

## **Candia Board of Selectmen**

### **Agenda**

August 4th, 2025, at 6:30pm

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **New Business:**

#### **Old Business:**

- Review of the Board of Selectmen Unapproved Minutes for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for NHRS

#### **Other Business:**

#### **Calendar:**

- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11th, 2025.

#### **Public Input:**

This public body may enter into one or more nonpublic sessions as permitted under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) & (b).

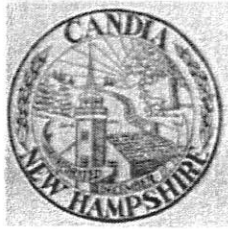
#### **Adjourn**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6034838101>

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August 1, 2025

**The Honorable Chris Pappas**  
425 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2901

**Subject:** Request for Assistance in Securing Federal Funding for a New Candia Police Facility

Dear Representative Pappas,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Candia to respectfully request your assistance in securing federal grant funding to help defray the cost of replacing our aging and inadequate police facility.

Candia, although a reliably Republican town, has consistently supported your reelection efforts over the years. We recognize and appreciate your bipartisan commitment to public safety, and we believe the principles behind the BUILD Act—providing infrastructure support to smaller communities—are deeply aligned with our current challenges and community values.

Our existing police facility is over 36 years old and poses significant safety and security risks, many of which have been formally identified by our insurance provider. These issues not only hamper operational effectiveness but also expose our officers and community to potential harm. A modern facility is urgently needed to address these concerns.

In addition, the labor market for law enforcement professionals remains highly competitive. A contemporary and well-equipped police station is often a deciding factor for qualified candidates evaluating where to serve. We believe that investing in a new facility will greatly improve our recruitment efforts and help retain dedicated officers committed to community policing.

Candia, moreover, in anticipation of securing voter approval of municipal bond funding has already made a substantial local investment toward this project, including \$400,000 for a site and an additional \$100,000 for design and engineering. Unfortunately, the prevailing high interest

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rates, shaped in part by current Federal Reserve policy, have made annual bond payments appear unaffordable to voters.

As a result, the bond initiative fell just short of the required two-thirds approval, despite strong local support for the project's objectives. This leaves us with momentum, vision, and groundwork—but without the necessary resources to proceed.

We understand that the BUILD Act and other federal programs administered through the Department of Justice or the USDA may be viable pathways for funding such projects. We would greatly appreciate your guidance, support, and advocacy in identifying the most appropriate channels and helping us navigate the grant process.

Thank you for your continued service to New Hampshire. We hope to work closely with your office to ensure that Candia's law enforcement infrastructure meets the needs of our residents for generations to come.

Sincerely,

**Brien Brock**



Chairman Candia Board of Selectmen