

## **Candia Town Meeting Deliberative Session February 4, 2017**

The Annual meeting was declared open by Moderator Clark Thyng at 9:03AM. Clark explained that as a man of faith, he felt no great undertaking should begin without the benefit of prayer. The Invocation was led by Pastor John Peront, pastor of the Crossroads Bible Church of Candia.. The flag ceremony was conducted by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Brownies. Moderator Thyng then introduced the officers and staff seated on stage; Chris Dupere, Town Clerk, Donna Hetzel, Deputy Town Clerk, Boyd Chivers, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Susan Price Young, Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Scott Komisarek, Selectman, Mark Laliberte, Selectman, Russ Dann, Selectman, Andria Hansen, Selectmen's Assistant, Donna Becker, Accounting and Payroll Clerk, and Michael Courtney, Town Counsel. Sean James was recognized for his nine years of service on the Planning Board. Assistant Moderators for the meeting were: John Helmig, Laurel Thyng, and Rob Boucher. Since there was no objection, the following persons who are not registered voters in the Town of Candia, will be allowed to speak: Police Chief Mike McGillen and Town Counsel Michael Courtney. Following a brief explanation of the Moderator's rules, the warrant articles were considered.

### **Are you in favor of Article 2 as follows:**

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 **\$2,521,358** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$2,478,904**, 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion to accept the article as read was made by Boyd Chivers, second by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of hands. The motion carries. Article 2 will be placed on the ballot as written.

Articles 3 to 14 have been traditionally moved as a block. The motion to consider Articles 3 through 13 was made by Ed Fowler and second by Becky Cronk. There was no objection from the assembly, therefore the articles will be considered as a block.

### **Are you in favor of Article 3 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

### **Are you in favor of Article 4 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 5 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 6 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 7 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 8 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 9 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (**\$1,000**) in support of the **Home Health and Hospice Care**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 10 as follows:**

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 **Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 11 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 12 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 13 as follows:**

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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

**Are you in favor of Article 14 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (**\$200**) in support of the **Southeast Watershed Alliance**. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

Motion to accept the articles as a block was made by Mark Laliberte, seconded by Russ Dann. Mr. Snow explained what the Southeast Watershed Alliance article was about. The alliance was established by the legislature to provide regional solutions for the issues that have to do with water, such as water quality and quantity. The Alliance covers 44 communities. When there is a storm event, the Alliance also deals with that. Regional solutions are always more cost effective than the administration by individual towns. Our water needs to be protected. Kevin Coughlin, member of the Budget Committee stated he has historically voted against these articles. He does not feel it is right to give tax dollars to charity. There was no further discussion. Vote was by show of ballots. The motion carries. Articles 3 to 14 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 15 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, to annually deposit each December 31st, the Cemetery Maintenance proceeds from the sale of cemetery lots into the Cemetery General Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, established in Article 25 of the 2016 Town Meeting, for the purpose of cemetery maintenance starting with sales from 2015 onward. Recommended by the Cemetery Trustees. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) The motion was made by Sue Young and seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. The vote was by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 15 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 16 as follows:**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000** to conduct an **engineering study** of potential traffic circulation and roadway alignment improvements on NH Route 43 and NH Route 27 within the "Four Corners" area as detailed in the Town of Candia Transportation Plan. The products of the engineering study would include conceptual designs for the improvements, determination of the cost for the improvements, and identification of potential right-of-way impacts for the improvements. The study will support a request by the Town for inclusion of the project in the State of NH Transportation Improvement Program which would be needed to secure federal and state funding for the project. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Russ Dann. Patricia Valasco spoke, stating she was a member of the Transportation Committee. Traffic counts and accidents have been going up. They are looking at several ways to increase the safety, traffic flow, and develop a town center. The committee felt this was an issue that needed to be looked at now. Sean James stated the transportation plan was developed by the committee, and was approved by the Planning Board. The plan is on the web site. Tom St. Martin asked if this was a study to produce a proposal that would then be brought back to the Town. The reply

was that this is a preliminary study only. There was no further discussion. The motion carries. Article 16 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 17 as follows:**

Shall the town adopt the “all veterans’ property tax credit” under RSA 72:28-b? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service, and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted, the credit will be in the amount of \$300.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the selectmen or the assessors by April 15 of the tax year. . (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded Sue Young. Boyd explained that not all our veterans have qualified for the tax credit because the old law limited the credit to those who had participated in qualifying wars or armed conflicts. The credit is now available to all veterans who were honorably discharged. There was no discussion. The motion carries. Article 17 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 18 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell town owned property, identified as Map 410, Lots 162, 161, and 162-1 subject to the condition that the sale shall result in a use or uses compatible with the Town of Candia Zoning Ordinance and that the Board of Selectmen follow the procedures enumerated in RSA 41:14-a. This article shall replace all previous articles on the subject. . (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion was made by Mark Laliberte, second by Russ Dann. Betsy Kruse asked if someone could describe where the property is, and was told it is across from the Irving Station. She asked if we would know how the property would be used before the papers are signed? Boyd explained That was the problem they had before, that so many conditions had been imposed, that they could not be met. We receive nothing from the property now as tax revenue. We need to sell it to someone and they will need to comply with the zoning ordinances. The property is zoned L1, which means light industrial. Mr. Snow explained the opportunity to purchase came up years ago. Put it on the market and see what we can get. There was no further discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 18 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 19 as follows:**

