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## Town of Sandown, NH Board of Selectmen Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 16, 2012

Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall

Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall

Present: Selectpersons: Brenda Copp (Copp), Tom Tombarello (Tombarello), Stephen Brown (Brown), Hans Nicolaisen (Nicolaisen), Lynne Blaisdell, Office Manager and Cynthia J. Robinson, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Late to arrive: James Devine (Devine) – 7:25 P.M.

Call to Order: Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

### Review of minutes of previous meetings

- Board members reviewed the minutes of April 2, 2012. **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to accept the minutes of Monday, April 2, 2012 as written. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Three ayes [Copp, Brown and Nicolaisen] and one abstention [Tombarello]. Motion passed.

### Public Comment

- Ralph Millard came before the Board noting the Recreation Commission advertised for two open positions because of a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Millard stated he applied for one of the positions and was not chosen. Mr. Millard asked the Board to ignore the petition warrant article in tonight's packet. Mr. Millard mentioned Deb Brown. At this point Chairman Brown interrupted Mr. Millard stating Ms. Brown is not present so there will be no discussion. Chairman Brown pointed out there was no conflict of interest on the Recreation Commission. Selectman Tombarello stated there were three applications for the two open positions. The three individuals who applied were invited to attend the next Recreation Commission meeting and Mr. Millard did not attend so the other two individuals were appointed to the Commission.
- Selectman Nicolaisen thanked Arthur Genualdo and Randy Faxon for the new well at the Community Gardens.

44 **New Business**

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46 **Recognition of National Volunteer Week – Thank you volunteers!**

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- 48 • Chairman Brown thanked all the volunteers in Town for their time and effort.  
49 Chairman Brown talked about what the Board has done in the past for  
50 volunteers. Selectman Nicolaisen thanked all the people in Sandown who  
51 volunteer giving their time and hard work. Selectman Tombarello also thanked  
52 those who volunteer noting that a lot of the time it is the same people.  
53 Selectman Tombarello personally thanked the Sandown Volunteer Fire  
54 Department. Selectwoman Copp thanked all volunteers in Sandown and read a  
55 quote she thought was fitting – “Never doubt that a small group of committed  
56 people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”. Quote  
57 by Margaret Mead. Selectman Tombarello read for Chairman Brown a message  
58 to Sandown Volunteers from the Selectmen ‘This week is National Volunteer  
59 Week and the Board of Selectmen want to take the time to recognize and  
60 acknowledge you as a valuable volunteer for our community. We appreciate  
61 your willingness to step up, step forward and make a difference to others here in  
62 Town and we want to thank you for your ongoing commitment as a Sandown  
63 volunteer”.

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65 **Review and possible rescinding of noise ordinance**

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- 67 • Paula Gulla joined the discussion at this time. Ms. Blaisdell stated that the Police  
68 Department questioned her about what the Town has in place for a noise  
69 ordinance relative to construction. Following research by Ms. Gulla the question  
70 came up as to whether a noise ordinance is a selectmen ordinance or a Town  
71 ordinance. Ms. Blaisdell asked Local Government Center (LGC) for an opinion.  
72 Ms. Blaisdell went over the legal opinion from LGC which ultimately was the  
73 Board does not have the authority to enact a noise ordinance. Chairman Brown  
74 read the Town Ordinance Time Restrictions. Consensus of the Board is they will  
75 rescind this 2006 Ordinance. **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to rescind  
76 the 2006 Town Ordinance Time Restrictions restricting blasting and all  
77 construction Monday through Sunday from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Selectwoman  
78 Copp seconded. Four ayes [Copp, Tombarello, Brown and Nicolaisen] and one  
79 abstention [Devine]. Motion passed. Selectman Devine joined the meeting at  
80 this time – 7:25 P.M.

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82 **Old Business**

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84 **Further discussion regarding Moose Plate Grant application**

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- 86 • Ms. Gulla explained to Board members the issue that has arisen about beginning  
87 repairs on the Old Meetinghouse and the disqualification for receiving the Moose

