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Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
May 13th, 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.

Approval of Minutes: Public meeting minutes of April 22nd, 2019. Selectman Dann moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of April 22nd, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Department Reports: Highway; Police; Fire; Building; Planning; Solid Waste; Budget; Other

Highway: Road Agent Lewis read from the attached report. He did some shoulder work town wide to repair winter storm damage. This winter there is more damage to our roads than any winter has in 20 years. Then they had those rainstorms that would wash the shoulder out when the snowbank held the water on the road, water got between the pavement layers and just froze and thawed and separated. The roads are in tough shape. They will probably be over on their patching and shoulder line by the end of the year. Chair Young said they would make it work.

Police: Chief McGillen read Ken McCarron's resignations letter for the record. He has known Kenny prior to law enforcement. They go back to high school and he is sorry to see him leave. He was a good officer.

Chief McGillen said he recently went to Police Standards up in Concord and requested an extension for the new officer Mike Bevere to put him into the 180 at the academy. Right now, they are having a difficult time finding officers and he felt it was a hardship sending him to the academy which would have started last week. They have vacations coming up and they are shorthanded, he is certified part time and they can use him 40 hours a week plus. The council up there took it under consideration, and it passed. The new academy starts September 3rd. Officer Langlois and he interviewed a candidate last week. He's a 30-year-old gentleman from the area, he seemed levelheaded and a decent guy. He doesn't have any experience. They would like to offer him a packet and move forward and start a background. He'll be coming down tomorrow to start some paperwork. He told Selectman Robie that they need to get some guys whether they are experienced or not in the pipeline. There may be some sacrifices now, but if they can get them into the future academy's and get them trained. They aren't attracting certified candidates, but this guy seemed decent and mature they can put certain conditions on him and whatever other conditions they need.

Chief McGillen said the new cruiser should be in this week. He expects it to come at any time and then they will send it up to Pembroke and get the equipment transferred. Now they can give the ACO a leftover cruiser. It has basically been a year that Deb Martel has worked for us. She is doing great job and she has come up with some procedures and some forms. She is attentive, and he thought she was doing a great job.

Chief McGillen noted they did Drug Take Back Day. They received 31.4 pounds at the April 27th event. Last year they collect 38 pounds, so there was a little decrease. They collected 14,000 pounds statewide. There are a lot of medications out there.

Fire: Selectman Dann read from the attached report. He noted they have a new report now.

Building: Building Inspector Murray read from the attached report. There are no new code enforcement cases, it's the same 4 on the books. They haven't closed any, but they are working with one individual who he has been working with for quite a while now. He approached him with a deadline and he's doing a pretty good job cleaning up. They might be able to cross one off.

Planning: Selectmen Brock said they have scheduled two work sessions back to back. One session is for the village district. They decided if they were going to do the work session, they should stay on it. They are looking at a couple of hours for each one. Selectman Chivers asked if they have scheduled them yet. Selectman Brock said one is on the 15th and the other one is on May 22nd.

Chair Young said this Wednesday is the Roles and Responsibilities of the Planning Board with NHMA. Then May 22nd they are meeting with SNHPC to finalize the Village District. The third date was June 5th for the Capital Improvement Plan.

Chair Young thought there was a monetary change, it wasn't as presented at the last meeting as far as they are going to end up paying SNHPC. Selectman Brock answered yes, because they added one more function that they wanted them to do and it was a small amount that they figured it would take to achieve that. Chair Young was told the total cost to complete this work was \$10,400 and now the actual cost for the town will be \$6,400 after the donation. Selectman Brock said that was correct. Chair Young thought they were going to get this for just about nothing. This has gone up quite a bit and is the money coming out of the master plan warrant article. Selectman Brock said it was coming out of that warrant article.

Chair Young asked about the CIP and have they signed a contract with Stantec. This is another \$2,394 and she questioned if there is a need for that or can the community try to develop the CIP with the department heads. Then just have Stantec use their expertise to go over it and save a little bit of that money. She asked that Board what their thoughts were.

Selectman Brock thought they could do it without, it wasn't discussed but they could probably do it. Selectman Chivers thought it was something they could do themselves. These are priorities they have to set as a Board and as a town. Stantec is not going to set the priorities. All they have to do is get them set up on a spreadsheet, then you have your Capital Improvement Plan. Chair Young said maybe that is something that can be presented because that meeting isn't until the 5th, so there would be time to run that by the Planning Board. They could certainly send out the CIP form to the department heads and have them fill it out. They can get the info back and put that data together.

Selectman Robie said the Planning Board seems to be taking their job at task and working through it and figuring out how to do it. They just had a lengthy discussion about the Planning Board not filling their obligations, since they came back with their obligations filled now were telling them we're going to run the Planning Board. Chair Young said her intention was not to run the Planning Board. She is getting a little nervous about the budget.

Chair Young thought they had a discussion when Rudy was here about the department heads doing the CIP. They had a discussion on whether they needed an engineering firm to do our CIP other than finalize it. She might have been wrong and misconstrued that. Selectman Brock thought that was the understanding. Chair Young said Road Agent Lewis, for example, knows what is needed in the roads with all due respect to the engineers.

Selectman Robie thought that was what the Planning Board was going to do, reach out to the department heads, change the document to what needs to be changed and have Stantec put it together and turn back in. He thought this is what the Planning Board was working towards. Chair Young said she misunderstood, and she thought that Stantec was going to do all of that instead of internally. Selectman Robie thought that was what Selectman Brock was speaking about. The Planning Board is getting in touch with the department heads and that is the Planning Boards move at this point. Chair Young said she just wanted to be clear on that.

Solid Waste: Selectman Dann read from the attached report.

Budget: Chair Young said the Budget Committee sent the office a letter with some recommendations. She asked if everyone saw the email and wanted to know their thoughts. Selectman Robie said they talked about 4 of the 5 comments over the past budget season and numerous other times about their comments. All of that was brought up over the last 6 months starting last September. They've talked about all those things to no avail. Selectman Brock said he honestly didn't know that was the Budget Committee's function to give us an agenda.

Chair Young said they covered the CIP. There was a suggestion about establishing a Capital Improvement fund for the Recycling Center. Another suggestion was selling tax-deeded properties and striping on the town roads for safety. The last suggestion was elderly and veteran exemptions. They can certainly take this email under advisement. Is that what the Board would like to do?

Selectman Dann thought the striping was a very costly thing to do. It sounds nice but the cost is going to be prohibitive at this point. Selectman Chivers didn't know what striping the roads has to do with the budget either. Chair Young said she is just passing the information along. Selectman Brock didn't think half the roads could accommodate it because they are too small. Other towns have done it to narrow roads and you're riding on the line or over the line because it is so narrow. Chair Young said on Critchett Road you can tell where the middle is, she felt you could clearly define it. Maybe when she is a little bit older it might be harder, she thought that was probably in the context that it was presented. Selectman Brock said a fog line would be better than the one down the middle at least you would know where the edge of the road is. Chair Young said they would take these suggestions under advisement.

Park: Chair Young noted that the Budget Committee did ask about the park again. Ron Severino said he plans on getting to it this week. It is going to depend on the weather and there is nothing they can do about that. They will do what they can do. Selectman Dann said there was over three inches of water in the concession stand. He didn't know what had to be done. The Garden Club had a lot of stuff stored in there. He helped them pick it up. Building Inspector Murray said the water has nowhere to go. He told the Garden Club to keep their materials upstairs. Selectman Dann said they had with a lot of things but some of the signs they couldn't get upstairs.

