

**TOWN OF CANDIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**ANNUAL TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

**February 1, 2014**

The annual meeting was declared open by the Moderator at 8:58 AM. The opening prayer was led by Reverend Barbara Sander. Members of Candia Scout troops conducted the flag ceremony. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman Fred Kelley.

Prior to the reading of the warrant articles, Moderator H. Clark Thyng took the opportunity to introduce the following officials and staff seated on the stage and in the audience: Town Clerk Chris Dupere, Deputy Town Clerk Cheryl Bond, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Fred Kelley, Selectman Richard Snow, Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen Carleton Robie, Selectman Amanda Soares, Selectman Dave DePuy, Selectmen's Assistant Andria Hansen, Budget and Finance Coordinator Donna Becker, and Legal Counsel Matt Serge. Moderator Thyng also introduced the other officials who serve the Town: Tax Collector Candy Stamatelos, Deputy Tax Collector Donna Hetzel, Town Treasurer Kate Philbrick, Budget Committee Chair Matthew Broadhead, Conservation Commission Chair Betsy Kruse, Emergency Management Director Bob Panit, Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden Dean Young, Fitts Museum Treasurer Janet Lewis, Health Officer Dave Murray, Heritage Commission Chair Diane Philbrick, Chair of the Planning Board Sean James, Police Chief Mike McGillen, Road Agent Dennis Lewis, Chair of the Smyth Public Library Trustees Deb Spezzaferri, Superintendent of Cemeteries Jerry Becker, Chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist Candy Stamatelos, Trustee of Trust Funds Chair Dave Labbe, and Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Boyd Chivers. Moderator Thyng also wished to thank Moore School Principal Robert St. Cyr, Vice Principal Michelle Lavallee, and Lynda Byrne and the Moore School Staff for setting up the facilities we are using today.

The Moderator will recognize the following persons to speak for informational purposes: Town Counsel Matt Serge and Police Chief McGillen. There was no objection.

Scott Tierno and John Helmig were introduced as Assistant Moderators for the meeting, having been previously sworn in by Town Clerk Dupere.

The Moderator then briefly reviewed the modified Roberts Rules of Order with the assembly. He then read Article 1, explaining that the election of officers would take place on March 11.

**ARTICLE 1.**

To choose the following Town Officers for the year ensuing:

Selectman	3 year term	Vote for One
Budget Committee	3 year term	Vote for Three
Planning Board	3 year term	Vote for Two
Trustee of Trust Fund	3 year term	Vote for One
Superintendent of Cemeteries	1 year term	Vote for One
Town Clerk	3 year term	Vote for One
Road Agent	3 year term	Vote for One
Library Trustee, (Public Rep.)	3 year term	Vote for One
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 year term	Vote for One

## **ARTICLE 2.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$2,377,975.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,369,061.00**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Candia or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0) Motion by Carleton Robie, seconded by Fred Kelley. Selectman Soares wished to amend the article to read \$2,427,975.00, seconded by Selectman Kelley. Selectman Soares explained the additional \$50,000.00 would be used in the solid waste disposal line to move forward with the project. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Kelley There was no discussion. Vote on the amendment was taken by a show of ballots. The amendment was adopted. There was no discussion on the amended article. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The amended article will be placed on the ballot.

Motion to move articles 3 through 13 as a block was made by Bob Bruce and seconded by Al Hall. It was voted by the legislative body to move the articles as a block.

## **ARTICLE 3.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Dollars (**\$6,807**) in support of the **Rockingham County Community Action**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

## **ARTICLE 4.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (**\$4,000**) in continuation of its support of the **Visiting Nurse Association of Manchester and Southern New Hampshire**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1)

## **ARTICLE 5.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (**\$3,250**) in continuation of its support of the **American Red Cross**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-2)

## **ARTICLE 6.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars (**\$1,854**) in continuation of its support of the **Lamprey Health Care**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-2)

## **ARTICLE 7.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (**\$1,250**) in continuation of its support of the **Child Advocacy Center**.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0)

**ARTICLE 8.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars **(\$1,000)** in continuation of its support of **Big Brother/Big Sister**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

**ARTICLE 9.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars **(\$1,000)** in continuation of its support of the **Child and Family Services**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

**ARTICLE 10.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Two Dollars **(\$702)** in continuation of its support of the **Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

**ARTICLE 11.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars **(\$700)** in continuation of its support of the **Aids Response Seacoast**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-3)

**ARTICLE 12.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars **(\$500)** in continuation of its support of the **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1)

**ARTICLE 13.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars **(\$225)** in continuation of its support of the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2)

Motion from Todd Allen, seconded by Mr. Gagnon to move the articles to the ballot as read. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Articles 3 through 13 will be placed on the ballot as written,

**ARTICLE 14.**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$150,000.00)** to **resurface Lane Rd., Green Rd. and portions of Depot Rd.** Included in this project will be the replacement of the two four-foot round culverts at Ward Brook with a box culvert and address all other drainage problems that exist on Depot Road. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Submitted by the Road Agent) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-1) Motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Kelley. Road Agent, Dennis Lewis explained the article. The road reconstruction articles have been voted on