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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) The motion was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Boyd Chivers. There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 19 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 20 as follows:**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$3,500**) to be placed in the existing **Smyth Memorial Building Expendable Trust Fund**. 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) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 20 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 21 as follows:**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (**\$2,500**) to be placed in the existing **Town Office Building Maintenance Fund**. 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 9 to 0) The motion was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 21 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 22 as follows:**

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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Mark Laliberte, seconded by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots/ The motion carries. Article 22 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 23 as follows:**

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. (Requested 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 9 to 0) The motion was made by Sue Young, second by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. Motion carries. Article 23 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 24 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$100,000**) for excess **winter road maintenance**, these funds will not be used unless the operating winter maintenance funds are exhausted. This will be 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 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Boyd Chivers. There was no discussion.

Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 24 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 25 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$150,000**) for the **final phase of Chester Turnpike**. 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 9 to 0) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Motion carries. Article 25 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 26 as follows:**

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 9 to 0) The motion was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Mark Laliberte. Mr. Snow requested that the Fire Chief explain what piece of equipment they were looking at. Fire Chief Dean Young explained the department is looking to replace engine 1 which is 23 years old. The new engine will probably cost \$600,000.00 so putting money aside each year keeps it from being such a large hit. There was no further discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 26 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 27 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Fire Station Infrastructure and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing for major capital investments in the fire station building infrastructure and grounds to keep the building and property sound, functional and safe well into the future. Further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (**\$50,000**) to be deposited in said fund 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 9 to 0) Motion was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Boyd Chivers. Chief Dean Young explained they need to add on to the firehouse and also leach field and well. Chief Young explained that the equipment is practically shoe horned into the present building. John Seidner, EMS, explained we may not be able to use the Manchester ambulance in the future for transport. There is some information that things are changing and this service may not be provided by Manchester in the future, and we will have to have transport and emergency medical services in Candia. No discussion. Vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion carries. Article 27 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 28 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety One Dollars (**\$127,891**) 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 9 to 0) Motion to accept the article as read was made by Boyd Chivers, seconded by Sue Young. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. Motion carries. Article 28 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 29 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and 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 Zika, EEE and West Nile Virus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 4) Motion was made by Sue Young, seconded by Russ Dann. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 29 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 30 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (**\$6,000**) for the purpose of review and update of the current **All Hazard Plan** as required by FEMA. These funds are expected to be reimbursed through federal grant funding. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0) Motion was made by Russ Dann, seconded Mark Laliberte. Moderator Thyng read the letter from Bob Panit, Emergency Management Director, who could not attend today's meeting due to a prior commitment. The All Hazards Plan must be updated every five years, in accordance with FEMA and the State of New Hampshire. The other plan, The Local Emergency Operations Plan was updated last year. By maintaining these plans, the Town of Candia remains eligible for Federal Grant Funding. Since the deadline for submitting warrant articles, the funding request has been approved and the first workshop meeting has been held to start the updating process. Mr. Panit has worked closely with Chief McGillen. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots Motion carries. Article 30 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 31 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the **Recycle Center Equipment and Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund**, established by vote of the 1993 Town Meeting, so that it may be used for the purpose of purchasing replacement equipment and capital improvements at the recycling center; and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents. (2/3 vote required). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) Motion to adopt the article as read was made by Russ Dann, seconded by Mark Laliberte. There was no discussion. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 31 will be placed on the ballot as written.

**Are you in favor of Article 32 as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the responsibility for and the management of the following town-owned properties to the Candia Conservation Commission.

1. New Boston Road (Map 406-100-1) 18 acres North of the North Branch River, abutting the existing 82 acre Deerfield Road Town Forest (Map 401-001-001)
2. New Boston Road (Map 406-103-1) 20 acres North of the North Branch River, abutting the existing 82 acre Deerfield Road Town Forest (Map 401-001-001)

Further, to designate these properties, in accordance with RSA 31:110, as a part of the Candia Town Forest System. This action would be of no cost to Candia tax payers.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 5 to 0) The motion to accept the article as read was made by Sue Young, seconded by Mark Laliberte. Mr. Carleton Robie feels the selectmen would be able to sell these parcels if they are maintained by the Conservation Commission. Sue Wilderman explained these parcels would also protect the North Branch River water quality. Mr. Snow explained the property is sited in the quarter mile corridor of the Rivers Protection Program and requests the warrant article is adopted. Tom St. Martin asked if some of the land could be used in mitigation for a developer. Mr. Robie felt there was one less layer the selectmen would have to go through. There was no further discussion. The vote was taken by a show of ballots. The motion carries. Article 32 will be placed on the ballot as written.

Moderator Clark Thyng entertained the motion to dissolve the meeting. The motion was made by Ed Fowler, seconded by Betsy Kruse. The motion carries. Vote was taken by a show of ballots. The meeting was dissolved at 10:15AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Dupere  
Candia Town Clerk