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Candia's Selectmen's Public Meeting Minutes
July 22nd, 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 was conducted.

Approval of Minutes: Public meeting minutes of July 8th, 2019. Selectman Brock moved to approve the July 8th, 2019 Selectmen's meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Robie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Public Hearing: The Board of Selectmen will consider the issuance of a building permit on a Class VI road. Chair Young opened the public hearing. The abutters that were present: Judi Lindsey of 822 North Road, Janice Lessard and Dean Peightell of 823 North Road, and Mark Maloney owner of Map 403 Lot 010. Applicants Terry and Jim George were present along with their daughter Shannon and son AJ. Mrs. George explained they've been talking with Jean and Pamela Rowe (property owners) for several months now. They heard about the history and fell in love with the history. They would like to build two homes and have a small farm. They are looking to build two homes on North Road. They have been in contact with Mrs. Rowe and Jean. They would like to have the two homes built and have a small farm there.

Selectman Brock asked if they were seeking to get approval before you purchase it. He asked if the owners were present. Mr. George said they were able to represent them, the Rowe's sent in a notarized letter. Mr. George wanted to stress to the abutters that they are not developers and they didn't want to see the land go to a development. The land is going to stay forested and the only thing they'll open up is a pasture for the cows. They currently live on a Class 6 road; it was recently upgraded to a Class 5 road. He did maintain the road for years.

Abutter Judi Lindsey mentioned there is a knoll on North Road as you're going in. In the winter, it is maintained by her and husband and it becomes a one lane road through the snow. When you're going over that hill you can't see over it. She has hit the people coming out. She noted ATV's are using it illegally. This is something to watch out for because it can be dangerous. They also have to see if the emergency response vehicles will have access. The road itself is rough now. She wasn't sure what the guidelines were and if they have to upgrade according to the Class 6 road policy.

Mrs. George said they are going to be making significant back there. It is not passable right now. Mr. George said he has walked the property and inspected it and he knows right where the knoll is. He already has intentions of taking some of the curves out of that. He believed there should be another culvert before the two driveways.

Abutter Judi Lindsey pointed out when you put in a house, driveway, and pasture that impacts the unfragmented land that was there before which abuts Bear Brook. So, right now they have thousands of acres of land for animals and every time mankind moves in it has an impact. Mr. George explained they wouldn't be doing anything on the Bear Brook side. There will be a 10-acre pasture on the south side of the road at the most.

Abutter Dean Peightell asked what gets tied to the building permit. It's fragile land and it borders our property which is wet. If the road is built improperly and water doesn't move up hill. There are a lot of considerations and the road that exists as it is now is currently maintained by the people who live at the end of

the road. What is the extra traffic going to do that's sand, it's not gravel? They maintain it all winter. He would like to know what the town requirements are for that building permit. Do they require that road to meet fire safety for emergency vehicle passage? Does the road have to be engineered by an engineer or can they just come and start cutting away?

Chair Young noted they do have a Class 6 and private road policy. It was established in 2007. She read from the statement of purpose – "It is the purpose of this policy to minimize development along Class VI and Private town roads which might tend to drain existing town services and force increased costs on the Town to provide additional services." Chair Young explained the reason this policy came about was there were people building on Class VI roads, so they made this policy to try to limit it. One of the questioned asked was about the distance. The distance for is 600 feet from a Class V. On the diagram that the George's provided one lot is 1,550 and the other is 1,400. Chair Young noted the policy is on the website.

Selectman Chivers said they went over the procedure at their last meeting. The first step is to meet with this Board to determine whether any waivers you are going to requesting of this policy. You are proposing a house 1,550 from a Class 5 road and the policy limits it to 600 feet. This Board decides whether to grant that waiver. If they decline the waiver it stops right here and doesn't go any further. If the Board agrees to that waiver then you go to the Planning Board where you could address these road issues and all your other concerns. Then you would need to go to the Zoning Board for a variance. They would then go to the Conservation Commission and various town boards would get their hands on this. Mr. Peightell's concerns over the drainage would be addressed further on in this process. The first hurdle they have to overcome is convincing this Board that 600 feet and a 1,550 distance is reasonable.

