

APPROVED
Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
May 22nd, 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 Patrick Moran, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Sue Young and Town Administrator Andria Hansen. **Excused Absence:** Selectman Boyd Chivers.

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of April 24th, 2023. None noted.

MOTION: Selectmen Moran made a motion to accept the April 24th, 2023, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Dann seconded. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (4-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Flint Road – forest timbering and timber sales agreement: The Candia Conservation Commission has been undertaking forest management on Town owned property, and the property is located on Flint Road. The Conservation Commission asked the Board for their signature of approval on a Forest Improvement Harvest and Timber Sale Agreement in order for work to begin. The Board agreed to sign the agreement. See attached.

Cemetery New Hires: The Board received recommendations for two new Cemetery hires, one for Shaunna Kirkpatrick as Administrative Assistant and the second is for Patrick Giberson for Cemetery Maintenance. Selectman Young stated there are many Administrative Assistants/Secretaries with different wages and asked if there is a way to make it equal/even at \$18 per hour and to be fair to everyone. Beth Chalbeck of the Cemetery Trustees stated she will converse with the members to find out if they agree with the hourly amount and inform the Board of their decision.

MOTION: Selectman Young made a motion to hire Shaunna Kirkpatrick as the Administrative Assistant for the Cemetery Trustees with the hourly rate to be discussed at a later date. Selectman Moran seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. (4-0-0).

MOTION: Selectman Young made a motion to hire Shaunna Kirkpatrick as an Alternate Cemetery Trustees. Selectman Dann seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. (4-0-0).

The Board was informed that Patrick Giberson was hired by Cemetery Sexton, Martin McFarland as the new Cemetery Maintenance worker at \$20.00 per hour.

MOTION: Selectman Moran made a motion to approve hiring Patrick Giberson as the new Cemetery Maintenance Worker at \$20.00 per hour, effective 4/15/2023. Selectman Young seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. (4-0-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Highway Block Grant: The Board approved the Quarterly Highway Block Grant from the State of N.H. in the amount of \$22,895.83.

MOTION: Selectman Young made a motion to approve the Quarterly Highway Block Grant from the State of N.H. in the amount of \$22,895.83. Selectman Dann seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. (4-0-0).

Land Sale Closing- Chair Brock announced the property closing occurred on Friday, May 19th, 2023 on the land purchase for the future Police Department.

New Boston Road – Abatement request: Ryan Young (resident) came before the Board to discuss the parcel Map 406 - Lot 103 that is currently owned by his parents Dean and Sue Young, under the Young Family Revocable Trust. Selectman Young rescued herself and sat in the audience. Mr. Young stated the Town made errors in the calculation of the assessment of this lot. He described the land and gave his assessment of its value. Chair Brock asked what Mr. Young's assessment value request was. Selectmen Young said they would like it to go back to the way it was. Town Administrator Hansen stated the Town Assessor had gone to look at the parcel and dropped the valuation from \$9,100 to \$8,600. Mr. Young felt this amount was too high and said he valued it for \$2,200. Town Administrator Hansen asked Mr. Young if they would be willing to consider placing the lot into current use, as the value would be considerably less and Chair Brock agreed with her.

Chair Brock asked Mr. Young the value amount that he is comfortable with and for the back taxes that were not appropriately calculated, that are now due. Selectman Young said they do not mind paying if it takes some figuring, that if it went back to the value the way it was before, even if it is not two acres. If they multiply that by what the taxes were that year. Town Administrator Hansen clarified what Selectman Young was asking for, from the point forward that it changed, and taxed at the value it was prior to the amount going up.

Chair Brock stated he does not agree with the Assessors valued amount of \$8,600 and that it is not worth that amount. If they could come up with a value amount that everyone is comfortable with, then they can have the Tax Collector readjust the back taxes to that rate. Selectman Moran reviewed other properties from a list Mr. Young had provided and calculated an amount that was comparable to their lot and came up with \$3,500. Town Administrator Hansen asked Mr. Young if they were able to find the deed, would they be interested in placing it into current use? Mr. Young said he would be interested in not changing the lots and to keep it the way it is.

MOTION: Chair Brock motioned to reduce the assessed value of Map 406 Lot 103, New Boston Road from \$8,600 to \$2,268.82. Selectman Moran seconded. Motion carried. (3-0-0)

Chair Brock stated at this point the Tax Collector will readjust the previous taxes owed, based on the new value. He noted that if there are any adjustments needed they can always go back to the Board.

Moore Park: Selectman Young stated Moore Park will be worked on as there will be someone painting and installing new doors for the park bathrooms to be opened.

Calendar:

- The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.
- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12th, 2023.

Selectman Young asked Town Administrator Hansen about the property lines across the street, where the Farmer's Market is located. Town Administrator will review it and let her know.

Public Input: None

7:24pm 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