard some good cases and discussions, so what are the options. They could keep talking about it but it's not going to get anything fixed. Chair Young said they discussed this at the roundtable the other night. They can do a warrant article; they can put it in the budget itself. They've been doing warrant articles for different roads at different times. You can get grants and you can get matching grants. There are several options like Carleton said. If it is in the Selectmen's budget and the town budget is approved by the voters it will be done. If it is a warrant article as in 2013 it was to pave the road to the south west corner. Resident Christine Watson asked how they go about getting to that point, if that is right thing to do. Selectman Robie said they would do that right here as a budget item and put it in the budget for our Highway department.

Mrs. Silveira asked if the people who were voting are educated to the fact that there are RSA's that make the town liable. What if a house burns down or if someone dies because it is impassable? It is called insufficiency. They have to be educated, because when that vote is made and they turn down a warrant article then the town is on notice.

Chair Young wasn't sure this Board can speak to the fact of whether people are educated. Mrs. Silveira said she wasn't talking IQ level she was talking about that legality. Chair Young said she wasn't sure, but she would like to alleviate some of their fears because she has heard people worried about people dying. She

mentioned that Chief Young had a plan b and he went around and looked at all of these roads. She asked if he could make the residents feel better about that.

Fire Chief Young said he and Road Agent Lewis had a conversation. Dennis will tell him which way to go and what parts of the roads are really bad. He had a list of the numbers that were probably hard to get to. They have a UTV with a med-bed and they could have gotten to the emergency pretty quick. It wasn't a ton of houses that were affected, but one is too many. On the medical side they were pretty well prepared for that. All of his people knew that there was a problem. They would have taken the UTV and gotten people out to the edge of the mud to the ambulance. With a fire they have a 4-wheel drive pump that they would have used to lay a line to a house and try to extinguish the fire. He noted early detection is the key there. Would it be perfect? They would've done their best and they did have a plan in place if anything happened. Saturday morning there was a call on Tower Hill down over the backside. He called Rockingham right away and told them to tell his people to come in on the Auburn side. He was told that side was good and don't try go in from Russ's house. They went in and they were fine and they got the person to the hospital with no problems. There was a plan in place.

Resident Tyler Frazier of Currier Road said they are saying by law they have to fix the road the way Auburn fixed the road on the other side. If it is so bad how come the Auburn side wasn't so bad they were able to get a fire truck in? Did it make it a little easier because they ditched those roads and put culverts in? He noted that he is friends with Dennis' kids and he is not picking on Dennis. He mentioned that his brother has helped people out on his road. He enjoys his dirt road and he would like to see baby steps taken. He actually ditched some of the culverts out and pulled out some of the ends and got some of the water to run down by the Johnston farm. He understands there are seven more houses going in on his road. He knows you can't stop production. He thought baby steps, maybe Auburn did a few things to update the road and don't spend as much money right off the bat. Maybe there could be a warrant article to spend a little less money to upgrade the road at a slower pace. He thought when it does come time to pave the road that is one step that could make it cheaper later on down the road.

Chair Young mentioned that they could collect impact fees from the developers to help maintain those roads. Road Agent Lewis mentioned that Auburn got a \$90,000 FEMA grant for that work. That is how they had all the money to do Tower Hill from the bridge to the town line. He noted they have applied for FEMA grants and not gotten them.

Mrs. Butters said her husband has been working on her car trying to get the mud out, but when she drives 55 mph it's shaking. She didn't know what to say. She understands what Tyler is saying, but it is tough. Tyler Frazier said it is going to get to the point where they persuaded the town to vote no last time which is kind of a shame. You look at the voting polls and 600 people out of this whole town vote for all of this stuff. It kind of dumb, people don't want to go out and vote but they like to complain. People will complain about their taxes going up but they didn't go out and vote. People have to go out there and see what is going on. He tries to go to meetings, but works and has a kid at home. He doesn't have Facebook, but all of these other people have the technology in their hand and they still don't want to come out and share their opinions.

Chair Young said his point was well taken and they've heard a lot from people that want to keep the roads dirt and others (who want it paved). It is about half and half even when they had public input to pave the road. She didn't think Mrs. Butters was here in 2013. Mrs. Butters answered that she was.

Resident Paul Frazier said what if they ditch the roads and put new culverts in. Road Agent Lewis said it won't matter when it is frozen there is no way that the water is going to get out. Mr. Frazier understood that Mother Nature rules the roost, but if they get the water into the culverts and into the areas that it needs to go. Did he think it will help it out in the spring? Road Agent Lewis said it will make a slight difference but there is no foundation that is solid to support the weight of traffic. If there was not traffic up there like on Tower Hill when there were six homes up there. It is the traffic volume that pumps that up through. Selectman Brock said

it is the hydraulic effect. Road Agent Lewis explained until the frost goes out and the water can go down it's going to happen. You have to look at how many loads of stone they put in there and it just disappears. Most of it pushed out so the road is wider because it goes down and out. So short of rebuilding the road there is no short term fix here.

Ms. Ober said she had a comment for Chief McGillen. There is a black truck that comes up on Tower Hill deliberately digging up what Dennis does. Mr. Silveira said they are mudding. Ms. Ober said he deliberately mudding. Chair Young asked if she had a license plate that she could share with the Chief. Ms. Ober said they are trying, but he deliberately tears up what Dennis does. Chief McGillen said let him know when they see the truck.

Mr. Silveira asked if the Selectmen had the power to do the budget could they ask Dennis to pave a quarter of a mile and then another year pave another quarter of a mile. Pretty soon it will be done. Selectman Robie said he has been an advocate of adding money to the highway budget. He has sat on this Board for nine years. Dennis has added what he feels has been adequate with the Boards support over the years. Sometimes it's been enough, most of the time it is not enough. He can't change that alone he has advocated for more money in the highway budget for years.

Chair Young said this year was different and she is not a road expert. Your road might have deteriorated over time, but this year she looks around and she doesn't live on a dirt road but it could be a lot worse. It has been a rainy year since November. It started in the beginning of November and they had freezing and rain and then a little bit of snow. Candia is getting a lot better grades than the surrounding communities and no one that she knows works harder than Dennis. Mr. Silveira said he wasn't questioning that. He would love for his dirt road to stay dirt. If the answer is as Dennis has told him if you want to solution you need to pave it. Road Agent Lewis clarified they would need to rebuild it and pave it, you just can't pave it.

