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<i>5</i>	Meeting Date: Monday, August 22, 2011
7	Type of Meeting: Regular meeting
8	Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall
9	Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall
10	Present: Selectpersons: Brenda Copp (Copp), Stephen Brown (Brown), Hans
11	Nicolaisen (Nicolaisen), Tom Tombarello (Tombarello), Lynne Blaisdell, Office Manager
12	and Cynthia J. Robinson, Recording Secretary
13	Absent: James Devine (Devine)
14	Late to arrive:
15	Call to Order: Chairman Nicolaisen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
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18	Review of minutes of previous meetings
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20	Board members reviewed the Minutes of August 8, 2011. Selectwoman Copp Account of the
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22	384, Cable has the money to televise meetings. MOTION: Selectman Brown
23 24	moved to accept the Minutes of August 8, 2011 as amended. Selectwoman Copp seconded. Three ayes [Copp, Brown and Nicolaisen] and one abstention
25	[Tombarello]. Motion passed.
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29	Chairman Nicolaisen thanked the Old Home Day Committee and everyone else
30	involved in making the Old Home Day Celebration possible, everyone did a
31	wonderful job. Chairman Nicolaisen congratulated Eleanor Bonin for being voted
32	Citizen of the Year.
33	 Selectwoman Copp informed the Board that Sandra Graves is leaving Sandown.
34	Selectwoman Copp thanked Ms. Graves for her many years of volunteering in
35	Sandown, noting she will be missed.
36	 Hans Nicolaisen stated people who move to Sandown move here for what it is, a
37	small Town. The people come here to get away from what they had, and then
38	after they arrive here they want to change Sandown into what they were getting
39	away from. Mr. Nicolaisen stated change can be good, but he likes Sandown the
40	way it is and doesn't want to see the Town change.
41 42	<u>Appointments</u>
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Review of 2010 Budget Proposals for Elections & Registration, Supervisors of the Checklist & Moderator

 Present for this discussion were: Supervisors of the Checklist members Rosemary Bruno, Diane Thompson and Joann Vey.

<u>Elec & Reg Acct. 4140.2</u> [Supervisors of the Checklist] - Board members reviewed the proposed budget. Selectman Brown questioned what "Manpower" was used for. Answer – training. Chairman Nicolaisen noted this year's budget is less than last year. **MOTION:** Selectwoman Copp moved Election & Registration Acct. 4140.2 [Supervisors of the Checklist] be recommended to the Budget Committee with Gross Expenses of \$3,725.00, Revenue of \$50.00 and Net Expenses of \$3,675.00. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Supervisors left the meeting at this time.

Elec & Reg Acct. 4140.2 [Moderator] – No one was present for this review of the budget. Board members reviewed the budget. Selectwoman Copp asked if the Moderator is coming in noting the budget is showing a 20% increase. Ms. Blaisdell does not know if the Moderator is coming in. Ms. Blaisdell added that she thought the increase was because there are more elections this year.

MOTION: Selectman Brown moved to recommend to the Budget Committee Elec & Reg_Acct. 4140.2 [Moderator] with Gross Expenses of \$\$8,600.00, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$8,600.00. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Selectwoman Copp stated she will be voting no because the Moderator was not present to answer questions. Three ayes [Brown, Nicolaisen and Tombarello] and one nay [Copp]. Motion passed.

Finance Director, Darlene Ford Review of 2012 Budget Proposals for Finance, Tan Note, Street Lights, Debt Expense-Principal and Debt Expense-Interest

• Darlene Ford, Finance Director was present for this discussion.

Finance Director Acct. 4150.1 – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. Chairman Nicolaisen noted the proposed budget is the same as last year.

MOTION: Selectman Tombarello moved Finance Director Acct. 4150.1 with Gross Expenses of \$49,657.40, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$49,657.40 be recommended to the Budget Committee. Selectman Brown seconded. Chairman Nicolaisen asked the Board if at this time, they are going to decide on employee raises. Selectwoman Copp stated the Board was waiting to hear what COLA was. Selectman Brown noted since there is an agenda item having to do with pay increases perhaps the discussion should wait until them. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Debt Exp-Principal Acct. 4711.0</u> – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. **MOTION:** Selectwoman Copp moved Debt Exp-Principal Acct. 4711.0 with Gross Expenses of \$50,000.00, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$50,000.00 be recommended to the Budget Committee. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Debt Exp-Interest Acct. 4721.0</u> – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. **MOTION:** Selectwoman Copp moved Debt Exp-Interest Acct. 4721.0 with Gross Expenses of \$39,025.00, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$39,025.00 be recommended to the Budget Committee. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Tan Note Acct, 4723.0</u> – Selectwoman Copp noted this account went down because the Finance Director made some calls about the interest rate. Board members reviewed the proposed budget. **MOTION:** Selectwoman Copp moved Tan Note Acct, 4723.0 with Gross Expenses of \$8,000.00, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$8,000.00 be recommended to the Budget Committee. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Street Lights Acct. 4316.0 – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. Selectwoman Copp asked if the \$4,213.00 in 2011 and the 2009 and 2010 numbers was due to a large credit the Town received. Ms. Ford stated – yes. **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved Street Lights Acct. 4316.0 with Gross Expenses of \$4,225.00, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$4,225.00 be recommended to the Budget Committee. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of 2012 Budget Proposals for Assessing and Patriotic Purposes