Chair Young asked if there was drainage around the building. Road Agent Lewis explained it drains over near the skateboard park. It flows very slow and it probably needs to be redefined. Chair Young asked if he knew how much that cost and how long it takes. Road Agent Lewis said he would look at it. Chair Young thanked Road Agent Lewis.

Old Business

Policy review – Investment and Petty Cash: There was some discussion about the investment policy. Selectman Robie moved to accept the investment policy and petty cash policy as written. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Davis-abatement request: Mr. Davis was not present. Tax Collector Stamatelos asked the Board to not revisit this again. This is the second time he has not shown up. Selectman Brock said he was good with that. Mr. Davis mentioned it to him, and he told Mr. Davis if he wanted to come in that would be fine. Chair Young said she saw him on Friday, and he said he was coming in. This is the second time they had this on the agenda.

Tax Collector Stamatelos explained that Mr. Davis didn't think he was noticed properly for the billing. There are a lot of things that go along with his situation, but our first issue billing is a courtesy and an estimation based on half the previous year's total. He has been a resident of the town for many years. He is aware of when the bills go out and when they are expected to be paid. So, noticing him for that sale on that

property, it happened during our billing period. When places are purchased the Registry of Deeds doesn't always get the information for at least 60 – 90 days. His sale went through on May 16th and that is when we are doing our billing. So even if we know him and knew what was going on, they can't change the information until the Registry of Deeds tells us it was legally purchased by someone. Therefore, he didn't get noticed on the first issue billing.

Chair Young said Candy has supplied us, twice now with updated information and because of the right to know and it is public record they are talking about \$144. They aren't talking about thousands and thousands. So, she wanted that on the record. Tax Collector Stamatelos noted he also got a reduction on that and the second issue billing would have been reduced. He requested this to be done without going through an actual abatement.

Selectman Brock moved to not reconsider Scott Davis' abatement request. Seconded by Chair Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Will Craig of Eversource and Ryan Paulson of Standard Power: Will Craig explained he was in community relations and George Samaras is an accounting executive with Eversource. They don't have anything formally prepared; they are here to address any questions.

Selectman Chivers asked George Samaras how much the town spends every year on electricity with Eversource. George Samaras asked which account, the streetlights? Selectman Chivers said they have about five different buildings through the whole town. George Samaras said he didn't have that information he only had the streetlighting portion of it. On a monthly basis the town spends \$381.24.

Selectman Chivers asked if they looked at the contract with Constellation Energy. This vendor that is trying to pitch their program. Does he know how much they would charge us every month? How much money is the town going to save over the life of this contract over the four years? George Samaras said as a town Eversource lets them pick their own supplier. They have their default energy supply and if you don't pick someone you can just go on ours. If they pick their own supplier, it makes things easier for us. It is cheaper for the town and it is better for us. Also, if they pick their own it's a better working relationship. They prefer to be on the delivery side and having the town shop around for their own supply.

Selectman Brock clarified they would rather do all the upgrades and repair and not deal with the electricity coming into it. George Samaras said there are two parts of your bill, delivery and supply we would rather be the delivery side. Selectman Chivers said that surprised him. George Samaras said he understood, it's for business's, municipalities, homeowners. He didn't know that until he started this role about two years ago. It surprised him as well.

Selectman Brock asked if that was the thought even back when it was Public Service or is that something that has changed because the industry has changed. George Samaras said it has been that way since the beginning. They have a PUC (Public Utilities Commission) and you can shop around as a homeowner and see what the rates are, the terms of the contract. It gets a little different when it goes to large powered businesses, it curtails. It is the same for municipalities.

Selectman Brock said there is no benefit to being loyal to Eversource on the total bill. Will Craig said as long as you pay it.

Ryan Paulson of Standard Power explained they have been the town's energy consultant for the past couple of years they started in 2017. The town has been a part of their net meter and hydro program, that has been through 2017 to November of this year. He presented to the Recycling and Energy Committee. With the Constellation Energy supply contract, they would be part of the SNHPC energy group that Standard Power put together a couple of years ago. Candia at that time didn't end up being part of that group initially. The group is made up of Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Goffstown, Goffstown School District, Windham, Windham School District, Weare and Southern NH Planning Commission. Also priced with this energy group was New London,

Sunapee, and the Franklin School District. The contract that they presented is for 7.86 cents per kilowatt hour. The current Eversource default service rate is 9.985 cents. So, it is significantly less for the hydro program. They have been paying 8 cents, so this is even better than that. They would also continue to provide a hydro reimbursement for the duration of the hydro contract. Something you have been used to for the last couple of years. Those savings to this point have been just over \$8,000 in electricity savings. Candia is the last town to sign the contract of this energy group. He'll take any questions from the Board if they have any.

Chair Young said just for clarification you would be the supplier and Eversource would be the delivery. Ryan Paulson explained Eversource delivers the power and Constellation will supply the power.

Selectman Chivers asked if these other towns that they worked with will present a multi-year contract to the voters. They have a legal opinion that they don't have the authority to enter into a 4-year contract. It must go to the voters of Candia. Is this how the other towns deal with this. Ryan Paulson explained that some of the other towns have asked for the contract language which Constellation can put the contract language necessary for a long term or more than one year. He can provide the Board with that if they would like. If it is easier for you. Selectman Chivers asked if they sign up with them would he help draft the warrant article that meets the standard of New Hampshire law.

Chair Young said because our contract ends in November and they won't vote until March. Selectman Dann asked if they could do a one-year contract. Ryan Paulson explained they could keep doing what you have been doing with us with the hydro. The town has been doing that for one year at a time. This group has all agreed on the 48-month term. Constellation could price you for a one-year contract, but it wouldn't be in the ballpark of the 48-month contract.

Selectman Brock asked if they were going to jeopardize by waiting until March for a 4-year deal. Are they going to jeopardize the pricing? Ryan Paulson replied yes. They've waiting for a little bit now and fortunately the market has been pretty flat, so pricing is still relatively safe, and he believed the contract rate was still good. You never know the longer you wait. Selectman Brock said so even the present contract they have now is cheaper than Eversource. Ryan Paulson answered yes by 2 cents. George Samaras said theirs is regulated by the PUC, so they don't have a say. This is why they want the town to find a cheaper option.

Selectman Robie asked George Samaras who are they buying their power from. You're selling yours for 2 cents more compared to 7.86. George Samaras said theirs is regulated because they are the power company itself, they are the monopoly and they can dictate what they can use for a supply rate. The PUC tells us what we can charge. Selectman Robie asked if they were buying at the same price they were, it's the same market you're selling higher. George Samaras said that Ryan could probably explain this better. The town can negotiate the rates.

Ryan Paulson said he didn't know the ins and outs of Eversource, but from what he knows they buy wholesale just like they go out to suppliers, just like Eversource goes to suppliers. Obviously, the utility will add more ancillary cost. If he presented the town with a rate that had the margin and that's it, whereas a utility not just Eversource will add ancillary costs and bump it up regardless. He didn't know if Eversource does two periods a year where the rates change. Right now, it is 9.985 in August it will be a new rate and he didn't know what that rate is. He doubted they knew what it is right now, they usually find out a month before. So, the past couple of years it's been over 11 cents, it has come down to the 9 cents range, but they feel confident that the contract will benefit the town. George Samaras said they have wiggle room we don't.