Selectman Dann asked how many miles of road need to be redone and paved. This way they can look at it and look at the cost involved. There are some roads that have been paved and they should be resurfaced. Road Agent Lewis explained asphalt has a 12 year life span. Selectman Dann noted that Chester Turnpike was done 2 years ago so they know it needs to be done in 10 years. They have a cost factor here of what the overall budget would be here in Candia. He would like to investigate the possibility of a municipal bond, now we have this over a period of time. It's just a thought. What kind of costs are they talking about - a quarter of mile here and a quarter of a mile there? They have to look at the whole picture and get it done.

Road Agent Lewis explained a few years ago they did a capital improvement plan and in the plan they talked about the paved roads that need to be rebuilt for 20 some odd years of rebuilding a half to three quarters of mile of a paved road every year. This is our \$150,000 warrant article. In the capital improvement plan it listed all of our gravel roads and the sequence of them being rebuilt and brought up to a paved standard. They started with the first one on the list which is Currier Road. So they decided to put in a warrant article and it failed miserably. They kind of used that as a barometer of where to go with paving dirt roads. However they probably shouldn't of and should have kept trying. Or flipped over and just put it in as a budget item, so it is not a warrant article. It has boiled down to a public safety issue that has to be addressed. They have to start upgrading those. This isn't a town with five houses on a dirt road anymore. They have 49 houses up on Currier Road with access from one end to another and part of them are in Deerfield and they have no control over that. It is as bad as the Candia section. They have to start addressing this. Tower Hill is another one and he thought they could do some repairs there and buy us some time, but there are some serious issues on the other ones. You don't want to be in his position a week ago Saturday night wondering if there's a fire up there what is he going to do. He is going to be the first person that is going to get called if they can't get a fire truck up there. He didn't believe there was anything they could do but it falls on their shoulders. So as a Town they have to address this stuff.

Chair Young asked if there were any other public comments. There was no additional public comment.

Old Business

The Selectmen will hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 289:19 through RSA 289:21 for the purposes of considering a request from the Cemetery Trustees to declare E. Candia Cemetery, Old Village Cemetery, New Village Cemetery, The Hill Cemetery, and Bean Island Cemetery as abandoned burial grounds.

Chair Young opened the public hearing. Selectman Robie explained that the Cemetery Trustees came to the conclusion that they didn't have any deeds to cemeteries that he has been caring for. In order to acquire a deed RSA 289:19 – RSA 289:21 says they need to hold a public hearing. They noticed this in the required time frame and no one responded. The last person to have passed that is recorded they have record of that person. So they could notify us if they wanted to maintain those cemeteries themselves. With that being said no one had responded, so he is going to ask the Board to solicit our attorney to draft some deeds for these four cemeteries in the Town of Candia. Selectman Robie moved to have our town attorney draft the deeds for the listed abandoned cemeteries. Seconded by Selectman Brock. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chair Young asked if there was any public comment. Resident Carla Penfield asked if this meant the town owns the cemeteries and they are taking responsibility for them. Selectman Robie said they've taken responsibility for numerous decades they just need to make it formal. Chair Young closed the public hearing.

Finalize policies: Communication with Town Counsel policy and Office Supplies policy.

Communication with Town Counsel: Chair Young asked if anyone had anything to add. Selectman Chivers said he would like to add to something to Section 3 under Policy. He would like to add "all requests for legal opinion will be submitted in writing" and "responses shall be provided in writing". This way they know what was exactly asked of counsel and they know what information was received from counsel. So there is no question about the person correctly interpreting what counsel said or what the question was.

Chair Young asked if the rest of the Board felt this was something they should be privy to. For example, if it is a Planning Board or a Zoning Board issue. Selectman Chivers said if the Chairman of the Planning Board needs a legal opinion he could draft a request, get a response, and share that with the members of his Board. It would be the same thing for this Board. The information doesn't have to go to Board to Board, but within that Board.

Chair Young said she just added under Section 3 "after notifying the Selectmen's Office" and add "Building Inspector" under people authorized to contact the town attorney. Then the last sentence that says "Designees of any of the above" she crossed out everything in the parentheses and added "except on a case by case basis only". So they don't have people calling and going over. On the back of that page under "Procedure" it says "Any board member who wishes to contact Town Counsel must go through their Board Chairman". She put "the Board of Selectmen". So again they won't have the problem they had before with people calling and making appointments with the attorney that would get us into a financial bind.

Selectman Dann noted that it says "through the Board Chairman". Chair Young said it didn't matter to her if the second sentence stays or goes. But if they can't get the Board Chair they must go through the Vice Chair or through the Administrative Assistant. Just so there is some sort of communication and they don't just get the bill at the end of the month. Just so someone has been gotten a hold of in case there is an emergency. She did add Building Inspector to the list. She didn't think he would abuse it.

Selectman Chivers asked if she wanted all of the requests to go through Board of Selectmen. Chair Young thought at least on the front under Section 3. Just add "contact Town Counsel after notifying the Selectmen's Office". Then just add "Building Inspector". Selectman Robie asked about the Road Agent. They

should put it in now. Chair Young asked if they wanted to put in the Road Agent. Road Agent Lewis said he only calls them once a year.

Selectman Brock thought it always worked fine working through the liaison of that department. If there was an issue where they needed to contact the attorney for any reason they could go through the liaison or the Chair of the Board. He didn't believe the Administrative Assistant should be included in giving permission to call that's not her roll. Chair Young said she would just be notifying the Selectmen. Selectman Brock said this sound like it is getting huge and complicated. They need to make it a little more simple go through the Chair's of the Committee/Board and the liaison's are on all of those. If that doesn't work then they get a hold of the Chair.