Selectman Brock noted the Planning Board really doesn't have a mandate of items they are supposed to review. Basically, they are going to review it and address any concerns they may have, but it is not specific. These are the specific guidelines to start with.

Mrs. George asked if this is where they would talk about the five criteria. Selectman Chivers asked which five criteria were they referring to. Mrs. George said that would be for a variance. Selectman Chivers said the would be for the ZBA. Chair Young said they didn't need to give that to them. Selectman Brock said the only issue tonight is any waivers they are requesting. He asked if there were any other waivers. Mrs. George replied no just to build on a Class 6 road.

Selectman Chivers asked if they could explain the circumstances that justify a waiver. What is special about this property that would justify a waiver. Mrs. George said it is 124 acres. If they are building two homes out there, it is huge amount of land and it keeps the community as is. There are no negative effects with the abutters of the property to maintain the road. They have picture of our road and right of way on how they maintain it now. They also researched and there are houses that are well above the 600 feet in Candia. Some are 3,800 feet. Chair Young clarified that was prior to the policy. Mr. George said one of the reasons they were directed to Candia was because of the Master Plan. They like Candia and he owns all his own equipment to maintain the road. He didn't want to be the one at the end of the road that they can't get to.

Abutter Mark Maloney the owner of Map 403 Lot 10 asked if it was going to stay a Class 6 road and brought up to the standards of a Class 6 road. He is very familiar with that road. He asked if they would be bringing the road to the middle of those two lots or the end of the Candia line. Mr. George said he would not bring it to the end of the Candia line. Mr. George said he would bring it to the rock which would be the furthest point. Mr. Maloney said the reason he would be more supportive of this is because he and his wife may want to build a retirement home down the road. He is all for letting the George's build. He is happy to hear that it's two houses.

Abutter Janice Lessard said she was very unhappy to hear this. They built out there because of the wildlife. It's pure and it is one of the safe places for them to live. She has a special needs son and they don't want more traffic going by their house. They would rather have it stay wild and free and all the animals be safe. She's horrified to think people want to build more houses, it is going to turn into a development, and it is going to ruin Candia. Mrs. George said we don't want that either. We love the wildlife and the rural nature of this

town and this is what drew us to it. We don't want that; we want the trails and land to stay open. We want the wildlife to remain on that property. She understood about Mrs. Lessard's son and they have children and their safety is utmost. We would do whatever they need to do to make them feel comfortable with it. She would think the conditions of the road would be better because of Jim's ability to maintain the road with the equipment we have.

Mr. George said he never thought he would move but the property they are on now will not sustain two more houses and a farm. Their goal is to stay together as a family.

Chair Young asked how many people would be living there. Mrs. George explained that her daughter and her husband and child live with them currently. Her son and his wife and daughter would be across the street. There would be two homes.

Selectman Chivers asked how close they were to the Hooksett line. Mr. George said the house would be about 2,000 from the Hooksett line. Selectman Chivers said he was trying to determine how many other properties could be developed beyond his. Selectman Chivers asked how many house lots were there between theirs and the Class 5 section. Mr. George said there is one on the southside and two on the Northside.

Selectman Robie noted everything up to those two lots is developed. The George's would be the next developable lot.

Abutter Dean Peightell was still concerned about the destruction of a stream that runs down the middle of that road. The water comes off their property, it's three seasons. There are environmental issues, conservation issues and he didn't know if the Town of Candia is going to address those. Who is going to decide which way to pitch that stream? Who decides this stuff? They had standing water in the middle of the road for 10 months out of the year. If they bring the condition of the road up the water will stay on their property. There needs to be an engineered, environmental study done before you can say build on a Class 6 road.

Selectman Robie noted there are stipulations in a Class 6 road policy. That road was cut through there years ago and the erosion from the traffic over the years eroded the road to a point that the water tends to flow and erode it. Most of the Class 6 roads in Candia you will see the hills are becoming very eroded from the streams breaking through with no maintenance. It is very possible to fix the road, put the drainage back from where it originally comes. They have a policy that is clean on how the road needs to be constructed to a point after the Board may or may not grant these people a variance. The first step here is to come to the Board of Selectmen with a variance request. Mrs. George asked if it would be for the upgrades of the road. Selectman Robie said that is what he would recommend.