Will Craig explained everyone in New England buys from the same power source, the same pool. They are required to pay a higher rate because they are regulated differently than the other suppliers. Selectman Robie asked if Eversource was paying a higher rate. Will Craig said they were. Selectman Robie noted they are probably selling more power than anyone else. If you add up all the companies like Standard Power, Eversource is still selling more power than all of them put together. George Samaras said a lot of his accounts are large power businesses anything over 300 kilowatts per month. He would say that only 10–15% of New Hampshire is large power businesses who use their default service because they realize that it is cheaper for them to shop around. Some of our biggest users in the state have third party suppliers. Will Craig thought the

residential rate was 30-35% for third party supply. Selectman Robie clarified they were buying their supply somewhere else. Will Craig said for the average homeowner it is easier than trying to figure out a reduction.

Selectman Brock said some of us have loyalty to when it was Public Service and then Eversource. If you are buying it somewhere else, then you are not being loyal to the company and you have relatives that retired from there. Will Craig said he understood.

Chair Young asked how they would get around this if they have been advised they cannot sign a 4-year contract without the legislative body's okay. So, this cannot happen until March. Ryan Paulson explained the contract language they added to some of the towns that had issues with multi-year contracts, they've added a non-appropriation clause if that seems to be the issue for these towns. So that has been added to the contract. If that won't get it done then you wouldn't be a member of the energy group, you could remain on the hydro that you've been doing, but that won't change it will still be 8 cents for you.

Chair Young asked if the Board decides to offer this up to the voting public is this something where you could honor that price for us. Ryan Paulson said they couldn't wait until March. Selectman Robie asked where the information came from where the Selectmen couldn't enter into a contract with Standard Power for multiple years and why. Chair Young said she would look up the RSA. Selectman Robie clarified that a Board member said this evening that they researched it. Selectman Chivers said it came from Bart's office and he got an answer from one of his Attorney's that they can't enter into this contract. Selectman Robie asked if they have that in an email form. He noted the cable contract is a multiyear contract.

Selectman Dann asked if other towns have signed the 4-year contract without going to the town. Ryan Paulson believed there were no town votes on any of the contracts. Some of the schools and towns were okay with it and some asked for the non-appropriation clause. There weren't any town votes. Selectman Dann said if other towns are doing it, he didn't know why they were questioning it. Selectman Robie said from what the people from Eversource have told us and what we have experienced with Standard Power over that past few years it's a no brainer. Selectman Dann said they are receiving a revenue at this point.

Chair Young said the legal opinion came from the Sanborn case. They've heard of Sanbornizing. She didn't and she is not an attorney either. Selectman Brock asked about the deadline. Ryan Paulson said the sooner the better for the Constellation contract. It is past the original deadline, but Constellation would want it by June. Chair Young asked the Board if they would like to decide at the May 29th Selectmen's meeting. It's up to the Board, she would take a motion if they are ready to vote. Ryan Paulson added the towns and school districts that he listed off that were part of the SNHPC group were in a 3-year contract prior to this.

Chair Young said it sounded like if someone wanted to make a suit against the town, they would be suing a lot of towns. So, if the Board is comfortable, they could decide tonight. Selectman Dann moved to accept the Constellation contract as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie based on the information that Eversource provided the Board with. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Berry – Believe Freetown (located on Raymond Road): Engineer Chris Berry introduced himself as one of the principal members of Berry Surveying and Engineering. He is representing two groups of people this evening. One is the landowner of Believe Freetown LLC who owns a parcel of land off Route 27 and Island Road. The other person he is representing is the operator of the business side of the same piece of property, Jeff Hill owner of Granite Hill materials. They were hired to conduct a list of conditions plan of the parcel that is located off the north side of Route 27. There is frontage on Island Road and there is a large wetland at the front of the site and the Raymond/Candia town line. Currently Granite Hill runs a recycling operation on the Raymond side of the site. They hired Globe Environmental to do an assessment the site and they are working on a soil's analysis for us. They've conducted a topographic survey. These are real 10-foot contours that have been surveyed and located with a proposal overlay. They are wrapping up a boundary survey on the site as well.

Mr. Berry said he understood this land has been a topic of discussion for the last few years. They did file for a preliminary review with the Planning Board. The applicant wishes to develop this into a semi-private

golf club. The general proposal is to establish where the existing entrance is in Raymond and a proposed roadway that comes into the Candia side of the property into a small parking array. The first part of the project was to construct a 250-foot-long heated driving range single level. In that area they would have a 300-foot driving range. It would be an iron's only range. They are proposing a small putting area to the eastern side of that area with a demarcated fence between them. Then have a varying, two or three different pitching areas where people can practice their pitching skills with their wedges.

Mr. Berry explained in addition to that they are proposing a shed where people can get their balls and utilities. It would be a more of a golf-centric business. Because this is a heated range and the various number of activities in the club itself, they are proposing a fairly large parking array. Because of that as well as change in landscape and land use that would take place on site, they are proposing a large gravel wetland area at the base of the proposed slope. This would take all the drainage from the proposed parking area and stormwater drainage from the hill side. They would treat that area with a low impact development design for nitrogen reduction prior to any discharge into the large wetlands at the front of the site.

Mr. Berry pointed out they have rain garden devices on the plan placed in and amongst the roadway. The roadway moves to and from these different rain garden areas for treatment in the ground for filtration and then eventually discharged into the large wetland itself.

Mr. Berry said the proposal has been broken up into pieces and they placed an aerial photo underneath it so they could see where these activities would be placed in relation to the historic activities that took place on site. Part of the parking array would be in the town of Raymond. The flattening and reshaping of this area take place in was part of a mining operation that had taken place on site. Much of this project is going to entail reshaping the landscape. There is a large outcropping of stone on the site and it would have to be reshaped and regraded for this to take place. It is currently un-stabilized to this day and as part of this operation this would be reclaimed. They would loam and seed where golf balls would be utilized. The remaining area to the west is also an area that has been manipulated by the prior landowner and it needs to be reclaimed as part of this project. So, part of this project is to grade that out, reshape it, remove any materials that are not natural to that area, regrade it, and loam it for permanent reclamation.

Selectman Brock asked if the area was ledge cut or is it just materials that has been stored there over the years. Mr. Berry answered there has been ledge cut and there are large expansions of rock that are open face that are still there. Selectman Brock asked what he is talking about when you say reclaim. Mr. Berry replied those piles of things would have to be removed and any of the unsafe ledge faces that are there would be shaved back. Then you would have loam and seed. Selectman Brock said that would require blasting and whatnot. Mr. Berry said that area would require some blasting as well as reshaping this ledge. Selectman Brock asked about the first area he was talking about. Mr. Berry confirmed the first area would require some blasting as well. Selectman Brock said this is a major undertaking. Mr. Berry said it is a large undertaking to utilize a piece of land that is very underutilized. Selectman Brock said it is fair to say that it is a huge excavation and blasting, it is a big operation.

Selectman Chivers asked if he could estimate the number of yards of rock you are going to have remove. Mr. Berry said they haven't gotten that far in the project scope yet. They aren't sure of how many cubic yards of material that need to come out of that area. There are areas that have been excavated at or below the proposed grades, so those areas would have to be filled in also.

