

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: November 21, 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 Nicolaisen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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13 **Members Present:** Selectman Nicolaisen Chairman, Selectman Tombarello,
14 Selectman Devine and Selectman Brown, Selectwoman Copp

15 **Office Manager:** Lynne Blaisdell

16 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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18 The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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20 Chairman Nicolaisen asked for the Board to review the unsealed non public
21 minutes of Monday, November 7, 2011.

22 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the non public minutes of Monday,
23 November 7, 2011 as written.

24 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

25 **In Favor** Chairman Nicolaisen, Tombarello, Selectman Devine and Selectman
26 Brown, Selectwoman Copp

27 **Motion passes unanimously**

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30 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept the minutes of Monday, November 7,
31 2011 as written.

32 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Copp.

33 ***In Favor*** Chairman Nicolaisen, Tombarello, Selectman Devine and Selectman
34 Brown, Selectwoman Copp
35 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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38 **Public Comment**

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40 Lynne Blaisdell announced that the Sandown Police Explorers have been
41 voted Post of the Year for the State of NH. As well as Sgt. Wood being awarded
42 the Leadership Award and the Golden "E" Award. Selectman Devine asked
43 that the office send a letter of congratulations to them.

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47 Review of the 2012 Health & Human Services Budget
48 Chairman Nicolaisen presented the Health & Human Services Account budget
49 4415.0 with the 2011 approved budget with Gross Expenses of \$22,746.00,
50 Revenue of \$0.00 and Net Expenses of \$22,746.00. The 2012 requested
51 budget is Gross Expenses of \$23,646.00, Revenue of \$0.00 and Net Expenses
52 of \$23,646.00. Selectwoman Copp stated that there are two lines being
53 increased which are the Child & Family Services and the American Red Cross
54 with no explanation attached. She suggests that both of those lines be reduced
55 to where they were last year.

56 ***Motion by*** Selectwoman Copp that the Child & Family Services line be reduced
57 by \$100.00 to \$600.00 as it was last year.

58 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Brown.

59 ***In Favor*** Chairman Nicolaisen, Tombarello, and Selectman Brown,
60 Selectwoman Copp

61 ***Opposed*** Selectman Devine

62 ***Motion passes 4-1-0***

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64 ***Motion by*** Selectman Copp that the American Red Cross line be reduced by
65 \$800.00 to the \$1,900.00 that it was last year.

66 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Brown.

67 Selectman Brown said he is not sure how he feels about dropping this line but
68 states that the American Red Cross has helped 2 Sandown families in the past
69 year. Selectwoman Copp said the explanation attached states that they are
70 requesting .45 per resident in Town which comes out to the \$2,700.00 they
71 are asking. Selectman Brown asked if it has always been based on .45 per

72 resident and Lynne said she was not sure but she could go back and look.
73 Selectwoman Copp said she wouldn't mind seeing this amount come out of the
74 budget and go before the Town in a warrant article. Selectman Tombarello
75 said the information is based on 6,000 residents and Lynne said she thinks
76 there are 5,900 residents. Lynne also said the office can research further back
77 to check on the warrant article. Selectman Brown said he's not sure if this
78 makes sense but if the Red Cross is basing this on \$1,300.00 per case and
79 Sandown had 2 this past year he would feel comfortable lowering the amount
80 to \$2,500.00 as he feels \$1,900.00 is too low and \$2,700.00 is too high.
81 Chairman Nicolaisen agrees with Selectman Brown. Lynne said if you split the
82 difference of the increase the amount is \$2,300.00

83 ***In Favor*** Selectwoman Copp

84 ***Opposed*** Chairman Nicolaisen, Selectman Brown, Selectman Tombarello,
85 Selectman Devine.

86 ***Motion fails 1-4-0***

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88 ***Motion by*** Selectman Brown to reduce the American Red Cross line to
89 \$2,300.00.

90 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Tombarello.

91 ***In Favor*** Selectwoman Copp, Chairman Nicolaisen, Selectman Brown,
92 Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine.

93 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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96 Selectman Tombarello said there are 3 lines in this budget that are zeroed out
97 and asked if they should be removed from the budget. Selectwoman Copp
98 said there are 2 lines that should have been removed. Selectwoman Copp
99 explains that the SAD Café is requesting \$6,000.00 this year and in the past the
100 voters have voted down donating money to this organization. She also states
101 there is a lot of money going towards salaries. The BOS agrees to remove the
102 entire line of SAD Café and CART from this budget. Lynne said the Finance
103 Director would have removed it but wanted the BOS to approve it first.