Selectman Chivers said they still have the problem to overcome with the distance. The policy limits our authority to 600 feet. Mrs. George thought it said unusual circumstances. Selectman Chivers asked what the unusual circumstances were. Mrs. George said there are only three lots left on that road. The property would be of no value to the owner without being able to build on it. With 124 acres the unusualness is that they are only putting two homes there. They want to maintain Candia's rural nature.

Mr. George didn't think it was in the town's best interest to put in a Class 5 road. He didn't believe it was sensible for the town to maintain the other 2,000 feet of road. They don't want to be a tax burden to the town.

Selectman Brock said there is a lot of history on why Class 6 roads were developed in the first place. Primarily it was to curb development far into these Class 6 roads. It would require the town to upgrade the road and maintain the road. He believed the intent was to not landlock land, so people couldn't use their land. In this case they have two large lots. He didn't believe there was an impact to the environment. They have wildlife that lives all around 3-acre developments. Wildlife is going to exist and survive. He felt the 600 feet was something they put in the policy to curb building on the Class 6 roads. It has also allowed for a waiver. This is a case for granting that waiver. He would be in favor of that.

Mrs. George noted one of the concerns is safety. Selectman Brock said that was always an issue anytime they developed on a Class 6 road. In 2007 they came up with the policy and specific things they wanted to see.

Chair Young said she disagreed on several levels. They have a rule for 600 feet and that is a cut and dry rule. There is an appeal to make a waiver. In all fairness if they do it with one, they need to do it for others. This Board needs to be cognizant about what they are doing here. The other thing is they are talking about improving the road. Be very careful about what you ask for. The woman that had the traffic concern she had to agree with. You can open another set of problems. It doesn't take long in a small town for the word to get around that this is a great place to 4-wheel. At a minimum they have added eight people and that is going to add traffic. She disagreed with what Mr. Brock said. She felt it did impact the conservation. She didn't think people realized what they are doing in these small communities. The wildlife has no place to go. They have lots that have already been approved. It seems like they aren't giving the wildlife the option. She didn't want to deny the use of it, but they don't own it yet. So, they are in a good place to make a judgement on what they are going to do on that.

Selectman Chivers rather than encourage these people to come back with road profiles, he thought they should address whether they are going to waiver that 600-foot limitation. If they can get beyond on that tonight maybe the next step is to go to the Planning Board. He disagreed they should come back to this Board at a later date.

Selectman Robie clarified that he recommended that they come back with their waiver first for us to review if they had some plans. This gentleman said that this property is for sale. If they want to save the land for the next generation someone could come in and buy that property and put in a Class 5 road and develop all of it. He thought the Board really needed to consider that fact. Also, for these people that are willing to do that to live on 124 acres with their family. But also, the people that said they don't want any more houses on that road because in a sense they can help protect them also. Or they could say no and they would have a battle and he didn't think they could win that battle.

Selectman Chivers saw his point and though it was a good point, but he is opposed to the approval of any deviation from the standards set forth in their Class 6 road policy on the basis of principal and practicality. On principal they are here tonight to administer policy not to make it. They are guided by a policy that was adopted by our predecessors on this Board in 2007. This policy restricts the distance from a residential dwelling on a Class 6 road to 600 feet. Before us tonight is for dwellings that are 1,500 feet. It is almost three times what is allowed in our policy. This is not a minor waiver from the terms in our existing policy. It's a whole nullification of that standard to ask for 1,550 feet when the standard is 600 feet. It just guts that standard and there is nothing left of it. Just as we expect our judges to interpret and administer that law, we too have that same responsibility. It is the very foundation of the law and our democracy. Candia has 4.36 miles of Class 6 roads. If this Board deviate from that 600-foot standard tonight, they better be prepared to deviate for every other applicant. If they deviate for 1,500 feet that means, there is no limit. He respectfully urges to this Board to be faithful to our duty to administer the policies as they are actually written not as they wish they were written.