Selectman Brock said the second area that you were talking about was to just stabilize that area. Mr. Berry said that was correct. Selectman Brock said the other area was confined to run off and you'll reclaim that too. Mr. Berry said they would reshape that into something that is usable. Selectman Brock asked if it is worth that kind of work. Selectman Chivers thought this was a Planning Board issue. Chair Young was wondering why this was here first.

Owner Bill Scott said he was not being rude, but they were wondering why too. Mr. Berry explained they asked to stand before the Planning Board to go through the preliminary plan very similar to this. They are actively finalizing surveying work on site and they have a lot of engineering work they have completed. They

have a lot to finish. They asked from some preliminary input from the Planning Board to include a traffic analysis. They would probably ask some questions about the light and some safety concerns. The message they got back was the Selectmen wanted to see us first. So, this is why they are here.

Selectman Brock asked if this went back to the fact that this was an operation that was allowed in a residential area. Mr. Berry said it was originally. These gentlemen have owned this for a few years now and those utilities that had taken place in the past do not take place anymore. They are here trying to make something of this property.

Selectman Robie said the Mr. Scott has been here two or three times before. The direction the Board of Selectmen have given them is a complete reclamation plan for that site, that is the first thing. The second thing is you are coming to the Select Board with a plan for indoor golf and outdoor golf is that correct. Mr. Berry said it is an indoor driving range. Selectman Robie said it would be a commercial business in a residential zone. This would be number two, they would have to look at zoning. This is not the Selectmen's department either. With that piece of property over the years and through our attorney the big thing with that piece of property is the reclamation. If there is a reclamation plan put in place and our town engineer says it will work and then you overlay what you want to do on a reclamation plan, then go to the Planning Board. He thought that was the exact route that needs to happen, along with a zoning change or a waiver.

Mr. Berry said he understood the reclamation plan and they have plans to reclaim certain areas already. They will put a reclamation plan together and work with the Planning Board on that. Selectman Robie thought the reclamation plan included all the area that has been overmined. Mr. Berry said he understood.

Chair Young said she was on the Board the last time this was approached and asked if there were new owners now. So, the property was sold to new owners and you were given the direction to come to the Selectmen. Mr. Berry said they have been working on the property for a little over a year now to conduct the survey work. They understand what they are going to ask for. Chair Young said she didn't understand why it was coming back. She did apologize if in fact you were sent hear for whatever reason.

Mr. Berry said he wanted to address the zoning question and in this particular zone this type of club atmosphere is permitted by right. They aren't making a large commercial operation this would be for member use moving forward and he just wanted to address that. He certainly understood putting together a reclamation plan and presenting how that reclamation be in conjunction with that proposed site development.

Selectman Dann said it is a driving range that is heated and now that is a club. Mr. Berry explained it is not the fact that it is heated that it's a club. You could buy memberships much like you can do at other establishments. You can buy a month or a year or other services that are conducted there. This is the club atmosphere of it. It's not just a driving range where you can walk in off the street. Selectman Dann asked about the enclosed area for driving. Mr. Berry explained it is a three-sided structure and you have the heaters behind you. There is a deck plank in the back. In the colder months it is heated so you can still enjoy the facility.

Selectman Chivers asked if they needed a mining permit from the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Berry said yes, they would need an alteration of terrain permit. Selectman Chivers asked about a mining permit. Mr. Berry didn't believe so. They need an alteration of terrain permit even for the reclamation portion of the project.

Building Inspector Murray said if you go back in the minutes the last time, they came to the Select Board and the ultimatum was they come back with a reclamation plan and a full blast plan if there is going to be blasting in this reclamation. He was sure there was going to be one way or the other. So that's why they were directed to the Select Board. It still has to go through the Select Board because they need a reclamation plan and a blasting plan. It is a residential zone and he didn't know how anything that is not residential is going to happen in there. He would like to see a use for this property, it is kind of a tough deal. They had cleaned up the property before and now he sees some commercial activity on the property again. He sees an office trailer in there, he sees some materials stored alongside of the road. He didn't believe they were supposed to be storing anything over there until this is straightened out.

Chair Young thought there was a commercial operation going on. She drives by there almost every day to go to work. Building Inspector Murray said that was on the Raymond side which is fine. Mr. Berry said later this week they are nailing down where the town line is so anything that may have accidentally gone over, they'll direct them to move it back. Building Inspector Murry thanked him.

Owner Bill Scott said that Building Inspector Murray had mentioned that he met with the Board before. It is frustrating to sit here and be put into the same category of the previous owner which was years ago. Secondly, they have three businessmen here that run good businesses. They own the land and they want to do something with the property. To be standing here tonight is a bit concerning for us. They wanted to be in front of the Planning Board and out of respect for everyone here they decided to come here. He would ask them all is it normal to have someone sit up here with a set of plans. Is this a process that they all go through when someone has some plans, they want to set forth on land that they own and how many times did it happen?

Selectman Robie said he is not putting him in the same category as the previous owners whatsoever. You and I have talked about this for six or eight years now, for as long as you have been involved down there. Mr. Scott said he spoke with Mr. Robie once before. Selectman Robie said the property needs to be reclaimed and they've known that from day one. The former owner needed to reclaim that property which he did not. Mr. Scott said he is being put into that box and he didn't think that was very fair. As far as reclamation goes, he knows a thing or two about it because he is doing it now on a piece of property. You can't reclaim a piece of property if you have a 200-foot set piece of ledge sitting in its way. They can get everyone's opinion about it, but our engineer set forth these plans to somebody so they can talk about this. They want to develop their property. One way or another they want to develop their property. They are in it, they run a great business now. They recycle material, it comes in and they crush it up and sell it back out. Sometimes Dave and other people show up there and they've done nothing but try and help as much as they can. He gave all the crushed material (4,000-5,000 yards of material) that went on Critchett Road and nobody complained to him then.

Chair Young said she didn't know who the players were. Mr. Scott said he knew that she didn't. Chair Young asked if he owned the property. Mr. Scott said he did and so does his brother-in-law and Jeff Hill. There is some frustration. They have owned it for two years. It was foreclosed on in 2012, because the gentleman who previously owned it didn't pay his bills. Here they stand today ready to do exactly what everyone wants us to do with this piece of property. Come forward, show a set of plans, explain what we are going to do with the property and do it the right way. This is what they were told to do, and it feels a bit like discrimination to him that they have to come here first and not the Planning Board. He asked if they could explain to him why.

Chair Young said she had no idea why they were told to come here. Mr. Scott asked if they could please answer his question. For the four guys standing here tonight who own their own businesses to be made to feel like they are doing something wrong and stand here and do this is very unsettling. Chair Young said she has apologized for any information he may have received from the Planning Board. Do you know if it was the Planning Board itself?

Mr. Berry said they were communicating with the Planning Board secretary and they asked for a preliminary review and he thought they were on an agenda for that. When he asked a second time, he was told the preference was that they go to the Board of Selectmen. Then he reached out to the Selectmen's Office. Chair Young clarified the preference was to come here, you weren't told you have to come here. Mr. Scott said he was told to come here.

Building Inspector Murray explained this is where they left off, they were told they would have to come back to this Board with a reclamation plan. Chair Young asked who "they" were, not these guys. Mr. Scott said absolutely not these guys. He has been involved with this property for a long time, but don't put him in this box. If he is put in this box it will go in many different directions.