Chair Young clarified they are authorized to contact the town attorney after they contact the liaison not the Selectmen's Office. Selectman Chivers said their designated liaison. Selectman Brock said that is our voice with all of the different Boards. This is how everything is communicated. Chair Young asked if he would add the Building Inspector. Selectman Brock said he is the same. Obviously he is going to have more issues that crop up than anybody else. He needs a more direct line to contact the attorney. If he can't do it through his liaison then he needs to go through the Chair of Selectmen to get permission. Chair Young noted is says "Any board member who wishes to contact Town Counsel must go through their Board Chairman." Selectman Brock said there is a Chair of the Planning Board and the ZBA. Chair Young clarified the Chair is going to contact the liaison. Selectman Chivers said it starts with the liaison.

Selectman Robie said what Brien is trying to converse to us is they need to change the first sentence because it says "only Town Officials authorized to contact Town Counsel: Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen". If Selectman Chivers is Mr. Murray's liaison and he goes to him with something he wants to contact legal about Selectman Chivers ought to be able to make that decision whether he contacts them or not. Selectman Chivers shouldn't have to come to the Chairman of the Board or the Vice Chairman. He needs be able to make that decision. Selectman Brock clarified only if they couldn't get a hold of the liaison. This is the part he wanted to add.

Chair Young confirmed they were going to get rid of the list of Town Officials authorized to contact Town Counsel. Selectman Brock said it was getting pretty confusing. He agreed that you don't everybody on every committee being able to call the attorney. Chair Young asked about Section 4 and did they want to take out "Board Chairman". Selectman Brock said they should leave it there because they are the Chair of the committee and they can contact the liaison if need be. Chair Young asked who the Chair of the Building Inspector is. Selectman Brock said he has a liaison. It was decided to add "and/or liaison" after "Board Chairman". Selectman Brock understood they are trying to get a little more accountability, but they don't want to make it so confusing that nobody knows who to call. Chair Young noted this is an old policy and it needed to be updated anyway.

Chair Young asked if the Board was agreeable to the changes. Selectman Robie didn't think the Chief needed to call him about something he wanted to talk to legal counsel about. He really didn't thing he could help him on that. Selectman Chivers thought they could exempt the police department on that. Selectman Brock thought with a lot of cases he couldn't. Selectman Robie thought the Planning Board Chairman needs to be able to contact Town Counsel. They had a couple of instances. He thought at least the Chief of Police should have the authority to call. Chair Young said they would keep the Chief on the list.

Chair Young wanted to add to Section 4 after Chairman of the Board "or Vice Chairman". Selectman Robie said over the years they've had Selectmen's Representatives that go to the Planning Board that really didn't have that much interest in what was happening there. If the Chairman of the Planning Board has a case and they are looking at a topic that they need some advice. He really didn't know how much the liaison is going to be able to help that Chair Person. Selectman Brock said that is why it is going to say "and/or". He understood what he was saying and they probably won't but at least it is a form of communication back to the

Board of Selectmen through that liaison. This is his understanding of what the liaison's function is, to bring it back to the Board.

Chair Young said she isn't a micromanager. She is saying is they've had some problems and a second set of eyes isn't a bad idea. She will do the will of the Board. Selectman Dann said when you talk to the liaison and they are discussing this and is it really needed or not needed. He likes that there is a little more discussion, he likes that idea. Chair Young said there may be other options.

Selectman Chivers asked if they were in agreement that they are going to modify that policy. Selectman Brock said if they don't like it six months down the road it can be changed anyway. Chair Young asked if they would like to make a motion. Selectman Dann said why don't they bring it back after it is revised.

Office Supplies: Selectman Robie moved to adopt the Office Supply policy for 2019. Chair Young seconded for discussion. She asked anyone had any ideas. There were no new additions to the policy. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Choosing Chairman, Vice-Chair, Departments, liaisons, etc.: **Chairman – Board of Selectmen:** Selectman Dann moved to nominate Susan Young as Chairman. Seconded by Selectman Brock. Selectman Robie, Selectman Dann, Selectman Chivers, Selectman Brock were in favor and Chair Young abstained. Motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1. **Vice Chairman:** Selectman Brock moved to nominate Carleton Robie. Selectman Dann moved to nominate Brien Brock. Chair Young asked what they thought about that. Selectman Brock said he would like to wait, he just walked in the door. Selectman Chivers asked if was declining the nomination. Selectman Brock said he was. Chair Young seconded Selectman Brock's motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. **Budget Committee's Selectmen's Rep:** Chair Young **Budget Committee's Selectmen's Alternate Rep:** Selectman Dann **Building Department/Health Department:** Selectman Chivers **Elections:** Selectman Brock **Elections Secondary Rep:** Selectman Chivers **Emergency Management:** Selectman Dann **Fire Department:** Selectman Dann **Forestry:** Selectman Dann **Heritage Commission Selectmen's Rep:** Selectman Brock **Highway:** Selectman Brock **Parks & Rec (includes pond park):** Chair Young **Planning Board Selectmen's Rep:** Selectman Brock **Planning Board Secondary Rep:** Selectman Robie **Police Department/Animal Control:** Selectman Robie **Solid Waste:** Selectman Dann **Town Office:** Chair Young/Selectman Robie **Town Office Building:** Selectman Robie **Safety Committee:** Selectman Chivers **Town Website:** Chair Young **Welfare:** Selectmen Robie **Conservation Commission:** Board members will rotate going to meetings.

Absentee ballot concerns: Chair Young thought this could be delegated to Selectman Brock. Selectman Chivers asked what the concerns were. Chair Young explained that people aren't getting their absentee ballots on time to get them back to be counted. This is not the first year it has happened, it has occurred before. She did talk with Christine about it a little bit. She didn't know if they need to go to another printer or what. This year they had the most lag time in between that they ever had. Their meeting was on the 3rd and the School's was on the 6th.

Selectman Brock asked when the deadline was. Chair Young believed it was 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. the day before the election. The way it was explained to her was after the school meeting on February 6th she has to prepare the ballot to go to the copier. Then a proof is sent back. She understood that the town one was longer this year with all the zoning amendments. Once it is proofed it goes back and they print it. But it is not allowing enough time because they need to have their meetings within a certain deadline. Selectman Brock said then they might have a couple of weeks before the election. Chair Young said that would give them time, but

they don't have that. Some people aren't able to receive them if they are vacationing in Florida or they are in another state. They receive them and fill out the ballot, but the Clerk isn't receiving them back in time. Someone specifically send it back this year overnight express. They shouldn't have to pay to vote. They sent it back and it just barely made it back. She noted there were two ballots that were received after the deadline so they could not be counted.

