

UNAPPROVED
**Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
September 9th, 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.

Police Chief Appointment: Chair Brock announced Candia's new Chief of Police, Chad Shevlin. He was welcomed aboard and congratulated by everyone.

Chair Brock asked for a moment of silence for the upcoming anniversary of 911.

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of August 12th, 2024. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Moran made a motion to approve the August 12th, 2024, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Young seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway: Road Agent Wuebbolt read his report and gave updates. Selectman Young thanked the Road Agent for grating Donovan Road and said that she has heard several positive comments about it. Selectman Dann said a lot of work was completed on Tower Hill Road. The Road Agent said that it is still a dirt road, however, now they will have ditches and culverts where they were needed because many of them had failed.

Police: Chief McGillen said he is looking forward to working with the new Chief of Police. They have had some conversations together about what they will be doing for the next few weeks.

Fire Department: Selectman Chivers read the report.

Building: Building Inspector Donovan read his report and gave updates.

Solid Waste: Selectman Dann read his report and gave updates.

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Candia's Hazardous Waste Day was on August 24th, 2024, and it turned out very well.

Selectman Moran had a conversation with Chief McGillen about a request he received from the Sherriff's Department in reference to them undertaking detail work for our Town and they are asking if they can have access to use the Town Hall Rest Rooms. The reason for brining this up is because after 10pm there is no where for his Officers to go in town. Chief McGillen said that is something he can work with them on.

Budget: Selectman Young said their next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10th, 2024, She has urged everyone to attend the Selectman's 2025 Proposed Budget Hearing on Friday, September 13th, 2024, at the Town Hall @ 9:00am.

Chair Brock mentioned that the Planning Board did complete the Impact Fees for the Fire and Police, and a final draft will be signed within the next few weeks. The next cycle will be for the School and Solid Waste.

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Lewis Town Forest: Representative Dick Snow of the Conservation Commission said he had promised the Board a synopsis. At their last Town Meeting there was a warrant article to add two parcels to the existing Dennis Lewis Town Forest. By vote, it was passed by the Town and now he is here to give them an update. The Conservation Commission is in the process of working with Town Administrator Hansen, Land Use Administrative Assistant Spencer, the Town Assessor and Land Surveyor Jim Franklin to do a Lot Consolidation. They will acquire the necessary paperwork to do everything to get the Conservation Easement on it. He is trying to receive a statement from Bear Paw that says they will give us a Conservation Easement on that property. In the email he received from Bear Paw, it says their Executor Director will take it to a committee at the end of September as they are trying to get all Grants together and that it might not happen until next year. See attached information.

Building Inspectors Request: Building Inspector Donovan asked the Board if he would be allowed to take the Town's Building Inspectors vehicle home daily and wanted to know what the Board thinks about it. Selectman Chivers recused himself. Building Inspector Donovan feels if he has the town's vehicle at home, he could be placed on call if there is a storm, and if someone's home is damaged, he would be able to look at it. If something happens in a snowstorm and a tree lands on a house he is not taking out his new jeep out of the garage. Selectman Moran asked the Building Inspector if there is enough money in his budget to cover the fuel costs and additional maintenance for travel. Building Inspector Donovan said he does have enough. Selectman Moran said Mr. Donovan is very accommodating and would be very reliable if he is needed to come to town during non-working hours.

Motion: Selectmen Young made a motion to give permission to the Building Inspector to take the Town Building Inspectors Vehicle home. Selectman Moran seconded. Selectman Chivers abstained. Motion carried by a vote of (4-0-1).

Mosquito Control Program: Town Administrator Hansen said she and the Building Inspector received an email on 8/29/24 from a concerned citizen in Town, with questions for the Selectmen regarding mosquito control. In 2022 the mosquito spraying warrant article did not pass by the voters, therefore in 2023 and 2024 it was not put back on. She was able to put a link on the town's website to publicize on how to protect your family and yourself. She has reached out to the school and found out they do not spray, but the CYAA does spray. Selectman Chivers said he has very strong feelings about this subject. Unless they spray every wetland in Town, they would be wasting their money. If you are spraying your house, but your neighbor is not, the mosquitos can breed and would continue to go on your land and possibly bite you. He feels it is a huge waste of money. It endangers the bee population, and it also ends up in your water in which eventually people will drink or swim in. He thinks the public should buy bug repellent and spray themselves to avoid being bitten by mosquitos. Town Administrator Hansen asked the Board if they would support a warrant article next year for mosquitos. Selectman Chivers said if 25 residents sign a petition for it, then they would add it to the warrant. It is up to the public to the residents to decide if they want it. There was a discussion on the costs associated with spraying. Town Administrator Hansen will tell the concerned citizens that they have the right to submit a petition to the Board.