Selectman Robie wanted to follow up on what Dave said and he is completely correct. He wanted to clarify that these gentlemen are here under Believe Freetown, LLC. Is this something new or is this what it has been. Mr. Scott said they've owned it for about two years. He explained that he foreclosed on the property, this

is how he was able to take it over. Selectman Robie said Mr. Scott came to the Board two years ago on May 17th. He came in with Mr. Cronin regarding Believe Freetown, LLC. Mr. Scott said that was correct. He explained that Mr. Cronin is not here tonight, because they are trying to do it this way.

Mr. Scott said he feels as though, even with Dave saying there is a trailer on site and everything they've done is done to the nines. They've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars cleaning up that site. They used their own money cleaning up that site. Building Inspector Murray said they did a good job on that. Mr. Scott said if you walk through that site right now you could eat off of it because of how well be cleaned it. When he hears what Building Inspector Murray says it hurts because of how much time effort and work they put into that. He knows because there were certain times that he was there. He got all of those tires off the site and there were over \$100,000 worth of tires there. It is very frustrating for him. There is a time and place for reclamation and Mr. Berry knows this. He can speak to it, but to have someone say we've told you this and told you that. They have a plan and a process, and they didn't even start the process off the right way, and it doesn't feel good.

Chair Young said the minutes do say if you talk with our attorney, you need a reclamation plan and it needs to be instituted before you do anything. This is May of 2017. They can gladly give him a copy, but this may be where our problem is. Selectman Robie said there is no problem. Chair Young clarified this is why people are frustrated which she understood. Mr. Scott said they were, and they've done a lot there. Chair Young noted that Building Inspector Murray said they did a great job.

Mr. Berry said just to clarify there are certain sections that make perfect sense to come in and reclaim and leave it until a future development plan is undertaken. There are portions of this site you wouldn't necessarily loam and seed to reclaim if you just plan to disturb it again. The words the Board used were to come in with a reclamation plan and then overlay their development plan on top of it. From a planning standpoint it makes perfect sense to him. This would be the way he would propose to move forward.

Selectman Robie said they would move forward at a rapid pace if they did such a thing. This is what they talked about two years ago. As far as the Select Board goes, the buildings and the driving range, and the entrance, all those things don't belong here. Their direction was reclamation. A reclamation plan with elevations, fix the slopes and lay that over it. Mr. Berry said they will have a plan set and the first few pieces will be the reclamation of the areas. Selectman Robie said that is all he needs.

Selectman Dann asked when he said he crushed gravel did he take it from this site. Mr. Scott said there is 81 acres and the first 8 acres is in Raymond. They have a permit. Selectman Dann clarified they did it in Raymond, not Candia. Mr. Scott said that was correct. Selectman Dann said he was trying to understand. Mr. Scott suggested he go down and see Mr. Hill he runs an excellent operation down there.

Selectman Brock told Mr. Scott he didn't need to be offended about being put in this box. Unfortunately, the box still exists, and he is the owner of the box and the box needs to be fixed. This is why he is back here and a few years ago that is how it was left off. No one is personally attacking you. Mr. Scott said if that is how he sees that's his opinion. The way he sees it is the day they foreclosed on it they have been cleaning it up and he has erased that box. The only way you are going to figure that out is if you actually walk down there and walk through those gates. He would encourage all of them to do that. They can see what they have done and the way they operate this place now is second to none. The phone hasn't stopped ringing because of that.

Selectman Brock noted this goes back to when he was on the Board thirty years ago. So, there is history here that goes way back. Chair Young said with any power they have they will get them into the Planning Board as quickly as possible. Mr. Berry thought they had clear direction.

Planning Board member Scott Komisarek said from a commonsense standpoint when he looks at the stretch right there, it doesn't look like a residential zone. He didn't know who was on the Planning Board when they designated it as such. Brien is the Selectman's Rep to the Planning Board maybe it can be brought up for Zoning Revision and Review meeting to look at that area. Chair Young thought it was a good suggestion. Selectman Komisarek said that Dave said it would be a fight because they think it is still residential and a club would be a commercial use. If they can't come to an agreement on that it would might have to go to the ZBA.

They might have to wait until March to get a zoning change. Resident Dick Snow noted the zoning has changed twice already. Mr. Scott said when you go up and down Route 27 there is a lot of commercial. Planning Board member Scott Komisarek thought as a town he didn't think they wanted it to be residential, so they need to look at that. Why would they want to put homes there?

Chair Young didn't think the Board could make that judgement, so she is going to stop here. She noted that she drives by there often to go to work and it looks like a well-run establishment. It is nice and neat and there aren't many trucks coming in and out of there. They should be proud of what they've done. Selectman Brock asked about the direction they were given. Chair Young said they can read the minutes and they can listen to the tape. They'll make it happen as soon as they can.

Mr. Berry asked if the actual reclamation portion of it has to come back to the Board of Selectmen. Building Inspector Murray said the reclamation plan and the blast plan. Chair Young thanked them for coming.

Public Hearing for 1st quarter grants and donations: Chair Young opened the public hearing. Chair Young announced the donations received: David and Kristen Gould – \$250 (food pantry); David & Nancy Kelso - \$100 (food pantry); Steven & Sandra Schubert - \$500 (food pantry); Danielle Pond - \$15.00 (food pantry); Pine Ridge Lights - \$1,020 (welfare); and David & Kristen Gould - \$250 (fuel assistance). The total amount of donations received was \$2,135. Selectman Robie moved to accept the donations as read. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried. Chair Young announced the grants received for the 1st quarter: State of New Hampshire - \$23,880.01 (NHDOS – FEMA); New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc - \$5,000 (Skid Steer Loader); and State of New Hampshire - \$23,178.52 (Highway Block Grant). The total amount of grants received was \$52,058.53. Selectman Chivers moved that the grants be accepted as read. Seconded by Selectman Brock. All were in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Robie asked if the FEMA grant get posted on last year's budget. Road Agent Lewis said he didn't know. Selectman Robie said he would check on that. It was for a storm last year. Chair Young closed the public hearing.

Selectman Robie – new trust funds: Selectman Robie wanted to say that the Trusts of the Trust Funds are doing an excellent job with our funds that they manage for us. They've created a new fund as recently at the end of last year. Ingrid Byrd has created a new fund in her name and her husband's name, Kim Byrd. This trust fund is for the Smyth Memorial Building. He wanted everyone to know that there are people who are concerned about the condition of that building and are pleased with what is going on up there. He read from a letter establishing The Ingrid and Kim Byrd Memorial Library Building Trust. He went over the terms and conditions (see attached). Mrs. Byrd through her generosity has donated \$130,000 to go into this trust as of today. There is a lot to be said for what goes on up on the hill. If anybody takes a ride through our town, the hill is looking better than it has in a long time. The monument is spectacular, the building is in pretty good shape, the grass has been mowed. Our sign at the corner of Healy Road, South Road and Route 27 stands as good as it did in 2013. The church is beautiful, so go up and take a look around up there. Just so you know if you see Mrs. Byrd in passing let her know how important that is. It touches his heart.

Resident Dick Snow asked if the Selectmen accepted the trust fund. Selectman Robie said they have. Chair Young asked if the Selectmen thought it was appropriate to do some type of certificate or something to thank her. Selectman Chivers thought a letter at the minimum. Planning Board member Scott Komisarek thought they should have a party for her more than a letter. Chair Young thought they should do something public; they'll work on that.