Selectman Chivers asked if this was because the printer takes too long. Chair Young said she didn't want to point fingers, she didn't know. It is something they have to fix. Next year there will be four elections and they'll have primaries and they'll be voting for President. Selectman Brock asked if they have to physically come in or write to request an absentee ballot. Chair Young said yes the request can come in anytime but they still have to fill out a form. They can physically come in or write in. She would assume they could do it in December. Selectman Brock said getting the ballot back is the issue. Chair Young said the holdup is getting the ballots back. It's not requesting it because you can do that at any point. She thought it was something to think about before they have another election.

Selectman Brock said he will talk with Christine and see if other towns have this similar issue. Chair Young said she hadn't heard of that but she didn't want to report on that factually. She is just hoping that people aren't waiting until they have office hours to come in and proof something that came in two days before. This is where they may have to adjust.

Report on the Roundtable meeting (minutes were taken): Chair Young said the minutes will be on the website and the materials that they worked on. It was excellent and she is so thankful for anyone that took time out of their busy lives to attend. It was great to get with the school to try and map something out. She is not going over everything that happened. The minutes will be on the website as will the rough draft of what the school and the town are looking at for major expenses at this point. This is a document where you could work in the road situation and make it so you don't have a big tax impact one year and shock everybody. She thought it would be useful and thanked everyone that came.

Bond reduction for 608 High Street based on Stantec's recommendation: Selectman Robie moved to reduce the 608 High Street bond to \$212,630 based on Stantec's recommendation. Selectman Chivers asked what the original bond amount was. Selectman Robie said it was \$666,000. It was noted that Stantec is recommending the bond be reduced to \$212,630. Road Agent Lewis explained there isn't a lot left to do up there, just the binder course and topcoat the pavement. There are one or two driveway entrances that were promised to abutters. They seeded very late in the year so it didn't have time to grow. There are just some basic things. This project took awhile, he's done very well. Chair Young called for a vote. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roundtable – Betsy Kruse suggestions: Chair Young noted that Betsy Kruse had some suggestions that she felt were very positive. They would have different committees come to our meeting and they can meet with the Board for 10 or 15 minutes. They could do one or two each meeting to keep in touch with everybody.

Conservation Commission member Betsy Kruse explained the intent is improving coordination among Boards and Commissions in town not just with the Board of Selectmen, but also with other Boards and Commission among each other. She knows they set aside time at the beginning of their meetings for town reports from different town entities. She knows that some don't take advantage of that. Maybe they are working on projects that aren't really apropos for your meeting at the time. This would be an effort to offer to the various boards, commissions, and officers a time to talk to you about specific ideas or plans or issues that they are having in the process of doing their work. Also to explore other possibilities for coordinating with other entities in town, if you did it in small pieces saving time for each meeting offering to each board or

commission some time to talk with you about some specific issues that they would like coordinate with other boards. So you are aware of those kinds of issues. In the long run once you had a chance to offer all those other commissions and boards time to speak with you and explore other possibilities, then maybe you could hold an all town board all at once. Then the ideas that came up in your smaller meetings could then be better coordinated in a bigger meeting among the town boards. It just seems like sometimes they are all operating in their own little cocoons and there could be a better opportunity to coordinate efforts.

Chair Young said if the Board is agreeable to it, it might be something they would like to try. She asked the Board what they thought. Selectman Chivers asked if they would, for example, schedule the Conservation Commission for 15 minutes at the Selectmen's meeting. Chair Young said tonight they had roads, but sometimes they are out of here before 8 o'clock. That is wonderful, but they could give an extra 10 or 15 minutes to hear from committees each meeting, she didn't think that was unreasonable. If there is a big issue they might have to skip it that meeting because you know it is going to be a late night.

CCC member Betsy Kruse said it would seem to her where they automatically have groups that come to you every month. Those people may not need to come, so what you would be doing is offering the opportunity. So if a particular board or commission doesn't feel they need to take up your time or they don't have specific issues they don't want to bring up they wouldn't have to take your time or theirs.

Chair Young asked the Board if they would like to try it for a little bit and see how it goes. Selectman Brock said in the past if they had something they wanted to bring to the Board they could schedule something.

CCC Betsy Kruse thought sometimes there are opportunities for boards to work together that are missed. They don't have particular procedures in place for that to take place. Maybe this would be an opportunity to ferret that out.

Selectman Brock thought this would be a good time to do something like this. Do it in the early part of the year before they get into budgets and whatnot when they won't be able to accommodate them, so try it out now. Chair Young suggested that they do it alphabetically and try it like that. Selectman Brock asked how many they were talking about, a half a dozen. CCC member Betsy Kruse noted maybe all of those groups wouldn't need to come.

Selectman Chivers said send an invitation out through email. Chair Young thanked Betsy and thought this was a good idea. It might get rid of some of the disconnect between our boards and commissions. She also suggested reading all of the boards and commissions minutes. This way if they see something coming up they'll know about it.

Selectman Dann pointed out that Chair Young did the same thing with the School Board. Chair Young said they were trying to do that since November, but she this will work out. It is an interesting endeavor, everybody is so busy but it is a good thing when it happens.

Town dirt road situations: Chair Young asked everyone if they were all set with this topic. Selectman Brock wanted everyone to understand that the Board is not taking this lightly. The Board is going to be discussing this though out this whole year. Especially come budget time, so something is going to happen this year. They all know it is an issue. It may not be as fast as you people may like, but they are going to do the best they can with the money they have to work with. Something is going to come out of this.

Selectman Robie wanted the people in the room to know that he wanted to put \$100,000 - \$200,000 in the capital reserve fund which could be used for such a thing and they didn't get it done. This has been an item on his agenda for numerous years sitting on this Board. They have a master plan and a capital improvement plan that calls for all of this stuff to get done. He has advocated for years to start moving in that direction but to no avail. Just so the people know who are very concerned this evening. There has been a lot discussion amongst the Board about this situation over the years. It isn't going to just happen all at once.

