

~~Unapproved~~ **APPROVED**
Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
March 22nd, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Note: Individual roll call has been taken after each motion.

6:30 pm Chair Young opened the Public Session Meeting.

6:30 pm Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A 3 II(c)

Selectman Dann made a motion to suspend the Public Session and open the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectmen Chivers. All were in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

7:09 pm Selectman Dann made a motion to close the Non-Public Session re-open the Public Session. Seconded by Selectmen Moran. All were in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was conducted.

Attendance: Chair Susan Young, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Boyd Chivers, Selectman Brien Brock, Selectman Patrick Moran, Accounting & Payroll Specialist Donna Becker and Administrative Assistant Linda Chandonnet

Approval of Minutes: Public Session Minutes for March 8th, 2021. No corrections noted. Selectman Dann made a motion to accept the March 8th, 2021 Public Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Non-Public Session Minutes for March 8th, 2021. No corrections noted. Selectman Dann made a motion to accept the March 8th, 2021 Non-Public Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Old Business

Selling of Town Property: Selectman Brock stated that in a past meeting they discussed researching multiple pieces of properties in town and asked the Board if they may concentrate on only two properties on Donovan Road. He has the deeds, and both parcels do not indicate any conditions on them. The Conservation Commission has already given a letter of their recommendations for the larger parcel and to have the owner put a conservation easement on it. He indicated Town Council has been contacted for direction.

New Business

Accepting 2021 Operating Budget: Chair Young confirmed the Voters had accepted and approved the Town's Budget at the March 9th, 2021 Elections. She thanked all the Voters for giving the budgeted amount that was asked for and that they did not go into default.

The Board Members discussed the budget that was approved, and Accounting & Payroll Specialist Donna Becker provided them with updated financial report information. MRI's computer software and Town Administrator costs were examined. Accounting & Payroll Specialist

Becker would like to have another conversation with the MRI company to find out if they could have software added to the Planning Department first and the other departments at a later date.

Selectmen – Departments to oversee: Chair Young stated she would like to nominate Selectman Brock as the new Chairman and Selectman Moran as Vice-Chairman.

Selectman Dann made a motion to accept Selectman Brock as Chairman and Selectman Moran as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Young as Budget Committee (Selectman's Representative).

Chair Brock made a motion to accept Selectman Young for the Budget Committee (Selectman's Representative). Seconded by Selectman Moran. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Moran for the Budget Committee (Alternative Selectman's Representative).

Selectman Young read a letter received on March 21st, 2021 from Scott and Amy Komisarek's Attorney Michael Tierney. See attached.

Selectman Chivers read a letter the Board had received on March 16th, 2021 from Town Council. See attached.

Selectman Moran stated that in order for him to learn more as a Board Member, he will need different experiences and responsibilities. He would like to be considered as liaison for the Building/Land Use and Health Department.

Selectman Young stated that in her opinion it continues to be a problem with Selectman Chivers as the liaison of the Building/Land Use Department.

Scott Komisarek (Planning Board Member) stated his reasons why Selectman Chivers should not continue as liaison for the department and last year he had submitted a written letter to the Board indicating Selectman Chivers had malicious intent and abuse of power and it continues to happen. Selectman Chivers replied that he is not involved in the cases that go through the Building/Land Use Department. His work there is to make sure the department has the tools and resources they need to do their job. He does not influence their decisions and had no role in the Candia Crossing Development. All the decisions were for the Planning Board to make.

Chair Brock added that he is pleased Selectman Moran is considering to be the liaison for that department.

Chair Brock made a motion to accept Selectman Moran as liaison for the Building/Land Use and Health Department. Seconded by Selectman Young. Opened for discussion.

Land Use Coordinator Lisa Galica expressed that it is important they have someone who they can work with closely, who understands what they are working on and has the time to offer. It has taken a long time to get to the point where they are with Selectman Chivers and he understands their responsibilities without doing their job and he has become a great asset to them.

Joyce Bedard (Resident) stated in her opinion Land Use Coordinator Galica was taking it personal and if Selectman Moran wants to learn more and become the liaison, then he should have the chance to take the position.

Chair Brock added that he has a lot of respect for Selectman Chivers, however in regard to Mr. Komisarek's complaint, there was more than one issue that occurred. He thanked Selectman Chivers for all the time he put into the department.

Selectman Chivers thanked Land Use Coordinator Galica and Building Inspector Kevin Gagne for all their support.

Judith Szot (Resident) questioned that if there is a conflict of interest with Selectman Chivers as a member of the Select Board, because he is also on the ZBA Board, is it not a conflict of interest for Mr. Komisarek to be a developer in town and to also sit on the board which decides on the town's developments? Ms. Szot added that she worked with Selectman Chivers for many years on different boards and never saw him abuse his power.

Selectman Dann complimented what Selectman Chivers has brought forward to the Board with many items that needed completing, however if Selectman Moran is looking to gain more knowledge and is willing to become the liaison, then he supports him. Closed for discussion.

All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Young as liaison of the Cemetery Trustees.

Selectman Moran as liaison for Elections (Selectman's Representative).

Selectman Chivers as liaison of Emergency Management, Fire Department and Forestry.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Chivers as the liaison for Emergency Management, Fire Department and Forestry. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Chair Brock as liaison for the Heritage Commission (Selectman's Representative).

