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Town of Sandown, NH Board of Selectmen Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 23, 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), James Devine (Devine), Lynne Blaisdell, Office Manager and Cynthia J. Robinson, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Late to arrive:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes of previous meetings

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- Board members reviewed the Minutes of April 9, 2012. **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to accept the Minutes of Monday, April 9, 2012 as written. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Selectman Tombarello noted in the minutes on line 88 it states Ms. Blaisdell asked someone to look at the electrical box and he agreed to do this and he did. Selectman Tombarello and Ron Dulong looked at the electrical box and they found spare circuits and breakers so it is all set for the new bathroom. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Board members reviewed the Non-Public Minutes of April 9, 2012. **MOTION:** Selectman Devine moved to accept the Non-Public Minutes of April 9, 2012 as written. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

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- Ms. Blaisdell informed the Board she did finally make contact with the NH Department of Transportation regarding the irrigation system. They stated no permits are required and the irrigation system must be kept back ten (10) feet from the edge of the pavement and no water can spray into the roadway.
 - Selectwoman Copp thanked everyone who was out picking up trash along the roadway on Sunday.
 - Ms. Blaisdell noted the table in the back of the room that has miscellaneous items on it. These are items that were cleaned out of the closet to make way for

44 the bathroom. Ms. Blaisdell noted that some of the items do not work or are out
45 of date. She would like the Board's permission to through them out [keyboard,
46 speakers, scanner]. Consensus of the Board is to offer them to the public; any
47 one interested in them can come to Town Hall to see if they want them. The
48 items will be left upstairs until closing this Thursday then they can be thrown out.
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51 **David Rochefort, Old Meeting House Association Members and**
52 **Paula Gulla, Office Assistant**
53 **Further discussion regarding grants and painting of Old Meeting House**
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- 55 • Present for this discussion were: David Rochefort, Eleanor Bassett, Carroll
56 Bassett and Paula Gulla. Ms. Gulla explained her follow up conversation with the
57 Festival of Tress regarding putting off the painting until next year. They are
58 willing to work with the Town. Ms. Gulla would like a decision from the Board
59 tonight because if they go forward with the grant it has to be sent in this week.
60 Mr. Rochefort stated he doesn't have a problem waiting until next year but he
61 can't guarantee painting in the fall. Mr. Rochefort has the time now. Chairman
62 Brown asked about pricing change. Mr. Rochefort stated there would be no
63 pricing change and further damage to the building is not likely. Ms. Bassett
64 stated the members of the Association want it done now. Mr. Bassett wants to
65 encourage the Board to move forward with the project now because the Town
66 has all the money need they don't need the Moose Plate Grant.
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68 Selectman Nicolaisen stated he agrees with Mr. Bassett to move forward with the
69 project adding the Moose Plate Grant is a gamble. Selectwoman Copp would
70 like to put the project off until August. Selectwoman Copp questioned Mr.
71 Rochefort about his scheduling. Mr. Rochefort explained how putting the project
72 off until later this summer could cost him other jobs. Selectmen Tombarello and
73 Devine agree the project should move forward now. Following discussion the
74 consensus of the Board is to move forward with the project now. Selectwoman
75 Copp wants residents to know that only \$6,000.00 of the \$16,000.00 will be used
76 for the project.
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78 **New Business**

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80 **Appointment of Joint Loss Management Committee members**
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- 82 • Ms. Blaisdell explained that the terms of two members on the Joint Loss
83 Management Committee have expired and new members need to be appointed.
84 **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to appoint Joe Gordon, Michelle Short,
85 Ron Dulong and Paula Gulla to the Joint Loss Management Committee for a
86 term to end in March of 2013. Selectman Nicolaisen seconded. Motion passed
87 unanimously.