separately from the operating budget for 22 years. Patten Hill Road has been completed. Depot Road has a drainage issue, and the roads are in very poor shape. Amanda questioned if other parts of Town were in the long range plans and Dennis replied that Critchett Road, Island Road and Chester Turnpike are in the future plans. Mr. Lewis, when asked by a resident, explained the project would begin from Patten Hill Road and end at the old railroad tracks. The State actually maintains Depot Road from Langford Road to the railroad tracks. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 14 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 15.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$75,000)** for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be a non-transferable appropriation. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0) Motion was made by Dick Snow, seconded by Fred Kelley. Mr. Dann asked why the vote is 4 to 1. Mrs. Soares explained she felt the money should go directly into the budget and not as a separate warrant article. Mr. Lewis explained that if winter keeps going the way it is we will be using the entire amount. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 15 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 16.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000)** to be placed in the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve** fund for the Future Revaluation of the municipality. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0) Motion was made by Selectman Robie, seconded by Selectman Soares. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 16 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 17.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$50,000)** to be deposited in the **Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund**, established under RSA 35:1 at the March 1991 Town Meeting, for the future purchase of the fire apparatus and equipment with the Selectmen appointed as agents. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-2-1) Motion was made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Robie. Fire Chief Dean Young explained this article has been a way of putting money aside each year to defray the huge expense of a new truck. Grants are also applied for. The fire apparatus in Candia is on a twenty five year cycle because the apparatus has been well maintained. There were no questions. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 17 will be placed on the ballot as written..

#### **ARTICLE 18.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars **(\$133,880)** for the operating expenses of the **Smyth Public Library**. Funds are to be expended under the direction of the Smyth Public Library Association. (Submitted by the Smyth Public Library Trustees) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Selectman DePuy, seconded by Mr. Snow. Deb Spezzaferri, chair of the Library Trustees wished to amend the article to reduce the dollar amount to. \$132,680.00 Mrs. Spezzaferri explained the decrease was due to a reduction in

health insurance. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Kelley. When voted on by a show of ballots, the amendment passes, There was no discussion on the amended article. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 18 will be placed on the ballot as amended.

#### **ARTICLE 19.**

to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four thousand, Six hundred and Fifty dollars (**\$4,650.00**) for the first phase of updating the **Candia Master Plan** per RSA 674:3. (Submitted by the Planning Board) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0) Moved by by Fred Kelley, seconded by Dick Snow. Sean James spoke to the article giving history on the current master plan. He explained the Master Plan is a summary , a road map for the planning board, and conservation commission to see where we are headed for the next ten years. A lot of the current plan is out of date. The main concern in the old plan was limiting growth. Mr. James explained we need to update the current plan. Mr. Dann stated the article says phase one. Will there be more phases? Mr. James replied we are looking at two phases. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 19 will be moved to the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 20.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (**\$4,000**) for the operation and maintenance of the **Fitts Museum**. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Fitts Museum. (Submitted by the Trustees of the Fitts Museum) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Amanda Soares, seconded by Dave DePuy. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 20 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 21.**

To see if the Town will vote to **reinstate**, in accordance with RSA 289:6, III, a five-member Board of **Cemetery Trustees**. If this article passes, a new board of cemetery trustees will be elected at the town meeting next following this vote. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 2) Motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Robie. Mr. Snow explained that ten years ago the legislative body voted to let the selectmen be the trustees. The selectmen feel they have enough to do and it is time to elect a Board of Trustees. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 21 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 22.**

To see if the Town will vote to **establish** a five-member Board of Trustees for the **Old Smyth Memorial Building**. The Board of Selectmen will appoint the members for their first terms. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 4 to 1) Motion was made by Carleton Robie, seconded by Fred Kelley. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 22 will be moved to the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 23.**

To see if the Town will vote to **revoke** the **DARE car trust fund** pursuant to RSA 31:19-a. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion was made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Kelley. The article is at the request of the Trustees of Trust Funds. It must be voted on by the assembly. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Article 23 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 24.**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,500.00** to the **Candia Youth Athletic Association** for the specific expenses of providing youth recreation programs to the children of Candia. Said expenses to be expended under the direction of the Candia Youth Athletic Association Board of Directors in accordance with the approved budgets. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 3-3-1) Motion by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Robie. Paul Leblond, current president of the CYAA spoke to the article. He stated most of the revenue is generated from rental of the facilities. There was no further discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. Article 24 will be placed on the ballot as written.

#### **ARTICLE 25.**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (**\$37,000**) for the implementation of a **mosquito control program** designed to reduce the risk of exposure to mosquito-borne diseases such as EEE and West Nile Virus. Submitted by petition. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0-1) Motion by Mr. Snow, seconded by Eric Schifflett. Mr. Snow wished to insert the word raise, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate. Seconded by Mr. Dewitt. He explained this is a housekeeping issue. There was no discussion on the amendment. Vote was taken by a show of ballots, and the amendment passes. Eric Schifflett explained that his daughter contracted EEE four years ago. He has a very vested interest in this article. By reducing the mosquito population in advance, we reduce the risk. He urged us to put this on the ballot. Russ Dann had a couple of questions. What was done a few years ago? Mr. Schifflett explained that part of this money would be used for bacterial control, which was done a few years ago, and the rest for spraying. What would be the outcome if Manchester Waterworks asks that no spraying occurs? Mr. Schifflett explained that Dragon Mosquito control would not treat certain bodies of water and people can have the water treated with bacteria and opt out for spraying. There is no additional cost for positions were filled: testing. People can opt in or out for spraying. Mr. Chivers explained that he had a problem with Dragon Mosquito Control, They should ask permission from the landowner to enter their property. Mr. Schifflett explained there are several levels of treatment. Mrs. Soares stated that people have to use bug spray, which is the first step. When the program was done three years ago, only the bacteria was used. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The amended Article 25 will be moved to the ballot as read.

Following the completion of the warrant articles, the traditional positions were filled: Reeve of Hogs, Robert Jones, Scaler of Timber, Sharon Dewitt, and Viewer of Fences, Robert Gagne

There was no further discussion. The 2014 Annual Deliberative session was concluded at 10:04AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Dupere  
Town Clerk of Candia