

APPROVED
**Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
June 10th, 2024, 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 Boyd Chivers, Selectman Russ Dann, Selectman Susan Young and Town Administrator Andria Hansen.

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of May 13, 2024. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Dann made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Moran seconded. Selectman Chivers abstained. Motion carried by a vote of (4-0-1).

Approval of Minutes: #1 and #2 Non-Public session minutes of May 13, 2024. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Moran made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024, #1 and #2 Non-Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Young seconded. Selectman Chivers abstained. Motion carried by a vote of (4-0-1).

Approval of Minutes: Non-Public session minutes of June 4, 2024. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Moran made a motion to approve the June 4, 2024, Non-Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Dann seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

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

Road Agent: Road Agent J. Wuebbolt read the report and gave updates. He has been busy working on trimming brush and some of the canopy overhanging on the roads. Chair Brock said he would like it to be trimmed much harder this year. The Road Agent agreed and said that he will also be doing some mowing which would help to control the brush from overgrowing.

They were having some issues with Beavers, but they have a good handle on it now by trapping them and using beaver deceivers.

There were additional conversations on brush trimming that is well needed on the roadsides on some of the blind spot areas that are an issue.

Road Agent Wuebbolt said the last the time the Board has updated their summer rates was back in 2014. Obviously between 2014 and now, everything has become more expensive. They have fallen behind in what is the actual market rate. He submitted 3 different rates from contractors to the Board. He said most towns put it out to bid or they take the price the contractor gives them and will pay that amount. The rates he submitted to the Board would be competitive with what people are getting. With these rate increases, the fuel surcharge would also be completely reset, and it would not be used again unless fuel begins to greatly increase, as these rates do have that factored into them. The biggest reason for the increase in the rates, is due to the cost of running a business and operating equipment as well as insurance.

Motion: Selectmen Dann made a motion to accept the new proposed subcontractor rates as of 6/10/2024 that was submitted by Road Agent Wuebbolt. Selectman Moran seconded. Selectman Young voted no, because she does not know enough about this. Motion carried by a vote of (4-1-0).

Fire Department: Selectman Chivers read the report. Selectman Dann questioned how the Volunteer Fire Department is being paid in their stipend. Selectman Young said the Fire Chief will come in at a future meeting to explain it to them.

Building: Selectman Moran read the report.

Solid Waste Department: Selectman Dann commented that the Recycle Center area looks good with flowers and flowerpots that were planted by Facility Supervisor Chuck Witcher, who has been working on this by using his own time to make the area look nice.

Selectman Dann read the report and gave an update.

Budget: Selectman Young said their next Budget Committee meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 7:00pm.

Planning Board: Chair Brock said the Planning Board did work a little further on the Impact Fees. The School was not a part of what was being worked on at this time. It is very close to being completed and they will have the final one for them at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Block Grant: Selectman Chivers asked what the restrictions are to using the Block Grant and does it need to be related to a Highway Project. Chair Brock said it needs to be used on improvements and cannot be used for maintenance. Road Agent J. Wuebbolt said he is planning to use a portion of it for the Tower Hill project. They need to catch up on improving the paved roads before paving another stretch of road. There was a discussion about paving roads and adding asphalt on tarred roads.

Motion: Selectmen Chivers made a motion to accept the State of NH Block Grant for \$23,508.83, stipulating that it is to be credited to the Highway Revolving Fund. Selectman Moran seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Town Clerk Update: Town Administrator Hansen said Town Clerk Donna Hetzel has additional funds from the extra voting machines that she will not purchase this year because she does not want to have to test them for the presidential election. She would like to purchase 4 Poll Pads with that money to help make the voting process a lot more efficient. The Town Clerk will budget the money needed for a new voting machine next year. The Selectmen had many questions and decided that they would like to invite the Town Clerk and Town Moderator to come to their next meeting and give the Board additional clarification.

ZBA Appointment: The Board received a reappointment letter from Ronald of the ZBA for a 3-year term.
Motion: Selectmen Young made a motion to accept Ronald Howe's reappointment to the ZBA for a 3-year term. Selectman Chivers seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Fire Department Appointment: The Board received a recommendation letter from Fire Chief Young for the appointment of Alexander Roberts to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as an AEMT.
Motion: Selectmen Chivers made a motion to accept Fire Chief Young's recommendation for the appointment of Alexander Roberts to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as an AEMT. Moran seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Fire Department Appointment: The Board received a recommendation letter from Fire Chief Young for the appointment of Megan Fanning to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as a Paramedic.

Motion: Selectmen Chivers made a motion to accept Fire Chief Young's recommendation for the appointment of Alexander Roberts to the Candia Volunteer Fire Department as a Paramedic. Moran seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Dog Warrant: Town Administrator Hansen asked the Selectmen to sign the warrant regarding unlicensed dogs for year 2024. The Town Clerk will be sending media blasts as well as mailing out postcards showing a \$25 late fee charge effective July 1st and will be sent out to the residents who have any unlicensed dogs. The Board signed the warrant.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Candia's Farmers Market: The Board received an invitation to attend Candia's 1st Farmers Market of the season on Saturday June 15th from 9-12 pm located by the Smyth Public Library.

Auditors Report: Selectman Chivers said town resident Debbie Powers has read our Auditors Report and had some questions about the issue of the unpaid property taxes that are being referenced out against the general ledger. He has emailed Accounting and Payroll Specialist Kim Hughes and asked her about this, and she said ever since she has had her job position here in 2023, she has been following that process. This is one item that they can eliminate from the auditors that he can thank K. Hughes for.

N.H. Principal of the Year: Selectman Chivers announced Moore School Principal Becky Wing was recently announced as Elementary School Principal of the Year. He would like the Board to give her recognition for all her efforts and to send her a letter commending her.

Public Input: None

Police: Selectman Moran read the report.

7:15 pm - Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Moran. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Linda Chandonnet
Recording Secretary