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2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: January 31, 2011**

7 **Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting**

8 **Method of Notification: Public Posting at Town Hall**

9 **Meeting Location: Town Hall**

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11 Chairman Selectman Rheume called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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13 **Members Present:** Selectman Rheume Chairman, Selectman Tombarello,  
14 Selectwoman Copp, Selectman Brown

15 **Not Present:** Selectman Nicolaisen

16 **Office Manager:** Lynne Blaisdell

17 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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19 Pledge of Allegiance was done.

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21 Chairman Rheume asked the Board to review the minutes of January 10,  
22 2011. Selectwoman Copp said beginning on page 3 all of the  
23 recommendations should have 3 numbers following the recommendations.  
24 Line 86 Special Warrant Article for the Police Station Capital Reserve fund  
25 3-0-0- recommend.

26 Line 99 Warrant Article C 3-0-0 recommend.

27 Line 102 Warrant Article D 3-0-0 recommend.

28 Line 125 Warrant Article A 2-0-1 recommend.

29 Line 128 Warrant Article B 3-0-0 recommend.

30 Line 139 Warrant Article 2 3-0-0 recommend.

31 Line 146 Special Warrant Article for Expendable Trust Fund for OHD  
32 3-0-0 recommend.

33 Line 151 Warrant Article for OHD 0-3-0 not recommend.  
34 Line 155 Special Warrant Article for the Road Improvement Plan  
35 3-0-0 recommend.  
36 Line 159 Warrant Article Highway Block Grant 3-0-0 recommend.  
37 Line 167 Warrant Article for the Mosquito Surveillance 3-0-0 recommend.  
38 Line 176 Special Warrant Article Town Disaster Management Expendable  
39 Trust Fund 3-0-0 recommend.  
40 Line 180 Warrant Article Tanker Truck 3-0-0 recommend.  
41 Line 187 Petitioned Warrant Article zoning changes 0-3-0 not recommended.  
42 Line 193 Petition Warrant Article Town Forest 3-0-0 recommend.  
43 Line 236 Special Warrant Article for the Collective Bargaining  
44 3-0-0 recommended.  
45 Line 242 Warrant Article for the Special Warrant Article  
46 0-3-0 not recommended.  
47 **Motion by** Selectwoman Copp to accept the minutes of January 10, 2011 be  
48 accepted as amended.  
49 **Second by** Selectman Brown.  
50 **In Favor** Selectwoman Copp, Chairman Rheume, Selectman Brown,  
51 Selectman Tombarello.  
52 **Motion passes unanimously.**  
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54 There is no public comment this evening.  
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56 **Motion by** Chairman Rheume to go into non public session under RSA 91 A:3  
57 II (c)reputation.  
58 **Second by** Selectman Tombarello  
59 **Roll Call Vote** Selectwoman Copp – yes, Chairman Rheume – yes, Selectman  
60 Brown – yes, Selectman Tombarello – yes.  
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62 Chairman Rheume stated that the minutes from the non public session were  
63 sealed while in the non public session.  
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65 **7:45 Mr. Ted Winglass, Moderator to discuss Deliberative Session on**  
66 **February 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
67 Ted asked if the Board felt if there were any articles that could be  
68 controversial. The Board did not think so. Ted reviewed the protocol that he  
69 will look for the BOS to bring the article to the floor and also a second.  
70 Chairman Rheume said the BOS will prepare a list for the Moderator prior to  
71 Deliberative Session. Selectwoman Copp asked if the Chairman of the Budget

