

UNAPPROVED
Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
June 23, 2025, 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 Stephanie Helmig, Selectman Susan Young and Town Administrator Amy Spencer.

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of June 9, 2025. None noted.

Motion: Selectmen Chivers made a motion to approve the June 9, 2025, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Young seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Henry W. Moore School Award: Chair Brock revealed the NH Excellence in Education Awards Committee recently announced the Henry W. Moore School in Candia has been named the 2025 New Hampshire K through 8 School of Excellence. This prestigious honor recognizes the Moore School's exceptional commitment to academic excellence, personalized learning, reflective practice and a strong and inclusive school community.

The Moore School will be formally recognized as the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards ceremony on June 7th at the Double Tree Hilton in Manchester.

The Board of Selectmen extended their congratulations to Moore School Principle Becky Wing and the entire school staff for this accomplishment.

NH Executive Council, John Stephen came before the Board to extend his official and personal congratulations to the Moore School, upon receiving the School of Excellence Award for 2025. Given the recognition and celebration of educational excellence and outstanding achievement. This acknowledgement celebrates your schools exceptional commitment to academic excellence within the school community and extending out to the families and surrounding communities. The Moore School was a standout amongst highly qualified candidates for fostering a student focused learning environment, promoting collaboration amongst staff and strengthening connections with families in the greater community. The ability to arrange smaller class sizes promotes a personalized approach to learning for each student. The Moore School excels in the curriculum and its implementation. The Moore School exemplifies best practices in diverse student needs with the use of MTS (Multi-Tiered Support). As a former student of Moore School, he proudly commended them on this prestigious recognition of their dedicated service to students of our state and community.

On behalf of Governor Kelly Ayotte, the Moore School was presented with a proclamation in recognizing Moore school.

The Moore School Principle and Staff were congratulated.

Exit 3 Traffic Signs: Chair Brock asked NH Executive Council John Stephen if the new Exit 3 traffic signs will be completed this summer. Mr. Stephen explained that he will be meeting with the NH Department of Safety Commissioner, Robert Quinn on Wednesday morning and he will ask him. He has asked Police Chief Shevlin to call him regarding this issue and if he could find out if there is anything else he needs.

Mr. Stephen said he can always come back to Candia if there are any other issues including water remediation as well as environmental. As a Counselor, he has seen things occur at meetings that is sending a lot of money to our local governments. Most of them are grants coming from NHDES, some are from Fish and Game and there are others. He recommends they follow the state agency process for things such as PFAS removal. Water remediation is a big deal now and it will only get worse because of the environmental standards that are getting much higher. He said to make sure Candia takes advantage of them and if they should need his help on any of the processes, to let him know. He feels our Town could benefit from them.

Grants: Chair Brock asked Mr. Stephen about the possibility of receiving grant money for a future Police Department Building. Mr. Stephen said he believes Chief Shevlin has already received some of the Home Security Funds, and if he has not, to inform him. He wants to make sure that Chief Shevlin has the Emergency Strategic Plan that the State will pay for. This would be under the Homeland Security Grants. He indicated that all the communities have applied for it already, and he wants to make sure Chief Shevlin is taking advantage of that. Unfortunately, he has not seen Candia come up yet. Under the Department of Safety, they are offering Grants for Enhanced Patrolling and remarked this is for speed and enforcement. Selectman Moran said they been receiving this every year. Mr. Stephen said to let him know if they have any issues, otherwise he has already talked to Commissioner Bob Quinn, as he is looking out for the Town of Candia. Mr. Stephen advised them to be on the lookout for the Highway Safety recommendations coming next month in July as there may be a lot of money available to benefit them. The Board appreciated Mr. Stephen's assistance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dental Insurance: Chair Brock said the Board will make their final decision regarding the Employees Dental Plan increase of coverage from \$1,000 to \$2,000 with a cost to the Town for a total of \$628 yearly.

Motion: Selectmen Helmig made a motion to approve the increase for the Employees Dental Plan from \$1,000 to \$2,000 of Dental coverage. Selectman Young seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Selectman Moran asked if the NHRS (New Hampshire Retirement Service) requires all employees to enroll? Town Administrator Spencer said all current employees will have the option to enroll or opt out if they choose to. However, going forward, all new employees that begin working full-time with the Town Offices must enroll in NHRS.

Calendar:

- The Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, 2025, for Independence Day.
- The next Board of Selectman's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14th, 2025 @ 6:30pm.

Selectman Moran asked the Board if they would be in favor of the Town Employees having a paid half-day off on Thursday, July 3rd, 2025. Selectman Young questioned if it would include the Recycle Center, giving them a paid half-day to take when they choose to, and the Board agreed.

Motion: Selectmen Moran made a motion to approve the Town Employees with a paid half-day off on Thursday, July 3rd, 2025, and Recycle Center to receive a paid half-day off on a day they choose to take. Selectman Young seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

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Chair Brock stated next year will be America's 250th Anniversary on July 4th, 2026, and he would like the Town of Candia to have a special event take place including fireworks if possible. The idea of creating a committee was talked about. Selectman Moran pointed out that there are clubs and committees that are available to put on a fireworks display and it could be a fraction of the cost. He asked Administrative Assistant Linda Chandonnet if she would assist and help organize. The Board agreed on the date of June 27th, 2026, for the event to take place.

6:58 pm - Selectman Chivers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Moran. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Linda Chandonnet
Recording Secretary