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105 Selectwoman Copp asked about the VNA Hospice line and Lynne said she has
106 not yet received a request from them this year. She suggests leaving that line
107 in the budget even without a dollar amount.

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109 Selectwoman Copp stated Lamprey Health Care provided more than 20,000
110 rides to seniors in Sandown this year and there are also 2 other organizations
111 in this budget that provided rides for seniors in Sandown as well.

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113 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello that the Health & Human Services Account
114 budget with Gross Expenses of \$23,146.00, Revenue of \$0.00 and Net
115 Expenses of \$23,146.00 be recommended by the BOS.

116 **Seconded by** Selectman Devine.

117 **In Favor** Selectwoman Copp, Chairman Nicolaisen, Selectman Brown,
118 Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine.

119 **Motion passes unanimously**

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121 Lynne Blaisdell handed the BOS some information from the Planning Board in
122 regards to the upcoming discussion on plowing private roads in town. She
123 said it has to do with new sub-divisions in town but wanted the BOS to have
124 the info in hand.

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126 Chairman Nicolaisen said the BOS will go into a brief non meeting to discuss
127 Police negotiations and will return shortly.

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129 Chairman Nicolaisen said that are back in session from the non meeting of
130 Police negotiations.

131 **Motion by** Selectman Tomabrello that the BOS ratify the Town of Sandown's
132 tentative agreement with the Teamsters Local 633 in NH on November 17,
133 2011 and put forward to a Warrant Article.

134 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Copp.

135 **In Favor** Selectwoman Copp, Chairman Nicolaisen, Selectman Brown,
136 Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine.

137 **Motion passes unanimously**

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141 **Pamela Fusco and residents of Summer Street in regards to the plowing of**
142 **Summer Street.**

143 Residents that are presenting this case are Pam Fusco, 6 Summer Street,
144 Stanley Waitte, 3B Summer Street and Barbara Waitte 3B Summer Street.

145 Chairman Nicolaisen said the BOS received some information from the
146 Planning Board that they would like to read prior to this discussion. Lynne

147 said this is mostly for new sub divisions. Selectman Devine said he would like

148 the Town attorney to review this as well as he feels it is not compatible.
149 Chairman Nicolaisen said although he missed the last meeting he is 99.9%
150 sure the amendment came from Steve Keach's office and he did the previous
151 amendments as well and feels he has a good handle on things. Chairman
152 Nicolaisen asked Selectman Devine exactly what he is refereeing to and
153 Selectman Devine said if the roads aren't brought up to specifications then it
154 can't be plowed. Lynne said the roads are already built to the specifications
155 and she believes the question would be who will pay to maintain them after
156 they are completed. She said the RSA states the Town cannot spend public
157 funds to maintain private roads in town.
158 Selectman Nicolaisen said this issue was on the agenda for last week and the
159 BOS had a small discussion in regards to this at that time. He told them the
160 outcome of the meeting was that as a Board they agreed that the private roads
161 in Town would not be plowed by the Town.
162 Pam Fusco refers to the letter that they submitted to the BOS in regards to
163 Summer Street not being plowed and she also refers to a newspaper article
164 written a few years ago. Pam, Stanley and Barbara are asking the BOS to
165 consider plowing a portion of Summer Street so they can easily leave their
166 yards after a snow storm. Pam states that if the Town plows from the Aruda
167 side instead of the Pillsbury side the plow can go down the road until the
168 empty lot and put the snow in that lot. Stanley doesn't understand why
169 Summer Street is a private way when the Town trucks and patrol vehicles
170 travel on the roads until the snow falls. He also states that they pay taxes in
171 town just like everyone else and feels the road should be plowed. He said he
172 maintains the road the best he can by filling in the potholes the best he can.
173 Chairman Nicolaisen said there are other residents in the area are pumping
174 out their basements so anything the Town does won't last. He also states it is
175 not fair for all the other taxpayers in Town to pay for the maintenance on
176 private roads in town. Selectman Nicolaisen said it is the resident's
177 responsibility to keep up on the maintenance on the private roads in town.
178 Selectwoman Copp said she sympathizes with the residents that live on the
179 private roads as she lives on a private road as well. She explains that it is up
180 to the developer to hire someone to plow and maintain the roads and that is
181 something the homeowner needs to know prior to purchasing a house.
182 Selectman Brown said in reference to the newspaper article it was voted by a
183 previous BOS to stop plowing the private roads in town due to the damage of
184 the trucks, the holes in the roads and the roads are too narrow and trucks are
185 getting stuck and can't turn around. He also feels the residents are
186 responsible for the upkeep on the private roads in town. Selectman