Mrs. George said isn't the very nature of a variance to do something contrary to what is written. It is a unique circumstance. They just want to put two houses in with 124 acres. Chair Young replied it doesn't always turn out that way. Mrs. George said they can't subdivide anyway, and we don't want that.

Selectman Robie said if you look at our Class 6 roads the houses that exist at the end of those distances are way above the 600-foot mark already. She thought the Board needed to understand that. They're not going to get all their Class 6 roads developed into house lots. It's people like the George's that are adamant at least for this generation there won't be a subdivision up there.

Chari Young noted Carleton brings up there are homes that are a larger distance than this. This is why the policy was created in 2007. She thought if he did his research, he wouldn't find anything that is beyond this. She agreed with Selectman Chivers. It is just like with Supreme Court or anything else whether you agree with what the law or policy says, either you follow it, or you don't.

Abutter Dean Peightell said the entire Board indicated they're not worried about subdivision, but another abutter just said if they fix the road he is going to build. Mrs. George clarified there is not going to be a

subdivision. What is the next abutter going to say, they can all say they aren't going to subdivide, but you'll end up with 10 houses down there?

Abutter Mark Maloney said he owns a piece of property that he has owned for 25 years. He enjoys walking his dogs and the beauty of Bear Brook. He thought it was a shame that you get the wherewithal later in life to put a house up and then a 600-foot rule would sink that. If he can't eventually build a house, he is going to sell it to whoever wants to buy it. Then you lose the mindset of an individual that wants to just have a dirt road and live with a beautiful view. He was sure someone that doesn't have the same desire as that is going to look at the view and say that would be worth some money. He understood protection and keeping it rural and beautiful. At the same time, they are talking about two houses with 120 acres.

Chair Young would suggest there are alternatives. This policy could be changed. Bring it to the town and try to change it. Abutter Mark Maloney said he was not in a place where he wanted to put a house on it. Chair Young clarified that she was talking about the future and there are ways to change these restrictions. She agrees with Boyd and they are going to do it or not. She was sure that Mr. George improves his roads beautifully. She didn't know what trouble this might bring upon him and the neighbor past him if there are any other houses.

Mr. George explained our road now goes through to another main road. People 4-wheel and that is their own business. Chair Young said he didn't mind it, but it appears some of his neighbors do. Mr. George didn't believe there would be anymore 4-wheelers out there then there is already. There are already jeeps running in and out of there. There is a main trail running about the Rowe property. He would stop that. As far as traffic going through nobody will ever be able to stop that whether they build or not.

Mrs. George said they've been talking about a variance and she heard a couple of times "letter of the law". The very nature of a variance is for the Board and the Zoning Board to consider each one individually so it doesn't open a can of worms for that. It depends on the circumstances. The 600-foot is written under unusual circumstances. Even road frontage people get variances for that because of the shape of the property. This is a unique circumstance that you have people that want to keep Candia the way that it is. They just want to put in two houses. There can't be a subdivision on that road.

Selectman Dann said he would like to discuss this and see what other roads this could affect. He thought Carleton brought up a good point. Someone with money could develop that piece of property and make it a Class 5 road. When more and more land become less and less available that gives the developers more time to say they can invest in this. He would also like to research why the picked 600-feet, what were the reasons. Chair Young thought it had to do with the distance from the Class 5 and the safety.

Selectman Robie said the few Class 6 roads that hadn't been built on past the 600-foot mark, that is where the number had stopped. They have some houses on Class 6 roads that are 3,600 feet deep. If there is a lot between that house and another house, they would have to grant a building permit. There are no lots in between the Rowe property and the neighbors. If you went back and looked at Class 6 roads that weren't built on past 600-feet that is where the number came from. If you read the first paragraph of our policy, it is clear on why that was written.

