

## Candia Volunteer Fire Department

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Mrs. Susan Young, Chairman, Board of Selectmen Town of Candia, 74 High Street Candia, NH 03034

Re: Recommendation for Appointment to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Chairman Young,

It is my pleasure as Chief of the Town of Candia Volunteer Fire Department to provide you with the name of an individual who I recommend for appointment to the Department. This individual has demonstrated a strong commitment to providing professional level emergency services to the Town of Candia and I offer this recommendation without reservation.

The person recommended has submitted background information attesting to their individual skill level and have agreed to attain and maintain at least a minimum level of professional certification consistent with the needs of the Department. This applicant has also provided information as to their character and background and will have undergone a criminal background investigation conducted by the Candia Police Department and the State Police.

I would request this appointment be made effective June 24, 2019.

Stephen Barnard 23 Blevens Drive Candia, NH 03034

John Sartorelli 93 Hudson Street Manchester, NH 03103

Again, I am pleased to recommend this individual for appointment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 603-703-7155 (cell).

Sincerely,

Dean Young, Chief cc: Personnel file

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ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) for excess winter road maintenance, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (By request of the Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen.) Mr. Thyng moved the article as read, seconded by Mr. Kelley. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. ARTICLE 32 IS ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$100,000.00) for the final phase of reconstruction of North Road and Merrill Road. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (By request of the Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen.) Mr. Thyng moved the article as read, seconded by Mr. York. There was no discussion. ARTICLE 33 WAS ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$26,900.00) for the purpose of paving the Town Hall Entrance, Town Hall Parking Area, and the Holbrook Cemetery Roads. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (By request of the Superintendent of Cemeteries and the Board of Selectmen.) Motion was made by Mr. York, seconded by Mr. Thyng. Richard Clark explained the cemetery roads have been badly deteriorating. Mr. Thyng asked if this as really necessary at this time. Mr. Lewis explained the Town Hall parking lot needs a bit of repair, but it could be done out of the general operating budget. There was no further discussion. A standing vote was taken. YES 40 NO 90 ARTICLE 34 FAILED.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and no cents (\$115,374.00) for the operating expenses of the Smyth Public Library. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (By request of the Board of Trustees of the Smyth Public Library.) Motion was made by Rick Mitchell, seconded by Barbara Bowman. Mr. Mitchell explained this is the operating budget and also includes computer upgrades. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. ARTICLE 35 WAS ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred dollars and no cents (\$99,500.00) for Fire Suppression, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Service to the Town of Candia. The moneys to be spent under the direction of the Candia Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc, and to be received as follows: Forty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$40,000.00) on or before April 1, 2004, and the balance on or before July 10, 2004. (By request of the Candia Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc.) Motion was made by Rudy Cartier and seconded by Gary York. Chief Cartier explained this is the standard yearly budget. The department has received a grant for 14 mobile digital radios at no cost to the Town. The Department has had a \$2000.00 phone system and a sport utility vehicle donated. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. ARTICLE 36 WAS ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$50,000.00) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund, established under RSA 35:1 at the March 1991 Town Meeting, for the future purchase of fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (By request of the Candia Volunteer Firefighters Association, Inc. and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) Motion was made by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Mr. Thyng. Chief Cartier explained this article helps reduce the tax impact of new equipment. Peter Butt stated he wanted to support the Fire Department, how will the capital reserve be transferred if the Department goes under the Town? There was no further discussion. Voice was taken by a show of ballots. ARTICLE 37 WAS ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 154.1, to accept the following organizational structure for the Candia Fire Department:

- 1. The Candia Fire Department shall become a Department of the Town of Candia known as the Town of Candia Fire-Rescue Department.
- 2. The Board of Selectmen shall:
  - a. Within 60 days of receiving a nominee recommended by a vote of the active firefighters and EMS personnel of the Candia Fire-Rescue Department, vote to accept or reject that individual to serve as the Town of Candia Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall be appointed for a three-year term with no limit to the number of terms.
  - b. Have authority to remove the Fire Chief pursuant to RSA 154:5.
  - c. Upon recommendation of the Fire Chief, shall appoint and terminate firefighters.
  - d. Have the authority to adopt written formal policies or guidelines governing the fire department in accordance with RSA 154:1, VI.
- 3. In the event that the Board of Selectmen rejects the person recommended by the membership for just cause, the membership shall submit an alternative nominee to the board within 60 days.
- 4. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to take whatever additional steps are legally necessary to effectuate the above transition.
- 5. In accordance with RSA 154:1, IV, this change shall take effect one (1) year following a vote of approval by the Town.

(By request of the Candia Volunteer FireFighters Association, Inc.) The article was moved by George Denoncourt, seconded by Clark Thyng. Department President, George Denoncourt then began the presentation. A transition committee was formed. The committee met monthly and gathered information from different towns. Monthly updates were given to the Association members. The final draft of the warrant article was presented to the membership. The fire department will officially be called The Town of Candia Fire and Rescue Department. The Board of Selectmen will appoint a Chief for a period of three years. The Fire Chief develops and the Selectmen approve Department policies and guidelines. Changing to a Town Department would reduce the administrative burden on the firefighters. The Association will continue as a benevolent organization to support department activities. The department will continue to be volunteer. The transition will not increase costs to the Town. The Association is unified in support of this article. Officially the Department would become functional on March 13, 2005.

Ken Goekjian asked if the Departmental accounts had been audited? Mr. Denoncourt replied that they had been. There was no further discussion. A request had been received for Secret Ballot. YES 122 NO 35 ARTICLE 38 WAS ADOPTED.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and no cents (\$72,850.00) for construction of an outdoor recreation area and skating pond on the 55 High St. property. Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars and no cents (\$36,425.00) to be returned to the Town from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant upon completion of the project. All funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (By request of the Candia Heritage Commission and the Board of Selectmen.) The article was moved by Jon Godfrey, seconded by Clark Thyng. Mr. Godfrey explained they were looking to restore a part of Candia's past, having a picnic site and recreational area as well as a skating pond. Candia has been awarded matching federal funds through a grant. The plan includes a deepening to a maximum of five feet of the existing swamp. A gazebo would be erected. Walking trails, benches and picnic areas would also be included. The grant money would be available for this year only. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. ARTICLE 39 WAS ADOPTED.

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to change the cost of procuring copies of information and documentation from town records as available for the following costs:

.50 cents per side for 8 1/2 X 11 in black and white

\$1.00 per side for 11X17 in black and white

\$1.25 per side for 8 ½ X 11 or 11X17 in color