Mr. Silveira said unless they start educating the rest of the townspeople to the fact that they need this to be addressed. Selectman Robie said he's addressed that.

Road Agent Lewis said if they go back to the capital improvement plan and they start there with their list that needs to be done, but the real question is how are they going to fund it and how are they going to approach it. They have some people who want them fixed and some people that don't want them fixed. They have to spend the next few months figuring that out. How are they going to approach this and how are they going to fund it and whether it is warrant article or budget. If it is budget do they put a large amount of money in the budget for each road? He thought in the capital improvement plan they have a cost estimate for each one of these, but that was four or five years ago now. It is a big hit on the budget, so if people aren't educated on the budget it will go to default and they'll all lose out. If it goes in as a warrant article and it fails then they all lose out on getting a dirt road paved. They need to have a well thought out plan and it needs to be well presented to get the taxpayers on board.

Selectman Brock said this is why he liked town meeting opposed to SB2. He does not like SB2. Chair Young said they could go back. Selectman Brock said it was not easy. People like the ability to vote on a piece of paper and not be educated. At town meeting the discussion was out there.

Mrs. Silveira said when they moved in 43 years ago there wasn't one house on Chester Turnpike on the dirt road side. Selectman Brock said there were houses 43 years ago, not on her side. Mrs. Silveira said then houses started to come in and that got paved faster than anything she had ever seen. How did that ever happen? Selectman Brock said it wasn't fast, it was a test run for that \$150,000 per year road reconstruction. That was the first road they did that on and it took five years but it was completed and proved that it worked. That was after trying to present it to the town to do a massive road reconstruction in town failed. So then the discussion came up how about they put a set amount of money and do a section each year. It was the first road that they tried it on and it worked every since. It's worked successfully and people have supported it, because they can see the improvements happening.

Chair Young wanted to stop the conversation here. There will be another public comment section at the end of the meeting.

Resident Robert Johnston of Currier Road asked when does the budgeting process start. Chair Young said it begins in September and those dates should be on the website. Road Agent Lewis said by then they will have a plan in place to present that. Between now and the beginning of August they'll figure out how they are going to do this.

Chair Young said the agendas for the Selectmen's meetings are also on the website. If they don't have access to that they are posted at the post office and the town hall.

Candia Cleanup – April 27th: Selectman Dann said the Heritage Commission and the Conservation Commission have been planning for April 27th. We'll have a dumpster behind the Selectmen's Office this year. They are trying to put together a picnic on the afternoon of the 27th. So people can clean up the roads and then come in and have a hotdog. They are trying to get some things done and if people like it they can grow on it next year. In the past the Board has always been behind the clean up. As far as the cost factor he was going to ask some business's for donations, but they need to have a letter to send payments in. Any extra money will go to Old Home Days.

Selectman Chivers asked what the cost was associated with cleaning up. Chair Young explained it was the celebration picnic. Selectman Dann said there are some people that volunteered, the bank said they would give us some dollars. He thought somewhere around \$200 - \$250. If they can get the town involved that is what he is trying to do.

Selectman Chivers asked if they have enough blue bags. Selectman Dann said they have 10 cases. What they want to keep away from is people throwing televisions or air conditions in the dumpster. If it was on

the side of the road let us know. If you put it in the dumpster it could be a \$4,000 fine for Waste Management to dump it. They have been gracious in that manner; they have donated that dumpster to us in the past years. The other thing is they want people to pick up the side of the road and if they don't want to sort it. If they use the blue bags get them down to the Recycling Center and they will sort them down there. Some people just want the road side cleaned up.

Selectman Chivers asked what the dumpster was for. Selectman Dann said they can throw the blue bags in there or they can bring them down to the Recycling Center. The blue bags can be sorted if people would like. If they take them down to the Recycling Center then people want them sorted. If the dumpster is full he didn't know if they can get them all down there.

Chair Young thought it may be good to remind the public that they have cameras in the parking lot and the dumpster is right there.

Selectman Dann mentioned Steven's Road. He talked with the lady and it was a truck accident. It hit the tree and all of the debris was there and nothing was picked up. He asked if there was an accident and all of the plastic is in the road, who picks that up. Chief McGillen answered the tow driver is supposed to pick it up. They are responsible and there is an RSA on it. He can find out who picked it up and get that straightened out. Selectman Dann said he found a name and he thought it was trash and the officer said it was an accident. Selectman Dann said they will get it cleaned up it was frozen today. He appreciated the resident spotting it and letting us know about that.

Chair Young said they will make sure the water is turned on at the park prior to that day. Selectman Dann said there is an A frame sign that is up at the Smyth Memorial Library that he would like to use.

Appointment of Christine Watson to the CVFD: Fire Chief Young said Christine came to the Fire Department a couple of weeks ago and she was interested in joining. She doesn't have any experience in firefighting or EMS, but showed interest in it. They are always looking for volunteers over there and she knows what it is involved to become an EMT and she's is willing to put that time in. At this point in her life she is picking up to give some time back to the community. They'll welcome her with open arms. In the past they have accepted people pending their background check. The sooner they can get her on the better. If the Board would accept her membership to the department he would appreciate it.

Selectman Chivers asked if he was recommending her as a firefighter. Fire Chief Young said it was all the same, everybody is a firefighter. Some firefighters are pump people, some are EMS, some are inside people, etc. They are all under the Fire Department umbrella. Selectman Dann moved to appoint Christine Watson to the CVFD as a EMT/Firefighter based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

LED Lighting at the Recycling Center: Selectman Dann noted this will be completed this week.

Planning Board meeting: Selectman Brock noted that he had his first Planning Board meeting. Chair Young wanted to thank him for going; she was supposed to be there. Selectman Brock said they had two cases. Scott Davis is going back to a minor subdivision. There was a huge discussion about the possible lots up on Currier Road. They actually encouraged the applicant to check with Deerfield to, because the road frontage is Deerfield. Their property is in Candia. They need to look at drainage, water, and driveway. Road Agent Lewis noted it is on the Candia/Deerfield line on the west end. There was some discussion about the status of the three lots that haven't been approved. Chair Young urged everyone to read the minutes of all of these committees. If you want to know what is coming up, because they post the agenda. They have to legally be there within 24

hours of the meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can listen to the audio. This way you can be aware. Please try to keep up on those if you choose. It helps you see the bigger picture.