Selectman Chivers said he didn't see the point of encouraging them to come back with a waiver. They already told us the reasons why they are seeking the waiver. He didn't think they should drag this process out. Selectman Chivers moved that the Board deny the applicants request for a building permit on a Class VI road, because it fails to meet the standards expressed in our policy statement. Seconded by Chair Young. Chair Young and Selectman Chivers were in favor and Selectman Robie, Selectman Brock, Selectman Dann were in opposed. Motion failed on a vote 3 to 2 (2-3-0). Chair Young told the George's they have been granted their waiver. Selectman Chivers said their next step is to go to the Planning Board. Chair Young closed the public hearing.

New Business

Firefighter appointment – Kevin Drew: Fire Chief Young mentioned that Drew had been on the Fire Department. He needed to take a couple of years off, but he is better now. Selectman Dann moved to appoint Kevin Drew to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department based on Fire Chief Young's recommendation. Seconded by Selectman Brock. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Information concerning possible new fire truck: Fire Chief Young explained they put together a committee a year and a half ago about what they wanted to do for a new truck and what options they would have. They have worked diligently on that committee. They don't have enough money in the capital reserve, they raise money every year. Firefighter George May wanted to Board to know they are buying a new engine next year. The aspect they don't know is the best way for the town to fund this. They have \$326,000 in the capital reserve right now. They are estimating the cost somewhere between \$600,000 and \$650,000. When considering the capital reserve, we should probably leave \$25,000 to \$50,000, because once they get into the manufacturing process there could be change orders that have a price tag attached to them. They do raise a lot of money for equipment purposes so they may be able to defray some of that through the process. They are assuming the town voters will need to vote for some part of the funding, so they are looking at the March 2020 Town Meeting. At which point they would hope to have a contract already worked out, so the contract would be signed shortly after town meeting. In addition, they would like to have a contract worked out with the bidder and the town. There is a 10-month lead time, so the new engine wouldn't be here until the end of 2020 or the beginning of 2021. One of the vendors they were looking at was Pierce Manufacturing. There is a representative from Peirce here tonight. He is here to explain payment options, finance options you can gain through the typical manufacturer.

Chair Young asked if they Board would like something in writing or would they like something in writing. Selectman Dann said the gentleman is here, he thought they could listen to his ideas.

Selectman Robie said they are asking for a \$650,000 fire truck with \$326,000 in the capital reserve. So, they need \$350,000 to make that purchase. They are going to ask the voters \$350,000 warrant article or they have to ask the voters to vote to pay for this over 10 years. Firefighter George May said there may be more options available as a municipality for borrowing money.

Selectman Robie said if they didn't have the power to borrow, they could bond an issue like that. You still need the voter's approval to expend that amount of money. Firefighter George May would assume the voters would have to weight in on this. Chair Young said there may be two or three options if this fails.

Jason Henski of Pierce Manufacturing was present. He explained when municipalities buy fire apparatus, they do one of two things either a bond or a municipal lease. There are some differences. The town is probably familiar with a bond, because most towns bond a number of purchases. A lease is similar to a car loan. At the end of the lease the town owns the truck it is not something you return. For a pumper it is 5, 7, or 10 years most people will borrow money for. The interest is tax exempt. One of the other advantages is that it doesn't affect your bond rating. It becomes part of your budget every year for that term. If the town were to have a budget shortfall, its like financing with a car and the bank would come and take the car. This is why the laws are slightly different.

Chair Young asked if he had any numbers. Mr. Henski said he didn't have any tonight. He noted they weren't that far along in the process. There are a couple of different things they can do along the process to create more savings. When a town purchases a piece of fire apparatus there are two options either in advance when that contract is written or in the arrears which is a year after the contract is signed. A lot of towns will do that and start their term payments a year later. However, you purchase the truck what makes a big difference in monies is the prepayment. Departments can prepay for the apparatus which is automatic with the lease purchasing. All the interest they would pay on the metal, engine, and axels, all those components over that ten-month period gets deleted. Usually on a pumper it is \$15,000-\$20,000 in savings. They do a performance payment and warranty bond automatically through an insurance company. It protects those monies that are paid

to us in advance. Those bonds are provided whether you prepay or not. It protects you after the sale because the warranty bond protects your warranties. It is a pretty vital insurance policy.