Selectman Chivers as liaison for the Highway Department.

Chair Brock made a motion to accept Selectman Chivers as liaison for the Highway Department. Seconded by Selectman Moran. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Young as liaison for Parks and Recreation.

Selectman Chivers made a motion to accept Selectman Young as the liaison for Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Chair Brock as liaison for the Planning Board (Selectman's Representative) and Selectman Moran as secondary liaison (Selectman's Representative).

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Chair Brock as the liaison and Selectman Moran as secondary liaison for the Planning Board (Selectman's Representative). Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Dann as liaison for the Police Department and Animal Control.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Dann as the liaison for the Police Department and Animal Control. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Dann as liaison for Solid Waste.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Dann as the liaison for Solid Waste. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Chair Brock as liaison for the Town Offices and Selectman Moran as the secondary liaison.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Chair Brock as the liaison for the Town Offices and Selectman Moran as secondary liaison. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Moran as liaison for the Town Office Building.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Moran as the liaison for the Town Office Building. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Chivers as liaison for the Safety Committee (Selectman).

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Chivers as liaison for the Safety Committee. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Moran as liaison for the Town Website.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Moran as liaison for the Town Website. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Dann as liaison for Welfare.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Dann as the liaison for Welfare. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Selectman Dann as liaison for the Smyth Memorial Building Committee.

Selectman Young made a motion to accept Selectman Dann as the liaison for the Smyth Memorial Building Committee. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Chair Brock as liaison for the Town Assessor.

Other Business

Insulating the Town Office Building: Selectman Moran informed the Board that there is no insulation above or below the Town Meeting Room and conversations can be heard in other rooms. It will need insulation to help soundproof the room, and they may want to add it to next year's budget. Selectman Dann suggested that he look at this again in the fall, as there may be extra money left over. Police Chief McGillen added that they may want to think about insulating the entire Town Office because other departments can hear conversations that take place in the building.

Uprooted Tree: Selectman Young read a letter from Danielle Gagnon (Resident) about an uprooted tree near her fence. See attached. Road Agent Jeff Wuebbolt stated he went to the location to look at it and confirmed that the uprooted tree is not on town owned property and not a hazard to the road or the town. Selectman Chivers will contact the owner.

Other Matters: Selectman Young read a letter received from Cemetery Trustee Tom Dimaggio resigning from his position on the committee. See Attached.

Selectman Dann made a motion to accept Tom Dimaggio's resignation from the Cemetery Trustees Committee. Seconded by Selectman Moran. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0. Selectmen Dann thanked Mr. Dimaggio for all the volunteered work he provided for the town.

Selectman Young read a letter received from Richard Lazott requesting to fill in Tom Dimaggio's position on the Cemetery Trustees Committee until March 2022. See Attached.

Selectman Chivers made a motion to appoint Richard Lazott's to fill in Tom Dimaggio's unexpired term on the Cemetery Trustees Committee until March 2022. Seconded by Chair Brock. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Chair Brock revealed to the Board that there is information in their folders regarding the Town Employees pay and step grades and when they are due. It will be discussed in future meetings.

Selectman Dann announced the next Safety Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6th, 2021 at the Town Office and they will have updated information to report on.

Selectman Chivers acknowledged Administrative Assistant Linda Chandonnet for assistance in the absence of Land Use Coordinator Galica when the Planning Board had a meeting. He noted that they are working on a back-up plan for Land Use Coordinator Galica and Administrative Assistant Chandonnet in the event they cannot attend a meeting.

Selectman Chivers revealed that the Building Inspectors vehicle will need a new catalytic converter installed. All Board members approved his request.

Selectman Young stated that if Land Use Coordinator Galica is not in the office on Friday's, the office needs to notify the Fire Department if they have mail at the Town Office to be picked up.

Board to authorize the payments of payroll and payables. Selectman Chivers announced the payroll for the week ending March 18th was \$31,775.70 and for week ending March 25th was \$16,820.76. Payables for the week ending March 18th was \$65,236.83. For week ending March 25th was \$41,163.01 for a combined total of \$154,996.30.

Selectman Chivers made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll checks for the total amount of \$154,996.30. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Calendar:

- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th, 2021.

Public Input: Police Chief McGillen indicated that he called Pelmac regarding the AED located in the Town Office Building for an estimate to have it connected. He confirmed Emergency Management Director Bob Panit will provide CPR/AED training to the Town Employees. Additional information to follow.

Carla Penfield (Resident) stated she listened to a recording from a previous BOS meeting that the Developer of Candia Crossing was talking about Selectman Chivers. She found it disconcerting that he was allowed to speak for a length of time and that he talked about Mr. Chivers in a derogatory manner. There were parts of what he had said was not true. She views this as a vendetta against Selectman Chivers and that she is unhappy about it. She does not view the decision the Board has made in this meeting regarding Selectman Chivers, along with all the added pressure

was not proper to do. She feels the decision could have been made if Selectman Chivers had wanted to make the change.

Selectman Young replied that she did not feel pressured and would not want to say anything or respond back in a negative way.

Road Agent Jeff Wuebbolt asked Chair Brock about clearing and cutting back the brush on Horizon Lane. Chair Brock replied that it would be a good idea to inform the residents involved.

8:22 pm Selectman Dann made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectmen Moran. All in Favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chandonnet, Recording Secretary