Assessing Acct. 4150.3 – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. Ms. Blaisdell explained the details behind the requested figures. MOTION: Selectman Tombarello moved Assessing Acct. 4150.3 with Gross Expenses of \$81,900.00, Revenue of \$0 and Net Expenses of \$81,900.00 be recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Patriotic Purposes Acct. 4583.0 – Board members reviewed the proposed budget. Ms. Blaisdell informed the Board of the offer for a three year contract associated with the fireworks. Following Board discussion it was the consensus of the Board they were not interested in a three year contract for the fireworks. There was Board discussion about the \$1.00 in the revenue line in 2011 and nothing for 2012 revenue line. Ms. Blaisdell explained the dollar was so that the Town could accept donations. The consensus of the Board was to add the \$1.00 to the 2012 revenue line. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved Patriotic Purposes

Acct. 4583.0 be recommended to the Budget Committee with Gross Expenses of \$4,600.00, Revenue of \$1.00 and Net Expenses of \$4,599.00. Selectwoman Copp seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if they are agreeable to removing the "Old Home Day" line from this budget. Consensus of the Board was to remove this line item. Chairman Nicolaisen explained this is only removing Old Home Day from this budget. Chairman Nicolaisen stated the Old Home Day Committee is looking for volunteers for next year.

Ken Sherwood, Building Inspector Further discussion regarding issuing of building permits

Ken Sherwood, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer was present for this meeting. Mr. Sherwood thanked the Board for the new tool for obtaining compliance to the Town's ordinances and regulations. Mr. Sherwood suggested the Board give the same directive to the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Mr. Sherwood feels he has to be given some discretion in determining who gets fined. Mr. Sherwood stated if the Board does not agree, he would follow whatever directive the Board gives him. Chairman Nicolaisen feels everyone must be treated the same. Selectman Brown stated giving the Building Inspector discretion would require much more documentation on their part. Selectwoman Copp noted that the directive was for building permits only not other permits. Selectwoman Copp stated her problem is the Building Inspector after being directed by the Board to levy fines for work started without a permit goes ahead and issues a permit without the fine. Selectwoman Copp does not support giving the Building Inspector discretion. Chairman Nicolaisen stated the Building Inspector should have come before the Board and explained the situation not go ahead and not issue the fine.

Mr. Sherwood talked about possibly issuing a foundation only permit to be followed later with the building permit. Chairman Nicolaisen stated other departments are upset because foundations are going in before a building permit is issued. Chairman Nicolaisen stated it is up to the Board of Selectmen to come up with a procedure for the issuing of a building permit with the Building Inspector being their agent. Selectman Brown stated it appears to him there are two different scenarios being discussed, one is the professional builder the other is the homeowner but he doesn't know if they can be separated when it comes to this issue. Selectwoman Copp asked if footings have to be inspected. Chairman Nicolaisen stated yes. Selectwoman Copp discussed the danger of allowing a foundation to go in before there is an approved septic design. Mr. Sherwood stated he was not aware this was solely for foundations; he thought it was for all permits. Chairman Nicolaisen wants to work with the builders; he supports the issuance of a foundation permit. Mr. Sherwood stated issuing a foundation permit before a septic permit is issued could create a problem if for some reason

the septic system has to be moved. Selectwoman Copp stated the Board has to set standards for Mr. Sherwood to follow. Chairman Nicolaisen stated he feels the Board has set the standards for Mr. Sherwood to follow. Consensus of the Board is they are going to stay with their initial motion regarding the issuance of a fine for work started without a permit.

Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board for clarification of what the fine is because of how the Building Inspector is paid. Ms. Blaisdell stated the fine is whatever the permit fee would be doubled plus the permit fee. Chairman Nicolaisen went back to the issue of requiring a foundation permit. Mr. Sherwood stated he does not have a problem issuing a foundation permit; he has a problem with issuing a foundation permit if there is no septic permit. Selectman Tombarello asked if Mr. Sherwood would receive some of the fine because he had to enforce the code. Chairman Nicolaisen stated no, the money goes into the General Fund. Selectwoman Copp stated Mr. Sherwood is the Code Enforcement Officer as well; it is his job to find those in violation. Selectman Brown recommended sticking to the Board's initial decision and don't make any changes. Chairman Nicolaisen stated it is now his understanding that if there is not going to be a foundation permit issued then a building permit must be obtained before any concrete is delivered to a job site. Mr. Sherwood stated that is correct. Selectwoman Copp asked Chairman Nicolaisen to read the initial motion again and he obliged.

Selectwoman Copp left the table.

Chairman Nicolaisen discussed an exception being made for an emergency situation. Mr. Sherwood stated he has been directed to make no exceptions. The Board then discussed their being able to make the exception. Consensus of the Board is Mr. Sherwood will issue the fine and direct individuals to the Board of Selectmen for any exception.

Selectwoman Copp returned to the meeting.

Members of the Sandown Senior Affairs Charitable Program Discussion regarding status or program development and request to move forward with services

Present for this discussion were Nelson Rheaume and Linda Gauvin. Mr.
Rheaume stated he heard from Local Government Center regarding whether
their volunteers would be covered under the Town's policy and they were told
they would be provided their activities pertain to a Sandown related matter. Mr.
Rheaume stated the other question they have is for the Town to provide them
with a telephone at a cost of approximately \$30.00/month.

Mr. Rheaume stated that to date they have eight (8) volunteers. Mr. Rheaume has a list of residents who need the services of the Program as soon as possible. The Program is also in need of volunteers to answer the telephone and schedule trips and the Program will seek volunteers once the Board has approved the Program. Mr. Rheaume stated that the Town of Sandown donates to the Community Caregivers \$2,000.00 a year towards transportation, which they do not provide because they do not have drivers from Sandown. Mr. Rheaume stated they are in the process of soliciting for funds and applying for grants. Mr. Rheaume encouraged the Board to support this Program.

Ms. Gauvin spoke about how Community Caregivers provides their service to Sandown residents and the lack of volunteers to cover Sandown. Ms. Gauvin pointed out the need to provide Sandown residents with this service. Ms. Gauvin spoke with Senator Shaheen's office and was told there are grants available to help the Program get started.

Chairman Nicolaisen stated his understanding was this was an exploratory group and questioned perhaps things have gone too far. Ms. Gauvin stated no and proceeded to explain their By Laws and how they work. Selectman Brown asked for a copy of their By Laws. Selectwoman Copp explained her recollection of what was to take place after the initial meeting, which was to see if they could get volunteers then the Board was going to hold a public meeting to see what residents wanted now they have By Laws and a Board of Directors. Selectwoman Copp feels some of what has been said about Community Caregivers is a misstatement. Selectwoman Copp gave her list of questions regarding insurance coverage of volunteers, what papers are needed from drivers, coverage of equipment, storage of equipment, who will have the telephone, who will checkout the volunteer drivers, etc. Selectwoman Copp feels there are too many unanswered questions.

Mr. Rheaume stated all these things that Selectwoman Copp has brought up are part of the process for organizing the Program, but they are not going to do all this work if there is no Board support for the Program. Ms. Blaisdell stated she is a member of the Program and agrees there is a lot to do but they need the Board's support to move forward. Ms. Blaisdell asked Selectwoman Copp for her list of questions. Selectman Tombarello supports the Program. Selectwoman Copp will send the questions to Ms. Blaisdell tomorrow. Chairman Nicolaisen asked if the Senior Affairs Charitable Program is an official Town committee. Ms. Blaisdell stated no. Ms. Blaisdell stated the Program is in need of knowing that the Board supports their continuing to collect more information. Chairman Nicolaisen thanked the members of the Program for all they work they have put into the Program so far. The majority of the Board supports the concept of the Sandown Senior Affairs Charitable Program.

Ms. Gauvin stated that anyone interested in obtaining information on what programs are available to senior citizens could email leigh_marthe@sheehan.senate.gov. to request Seniors Count Resource Guide. Mr. Rheaume asked the Board how they want Selectwoman Copp's questions answered. Consensus of the Board is to answer the questions in the form of a process.