88 Plate Grant because the work began before the Town was notified of acceptance  
89 which would not happen until August. Ms. Gulla stated the Board must decide if  
90 they want to move forward with the Moose Plate Grant given the fact the painting  
91 project on the Old Meetinghouse is planned to begin in May. If the painting  
92 begins in May the Town will be disqualified. Ms. Gulla stated that she spoke with  
93 David Rochefort about this issue and he feels the summer months are the best  
94 time to paint once August comes moisture becomes an issue. Ms. Gulla stated  
95 she asked Mr. Rochefort about waiting until next year and he said you run the  
96 risk of more damage. Ms. Gulla added she was not sure if by waiting until next  
97 year the Town's runs the risk of losing the Festival of Trees Grant.  
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99 Board members discussed the funds that are now available. Selectwoman Copp  
100 asked what the Moose Plate Grant amount is. Ms. Gulla stated up to  
101 \$10,000.00. Selectwoman Copp's opinion is to wait until August to paint [unless  
102 she hears something different] keeping in mind this is a \$26,000.00 job.  
103 Selectman Nicolaisen was concerned about losing \$20,000.00 in grants.  
104 Selectwoman Copp asked about the non-lapsing warrant article. Ms. Gulla  
105 stated the warrant article was non-lapsing and it was for \$16,000.00. Ms. Gulla  
106 stated the Old Meetinghouse Association said they would put up to \$10,000.00  
107 toward the project. Ms. Gulla stated just before Town Meeting the Festival of  
108 Tree notified the Town they had received a \$10,000.00 grant but she is not sure  
109 if they will put conditions on the grant requiring the work to be done this year.  
110 Selectman Nicolaisen suggested the Board wait until Ms. Gulla finds out if the  
111 Festival of Trees has any restrictions on when the funds have to be used.  
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113 Chairman Brown stated that there is currently a commitment for \$10,000.00 from  
114 the Old Meetinghouse Association and a commitment from the Festival of Trees  
115 for \$10,000.00. Ms. Gulla added the warrant article was for \$16,000.00.  
116 Chairman Brown noted that the Town has all the money needed and a painter  
117 who is ready to start at the best time of the season. Chairman Brown asked why  
118 are we waiting. Selectwoman Copp stated if we go for the Moose Grant and we  
119 get both it doesn't cost the Town anything. Selectman Nicolaisen added this is  
120 the same with the Old Meetinghouse Association they could keep their money.  
121 Selectman Nicolaisen stated it is risky waiting for a grant we are not sure we are  
122 going to get. Selectman Tombarello is concerned about added damage and cost  
123 if the Town waits longer to do the work. Consensus of the Board is to have Ms.  
124 Gulla contact the Festival of Trees and the Old Meetinghouse Association about  
125 using their funds and David Rochefort about the Board's concerns and bring  
126 back the answers to next week's meeting.  
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- 128 • Ms. Blaisdell reminded Board members about their meeting at Lakeside Drive at  
129 5:00 P.M. Selectmen Nicolaisen and Copp will meet at the Town Hall. [Difficulty  
130 hearing the discussion because of AC].  
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- 132 • Ms. Blaisdell brought up the possibility of there being other options for the  
133 irrigation system that could reduce costs. Selectman Tombarello explained that  
134 he met with Ken Sherwood and Ron Dulong about other ways to bring the line  
135 into the Town Hall and how a change in the size of the pipe could save up to  
136 \$200.00. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if this project could begin. [Difficulty  
137 hearing the discussion because of AC]. Ms. Blaisdell feels the difference  
138 [\$403.00] could come out of miscellaneous budget lines given the amount is so  
139 small. Selectman Devine asked if the state has responded regarding the project.  
140 Ms. Blaisdell stated no. Consensus of the Board is to move forward with the  
141 project.

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143 **Correspondence**

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145 Difficulty hearing discussion because of AC.

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147 • Letter from Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) about Audit Non-  
148 Compliance. Ms. Blaisdell stated this has been taken care of adding she was not  
149 aware the Town had to send the reports to DRA.  
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151 • Letter from the Red Cross thanking the Town for the \$2,300.00 contribution.  
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153 • Letter from legal counseling regarding the scheduling order for litigation.  
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155 **Department Liaison Report**

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157 Difficulty hearing discussion because of AC.

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159 • Ms. Blaisdell noted there has been a resignation at the Transfer Station and the  
160 Public Works Director has submitted an application for a person he would like to  
161 hire to replace the individual that is leaving. Board members reviewed the  
162 resignation of John Matte and the job Application of Patrick Gleason. **MOTION:**  
163 Selectman Nicolaisen moved to accept the resignation of John Matte from the  
164 Transfer Station. Selectman Devine seconded. Ms. Blaisdell noted that Mr.  
165 Matte has agreed to fill in at the Transfer Station for vacations if the Board is  
166 okay with this. Consensus of the Board is they are okay with this. Motion  
167 passed unanimously. **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to hire Patrick  
168 Gleason to work at the Transfer Station starting immediately pending a  
169 background check. Starting pay is \$9.00/hour and when certified pay will be  
170 \$10.00/hour. Selectwoman Copp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
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172 • Selectman Nicolaisen reminded everyone the Conservation Commission fishing  
173 derby is this Saturday at 7:00 A.M. at Sal's Pond and he then thanked everyone  
174 for helping with the clean up at the Minton property.  
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- 176 • Selectman Tombarello reminded everyone that the skate park at Miller Field has  
177 been shut down and funding is needed to repair it. Selectmen Tombarello has  
178 asked the Police Department to monitor the Field. Selectman Tombarello also  
179 contacted the Police Department after the tragedy in Greenland to let the Police  
180 Chief know the Town supports their involvement in the services to be held this  
181 week. Chairman Brown thanked the Sandown Police Department for their work.  
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- 183 • Selectman Devine informed the Board that the House passed the bill officially  
184 naming Sal's Pond in Sandown.  
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186 **Acceptance of Non-Public Minutes**  
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- 188 • Board members reviewed the Non-Public Minutes of April 2, 2012. **MOTION:**  
189 Chairman Brown moved to accept the Non-Public Minutes of April 2, 2012 as  
190 written. Selectman Nicolaisen seconded. Four ayes [Copp, Brown, Nicolaisen  
191 and Devine] and one abstention [Tombarello]. Motion passed.  
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- 193 • Board members reviewed the second set of Non-Public Minutes of April 2, 2012.  
194 **MOTION:** Chairman Brown moved to accept the second set of Non-Public  
195 Minutes of April 2, 2012 as written. Selectman Nicolaisen seconded. Four ayes  
196 [Copp, Brown, Nicolaisen and Devine] and one abstention [Tombarello]. Motion  
197 passed.  
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199 **Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:3 II (a) Employee Matters and (e) Litigation**  
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- 201 • **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA  
202 91-A:3 II (a) Employee Matters, (b) Hiring and (e) Litigation. Selectwoman Copp  
203 seconded. Roll call: Copp – aye, Tombarello – ayes, Brown – aye, Nicolaisen –  
204 aye and Devine – aye. Motion passed unanimously.  
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206 **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to come out of Non-Public Session.  
207 Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
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209 Chairman Brown announced while in Non-Public Session the Board agreed to  
210 seal the Non-Public Session Minutes.  
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212 **MOTION:** Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.  
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214 Respectfully Submitted,  
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218 Cynthia J. Robinson  
219 Recording Secretary