Lucas Donation: Captain Mike Kelley via Zoom said last month the Fire Fighters Association voted to donate \$10,000 to Candia's Fire Department as a 50/50 match to replace a Lucas device. The Lucas device is an automated compression device they use for someone who is requiring CPR. The device they are currently using is over 11 years old and is no longer serviced by the company. It is serviced for 8 years and

if it breaks his department will no longer have one to use. His recommendation is to accept the \$10,000 donation from the FFA and utilize the Ambulance Fund to pay for the remainder amount. The invoice does include the preventative maintenance, but he already has that budgeted for in the Ambulance Operating Budget. He confirmed the company does go to inspect the device yearly for preventative maintenance and if there are any issues they are usually there within 24-48 hours. At this time, they only have one that is still in service, but if the computer part decides not to work the company would not be able to repair it. Therefore, if they plan to purchase the new one and place the old device on their spare ambulance which is used regularly, and they will continue to use it. Once the old device no longer functions, he will need a new one and he does not want to go without having one available. Selectman Chivers asked Captain Kelley if he also wanted the Board to authorize the purchase of ProCare Products. Captain Kelly said he did add that to his proposed 2025 budget. Selectman Chivers asked Captain Kelley if he would be satisfied if they authorized a \$20,139.60 expenditure. Captain Kelley agreed.

Motion: Selectman Chivers made a motion to accept the Fire Fighters Association \$10,000 donation and to authorize the purchase of the \$20,139.60. Lucas Devise proposal and to pay the balance from the Ambulance Fund. Selectman Moran seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Captain Kelley said when they purchased the new AED's for the Town back in January, he had not accounted for the 3 AED's at the School. He had noticed the current AED's are from the year 2005. The typical shelf life for an AED is around 8-10 years, therefore they are out of date. His proposal is for the Fire Department to purchase 3 AED's for the School, and the Fire Department would continue to have ownership of them. They have the trained individuals that know when they need to be updated, know the supplies that are needed and are already under their preventative maintenance plan with the company. He asked to buy 3 more of the same AED's through the Fire Department and utilizing the Ambulance Fund for Revenue Accounts. The Fire Department would maintain ownership and for any replacements needed in the future. Selectman Young asked if his personnel has any training on the AED's. Captain Kelley said the staff at the school has had training on how to use the AED. He stated that they have AED Instructors at the Fire Department. Selectman Moran asked how many people at the school are CPR/First Aid trained. Captain Kelley said he did not know, and he would need to find out. Selectman Dann asked if this is something that the Fire Department could verify before the school year begins that the school employees know how to operate the equipment. Captain Kelley said the Fire Department offers CPR & AED training to anyone in Town. He believes a majority of the Town Staff has had CPR & AED training. He assured Selectman Dann that due to the devices that are a new model, the company Stryker could go to the school to do a much more thorough training with them. Selectman Moran and Chair Brock agreed the AED's should be maintained by Fire Department and to stay on their schedule. Captain Kelley said one of the Fire Fighters does check all the AED's monthly.

Motion: Selectmen Chivers made a motion to approve Captain Kelley to purchase 3 LIFEPAK CR2 AED's for a total amount of \$5,679 that will be used at Moore School, plus any training for the equipment and to pay any balance due out of the Ambulance Fund. Selectman Moran seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Garden Club: Selectman Young stated Candia's Garden Club sent the Board a request for permission to install a small shed near the wooden shed that they are presently using. The Garden Club made the request on May 13th, 2024, however there was no response received to their request. At this point the club is in desperate need of more efficient storage and is waiting for the Board's response back in order to move forward. See attached letter. Selectman Young said she has asked the Garden Club to give back the old shed to the for the Park to store things in and noted hopefully they will be using the infields again. Therefore, all the Garden's Club items will be in their new shed. The Board recommended having the new shed to be placed on cinder blocks in the event it needs to be moved.

Motion: Selectmen Dann made a motion to allow Candia's Garden Club to construct a new shed and let the Board know where it will be located . Selectman Young seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Approval of Barn Easements: The Agricultural Commission has taken over the Barn Easements from the Heritage Committee. They have several requests for the Board to approve them for renewal. One of the AG Commissioner went to look at their Easements and will let them keep it, and noted they will have 2 years to fix certain items with their barn. Selectman Young asked if the Barns needs to stay in certain repair in order to qualify. Town Administrator Hansen said yes they do, and they go out to evaluate them. The Easements will give barn owners 25% off their taxes for the barn and the land and it is an incentive to keep the barns in good condition and not to let them disarray.

Motion: Selectmen Young made a motion to approve the Candia Barn Easement Program as presented. Moran Young seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Calendar:

- The Board had a conversation about the time schedule of who will be at NH Primary Voting at the CYAA on 9/11/24.
- NH State Primary Voting will be held Tuesday, September 11th, 2024, from 6am – 7pm at the CYAA located at 27 Raymond Road, Candia, NH.
- The next Budget Committee Meeting is Wednesday, September 12th, 2024 @ 7:00pm.
- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd, 2024 @ 6:30pm.

Public Input: None

7:21 pm - Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the Public Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Dann. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Linda Chandonnet
Recording Secretary