New Business

Review of Possible Budget Items for 2012 and further discussion regarding possible pay increases for employees

• Ms. Blaisdell explained the breakdown of budget items for 2012 [executive, benefits, government buildings, warrant articles and capital improvement plan projects]. Ms. Blaisdell noted that health insurance is a large budget item and she will not have figures until November. Ms. Blaisdell stated she will not have enough time to look at other options if the Board waits until November so she asked the Board how they want her to proceed. Selectwoman Copp asked about the employee committee that was looking into health insurance plans. Ms. Blaisdell stated they are looking at the plan itself not figures. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if they want her to put health insurance out to bid. Consensus of the Board is to put the health insurance out to bid. Ms. Blaisdell will check with the employee group to see if they have any information.

Ms. Blaisdell went over the items in the Building Infrastructure Improvement Plan for 2012 noting a few of the items have already been completed [window blinds, landscape timbers in planting bed and garage & side door replacement – PD]. Ms. Blaisdell stated that the numbers in the 2012 column would be updated. Ms. Blaisdell will check with Mr. Genualdo regarding the additional lighting at the Highway Garage. Chairman Nicolaisen asked if there was money to do the highway garage floor this year. Ms. Blaisdell stated under Government Buildings she was going to add under Spray Insulation for Highway Dept "and flooring". Ms. Blaisdell strongly recommended shampooing the carpet this year as it has never been cleaned. Consensus of the Board is to obtain estimates. Ms. Blaisdell recommended adding Mulch to Government Buildings. The Joint Loss Management Committee told Ms. Blaisdell that plastic wastebaskets could no longer be utilized. Ms. Blaisdell will check with the Fire Chief. Ms. Blaisdell has an estimate for the spray insulation and she will check with Mr. Genualdo about the additional lighting.

Ms. Blaisdell went down the list under Executive explaining some items are a "wish list" but they would help save employee time [scanner]. Board members saw no problem getting an estimate for the color printer and scanner. Lateral file cabinets are needed for property files and office chairs have started breaking.

Ms. Blaisdell noted that the contract with Granite State Telephone is up this year so she will be pricing a voice over IP phone system. Consensus of the Board is to rebid tax mapping and computer support. Ms. Blaisdell brought up adding a line in the Executive budget for Grants. Selectwoman Copp asked for possible ways to figure out how much money should be placed in the Grant budget line. Ms. Blaisdell suggested looking at what matching grants are being applied for.

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Ms. Blaisdell went over projects that would be a warrant article. The Town will have to appropriate money for the Wells Village Road Culvert Project. The house numbering project is currently being worked on. Consensus of the Board is to bid out the irrigation system. Painting the Old Meeting House is on hold. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if they want to set up a capital reserve fund for the Fire Department as was discussed last year. Also for Board consideration is quotes for the mosquito control program, the monitored fire detection system for Town Hall and updating the electric at Town Hall to add 200-amp service.

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The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee will be looking for projects to add to the CIP. They will want this information by mid September. Selectman Brown asked about the Police Station as a capital project.

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Board members began discussing possible pay increases for Town employees. Chairman Nicolaisen stated for the past two years employees have been asked to pay more towards their health insurance, he does not want to see employees pay go down. Chairman Nicolaisen supports an employee pay raise. Selectwoman Copp feels you cannot compare employee contribution for health insurance to a pay raise. Selectwoman Copp would support no pay increase and no increase in employee insurance contribution. Selectman Brown wants to keep pay raises and cost of insurance separate. Selectmen Brown and Tombarello support a employee pay raise. The Board began discussing whether the pay raise will be a COLA or merit. Selectman Brown supports a performance based increase. Ms. Blaisdell brought up employee performance evaluations and there being no recommendations for a pay raise. Selectwoman Copp feels this will require some budgets to come back to the Board. Selectman Brown would like to see a performance based increase at the discretion of the department head of 2% to 3%. Chairman Nicolaisen feels 3% is too high. Ms. Blaisdell reminded the Board of the 2% increase in the NH Retirement System. that the employee has to pay. Selectwoman Copp noted the Town has to pay an increase to the Retirement System as well. Selectwoman Copp wants more time to see what the numbers are for other projects being considered for next year. Chairman Nicolaisen supports a 2% pay increase. Selectman Tombarello would like more information on the insurance cost. Selectwoman Copp feels 2-2.5% is too much.