Selectman Dann said there was a total of \$130,000. There was \$60,000 when it was started. Was there other money that has been there. Selectman Robie said she just donated \$70,000. Chair Young thought the Trustees were doing a good job also. They are straightening things out and doing a great job.

Board to authorize payment of payroll and accounts payable: Selectman Chivers announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th was \$635,776.62. Selectman Brock

moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th in the amount of \$635,776.62. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Lawsuit: Selectman Chivers wanted to let everyone know the town won the lawsuit brought by William Narcossia. It was the Zoning Board of Adjustment that accounted for some of our legal expenses so far this year, but the judge upheld the ZBA on every count. The decision is in the folder.

Heritage Commission: Selectman Brock said they meet last week, and they would be interested in meeting with the Board. Administrative Assistant Hansen is going to email them with a date. They don't have anything specific and he told them to come in and have a discussion. One item they did look at is the barn easements. They did look at the fact that the Selectmen have the authority to increase that. It is currently 50% and they may be asking to go to 75%. Chair Young explained that is a reduction in taxes. Selectman Brock added on the property that the barn sits on. So, when it comes down to real dollars it is not a lot of money. There is not a lot of incentive for people to get into the program. It's a lot of paperwork for \$75. If they increase it, it's still not a lot of money. These barns are part of our history, anything we can do to keep them up and maintain them. They do inspect them; the members of the committee go out and look at them. They give recommendations of what needs to be repaired.

Chair Young wanted everyone to know that Andria did send an email out to all the department heads, boards and committees to invite them to speak with the Board of Selectmen. They were going to take 15 minutes at each meeting and no takers so far. She didn't know if that was good news.

Smyth Memorial Building trust fund: Selectman Robie didn't remember formally accepting this trust. They have a notarized document for the trust in the office. He knows that doesn't count so he would like to make a motion. Selectman Robie motioned to accept this gift in trust from Ingrid Byrd as a trust fund. Seconded by Selectman Brock. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Calendar: The next Selectmen's meeting will be Wednesday, May 29th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment:

Scott Komisarek's – the Board's ethical conduct: Resident Scott Komisarek said he wanted to comment about that lawsuit, he had been waiting to hear about that. They need to have zoning, if this is a residential zone. He knows they have a lot of existing business's in their residential zones. He is just thinking about where he lives and if someone came in there and started running heavy equipment. It is one thing to be a carpenter and that type of stuff. The Planning Board is going to be discussing this. They have a commercial zone for a reason. He is glad they won that suit. He thought his argument was you allow other people to do it and if you allow other people then they have to let him do it.

Resident Scott Komisarek said he was on the Board last year and Sue was Chair. He had some concerns that were really bothering him. He talked with Sue and told her he would like to talk with Bart, and she told him to if it was that important to him. He went to Bart's office and spent a couple of hours with him. Bart said at the very least they should come up with a code of ethics. He was willing to write that. It was something as a Select Board member he really wanted to have that done. He asked Bart to write it up and he never did. He is appealing to Sue because it is important for this Board to have a clear understanding of what is considered ethical behavior and unethical behavior.

Resident Scott Komisarek said he would like to get some guidance from the Board. Because as he moves forward, he seems to witness the same sorts of unethical behavior. So, when you have that problem with

a Board member should he talk to Chair Young and say let's go into a non-public so he can tell them what his concerns are. He is looking for a little guidance. A member of the public has a problem with a member of the Board.

Chair Young said she is at a loss for words. Resident Scott Komisarek said maybe they should get together and talk again. These are things that he talked to Bart about and they haven't changed. He would like to have a member of the Board he could discuss this with and make someone aware. He felt this was a non-public not a public thing. Chair Young said she wanted to warn him about the RSA's, if it has to do with a member of the Board and the way they conduct themselves. They cannot do it in a non-public. But she would like to see "do unto others".

Resident Scott Komisarek asked if it would be appropriate if he could have a discussion with her at some point. He'll bring her up to speed about what he is concerned about. Chair Young said she didn't mind she is very approachable. Selectman Robie told him he can talk to him.

Resident Scott Komisarek said he is not trying to make a big deal out of this, but if you just let behavior go on and on and don't bring it up it just keeps perpetuating itself. It gets kind of old after a while. He noted they all saw Mr. Scott and he seemed a little upset. You get to a point and you were right he should have just come here. But he was beyond that, there was something that was getting at the guy. Chair Young said that people get emotional about different thing that they are passionate about. She thought they discussed the ethics at a public meeting, and they discussed how they were going to conduct ourselves. In all fairness they all slip at times, but if it has anything to do with honesty or dishonesty or rumors or different stuff like that they need to try to all work together for the good of the town.

Selectman Robie said the problem is everyone has an opinion on what is best for the town and you are never going to be able to fix all of that. The best way to do it try to be civil and sit down and talk about it. As the society changes more and more the line is more distinct from what he has seen in his lifetime here. They used to be able to get something done. They used to be able to cross party lines, there is no crossing party lines any longer. The line is in the sand and it is too bad. He tries to work a little both ways, but it is very difficult, and everyone falls into that category somewhere. There are very few of them amongst us that can do that. They all have a thought process and it is tough. He doesn't know how to fix that.

Resident Scott Komisarek said he recognizes that everyone has a few and everybody thinks they know what's best for the town. All that he would ask in the way that he has tried to conduct himself or anyone that has interacted with me is to do it in an honest and ethical manner. He thought they should talk to Bart or read the pledge again when you get sworn in. If everybody does that then there are no problems. He is probably one of the easiest going guys you are ever going to meet. But when somebody continues to be unethical, devious, manipulative, and so forth it just gets old. So, he is not going away on this one and he thought they should talk to Bart. He will talk with Chair Young and let her know what his latest concerns are in letter form so she will have that for her file and then they can decide how they are going to move forward from here. Chair Young said she is disappointed to hear that, but that is the way it is.

Resident Amy Komisarek had a question regarding when members of Boards speak to the town attorney. She knows the attorney fees have been going up and what not. Do they have to go through the Chairman of the Board to get approval to talk with the town attorney? Chair Young said they recently redid their policy on that she can certainly get a copy of it. People on different Boards go through their liaisons. Townspeople don't just talk with the town attorney or shouldn't be. Amy Komisarek said she was concerned tonight when they didn't know about Mr. Chivers talking to the town's attorney regarding the Constellation contract. She asked if Mr. Chivers had the correspondence with the town attorney. Chair Young thought he contacted NHMA. They don't cost us anything. Selectman Robie said they are supposed to have that email.

Selectman Chivers said in either case a copy of the question goes to Andria and Sue and a copy of the answer comes back. Chair Young noted it is always on file. Amy Komisarek said the Board did not know about that communication. Chair Young said she has been made aware of anytime someone has spoken with

legal. She thought she didn't know what's happening at the Planning Board level. She believed she has a copy of everything.

Selectman Dann added that it had to be in writing, this is part of our new policy. Amy Komisarek said it caught her attention tonight when they didn't know what he was talking about. Selectman Chivers said he would look at that and see if he got the answer from NHMA which is a free service. He was pretty sure he got the answer from Bart's office. He talked about "Sanbornizing" the warrant article. Chair Young said that had to do with the Planning Board. The other two were NHMA. Selectman Robie commented they have a lot going on. Chair Young said she has received all those communications.