72 Committee can put forth the Budget Warrant. Chairman Rheaume said it is  
73 the BOS warrant but the Budget Committee's budget. The Board agreed the  
74 Chairman of the Budget Committee will do that article. Ted stated that he is  
75 responsible for the cancelling or postponing of the meeting. He said if the  
76 roads weren't good in the am but looks like it will clear he would propose to  
77 begin the session a few hours later. He also said he would be in contact with  
78 Chief Gordon and the Artie from the Highway Department to get their input on  
79 the roads. If he needs to change the hours or the date of the session he would  
80 like to post a notice 2 hours prior to the beginning of the session and asked if  
81 Cable will be available. Lynne said she is the capability to post it on cable or  
82 have it posted for the public to see. Lynne said if they cancel the meeting due  
83 to a snow delay it has to be held within 72 hours and can't be a week later  
84 because they are a SB2 town. Ted said he would rather delay it a few hours  
85 instead of cancelling it as he feels the meeting won't be all day anyway.  
86 Selectman Brown asked if there is a certain number of votes a write in  
87 candidate needed in order to be elected and Lynne thought it was ten but he  
88 was referred to Michelle Short, the Town Clerk. Ted also said that he would  
89 like to have a moment of silence at the beginning of the session to honor the  
90 losses that the Town has recently suffered.

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92 The Board reviewed the Articles and decided who will be making a motion to  
93 put them on the table.

94 Article 2 – Town Budget, Budget Committee Chairman,

95 Article 3- Highway Block Grant, Selectman Nicolaisen,

96 Article 4- Replacement Tank, Selectwoman Copp,

97 Article 5 – Road Improvement Plan, Selectman Brown,

98 Article 6 – OHD Expendable Trust Fund, Chairman Rheaume,

99 Article 7 – OHD Article, Chairman Rheaume,

100 Article 8 – Police Station, Selectman Tombarello,

101 Article 9 – Mosquito Control, Chairman Rheaume,

102 Article 10 – Town Disaster Fund, Selectwoman Copp,

103 Article 11 – OHRV - rescinding, Selectman Tombarello,

104 Article 12 – OHRV – creating new article, Selectman Tombarello,

105 Article 13 – Town Forest, Selectman Brown,

106 Article 14 – Petitioned Article for Zoning, Selectman Nicolaisen.

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## NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Blaisdell asked the Board if they wanted to meet the Monday following Deliberative Session. She said as of right now there is nothing scheduled for that evening. The Board agreed they would not meet unless something came up that couldn't wait until the following week.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Letter from PSNH

Chairman Rheaume stated the Board received a letter from PSNH letting them know about the new options for the street lights as they can shut off street lights at midnight to conserve energy.

### Letter from RS Fireworks

Chairman Rheaume stated the Board received a packet from RS Fireworks in hopes to provide the fireworks display for the Town at the OHD celebration. They are offering to donate \$2,000.00 of fireworks in honor of Harold Frey. Selectwoman Copp asked if this is the company that donated last year. Lynne said American Thunder provided the fireworks for the Town last year. This is a company that did the fireworks for the Town a few years ago. She said although they got some complaints that the show was short now that she knows more about fireworks she can put together an RFP with specifics that the Town is looking for. She said they will pretty much do what the Town asks for. Selectman Brown said they are willing to do a \$6,000.00 show for only \$4,000.00 and feels the Board should consider it.

## LIASIAN REPORT

Selectman Copp said she spoke to Chief Tapley in regards to the donations coming in and he said they are coming in slowly but the funeral will be the first thing to be paid.

**Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the non public minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 2011 as written.

**Second by** Selectman Brown.

**In Favor** Selectwoman Copp, Selectman Brown, Selectman Tombarello.

150 **Abstain** Chairman Rheume.

151 **Motion passes 3-0-1**

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155 Chairman Rheume mentioned there was a situation last week after the BOS  
156 meeting involving the Police Chief and his temper. Selectwoman Copp said  
157 the Board is accountable for the decisions they make but also feels they  
158 cannot be verbally criticized for their decision. She said she does not want  
159 this to go unnoticed as it shouldn't have happened but she also does not want  
160 the Board to come down on the individual harder than they should. She does  
161 not feel that something should be put in the file and she would like to suggest  
162 that something is written up and put in a separate file. If this happens again  
163 then both incidents should be placed in the file, but if it doesn't happen again  
164 then at some point it should be removed. Selectman Brown asked if there is a  
165 policy in place for behavior and feels the Board should follow the policy with a  
166 verbal warning as this has not happened in the past with this person.

