

APPROVED  
**Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes**  
**August 8th, 2022, 7:00 pm**

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

**7:00 pm** Vice-Chair Moran opened the Public Session Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:** Vice-Chair Patrick Moran, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Boyd Chivers, Selectman Sue Young and Town Administrator Andria Hansen. Absent: Chair Brien Brock.

**Approval of Minutes: Public Session Minutes for July 25th, 2022.** None noted.

**MOTION: Selectman Dann made a motion to accept the July 25th, 2022, Public Session minutes as presented. Seconded for discussion by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.**

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

**Highway:** Road Agent Jeff Wuebbolt read the attached report and gave an update. Tower Hill Rd. construction has just started, and they will be working there for the next three weeks. He mentioned it will not be completed this year and that it is a 3 to 4 year project.

**Police:** Chief Mike McGillen read the attached report and gave an update. They are in the process of hiring a new certified candidate for the open Police Officer position.

Kevin Coughlin (resident) expressed that there are residents on social media that are concerned with speeding traffic in Town. He noted there has been almost 2,000 speed limit warnings given out so far this year. He suggested the Officers to give out speeding tickets to anyone speeding over 20% the speed limit. He said that if everyone in town knows our Officers will be giving out speeding tickets if they are 20% over the limit, they may not want to speed. Chief McGillen stated the Police Department does not use quotas and that there has been an increase in the Officers giving out speeding tickets and said the town residents are pleased with the Police Department's performance. Selectman Dann said if individuals have complaints with vehicles speeding in Town, they should be discussing it with the Police and not on social media. Discussion ensued.

**Fire:** Selectman Chivers read the attached report and gave updates.

**Building Department:** Selectman Moran read the attached report and gave updates.

**Solid Waste:** No reports available at this time. Selectman Dann commented that Candia's Solid Waste charges residents \$2.00 per tire to recycle them and reported how the shipping cost have increased. He would like to increase the amount and change it to \$5.00 for each tire starting in 60 days from now and would be in effect on 10/1/2022.

**MOTION: Selectman Dann made a motion to charge \$5.00 for each tire at Candia's Recycle Center effective 10/1/2022. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.**

**Budget:** No updates to report. The next Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for 8/10/2022.

**Other:** Selectman Dann announced that the Safety Facility Committee members will be having a booth at Candia's Old Home Day on August 27, 2022, to inform residents that the members have been working on the Police Facility project beginning 2019. See the attached handout.

Candia's Household Hazardous Waste Day for residents will be at Candia's Recycle Center on September 24, 2022, from 8am-1pm.

Selectman Dann stated that they are looking into having an electric sign placed at the Recycle Center, it would keep residents updated regarding upcoming events and information about the town.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LED Conversion:** Town Administrator Hansen indicated Affinity's Led Lighting prices have increased approximately 10% from the original quote they received in February for the LED conversion at the Town Hall building and parking lot. The incentive program is good until the end of September 2022, but they are not being consistent with their pricing. She has had conversations with Recycling and Energy Committee Member Al Couch about the possibility of putting it out to bid, because they feel Affinity should be holding their \$25,000 price. Mr. Couch stated they have tried to contact their Eversource Representative however, due to an injury they are working limited hours and behind on their work on the Rebate Incentive Program. Mr. Couch stated he was informed that they may be able to extend the October 1, 2022 deadline and disclosed how the Incentive Programs are always in the air. He noted the best financing available that they received was from Eversource, however their Rebate expires on October 1, 2022, and he is not sure if it will be extended. He said that Affinity has been great to work with and is a very professional company, however he does not like the idea they came back to the Town with an increase when we told them we were ready to go with them. Their original quote was \$24,596 and the new proposal is for \$27,281. In conclusion it was agreed that Mr. Couch will contact Affinity to find out if they will honor the original quote the Town was given. Mr. Couch mentioned that it will not cost the Town any money, however it would be 3-3 1/2 years before the Town showed any money savings. Mr. Couch also stated that using the new LED lighting will be a big improvement and the maintenance will decrease.

**MOTION: Selectman Young made a motion to approve the Affinity conversion for the LED lights using their original price quoted and also using the Eversource Smartstart Program to finance the conversion of the lights. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Selectmen's Budget Meeting date:** The Board agreed to schedule their Budget Meeting on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 3:00pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**Calendar:**

- The next Board of Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22nd @ 7:00 pm.

**Public Input:** Dick Snow (resident) indicated that he came to the Boards 7/11/22 Public Meeting to speak about his concerns of a previous discussion on the possible expansion on the Town Hall building. He stated on 7/25/22 Selectman Chivers had spoken at the Boards Public Meeting and explained something different than what he believes the deed on the property of Moore Park interpreted. Mr. Snow explained that the 1916 deed states the owner of the property Mr. Moore had given the Park to the people in the Town of Candia as a Charitable Trust. It is his understanding that the deeds in which Selectman Chivers

was referencing were quick claim deeds, which means they are quitting their claims that they inherited. Mr. Snow said at one time he was told by the Attorney General's Office at Charitable Trust, the beneficiaries/heirs of a Charitable Trust cannot be involved, and they do not have the right to do anything. He emphasized that the 1916 deed is the actual ownership of land and it belongs to the people in Candia. He indicated that because this discussion is now on public record and that there is different ownership than what he believes it is, that he would contact the Charitable Trust. He will ask them if the 1916 Deed in fact states it is a Charitable Trust and will also ask them who the owner is. Mr. Snow stated that they cannot expand on the Town Hall building, and that he will not support it. Selectman Young mentioned contacting the original attorney who participated in the building of the Town Hall and for the paperwork supporting it.

**Payments of payroll and payables.** Selectman Chivers confirmed the grand total for payroll and payables for the weeks ending 7/28/22 - 8/04/2022 Totaled \$1,269,561.80, of which the FD repeater \$114,760.87 using APRA Funds, Paving Palmer & Adams Road \$197,041.23, and the school received \$900,000,

**7:53pm MOTION: Selectman Dann made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Moran. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Chandonnet, Recording Secretary