Chair Young said they will be discussing the budget on September 21st. Is this something they could get some information to prior to that? Mr. Henski said he will have some numbers by August.

Selectman Robie said if they want to finance this, they can search out their own bond. They can do that themselves. They did put some funds in the capital improvement fund.

Mr. Henski said the municipal lease usually makes the voting process a little simpler, because it doesn't require the typical bond vote. There are more hoops to jump through with a bond than a lease purchase.

Chair Young noted the residents have been very supportive of the fire department. Whatever the taxpayers decide, they'll go from there. Chair Young thanked Mr. Henski for coming in.

Selectman Dann said he would like to see some type of municipal bond and then they can purchase the fire truck and do the roads. Chair Young said they can explore that.

Selectman Chivers asked if this would be the third engine. Firefighter George May explained there is not much resale value on the one they would be getting rid of. They have two engines one is 24 years old and engine two is 17 years old. They are replacing engine two. It needs body work and it has some electrical issues. The big issue is storage. The amount of equipment they have to carry now that they didn't have to carry 17 years ago is noticeably more. This is the truck that does all the calls on Route 101. It is a mutual aid truck and a backup medical truck. It has a much heavier workload than engine one.

Selectman Chivers asked if it will fit in the firehouse. Firefighter George May said they sent the specifications to the vendor. They are hoping to get another 9 to 10 years out of engine 1, because they had the pump rebuilt in 2013. If they get this new engine in 2020, they will be looking at the replacement of engine one in 2028. There was some discussion about the storage issues.

Appointment of Part-time Officer Shane Pellerin to Full-time: Chief McGillen explained Shane has been with the department for about a year. He had been doing great. He is getting exposed to some serious calls in a short time. He represents us well. He would like to make a recommendation to hire him to be the next full-time officer for Candia. He'll be at a grade 6 step 2 effective immediately. Selectman Robie moved to promote Shane Pellerin to a full-time police officer effective immediately moving to a grade 6 step 2. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Set Date for Town Budget Proposals: The Selectmen's Budget meeting will be September 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Old Business

Town Hall sidewalk: Selectman Robie said he reached out to a company in town New Dominion Landscaping. He spoke with Mark Halle who gave him a quote. Selectman Robie said he reached out to some professionals about the catch basin. He thought they could hire someone when the time comes. Everyone seemed very concerned about asphalt cutting and repaving. When the time comes to repave the parking lot, they can grind the asphalt, take up the catch basin and maybe take off a couple of courses of brick to get a little more pitch from the sidewalk. This is an option so they can take the catch basin out of their sidewalk repair. Mr. Halle talked about taking up the pavers and reusing as many as they could. Many of them are broken and many will break when they come up. They are going to take up the pavers and they are going to reuse those on the police department sidewalk. They will put new pavers out front. The new polymeric sand stays put a lot better than it did years ago. The amount of the quote is \$18,806. They've budget \$19,000 for the job. This gentleman said he would have the job done by the end of September. There was some discussion about treating the sidewalks in the winter. Selectman Robie moved to authorize New Dominion Landscaping to do the sidewalk repair at the town hall. Seconded by Chair Young. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Moore Park – facility update; use of field-discussion with CYAA, School Board, Jesse Remington, etc. Chair Young said we are going to decide on the Moore Park field. What it is going to be used for, how it is going to be used. She has received the Board's blessing to get a tarp to go over the sand and flexible fencing to delineate the outfield. They need to decide if they are going to use it for the school. If that is our primary goal, because we did it as a softball field. The school doesn't have one nor does the CYAA. If this is going to be our priority, we'll put the fence up and the nets will have to go down past it. Unfortunately, that is going to eliminate the U14 from practicing there and Jesse Remington. It will probably eliminate the lacrosse and the soccer. She didn't know how to go about this, and they spent a lot of money on this. She knows there are weeds there. This is going to be taken care of next week and then they will put the tarp on it.