167 Chairman Rheume agrees with Selectman Brown but feels the public should  
168 know what happened. Selectman Rheume began to discuss the incident and  
169 Selectman Brown stated that he feels it doesn't need to be made a personal  
170 issue and Selectman Rheume feels that it does.

171 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to override the decision of the chairman and  
172 keep the discussion at a non personal level.

173 **Second by** Selectman Tombarello.

174 Selectman Rheume stated the public should know the situation as the  
175 incident involved an elected official and should be held accountable to the  
176 public. Selectwoman Copp agrees that elected officials need to be accountable  
177 but also feels that the BOS should simply state there was an incident last week  
178 and it will not be tolerated again. Chairman Rheume said if he is not allowed  
179 to voice his opinion to the public he will put it in the paper. Selectman Brown  
180 said it has already been in the paper and Chairman Rheume continued to say  
181 the whole story has not been publicized. He continued to say that he was very  
182 sick and his wife was in the hospital and he couldn't even visit her. He was  
183 approached by a very angry Police Chief because he decided to abstain from a  
184 vote on a warrant article he did not understand.

185 **In Favor** Selectwoman Copp, Selectman Brown, Selectman Tombarello.

186 **Opposed** Chairman Rheume.

187 **Motion passes 3-1-0.**

188 Chairman Rheume stated it will be in the newspaper.

189 Selectman Tombarello said he walked downstairs with the Chairman and  
190 witnessed the incident and feels a warning is necessary. He also said after the  
191 incident the individual apologized and called the Chairman at home to  
192 apologize as well. Selectman Tombarello would be very surprised if they saw  
193 this behavior again from this individual. Selectwoman Copp agrees with  
194 Selectman Brown and make this a very strong verbal warning. Chief Gordon  
195 was in the audience and came to the table to discuss the incident. Selectman  
196 Brown spoke and said he understands the passion the Chief has for the  
197 warrant articles and feels that anyone would feel the same way the Chief did if  
198 they felt they were getting less than fair treatment. He says he can understand  
199 him losing his temper under the circumstances and hopes that he has learned  
200 a lesson from this. This is not a pattern that is seen on a regular basis with the  
201 Chief and that is why he voted the way he did. Selectwoman Copp said it  
202 needed to be strongly addressed and Chief agrees that it was not handled  
203 properly. Chairman Rheume said he made a decision to abstain on the 4  
204 Police Articles as he didn't understand them well enough to recommend them  
205 or not recommend them to the public. He wanted to be fair to the public.  
206 Selectman Tombarello said in the past year that he has been a selectman he  
207 has been in the Chief's presence 3-4 times per week and has never witnessed  
208 him that angry. Selectman Rheume said there was another time that the  
209 Chief came to him angry and pointing his finger and yelling at him as well.  
210 Selectwoman Copp reminded Chairman Rheume that the chief was being  
211 spoken to for not controlling his temper and asked him to do the same. Chief  
212 Gordon said that respect goes a long way. He said that he lost control because  
213 of many situations that have been going on over the past few weeks. He deals  
214 with people all the time and they are always look at as the "bad guys". He said  
215 all he is asking is for respect from the Board and he will respect them as well.  
216 Chairman Rheume said the Board has always given the Chief respect he  
217 deserves including himself personally and professionally.

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219 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to adjourn.

220 **Second by** Selectwoman Copp

221 **In Favor** Selectwoman Copp, Chairman Rheume, Selectman Brown,  
222 Selectman Tombarello.

223 **Motion passes unanimously**

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225 Meeting adjourned at 8:20

226 Respectfully submitted

227 Sue Reynolds