Election: Selectman Robie said they had an election two weeks ago. At the end of the election the polls closed and the Moderator read from the machine that they count their ballots in. The vote for the Trustee of the Trust Fund, the only contested race, was 272 for Richard Snow and 268 for Carla Penfield. At that time the Moderator looked at the tape and said this race is too close to call and they are going to do a recount. His assignees and Chair Young were involved in a recount of those ballots. When that was over the tally stayed the same. Mr. Snow was declared the winner by four votes. Everybody went home and the ballots got put in a box and the tickets got signed and Mrs. Penfield had five days to request a recount. She did request a recount. The Moderator, Town Clerk, and all five Selectmen took part in the recount last Friday afternoon. On the box that was carried into the meeting room, it was marked 272 Richard Snow and 268 Carla Penfield. They opened the box and the Moderator passed the ballots out. They counted them in stacks of 25. The stack showed 269 Carla Penfield and 271 Richard Snow. There were 27 ballots that the machine threw out that were double marked because people voted for both candidates. There were 15 ballots that weren't marked on either one which means they didn't vote. Surprisingly enough there were 10 more ballots in another stack that were not legible to read, but they were marked. It was asked if the ballot was legible to look at and determine what the voters intent would be that vote would go for that person. This Board looked at 10 ballots and there 8 for Carla Penfield and 2 in favor Richard Snow. The vote was swung by 9 votes and Mrs. Penfield was awarded the win by 5. Just so everyone knows as Selectmen and an Election Officer which they are he felt that was unacceptable. This is his point and if anyone wants to discuss that any further he would be glad to.

Selectman Robie explained Selectman Snow has five days from Friday to petition the Superior Court to request another recount. This Board looked at those ballots and there was no question. One person questioned one ballot and that was it. The part to him that is unacceptable is that we declared it too close to call and did a recount on site and it came back virtually the same.

Chair Young said she was there that evening and you need at three Selectmen to sign the box when it is sealed. There were two different tables and they were counting everything not just that particular race. She believed this is what happened and she is not going to state it as a fact. There were four or five people counting at one table and two at the other. When you came to a ballot where you could not determine the voter intent or you're not sure of the intent it is put in a pile for the Moderator. The Moderator determines the voter's intent. She believed there were 8 or 10 ballots that Selectman Robie was talking about. When they recounted again and they came to the same number because Moderator was walking round the room with those 10 ballots. This is what she thought happened. So the second time they were counted it was the same count again, but the Moderator had those 8 or 10 that were questionable of the intent with him. They came up with the same exact number twice in a row and they were counting the second time even more carefully. He had those in his hand and he was doing all sorts of different things, he is talking with the Clerk, etc. If you never observed it you might want to because it is kind of interesting. At least they knew enough that it was still close and let's put all of those in one box so they didn't have to go through all five of them and on the very top of those ballots were those 10. She thought he was walking around with them therefore the count was the same two times in a row and at the last minute they all have to be sealed. Everything has to be accounted for even the ones with no vote or double vote or whatever.

Selectman Brock asked what is Selectman Robie suggesting. Chair Young said she didn't know what his point was and his point was that it was unacceptable. Selectman Brock asked what is unacceptable the process or somebody's part in that process. What is he concerned about. Selectman Robie said he was concerned about that it was too close to call. Selectman Brock questioned if it should have been declared because it was too close. Chair Young said they don't declare the Moderator does.

Selectman Robie explained when it is declared to close to call and at that time they say they are going to do a recount; you would want to think that they are thorough in getting that done. You would want to think if there are 10 votes that Chair Young says that has a discrepancy in them. The counters that evening did the same thing they did that Friday that afternoon to determine whether those votes are valid or not for one candidate or the other. Those 10 ballots caused a 9 vote swing in the outcome of that election. In his opinion that shouldn't have happened. If there was no recount done and they got shoved in a box. Selectman Brock said it should have been resolved that night with the accurate number and should've been the exact same thing when they did it. Selectman Robie said that was his point and he thought they all understood that clearly. Selectman Brooks agreed with that point.

Chair Young thought they all agreed with that. She believed there was an explanation and she didn't think it was done intentionally. She noted that Selectman Robie wasn't there that night counting. Selectman Robie said he was there, he wasn't counting but he was standing there watching. Chair Young didn't think anything was done intentionally. Selectman Brock asked what he would like to suggest if this happens again. Selectman Robie said in years past the Selectmen always counted at an election. It is in the Elections Laws and it is the Selectmen's responsibility to be there to count ballots and also the Moderator can pick and choose others if he would like to do that. They were there to count ballots and they weren't needed to count ballots. Then we were needed a week later for the recount. Selectman Brock clarified what he is saying is the recount should have been all hands on deck. Selectman Robie said it should've been. Selectman Brock agreed with that. Selectman Robie said there were 10 ballots that he was walking around with. If you have 10 ballots they ought to be looking at them.

Chair Young believed that is what happened; because it was the 10 ballots that they had a week later that they had to make judgments on as a group. Mathematically that is what she thought happened. She is not pointing the finger and she didn't think anything was done deliberate. You can believe her one way or another. She noted the Moderator is in charge of elections, you need to have the majority of the Board present to sign on that tag once they seal the boxes. She didn't think it was the majority, she knows there have been other elections when all of the Selectmen haven't been there in the evening. She asked Selectman Robie what he was thinking and did he want to change the law.