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89 Chairman Brown apologized to the public for having to go into Non-Public Session so
90 frequently. Chairman Brown explained the reason for going into Non-Public in the
91 middle of the meeting is to respect the time of the people who have to come to the
92 meeting.
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94 **Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:3 II (b) Hiring**

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96 • **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA
97 91-A:3 II (b) Hiring. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Roll call: Copp – aye,
98 Tombarello – ayes, Brown –aye, Nicolaisen – aye and Devine – aye. Motion
99 passed unanimously.

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101 **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to come out of Non-Public Session.
102 Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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104 Chairman Brown announced while in Non-Public Session the Board voted to seal
105 the Non-Public Session Minutes.
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108 **Correspondence**

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110 • Letter from the Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding an abatement request.
111 The Board of Tax and Land Appeals are asking the Town to settle this matter by
112 August 15, 2012. Ms. Blaisdell stated the Assessors would be discussing this
113 with the petitioner. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if anyone wants to be present
114 during the discussion. Selectwoman Copp will be present with Selectmen
115 Tombarello and Devine as backup.
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117 • Letter from legal counsel regarding the release pertaining to a litigation case.
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119 • Letter from legal counsel regarding the Structuring Conference Order on another
120 litigation case.
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122 **Department Liaison Report**

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124 • Selectman Devine noted the Planning Board held a public hearing for a
125 subdivision and the subcommittee for the Master Plan are looking at an Energy
126 chapter and the Library reviewed their financial report, status of computers and
127 the memorial bench.
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129 • Selectman Tombarello noted the joint venture with Plaistow where they held the
130 senior luncheon. Approximately 60 people showed up.
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132 A Boy Scout spoke to the Recreation Commission about working on a new sign
133 and flagpole for the Ed Garvey Recreation Building as an Eagle Scout project.

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135 Water at Miller Field has been tested and turned back on.

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- 138 • Selectwoman Copp pointed out there is no Sandown representation at the Vic
139 Geary Center. Ms. Blaisdell stated she had notified them of the appointment of
140 Selectwoman Copp but apparently they had already given away Sandown's seat

141 The Budget Committee will be meeting the last week of July. Selectwoman Copp
142 is working on the schedule and has been in touch with Vice Chairman Bruce
143 Cleveland. As soon as the schedule is ready she will get it to Ms. Blaisdell.

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145 The Fire Chief informed Selectwoman Copp that the generator at the fire station
146 would not support the Town Hall. Ms. Blaisdell stated the Emergency
147 Management Director has plans to apply for a grant for a generator for the Town
148 Hall.

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150 With regard to Cable, WHAV is not being telecast because the computer failed.
151 Cable is meeting tomorrow night to discuss the purchase of a new computer.

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153 **Old Business**

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- 155 • Chairman Brown asked what came out of the walk down to Lakeside Drive.
156 Selectwoman Copp stated the right of way was not obstructed when they were at
157 the site. A property owner mowing grass and the possibility of eminent domain
158 bothers Mr. Millard. The Town's engineer informed them that New Hampshire
159 does not have eminent domain. Mr. Millard feels the property should remain
160 natural. Selectwoman Copp stated the Town's engineer is going to look into who
161 owns the right of way. Ms. Blaisdell stated she has looked into it and the Town
162 does not own the right of way. Chairman Brown clarified the fact that if the Town
163 doesn't own the right of way this is a civil matter. Selectman Nicolaisen stated
164 the stone wall in question abuts Grandview Terrace, which is a Town road and
165 the Town's engineer was going to look into the ownership of the stonewall.

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167 **Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:3 II (a) Employee Matters**

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- 169 • **MOTION:** Selectwoman Copp moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA
170 91-A:3 II (a) Employee Matters. Selectman Tombarello seconded. Roll call:
171 Copp – aye, Tombarello – ayes, Brown –aye, Nicolaisen – aye and Devine – aye.
172 Motion passed unanimously.

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174 **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to come out of Non-Public Session.
175 Selectman Nicolaisen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

176 Chairman Brown announced while in Non-Public Session the Board voted to seal
177 the Non-Public Session Minutes.

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179 **MOTION:** Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

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181 Respectfully Submitted,

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185 Cynthia J. Robinson
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