Condition of South Road: Resident Amy Komisarek said when the Road Agent was speaking tonight, he was speaking about the roads and the winter being so bad. Is there a plan in place for these roads? She travels South Road over eight times a day. Patch work was done this week and she didn't know who patched it, but you might want to take a look. She wasn't sure who was in charge of the roads. Travel up and down South Road, that road is used a lot every day. She was sure every road in this community is. The road also in front of Stubby's, they are getting into golf season. It's just terrible and it has been like that for over two years now as well as South Road. It wasn't just this winter that caused a problem on those roads. They have been like this. Is there a plan or rotation where we repair ours? She is not aware of this, but she would love to see something. When did they actually replace South Road?

Chair Young noted it is the CIP. This is basically what we go by, but they would've had Currier Road paved five or six years ago. Some of that doesn't always happen. She did believe South Road was the second highest traveled road besides Route 43. Road Agent Lewis confirmed it is our second highest traveled road. Patten Hill Road is first on our list. He thought it was 9 or 10 years ago that they rebuilt and the layers of pavement whether it is a state road or a town road have been coming off. Of course, when that pulls off the binder underneath is porous and you get a winter like this, the frost penetrates it and it comes out as potholes. They do rotate their resurfacing. Last year they did Critchett Road. They used to have a 15-year rotation, now it needs to be stepped up to a 10-year rotation because of what was happening on South Road. There isn't a plan, it is not going to happen this year. This year they are doing Douglas Drive. They are redoing that because it hasn't been done in 20 years. As far as where South Road stands it is probably two years down the road.

Amy Komisarek said you say probably two years down the road but is there an actual plan. Some type of schedule that the town should implement, as a taxpayer her concern is if they keep saying it is going to happen and it doesn't, and money goes to another area. Road Agent Lewis noted it is in the Capital Improvement Plan unless they have another disaster that takes the money.

Selectman Robie explained a few years ago their paving budget was \$120,000 and they brought it up to \$200,000. He thought there was discussion at that time about making it \$300,000. It didn't make it past the budget hearing that day. They all know the roads and they ought to pay to pave them. They ought to put some money in the budget, rebuild the shoulders, keep the water out of the roads and pave the roads. They aren't going to get much done with \$200,000 a year. It doesn't go that far especially if they are reclaiming a road and at some point, it needs to be top coated. They should be taking care of the roads they have rebuilt, such as South Road 10 years ago, instead of letting it go another two or three years and end up in worse shape. Then when they are full of holes and patches the one-inch layer is really going to come off.

Chair Young said she wanted to respond to this. You really have to pick and choose what you are going to do. It would be great to do every road. Some people are not going to be able to afford the constant increases. Selectman Robie said they have been talking about that for 10 years and they have to do something about paying for them. The expenses are coming there is no way around them.

Road Agent Lewis noted they have been gradually increasing the budget every year and they are up to \$225,000 on the paving line this year. They have 40 some odd miles of paved roads that they need to maintain. And what used to go 15-20 years before they started to unravel is now down to 10 years. Chair Young noted there's been an increase in traffic. Road Agent Lewis said they do have a Capital Improvement Plan and they

do try to keep up with it. Nobody would like the roads in this town perfect more than he would. They have to find that balance between what makes a budget go to default and what people can stand on their tax bill. This is what they do.

Selectman Dann said if they came up with a dollar amount of all of the roads that need to be reclaimed, forget about the resurfacing. What he is saying is he puts into his regular budget the resurfacing and they keep those up on a regular basis. He would like to see a dollar amount that they can look at. Then they could look at a bond. They talk about this and he would like to just see how much money they are talking about. Then maybe they can do something about it. If they did a bond the future Candia resident would be paying for the roads they are going to be using too. Chair Young said the voters would have to decide on a bond. Selectman Dann said let's say they got \$200,000 that doesn't really mean anything, but we can tell them now it is going to be "x" amount of dollars. You're educating the people and saying this is what we need to have a good road system in town, but they need to know what the figure is.

Chair Young said the experience has been when the economy is good you could vote for a bond, but when the bottom falls out then people get so they are destitute. Selectman Dann said they would have a dollar amount and you get people talking and being aware of something. Chair Young thought Dennis has been good with the Board as far as that maybe it will be better if he breaks it down for everybody.

Selectman Robie thought what they were talking about was a Capital Improvement. They just talked about the Planning Board working on the Capital Improvement. He'll have a number shortly. Then they will know, they'll look at the Capital Improvement plan and say the Highway Agent says it is going to 1.6 million to pave the roads. You can put together a bond to do it or you can do it at \$200,000 a year.

Selectman Brock wanted to give a little bit of history. This type of discussion happened back in the mid 80's. That died a very fast death. Back then it cost 1 million dollars and there was a whole list of roads. Not that this might not work now, obviously it is fresh in everyone's mind now. It was a tough winter and the roads are suffering, not only the town but the state too. Dennis talks about the pavement pulling up and there is a section on South Willow right before Route 101 that they can't keep the pavement down. This would be a great idea, but he didn't know if it would fly. It's certainly an approach. They are making headway but not fast enough. Selectman Dann said the school gets out talking to people and find out what they are looking for. They need to get out there and do some talking.

Selectman Brock said he would like the Board to consider this year a discussion on going back to town meeting. He would like to present a warrant article to do that. This is just one of the examples of why he likes the town meeting. If you put 2.5 million dollars down for a warrant article to repair all the roads in Candia, it is very easy for someone to go in the booth and say no way. At least at the town meeting you get the discussion. Chair Young said you are supposed to have that at Deliberative Session. Selectman Brock said it doesn't work the same. Chair Young said then you are going to have to answer to whether you want 32 people deciding where a 10-million-dollar budget goes or if you want the 800 or 900 people deciding. She loves town meeting. Selectman Robie thought SB2 worked well.

Selectman Brock said the other argument he got about that was there was too much in the booth this year. It was too much.

Amy Komisarek mentioned the whole CIP thing and going to the Planning Board and having them figure it out, that's great but they can't take care of what they have before them now. Putting more on them is crazy. As a business owner her thoughts are spend the money on the professionals, get it done and off the books. They are arguing over \$300-\$500, just sub it out.

Discussion about a town administrator: Resident Amy Komisarek said the last item she had tonight was opening up some discussion about a town administrator or town manager. They've gotten to the point where it is time. They are arguing with Eversource about small pennies. She knows they have a little budget here and a little budget there and it is hard to get good volunteers these days to sit on these boards. Our staff and offices are getting micromanaged by certain individuals within our community, it is not fair. Individuals say they are

ready to quit. If they had a town administrator, they would have some bond money, it would be a neutral party. She knows they have brought it up in the past.

Chair Young said she won't give her opinion. Amy Komisarek commented this is what this is all about. Chair Young said she was totally against that. She understood what she was saying, but they may find it will add one more person to the pot, micromanaging other people plus the same people that do it now. You may find it being problematic. Amy Komisarek noted for us to get some grant money or bond money; they need someone to do that at this point. This town is decaying, if we don't take care of it.

Chair Young thought they were applying for a grant. They didn't get the first one, but they applied for a second one. Road Agent Lewis said he hasn't heard anything yet. Selectman Robie said there are all kinds of grants available for a community our size.

CIP: Budget Committee member Dick Snow mentioned they have been talking about the CIP with the Budget Committee. This is why they are going to need more money than you are able to do that. He thought if you were to take the old CIP you would be able to answer her questions. They already have a plan sitting there and nobody pays attention to it. They've talked about it for two years, the Budget Committee, they need to do that in the budgeting process. What is it they are going to do long term and why didn't it get done last year?

