

UNAPPROVED
Candia's Virtual Selectmen's Public Session Minutes
September 22, 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 September 8th, 2025.

Motion: Selectmen Moran made a motion to approve the September 8th, 2025, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Chivers seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Approval of Minutes: Public session minutes of September 6th, 2025.

Motion: Selectmen Chivers made a motion to approve the September 6th, 2025, Public Session Minutes as presented. Selectman Helmig seconded. Selectman Moran abstained. Motion carried by a vote of (4-0-1).

NEW BUSINESS:

6:34pm Opened Public Hearing

Chair Brock opened the Public Hearing to receive the Board's comments and to be followed by the public comments regarding the proposed sale of 9 parcels of land owned by the town deemed surplus to any municipal needs as required by RSA 41:14.

Selectman Young asked if there would need to be a time minimum to keep the meeting open? Chair Brock said, if they do not have anyone in the public to respond, then they will continue on.

Chair Brock asked the Board members if they had any questions. Selectman Young asked if the auction company will be clearing the titles and everything needed. Chair Brock said the company will do all the work. He asked if anyone on Zoom had any comment or input on these properties. No input or comments were made. He said if there is no other input, questions or statements, the public meeting will close.

6:37pm Closed Public Hearing

Town Administrator Spencer disclosed they will need to have one more meeting regarding the auction and it has been scheduled for Monday, October 6th, 2025. Selectman Chivers asked if that will be when the Board will make their final decision and to authorize the Auctioneer to start? Town Administrator Spencer said yes. Selectman Moran asked if the Auctioneer will be joining them in the next Board meeting to give a briefing of everything? Selectman Chivers said it would not be necessary as they have already given them all the legal opinions, searched all the titles, therefore they will be ready to begin when the Board gives them the authorization. Selectman Young said she would like the Tax Collector to tell them how much the Town will receive in taxes. Selectman Chivers explained that the Tax Collector will need to go back several years to find out when the taxes stopped being paid, and when the Town took title, as any taxes that was accrued from that day forward will have 18% interest added. It will also depend on how much someone bids for, because somebody could bid for an

amount less than what is owed. Selectman Young said she does not like the idea that there is not a minimum amount to bid. Selectman Chivers said there will more bidders without having a minimum amount to bid. It was confirmed that all abutters will be notified of the auction.

Fire Department Appointments:

The Board received a recommendation from Fire Chief Young to appoint Marcos Nieves Jr. as a temporary firefighter trainee to Candia's Volunteer Fire Department as of September 22, 2025.

Motion: Selectmen Helmig made a motion to accept the recommendation from Fire Chief Young to appoint Marcos Nieves Jr. as a temporary firefighter trainee to Candia's Volunteer Fire Department as of September 22, 2025. Selectman Chivers seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

The Board received a recommendation from Fire Chief Young to appoint Adam Goetz as a temporary trainee to Candia's Volunteer Fire Department as of September 25, 2025.

Motion: Selectmen Helmig made a motion to accept the recommendation from Fire Chief Young to appoint Adam Goetz as a temporary trainee to Candia's Volunteer Fire Department as of September 25, 2025. Selectman Chivers seconded. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Conservation Commission Appointment:

The Board received a recommendation from Chairman Judi Lindsey to appoint Gary Baseline as a full member of the Conservation Commission as of September 22, 2025.

Motion: Selectmen Moran made a motion to accept the recommendation from Chairman Judi Lindsey to appoint Gary Baseline as a full member of the Conservation Commission as of September 25, 2025. Selectman Chivers seconded. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Town Hall - Mini Split Quotes:

Selectman Moran said he recently requested some quotes to find out how much it would cost to have mini splits at the Town Hall, and to figure it out if it can be broken down into 2 or 3 phases of one per year. These units would mount on the walls and produce both heat and cool air. They are climate controlled and a lot quieter than air conditioners. Selectman Moran said most likely there is a rebate/credit with Eversource because they are energy star rated and very efficient. He does not want to put any amount into the budget, he is just looking for baseline prices so they can budget for a certain amount of money. Selectman Chivers said to guess high in the event the prices continue to increase.

