

APPROVED
**Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
April 10th, 2023, 6:30 pm**

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

6:30 pm Chair Brien Brock opened the Public Session Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of March 27th, 2023. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Dann made a motion to accept the March 27th, 2023, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Chivers seconded. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (4-0-0).

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

Road Agent: Road Agent J. Wuebbolt read the report and gave an update. He will put a price estimate together for the box culverts and send it to Jeff Labrie and Selectman Chivers and will need to send in an application for the grant sometime this summer/fall. They also will need to figure out what they will need to do with the bridge on Bean Island Rd that needs repairs. He mentioned NHMA (New Hampshire Municipal Association) will be conducting a traffic study on some of Candia's bridges this year, to find out how many cars are using it. Once they have the estimate back on what the cost would be, they can make the decision to whether it is worth repairing the bridge.

Fire Department: Selectmen Chivers read the report and gave an update.

Solid Waste Department: Selectmen Dann read the report and gave an update. A lot of preparations are going on now at the Recycle Center for the burn pits and yard waste which has been moved somewhere else. The Road Agent will be starting to work there on Monday April 17th, 2023, for approximately 3 weeks. The leaf and brush pile has been closed off until this project is completed.

Budget: Selectman Young stated the next Budget Committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project: Boy Scout Joshua Stamatis of Candia's Troop #120 came before the Board and explained about his Eagle Scout project for a First Aid Pantry. Residents may come in when the Food Pantry is open and collect first aid supplies/first aid kits. He is looking to make 50-75 kits which would include miscellaneous items. He came to Candia's Women's Club with this idea, and they approved it, however they do not have enough space. He is asking to use some of the shelving which is next to the Food Pantry Storage Room in the Town Hall Basement in order to hold the supplies. He offered to replace the shelves that may need to be repaired/replaced. The first aid supplies will be available for any resident in the Town of Candia. He will be raising the money needed for the supplies. Once he has completed the fundraising, it will be given to the Candia's Women's Club who will continue to run it.

MOTION: Selectman Chivers made a motion to approve and support Joshua Stamatis's Eagle Scout Project. Selectman Young seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. (4-0-0).

Catherine Sangillo of Candia's Women's Club asked the Board if they may use the shelving in the Town Hall basement, and the Board agreed. Mike Kelly of the Fire Department offered to help them with obtaining some first aid supplies.

Ambulance: Michael Kelly of the Fire Department came to the Board in asking for some direction from them. The used ambulance they purchased last year for \$25,000 is 11 years old. The plan is to always think about what the next step is in order to get a newer ambulance, as the lifespan is approximately 8-10 years, therefore he has put this item on the Capital Improvements Plan as a priority for next year. The turnaround time to order a new ambulance is around 2 years before they would receive it. If they were to purchase one right now it would cost roughly \$350,000-\$400,000 for only the truck and stretcher. He was informed that within 5 years for as new one and to budget for the price of \$500,000. He thinks next year would be a good time to plan and make a move.

Mr. Kelley has recently been talking to a vendor who is starting to carry a different brand of ambulance that is less expensive and were available to purchase, however they were sold. The price was \$250,000 and it including the stretcher and mounting system would be around \$300,000. He asked the Board what they want to do, because the ambulance they have now runs well but it is getting old and has some rust. He is concerned that if they had a catastrophic failure, it would need servicing and they would be out of an ambulance for several days and he does not know the cost to rent one and that he is looking ahead for a new truck. He confirmed \$170,000 is currently in the Apparatus Reserve Fund, and \$94,000 in the Ambulance Revenue. He talked about selling their rescue truck for approximately \$120,000-\$150,000 that is currently not being used and knows of another town who is interested in purchasing it and are willing to pay \$125,000 for it. He would like to sell the rescue truck and use the money from it along with the money from the Apparatus Reserve to purchase a new ambulance and keep their current ambulance as a backup. He said the vendor will find out if there is another new one to purchase. Discussion ensued.

Selectman Chivers requested a written proposal, to include showing the sale of the rescue truck, rental costs and availability of a new ambulance. The Board thanked M. Kelley for all his hard work.

ZBA Appointment: The Board received a ZBA reappointment for Boyd Chivers as a full member.

MOTION: Selectman Young made a motion to approve the reappointment for Boyd Chivers as a full member for the ZBA. Selectman Dann seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. (3-0-1)

Community Power Plan: Chairman Kevin Coughlin of the Candia Community Power Committee and Representative Emily Manns of Standard Power via zoom asking the Board if they needed clarification or if they had questions. The Committee submitted a warrant article at town voting that was approved by the voters in March. Now they will be aggregating with other towns, which should get them better value when Standard Power goes out to bid. If a resident is already in a contract at a cheaper rate then they will be illegible for it unless they opt out. Candia residents have two choices for electricity, either Eversource or NH Coop. If a resident chose to do nothing with Eversource, they would automatically be converted to Standard Power unless they stated otherwise. There is no penalty or contract to sign, and several notices will be sent out to explain their options in more detail. There will be a meeting held on May 11th, 2023, for all interested residents to attend and receive information. Discussion ensued. See attachment.

Police Report: Chief McGillen read his report and gave an update. He reported that NH State Representative Chris Pappas came to take a tour of Candia Police Department on Thursday, April 6th, 2023, and he was able to see their concerns for needing to build a new Police Facility. Mr. Pappas encouraged them to apply for the Community Project Grant next year. Chief McGillen gave the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Grant to Mr. Pappas's Assistant and they will research it and hopefully help with the funding for it.

Selectman Young asked if there was an amount of money planned for the Police Department facility's monthly maintenance fees set up when it is built? Chair Brock said they recently changed their entire building plans and have not reached that point yet. They have decided to build a separate structure for the EOC. This is why they need to find out what the requirements are to have an EOC.

Chief McGillen remarked the new digital speed sign has not been operating, and it was sent back to the manufacturer. They had to call Highway Safety, as one of the grant requirements for the Speed Grants for Distracting Driving is that it needs to be placed on a state road, certain days of the week and to have a picture taken of it in use and document it in order to be reimbursed for the grant. He indicated they had to acquire a waiver for it because it was not functioning. Hopefully they will have another digital speed sign sent to the Town.

Chief McGillen stated the newly hired officer has passed the required physical agility test. The Police Department will be receiving a letter from the Academy in certifying them as a full-time officer.

Drug Take Back Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, at the Candia Fire Station from 10am-2pm. Chief McGillen stated when the event is finished, the Officers will bring the containers to the Manchester State Armory where the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) will take possession and place them in unmarked trucks to be taken away and incinerated.

Calendar:

- **Next Board of Selectman's Meeting on Monday, April 24th, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

Selectman Young asked if there is a scheduled Town Clean-Up Day? Selectman Dann stated the blue bags will be available for the residents at the Town Hall, Recycle Center and Library.

Public Input: None

Chief McGillen pointed out that there have been concerns about Exit 3, and he met with the State on March 7th, 2023, with three state officials in regard to the intersection of Main Street, Chester Road and Exit 3. The State will be conducting traffic counts on these roads and will write up a synopsis for him of the town's options. He confirmed the State did not agree to pay for the requested LED Stop Signs. The State recommends taking out the stop signs at Exit 3 and chooses it to be a normal intersection.

7:51pm MOTION: Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-0.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Chandonnet, Recording Secretary**