CYAA Baseball Director Carl Carlson said they do use the softball field consistently. They can't use that field for the division where the players pitch. It serves about two teams and fifteen kids per season. They like to use the CYAA field for that. It doesn't require a mound for that division. It is a field they like to rely on because it can be used in the evening. They built a new field at the CYAA which has lessened the need for that, but it is a big field for the smaller kids. He confirmed it would just be the spring that they would need it. They would also use it for practice as an overflow. We don't need anything special that the girls' softball team would require. He mentioned the fence and he knows there are movable fences out there. If something went up in the spring and came down at the conclusion of the season. This would allow fall use without a fence in the way and that would be fine with us. This wouldn't affect the baseball program and the soccer guys might want some flexibility. The biggest thing is the concern over the maintenance. He suggested using the field, dragging it frequently or covering it. This will keep the weeds from coming in. He doesn't see a lot of people using it in the summertime, but he would be concerned with laying a tarp out. People come to the park and play, and they might not want it to be there. He didn't know how they were going to secure it and keep it from being vandalized.

Chair Young asked if they don't cover it, just from mowing you are going to get weeds. She doesn't have maintenance money in budget to rake that. She asked what he suggested if they didn't tarp it. Mr. Carlson said it's using the field. But you could have a lot of use and still have some areas that never get touched. It is hard to keep the weeds down. Chair Young read that we should be raking it three days per week to keep the weeds down. Mr. Carlson thought more like two. He thought if we dragged it with a tractor it could be done in less than a half an hour.

Resident Dennis Hebert and retired Moore School baseball coach thought the park looked great. Not only the ballfield but the cleanliness of the pavilion. He has raked a lot of infields. Carl is correct if you don't use the infield weeds are going to germinate. If you drive into Manchester, you'll see weeds grow because games aren't being played. With every year baseball organizations have a cleanup day. A tarp will help but stuff is going to grow underneath the tarp. If does help, it keeps it dry. The people that use the field in the spring will have to rally together and make a concerted effort to do some work on that field as volunteers.

Chair Young asked if soccer is being played in the spring its not going to ruin that infield. Mr. Hebert said any overlap with cleats and spikes are going to dig up the infield. Not to the point where you're going to need Severino back here with a tractor. Come springtime you'll have to do some racking and so forth and before the games they'll probably have to rack out around second base or where it's overlapping. If they have drags or racks handy that's good enough. The people that use that field have an obligation to put it back to the way you found it. Make it clear if you use that field rack it up for the next team that is going to use it.

Chair Young maybe they can redo the park use form. Sometimes people don't fill out the form and she thought she made it clear. Mr. Hebert asked if softball needed a fence. He's been coaching it and they don't have a fence.

Selectman Robie agreed with Mr. Hebert and the people that are using that ballfield. It has been finished for a month and no one has used it. They can't shut off the use of the park to the guys that want to come and play softball on Sunday afternoon. In his opinion they don't need any type of permit to go over and

do that. They are residents and it is our obligation to keep the Moore Park open to everybody not just a few groups. It is a public park and it needs to stay a public park for all the participants in our community. There was a comment made about protecting our investments and a lot of times we make some bad investments that come back and bite us and we have to deal with them. They need to be aware of that this evening and who can and can't use Moore Park.

Chair Young agreed with Selectman Robie, but she has to defend that investment. She believed it was between \$400 - \$600 for the school to transport their team to another softball field. They have used it for years and years and she was making it a priority. The farm team could also use it. She noted we have to keep the scheduling straight. She wants as many people to use it as possible. There are some situations where we have to block out times and it has worked out well. If men's softball team wants to use it on Sunday morning could they let the office know. Sometimes there are parties scheduled on Sunday's.

Selectman Robie said there is nothing wrong with having a schedule for the people that are using it on a regular basis. But for the young men that want to use it on Sunday decide at noon time they were going to use it at 1:00, there is no reason why they need to fill out a form.

Selectman Dann asked about dragging the field. Would just dragging it work and how much does a drag cost? Mr. Hebert explained a lot of them are homemade. It's fencing with a chain attached. Instead of waiting until spring, maybe someone with a tractor could drag it.

Moore School Softball Coach Shauna Ishim said they had a drag. They used to use fencing pieces before the purchased a drag.