Selectman Robie said he wanted people to know this happened and in his opinion it shouldn't have happen. If there was never a recount called for that evening and the vote went down then someone might look at it and ask for a recount. Now they asked for a second recount, because they were recounted the first time because it was declared too close to call. Selectman Brock thought he brought up a good point. Chair Young said it was a mistake that shouldn't have happened, dually noted. She mentioned that she did get clarification on how many of them have to be there when. But they can go over those RSA's when they get closer. Selectman Brock said what Selectman Robie is saying is that it should have been all hands on deck. Chair Young clarified the Moderator is in charge not the Selectmen and it might be hard for some people to accept. Selectman Robie said that was his point. Chair Young said a mistake was made, but they are not the ones in charge. She asked if Selectman Brock could work on that and have a conversation and see what happened.

Board to authorize payment of payroll and accounts payable. Selectman Chivers announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for March 21st and March 28th was \$169,618.83. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for March 21st and March 28th in the amount of \$169,618.83. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Calendar

- Next Selectmen's meeting April 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Impact Fee: Resident Carla Penfield mentioned at the recent Roundtable the word impact fees came up. She mentioned that Selectman Brock is now the new liaison to the Planning Board. She explained there was something mentioned of impact fees and the new houses on Currier Road. It was \$3,000 for impact fees. Her question was is that \$3,000 or \$1,000 per house. She noted that Chair Young mentioned reimbursing impact fees, because we accepted impact fees and didn't spend them for whatever the designated impact was. She was thinking the Planning Board should look at impact fees, what they are charging and whether it is adequate. So when they listen to the people talk about Currier Road and Tower Hill Road tonight and the growth on those two roads and the conditions of those two roads. It sounds as if Tower Hill Road went from 3 houses to 23 houses were any impact fees charged for those houses and if they had been perhaps they would have been used to offset the condition of this road. So isn't it time they look at impact fees.

Selectman Brock said that was brought up at the last Planning Board meeting. He mentioned that Mark Chalbeck brought that up at the meeting. Resident Carla Penfield said they will all get a better understanding of impact fees as the discussion goes on, but do you have to specify what the fee is for. Selectman Brock believed that you do.

Selectman Robie said they instituted an impact fee half of it goes to the Recycling Center and half of it goes to the Highway department. This is divided up into three sections of their community. If that property is built in one of those sections the impact fee is designated for that area. The impact fee needs to be used for an improvement, not repair or a temporary fix. Road Agent Lewis said it has to be a capital improvement. Selectman Robie said they have impact fees in place. Resident Carla Penfield asked how much the impact fees are. Selectman Robie said they are about \$1,300 for a house. It is above and beyond a building permit fees and all of the other fees a builder pays to build a home. The community needs to realize that when you build a \$500,000 home the tax revenue from now to forever is \$8,000 per year, so the impact fee really isn't a lot of money and you really can't keep tagging on fees to discourage more people to come and build. You need to reduce the fees and encourage them to build and then you can collect the revenue from what they've built.

Resident Carla Penfield didn't see it as discouragement; she saw it as making a contribution to the road use they have been talking about tonight. The community is now going to come up with however much money it is going to cost to pave these three roads. As a result of the development on those three roads, because prior to the number of houses that were built on those roads they were not having the same kind of complaints.

Chair Young noted that she was the one that said it was \$3,400 for the four house lots on Currier Road. This is one of the major areas where she and Selectman Robie disagree, because she is thinking it costs \$16,000 per student for K-12 that is thirteen years and if you have just one child. Do the math for that. You continually get taxes from that property. She felt personally our impact fees are too low. They have nothing set aside for the school and nothing set aside for any other services other than solid waste and our roads. When you have two or three kids do the math for that, \$16,000 goes up every year they all know how that works. They have it for the roads and the recycling center which is wonderful, but they have given back impact fees because they haven't found something to do with them. She thought that was shameful and they have because she looked that up. She has to look into who is responsible and shame on her and this Board if we didn't do it.

Road Agent Lewis said the reason they've given it back on the highway side is sometimes when you have three homes built and you have a total of \$1,800 in that section of town, it's hard to find what would qualify for a capital improvement for \$1,800. You can't change a culvert because that is maintenance you can't add gravel to a road because that is maintenance. Sometimes it is hard to come up with a tiny capital

improvement to use that money. So there have been quite a few instances where the money has gone back. Even for six years and its accumulated when you have a slump in building like they had with the last few they didn't end up with a lot of money.

Chair Young said it was her opinion that the impact fees weren't high enough if they aren't going to make a difference. She believed from the RSA concerning impact fees the town, as long as they can justify it, are allowed to charge a developer the amount of money that the impact that his or her development is going to have. Whether it is on a section of road or not, so obviously \$3,000 for four houses isn't adequate for how it is going to affect those four homes. They are talking about homes for \$400,000.

Road Agent Lewis clarified what she was talking about is an offsite improvement. This is what they did with Crowley Road, because Crowley Road was a dirt road that was a mile and a half long. They were proposing a lot of houses and they got offsite improvements to upgrade it and finally to pave it out of two different developers. They would've had a mud problem as bad as Currier if they didn't have those offsite improvements. Had they only got an impact fee from them they wouldn't had money enough to do anything down there.

Chair Young said they have different financing options. Road Agent Lewis wasn't sure if you could do both legally, you can do one or the other. Selectman Robie added to what Dennis said and when they subdivided lots on Currier Road a few years ago, Mr. Johnston's lot, he did pay an improvement fee above and beyond to get those lots approved. The money is sitting there somewhere. That money along with the impact fee money for a capital improvement, that impact fee money can go into a capital improvement which is rebuilding that road. You have already charged the building like they did on the Crowley Road; he thought it was \$200,000 each. Chair Young said they didn't do that on Currier. Road Agent Lewis said it was a different scenario.

Chair Young noted the more development they are getting still effects the road more and more. Selectman Robie said Currier Road is a town road and it is our responsibility to maintain that road. As people move up there and the road deteriorates it is our responsibility to improve it or close it. Call it a Class 6 Road and close it like they did the other roads before that happened. But they didn't do that and they aren't going to do it now. It is the town's problem at this point.

Road Agent Lewis said 50 years ago the town started paving roads because they got too muddy and they had too many homes on them. It is the same progression and those roads have now reached that point.

Chair Young thought the town needed to look at what they want for development. As a community what they are looking at and what they want. Road Agent Lewis said it goes both ways. Chair Young said unfortunately some people want to stop the building after they've built their house.