Mindy Abood joined the meeting. Ms. Abood stated people are not getting pay raises in this economy and some are willing to take pay cuts in order to keep other employees working. Ms. Abood feels employees will not leave. Ms. Abood went on to say if the Board is considering a performance based pay increase they should consider creating a pool of money for the raise. Ms. Abood stated this Board would be making the final decision on the raise with input from the department heard. Selectwoman Copp would like to wait on this decision and have the Finance Director work the numbers later on. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to grant a 2% pay increase to all employees. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Chairman Nicolaisen feels the motion states everyone is going to get the 2% pay raise. Selectman Tombarello withdrew his second and Selectman Brown withdrew his motion. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved that the Board grant a performance based pay increase up to 2% for every employee in Town. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Three ayes [Brown, Nicolaisen and Tombarello] and one nay [Copp]. Motion passed.

Old Business

Discuss possible additional items for Capital Improvement Plan

- This was discussed earlier.
- Selectman Brown brought up the discussion a few meetings ago regarding the duties and hours of the custodian. The issue was this was a 40 hour/week position and currently the custodian is only working 25 hours/week and projects are not getting done. Selectman Brown would like to increase the hours so projects can get done. Selectwoman Copp does not feel just because the position was budgeted for 40 hours does not mean it has to be spent. Selectman Brown would like to see five additional hours added to the custodian position noting more hours are needed at the Recreation Building. The Board discussed possibly having a professional service come to both buildings to clean the floors once or twice a year. Selectman Tombarello asked Ms. Blaisdell what her opinion was on this mater. Ms. Blaisdell stated she would only discuss this in non-public session. Selectman Brown would like to hear from the person currently filling the position of custodian. This will be placed on next week's agenda.

Correspondence

 Letter from Rockingham VNA informing the Town they will be holding a training session this fall for hospice volunteers. Contact information: Martha Chandler, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 772-2981 or 1-800-540-2981 Ext. 140.

- Letter from Comcast stating they are ready to begin discussion on the renewal of their agreement with the Town. Comcast has provided the Town with an outline of the steps to be taken in the renewal process.
- The Rockingham Planning Commission is offering a 2011 Sustainable Communities Initiative grant. The application pre-qualification is due the last week in August. They are looking for a letter from the Town supporting this initiative. The Planning Board also received a copy of this letter.
- A Petition Warrant Article has been received to increase the elderly real estate exemption dollar amounts. The signatures have been checked and the petition has the 25 signatures needed to move the petition forward. Selectwoman Copp asked if this would be moved forward as is. Ms. Blaisdell stated the petition will be reviewed by legal counsel.

Department Liaison Report

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- Selectman Brown speaking for the Conservation Commission read a letter from Samantha Borbone expressing her interest in being on the Conservation Commission. MOTION: Selectman Brown moved to appoint Samantha Borbone as a regular member of the Conservation Commission. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Blaisdell asked if a term was stated. Selectman Brown will check with the Conservation Commission and get back to Ms. Blaisdell.
- **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to accept the Non-Public Minutes for August 8, 2011 as written. Selectman Brown seconded. Three ayes [Copp, Brown and Nicolaisen] and one abstention [Tombarello]. Motion passed.
- MOTION: Selectman Tombarello moved to accept the Non-Public Minutes for July 11, 2011 as written. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Selectman Tombarello informed those listening that at a hefty cost to the Town an individual dumped a truckload of shingles off to the side of 121A. Selectman Tombarello asked residents to watch out for this type of activity and if they see it contact the Police Department.
- Chairman Nicolaisen stated the Planning Board is not happy with the process the Building Inspector is using to issue building permits. Chairman Nicolaisen will inform the Planning Board at their next meeting that this Board has made the Building Inspector aware of the process they want him to follow when issuing a building permit.

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437 Joseph McKinnon came before the Board to inform them of a program he is offering along with Easter Seals to the Fire Department and all first responders 438 439 on how to handle autistic children. Mr. McKinnon asked the Town to purchase 440 decals that can be placed on the homes of families with an autistic child. 441 Mr. McKinnon explained how the program works and what they have to offer. 442 Board members asked Mr. McKinnon about his qualifications. Selectwoman 443 Copp will talk to the Fire Chief. Selectman Brown will talk to the Police Chief. 444 445 Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:3 II (a) Employee Matters and (e) Litigation 446 447 Selectman Tombarello moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91A:3 II (a) Employee Matters and (e) Litigation. Selectman Brown seconded. Roll call: 448 449 Copp – aye, Brown – aye, Nicolaisen – aye and Tombarello - aye. Motion

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passed unanimously.

 Selectman Brown moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Chairman Nicolaisen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

 Chairman Nicolaisen announce that while in Non-Public Session the Board voted to seal the Non-Public Minutes.

MOTION: Chairman Nicolaisen moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 P.M. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Cynthia J. Robinson Recording Secretary