187 Tombarello agrees with Selectman Brown although he feels badly about the
188 situation. Chairman Nicolaisen suggested for the residents to have a private
189 person plow the street and the driveways as well. Stanley asked what about
190 an emergency and Chairman Nicolaisen again said it is up to the residents of
191 the private roads to fix the road and then put it to warrant article to see if the
192 voters agree to have that road plowed. Barbara asked how to stop the
193 residents from pumping into the roads and the BOS said they would have to
194 talk to the building inspector. Selectwoman Copp said the more info she has
195 on this she feels the BOS cannot change their mind as the roads need to be
196 maintained properly so the vehicles won't get stuck or ruined.

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200 Lynne Blaisdell mentioned that the BOS need to start working on the warrant
201 articles. She said this has been a little delayed as they were waiting for the tax
202 rate to be set but that should be done by next week. Lynne asked the BOS if
203 they are ok with moving forward with the proposed warrant article for the
204 lower hall renovations. She asked if it is ok to hold a public hearing on
205 Monday, December 5th. The BOS agree that December 5th is ok. Selectwoman
206 Copp asked if this was going to be one or two warrant articles and Lynne said
207 she thought it was going to be two articles at this point but they would know
208 better after the public hearing.

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210 Lynne also said Ted Winglass will be available next week to review the
211 insurance account. She also said the Budget Committee will switch the
212 recreation dates and the benefits account dates to a week later. Lynne said
213 Ted was willing to come to the Budget Committee meeting in case they had
214 questions, but she feels that the time is too tight as enrollment needs to be
215 done by December 19th. She asked to let the departments know, as well as the
216 Budget Committee to come to next week's BOS meeting so if they have any
217 questions on the insurance account they can ask them then. Selectwoman
218 Copp said reminds the BOS they can't do the Savings Account according to Ted
219 but they can do a reimbursement account. She said there are many things that
220 will need to be considered. Selectwoman Copp also said she thinks they Board
221 can decide on the plan first then decide if they are going to do the
222 reimbursement plan. Lynn said at the time of deciding on a plan the Board
223 needs to decide if they are offering an HRA as well, as the paperwork needs to
224 be submitted at the same time. Lynne also said if there any employees or
225 committee members watching that have questions to please call the office and

226 ask the questions so she can ask Ted ahead of time so he will have the answers
227 the night of the meeting.

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229 Selectwoman Copp reminded the Board that they need to make decisions on
230 the Town Report and information is needed soon too. She said they are in the
231 process of producing a seal and they need to decide on the covers and the
232 dedication page.

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LIAISON REPORT

236 Selectwoman Copp said as liaison to the Budget Committee she asked the
237 Finance Director to run a report as to where we are compared to last year's
238 budget and she said they are down 4.14% from last year, even with the raises
239 that were left in. Chairman Nicolaisen said the \$100,000.00 from the Highway
240 Department's budget made a big difference and Selectwoman Copp said it
241 didn't make that big of a difference in a \$3,000,000.00 budget.

242 Selectman Brown said recently a few budgets passed with the 2% raise
243 included and he asked Selectwoman Copp to ask the Budget Committee why
244 some budgets were passed with the 2% increase left in and others were not.
245 He wants to know if the Budget Committee values some employees more than
246 they value others and if that is why the increase was left in for those budgets.
247 Selectwoman Copp said she will ask.

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249 Selectman Devine said he met with the Library Trustees and they are
250 beginning the new phase of computerizing the books in the library and it is
251 going very well.

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253 Selectman Tombarello thanks the volunteers from the food pantry and to
254 everyone that has helped to put together Thanksgiving meals for those in
255 need in town. He also thanked all of the schools and residents that have made
256 donations as well.

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258 Selectwoman Copp asked if the BOS were going to discuss the letter from the
259 DPW Director and Chairman Nicolaisen feels that the BOS shouldn't second
260 guess him and if he feels they need to be removed the BOS agree.

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265 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to adjourn.
266 ***Seconded by*** Selectwoman Copp
267 ***In favor*** Selectman Brown, Selectman Nicolaisen, Selectman Tombarello and
268 Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Copp.
269 ***Motion passes unanimously.***
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271 Meeting adjourned at 8:25
272 Respectfully submitted
273 Sue Reynolds