Donovan Road: Ms. Ober said she has heard a lot of rumors about Donovan Road which is a Class 6 Road right next to Tower Hill Road. She heard there is a developer in there who will be building six or more houses with a paved road next to the dirt road and a development in the back. There are all kinds of rumors and she heard it was a done deal and there are other neighbors that are saying they don't want it. She noted this will be more traffic on Tower Hill Road and there will be an impact. She didn't know what to think about it.

Chair Young thought part of what she heard was accurate, maybe not. Mr. Silveira asked if they could go back to the minutes of the meeting. Chair Young replied yes.

Selectman Dann said as far as the impact and the emergency equipment if they get that type of development would they need some type of substation down the road. You are talking impact and there is a lot of impact with this. Chair Young said it is a fine line and people get really upset about their taxes. It's a balancing act.

Currier Road & Tower Hill Road: Resident Paul Frazier wanted to make it clear to the Board and to his neighbors that he didn't want the road paved, but he is all for putting new culverts in, ditching, and making the road passable. If you pave the road it won't last more than two years. The water table is high and his neighbors can see where the water is, all of the big puddles behind their houses. If the road is paved will the Manino's be able to develop that big chunk of land. Road Agent Lewis said he can now. Resident Paul Frazier confirmed he can now even though it is a dirt road. Road Agent Lewis answered the fact that the road is dirt or paved, if he came in sure he'll have difficulty and probably what would be required is the same thing as Crowley Road. He would be the one that has to upgrade it and pave it.

Resident Paul Frazier reiterated that he wanted to make it clear for his neighbors that he likes the dirt. He felt if it was ditched, raised up, and they put more culverts in, he knows how water runs. Road Agent Lewis said so does he that is why he doesn't want to spend the town's money doing something he knows is not going to work. If that was a solution they wouldn't have any muddy dirt roads because every town in New Hampshire would do that. Resident Paul Frazier said they have to try something. He has lived on that road for 19 years and this year was the first time he saw him put the sign up that says "Muddy Road". Road Agent Lewis said he has put them up in the past, they usually get stolen but he has put them up. He just had to buy more of them. There was some discussion about the signs getting stolen.

Road Agent Lewis mentioned there are some areas of Currier Road where the ditch is deep. He has pulled a lot of plow trucks out of those ditches. They are 3 or 4 feet deep. Resident Paul Frazier said he was going to fight him a little bit on this and there are a lot of places the water could run. Road Agent Lewis understood that and it is on every road. There are as many theories on fixing this as they've got hours.

Resident Dillon Frazier thought it was great that everyone could express their opinions. He came here this evening to show his face and show that he cares. He understood at some point the water really doesn't have anywhere to go. If you look at the part of the road where the ditch is less filled in than others, it is significantly better. He understands that Dennis doesn't think it is going work and he respects that, but in spots there seems to be a berm of dirt and the water is going to run to the middle. He felt if everyone was quick to jump to a conclusion to get an estimate on paving it, he thought right beside that there should be an estimate for ditching the road and trying to put in culverts. This is going to be a lot cheaper than paving the road. Eventually it is going to have to be paved. The other side of the fight should at least make the minutes and at least have a fight.

Chair Young asked Road Agent Lewis if that was doable. Road Agent Lewis said it was doable but it is an expense. Chair Young clarified to compare paving versus upgrading the dirt road. Resident Tyler Frazier said to the eye if you have more of a ditch there, there's less water. Although it might not run completely off there is less mud the water has a place to go.

Selectman Brock said what Dennis is trying to get across is there really isn't much difference in the two scenarios. The same amount of prep work has to be done to that road if it remains a dirt road. The only difference is the cost of the pavement. The same amount of work has to be done to straighten out the issue up there whether you pave it or not. That cost is there, so the actual cost of the pavement is not that bad.

Mr. Silveira said the cost of ditching it now is not going to be rebuilding the road. They are asking ditch the road to get the water to run off. Selectman Brock said sub-soils are junk. They do not drain and that is part of the issue.

Resident Mike Kelley of Currier Road said he agreed with Dillon. In front of his house it is ditched and at the corner of his property it is not and he sees the water run down to the road. Unfortunately he is one of the new houses up there. He didn't buy the house until it was completed and the house was supposed to be back a lot further. He didn't know if that was on the town, but builder should have been held accountable for what they did. They left us up there with no drainage and no plan on how to get rid of that water. Chair Young thought that might be a Planning Board issue. Resident Mike Kelley explained this particular builder wanted

me to put a drain across their front yard onto the Frazier's property. This was their solution and he felt they should have been held more accountable. Chair Young thought he should get in touch with the Planning Board.

Mrs. Silveira asked the Board if any of them have driven up Tower Hill Road. She didn't mean ever, she meant in the past week. She asked them to not take what she is saying as fact, but drive up as a courtesy. Take a camera and look at the ditches that have been filled in. The water doesn't have any place to go. They've been there for 43 years and have almost never seen their faces at a meeting. She always liked their dirt road and with all those new buildings and the way the road is, she asked them to come up so they can form their own opinion. They have some ditches that are working and the majority of them are graveled in.

Chair Young understood what Mrs. Silveira was saying and she does go through their quite frequently. This is why the Fire Chief went up there and looked as far as the medical and safety. He does have a four wheel drive and she does not.

Selectman Dann explained to Mrs. Silveira that everyone on the Board believes her it is not that they don't. What Road Agent Lewis was explaining is once they put the gavel down then it washes out and gets pushed into the ditches. Mrs. Silveira said it is working where stone has been dropped, you can drive on it. The rest of it you have to work to get through it. Resident Paul Frazier wanted to say that Road Agent Lewis does an excellent job.

Ms. Ober asked what plan b was on any of these roads. Chair Young said that Fire Chief Young had explained that earlier. Fire Chief Young said they have a UTV for a medical call. It is a four wheeler that can get to any house without getting stuck. It has a med bed on the back, so you can lay someone down on it. There is a seat beside it so a technician can sit there with the person. Plan B isn't Plan A but it is pretty good. They'll do their best.

Selectman Dann moved to adjourn at 9:13 pm. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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