Chair Young said from her experience if you look at our old Master Plan and the one they just did and they paid dearly for, this is a fact, there are four paragraphs that have been changed. They paid a boatload of money; she would have done it for what they have been charged. She has a problem with that type of thing. We have Chester in our Master Plan. You can put them side by side and they say the same exact thing. She has a problem with that, so she doesn't feel too warm and fuzzy about hiring another firm to do that for us.

Resident Scott Komisarek thought it was premature for a town administrator. But if they were to look down the road and communities change, and people have volunteered for a lot of years. As Selectman Robie said things are changing. So, he thought ultimately, they really want to have a top-notch administrator that is how an efficient town is going to be run.

Former Planning Board member Sean James was a big advocate for that. You have great people like Sue, Boyd, and Russ and they volunteer and put in a lot of extra time. Right now, they still have the Road Agent, they have the little fire department, but at some point, you really want to be professional. He has been over to the town of Londonderry and you sit down with someone that is competent and professional. This is premature, and like he said Sean James was bringing this up 5 years ago. He thought this was one of the long-term things.

Resident Scott Komisarek mentioned the roads and they talked with Dennis a couple of years ago and asked what was going on. Dennis has said repeatedly the way we are managing our roads costs us more because they let them get to the point where we then have to start patching. He knows they don't want to fix them all at once, but if they did three a year. If he could look at a plan and say this is the cycle. At least if you knew it was coming you would have hope. Some roads are used more, but there should be a plan.

Road Agent Lewis said it is in the Capital Improvement Plan. They have a sequence and he would assume the CIP needs to be updated every five years because he keeps doing the jobs on them and they need to keep that updated. A lot of what is on their old Capital Improvement Plan they've done already. They have a plan they rotate. They just did Island Road, Critchett Road, etc. That whole part of town got completed last year and then they move on to the next section of town. They are working on Adams Road and when they get to the end of Adams Road that is when that gets top coated and then all South Road will get top coated. Then they will finish the section by Stubby's, and that section of town will be done.

Resident Scott Komisarek said let's say they have that cycle and there is a plan that goes through that whole cycle. He lives on Fieldstone Lane and that road has been there for 20 years and it is falling apart. So, he could have hope knowing that he is on the cycle, because every thirteen years or so they come around. They are way behind. Chair Young noted if the taxpayers approve. That is the key thing, because this is what happened on Currier. Resident Scott Komisarek commented what they do is throw good money at bad. If you

look at how much it costs. Dennis has said repeatedly if you gave him the money he would prefer to be on a cycle where he is not out there patching. They have the dip over there and you filled it in, but it is still a dip. They need to look at prevention. Chair Young is always afraid that they can't sell the budget to the people. If we sell it to them in such a way that they could see the plan lowers the cost in the long run. Remember some of these roads that Ron Severino built years ago. You look at those roads today and they try to stretch a buck. Road Agent Lewis stated our roads stand up just as good as his do. Amy Komisarek clarified that he doesn't have enough money for what he needs to do.

Chair Young understood and she thought they needed cooperation between everybody. She's not worried that they aren't going to accept our budget, you have to keep an even keel. That is why if you work with the school, the Planning Board and how many house lots are they going to allow, you keep an even keel and people will accept the budget. She thought if you go crazy, they won't.

Resident Becky Sarra asked how often the CIP is updated. Chair Young said it is due next year. Resident Becky Sarra asked why that isn't a living document. Chair Young said it was. Resident Becky Sarra asked why it wasn't updated every year. Chair Young said the main document is not updated every year. Resident Becky Sarra said that was her point. Capital Improvement isn't dealt with every year. The Master Plan is once every ten years. It is the same document it was 10 years ago. She was involved in both. What are they doing? They only surviving, they aren't moving forward. They sit here every other week and just do the things to survive to get us to the next meeting. They aren't doing any projection forward. You have to look at the Volunteer Fire Department, that isn't going to be there forever. They are aging out. Young ones aren't going to come in and volunteer. Why aren't they talking about this, why aren't they making plans?

Chair Young said they can lead a horse to water. What else do you want us to do? Resident Becky Sarra noted Amy mention a town administrator, but you didn't want to talk about it because it was too early. Everything is always too early to talk about. You need to start now, and you need to go forward.

Selectman Robie said he agreed with her 100%. They all know that he has been sitting here talking about it. They just keep kicking the can down the road. He has been watching it for 10 years. Resident Becky Sarra said you talk about paying money, but they are going to pay so bad down the road that nobody is going to be able to afford to live here. Selectman Robie said he knows that; he can see it clearly. Resident Becky Sarra asked how do they take the steps to get there. Selectman Robie said he has tried, but the line is so distinct, and he is not qualified to break down those barriers. He has tried numerous ways and had numerous discussions and you see where it got him. Resident Becky Sarra said no one has the answer to that question, there are five of you sitting up there and nobody has an answer. There are five of you sitting up there and there is a Planning Board.

Selectman Dann said he agreed, and you can't just do this at a meeting. You need to have a meeting and invite the public and this is what we are going to talk about. You have to get it out to the people involved. They can put this out on Facebook. Resident Becky Sarra said it is communication. Selectman Dann said you got to let the people know.

Chair Young said she would like to see some of the audience members go to the other Boards. She did the roundtable and it was the first time the school with a 9-million-dollar budget and the town were in the same room talking about financials in history. Resident Becky Sarra said it wasn't they had them over at the school. Chair Young said it was the first time she was aware this happened. It wasn't as well advertised as the one in March was because she certainly didn't hear about it. This has to happen in her opinion. The problem or in her opinion the driving force here, the Planning Board has to be involved. If they are going to okay six developments the roads are going to get some use. They need impact fees; they need different fees and they just can't go to the roads and recycling center. She would love see people in the audience go to other Boards and say what are you doing. She is not running that Capital Improvement. The only reason this is being done now is that she started the ball rolling and they waited a couple of months until they had someone in front of us saying what are you guys doing. What is this Board doing? She has tried and she has tried to do it nicely, but maybe it is time to take a different avenue. Maybe different individuals or Boards need some tough love. It

doesn't happen to be her style, but it could be if it has to be. She doesn't like to be judged that this Board doesn't do anything. She really gets offended hearing that when they are trying to go on a shoestring. So, she gets personally a little offended when they are trying to rub two nickels together and make this entire town (4,000 people) click. They have 9 million in the school budget for 400 children.

Chair Young thought everyone knew how she felt, and she loves the current Board. She felt they were very careful with their money. She really gets upset when this Board is blamed for a lot of things that are out of their control.

Selectman Robie thought it was 9 or 10 years since our budget went default. The people support our budget and if the Board of Selectmen act responsibly whatever the budget bottom line is, he was pretty sure the people would vote for it. Secondly, fees and impact fees are not the answer to our problem. It is the long-term taxable revenue that they are going to collect from something. His opinion is reduce all the fees and encourage people to come here and build. This is how he looks at it like they do in other towns and cities with the right development with tax incentives and less fees. Then you collect revenue year after year.

Chair Young thanked everyone for their input and all of them are doing the very best they can.

Chair Young moved out of the public meeting and into non-public meeting at 9:21pm. Seconded by Selectman Brock.

Selectman Chivers moved to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Recording Secretary