School Board member Matt Woodrow asked Chair Young if she has already purchased fencing. Chair Young said no. School Board member Matt Woodrow thought if we don't purchase the fencing then we won't impede on Jesse Remington using the field as well. If it is not a need that sounds like a good solution.

Chair Young said she might be wrong but if you are playing another sport the infield might get ruined. School Board member Matt Woodrow said it may not be an issue if it is maintained after Jesse Remington uses it.

Chair Young was under the impression that Jesse Remington was going to play at the CYAA once they've fixed this.

Adam Starcken a coach with Jesse Remington said they use the field five months out of the year. Roughly three to five nights a week within that time frame. They use the field quite often. They use the entire field but try to stay off the end field as much as they can. There is some variability on how to layout that field. The Athletic Director Doug Langlois lays out that field beginning in August to get that field set. He does help to maintain that property. They have been using the field for 20 years. The only impediment would be if there was a permanent fence, we would not be able to use the field at all. As of right now there are two soccer fields in town, one is inundated with water at certain times and is not usable. He thought it was in the best interest of the town to have some flexibility of a different field. Right now, they appreciate the town letting us use it as our primary field. Currently, it would be a huge detriment to our soccer and lacrosse programs because they do need the entire field. We are absolutely on board with maintaining that field.

Chair Young said she would reconfigure that form and get in writing that everyone will contribute, and the town won't have to worry about it. Mr. Hebert asked if the town requires certificates of insurance. Chair Young said sometimes they waive them.

CYAA President Rob Jones thanked the Board for letting them use the Moore Park this year. We are building another soccer field. The challenge with the park is it's not a multiuse field. Anytime there are multiple sports that cross over on a single use field you run into some of those maintenance issues. It was noted that Moore School currently doesn't have a soccer field.

Fire Chief Young commented that the Moore Park should be used as a baseball field all the time because of the amount of money they just put into it. He didn't know if everyone maintaining it will work. There was further discussion about maintaining the field.

Chair Young thanked everyone for their feedback, and she will work on a new form.

Highway paving numbers: Chair Young asked if Road Agent Lewis had number for reconstructing Currier Road. Road Agent Lewis said the number for 7/10th of a mile is between \$325,000 – \$375,000. Selectman Robie said we are approaching budget season in September. We are looking at a fire truck and road reconstruction and should be looking at a bond on a ten-year plan. There was some discussion about financing and future expenses.

Maintenance of Town gardens: Chair Young thought Dick Weeks was going to do it. Selectman Robie said Mr. Weeks didn't commit to that. He asked the Board if they would like him to reach out to some landscaping companies to maintain our gardens on a regular basis. There was discussion about putting it in the budget. It was the consensus of the Board to have Selectman Robie look into landscapers.

Budget Committee question winter maintenance warrant article: Chair Young said this was brought up by the Budget Committee. For the winter road maintenance warrant article, the Budget Committee would prefer once you spend some of it, it's taken out, so the Budget Committee knows what is left. She explained how the Road Agent waits until the end of the year to do it all at once. Road Agent Lewis said it isn't his call. For bookkeeping purposes, we move it at the end of the year. He has explained this to the Budget Committee numerous times. When he bills it to the town, he submits it as regular payroll. There was some discussion about the Road Agents winter maintenance warrant article. Selectman Robie said the Board prefers to do it this way and if it works for our office, leave it alone. Chair Young asked if the Board would entertain changing it. It looks like it is overdrawn to the Budget Committee. Road Agent Lewis said he could list the winter warrant article on his monthly print out. Chair Young said we can leave it the way we've been doing it.

Other Business

Swap shop: Chair Young asked if they could get electricity. Selectman Dann said they are looking at a 220 amp.

Next Selectmen's meeting August 12th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Board to authorize payment of payroll and accounts payable: Selectman Chivers announced the grand total for accounts payable and payroll checks for July 18th and July 25th was \$230,678.68. Selectman Dann moved to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for July 18th and July 25th in the amount of \$230,678.68. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public comment: No public comment.

Selectman Robie moved to adjourn at 9:14 pm. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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