Selectman Helmig asked the Selectmen where they are at with the 2026 proposed budget? She asked if they could use funds, because it is a bottom line budget that the Town already voted on. Selectman Moran said the budget will be very lean by the end of this year due to the ambulance side of things that was underbudgeted. Selectman Young asked if the current air conditioners are in working condition. Selectman Moran said having department window units are very expensive to run and several of them are old. When there is a meeting taking place the air conditioner needs to be shut off in order to hear people talking. He would like to look into any additional money that may be left.

Selectman Helmig indicated that last year the Ambulance Budget had \$30,000 removed with the anticipation that these funds would be used from the revolving fund. She wanted to be clear that the

Fire Chief would be making the request and then the Selectboard would be the ones to approve it and for it to be released. Chair Brock said yes, that is how many of them are set up. Once the Fire Chief puts in his request to why he needs it, then the Board can have a discussion. Selectman Young said the Budget Committee suggested that this would be the place to take out \$30,000, because they were trying to get their numbers down on the budget. She said that it is really not up to them. She did find it interesting when she heard in a recent conference that it is a Budget Committee's budget and they should be up on the stage defending it or not defending it, and not the Selectmen or the Schoolboard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moore Park Graffiti: Selectman Young reported graffiti was written on the top of the park slide, and she does not know how it can be removed. She confirmed the vandalism was reported to the police.

OTHER BUSINESS:

250th Celebration in 2026: Selectman Young asked if their vision is to plan on having the town sponsor this event or to have all volunteers and donations? Chair Brock said he believes it would be developed by all volunteers, however he is hoping it is a town event. He is not opposed to some aspects if it requires them to pay. He is not stating they should spend a fortune from the town if they have volunteers that are pitching in along with donations it would be awesome. He believes it is an important event, and they should do something. Selectman Chivers agreed and said yes, it is 250 years. Selectman Young said if they need money for it, they should start soon. Chair Brock said they would need to formulate a lot of things, but they have Administrator Assistant Chandonnet working on it. Administrator Assistant Chandonnet stated she started calling several places for the Fireworks and received 3 replies back. She also knows someone who would be happy to help with a fireworks display for a fee of around \$10,000-\$12,000. She has contacted the Sons of the American Revolution and confirmed they will be attending this event. They do not charge a fee, however they do accept donations. Selectman Young said the Farmers Market had a reenactment involving a cannon and maybe that could be another idea to add. Chair Brock said they will need to contact every organization in town and encourage them to put a float together for the parade. Selectman Chivers suggested having an essay contest with the 7th and 8th graders from Moore School. Discussion ensued.

Roof Repairs: Administrative Assistant Chandonnet mentioned a strip of roof tiles on the Town Hall Building came off and were immediately repaired by Frasier & Sons. She noted they did a great job.

Copier: Town Administrator Spencer said their contract for the 3 copiers at the Town Hall is ending. She presented quotes from their current copier company UBEO and another one from the Toshiba Company. They discussed the options and she explained the Toshiba company would be the least expensive way to go. They will not need to pay any amount to get out of the contract that will be ending.

MOTION: Selectman Moran made a motion to approve and move forward with the Toshiba Business Solutions proposal. Seconded by Selectman Young. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Town Employee of the Year: Selectman Moran said he would like Chief Chad Shevlin to be considered. Selectman Chivers said that he has done a great job in his department. Selectman Moran said the amount of work he has done is outstanding.

MOTION: Selectman Moran made a motion nominate Chief Chad Shevlin as Employee of the Year. Seconded by Selectman Chivers. All in favor. Motion carried by a vote of (5-0-0).

Town Employees Holiday Party: Selectman Moran said he has been discussing the Employees Holiday Party with Town Administrator Spencer and asked the Board about having it at the Smyth Memorial Building instead of the Town Hall. The idea is to have it catered and the employees would pay for their own meals. Chair Brock said he likes the idea of using the building, but the logistics of it is would not easy. They also discussed having it at a local restaurant. Discussion ensued.

Calendar:

- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th, 2025
- The Candia's Farmers Market is Saturday, October 18th, 2025, from 9am-1pm

7:36pm - 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