

1                                   **Town of Sandown, NH**  
2                                   **Board of Selectmen**  
3                                   **Minutes**  
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5 Meeting Date: Monday, February 11, 2013

6 Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

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

8 Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall

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

12 Absent:

13 Late to arrive:

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

15 Pledge of Allegiance  
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17                                   **Review of minutes of previous meetings**  
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- 19                   • There were no minutes to review this evening.  
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21                                   **Public Comment and Announcements**  
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- 23                   • Selectman Nicolaisen thanked the Public Works Director and his crew for their  
24 hard work during the recent blizzard.  
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26                   • Chief Joseph Gordon asked when the bidding closed on the cruiser. Ms.  
27 Blaisdell stated this Thursday. Chief Gordon will check with Ms. Blaisdell after  
28 the holiday.  
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31 **Appointments**  
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33                                   **Christopher Short, Deputy Treasurer**  
34                                   **Discussion regarding status of position**  
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- 36                   • Christopher Short, Deputy Treasurer was present for this discussion. Chairman  
37 Brown explained Mr. Short was invited to meet with the Board to discuss the  
38 change in Treasurer and Finance Director and whether he wants to continue  
39 being the Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Short explained his role as Deputy Treasurer  
40 while working with the former Treasurer. Mr. Short stated if the new Treasurer  
41 wants the Deputy Treasurer to take on a more active role it would not be  
42 something he could do.  
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44 Chairman Brown stated he does not believe that is the case, the Board just  
45 wanted to make sure he was still interested in the position. Mr. Short stated he is  
46 still interested in the position as it is now.

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48 **Susan Godin, Cable Committee Member**  
49 **Update and status of Comcast Cable negotiations**  
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- 51 • Present for this discussion were: Betsy Donahue-Davis, Susan Godin and  
52 Richard Lewis of the Cable Committee. Susan Godin is currently the Acting  
53 Chairperson for the Committee. Ms. Godin explained the Committee is working  
54 on the new contract between the Town of Sandown and Comcast because the  
55 current one is due to expire in July of 2014. The Committee has met with  
56 Comcast and will be receiving the new contract. Ms. Godin asked the Board if  
57 they want copies of the contact. Ms. Donahue-Davis would like a selectman  
58 involved even though they will be having their attorney review the contact.  
59 Selectman Devine stated he was involved with the original contact fourteen years  
60 ago. Selectman Devine will be the selectmen's representative for negotiations.  
61 Ms. Blaisdell stated that Cable is an advisory board set up to negotiate this  
62 contact but ultimately the Board of Selectmen has the final say.  
63 Selectman Nicolaisen asked if the Town's counsel has knowledge of this type of  
64 negotiation. Ms. Godin stated they got the name of an attorney who is familiar  
65 with this type of negotiation from other towns. Ms. Godin stated they have met  
66 with Comcast; they will be talking to other departments and will be holding an  
67 information meeting for the general public with Comcast present. Selectwoman  
68 Copp noted there needs to be a public hearing held sometime during the  
69 negotiation process. Ms. Blaisdell recommended the Committee check with their  
70 attorney for a schedule. Anyone interested in volunteering or being a technician  
71 for Cable should call the Selectmen's Office.

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73 **Non-Public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation**  
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- 75 • This discussion was postponed.

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77 **New Business**  
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79 **Quotes for Library and Train Depot**  
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- 81 • Ms. Blaisdell noted two quotes from Faxon Pump that came in after the agenda  
82 was written. One is for the library to replace the cap and chlorinate the well in  
83 the amount of \$252,50 plus an additional \$75.00 and \$30.00 if they take the  
84 water samples to the lab. Ms. Blaisdell felt the Town's Health Officer could do  
85 this. Ms. Blaisdell explained the cap is cracked causing water testing to come  
86 back showing bacteria. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if it was okay to move  
87 forward with this work. Selectman Tombarello noted the error in math the total

88 should be \$252.00 and the Health Officer feels this is urgent. Consensus of the  
89 Board is to move forward with this project.  
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91 The other quote is for the Train Depot. Ms. Blaisdell was not sure if this was  
92 discussed in the past. Ms. Blaisdell stated it is her understanding the water  
93 heater is in the vicinity of the electrical panel and needs to be moved. Selectman  
94 Tombarello stated he mentioned this to Bruce Robinson and told him it has to be  
95 corrected. Selectman Tombarello stated they would relocate the pressure tank  
96 and install a new water heater just for the kitchen. Selectwoman Copp pointed  
97 out there still is no plan it is all just piecemeal they need to have an all over plan  
98 for the Depot. Selectman Nicolaisen agrees but this is a safety hazard and  
99 needs to be done. Ms. Blaisdell stated she believes the water in this area has  
100 been drained and turned off only the furnace is operating. Consensus of the  
101 Board is to have Bruce Robinson come to a meeting in a couple weeks to  
102 discuss a plan for repairs to the Depot.  
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#### 104 Other

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- 106 • Selectwoman Copp asked if the letter from North American Power was another  
107 company offering discounted electrical rates. Ms. Blaisdell stated no but she  
108 heard from NextEra and they need a letter stating the Town does not want to  
109 continue with the contract. Ms. Blaisdell will put together a letter for the Board to  
110 sign.  
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#### 112 Discussion regarding request for distribution of brochures for 113 Senior Affairs Transportation Program at town election 114

- 115 • Chairman Brown recapped for the Board the request from the Senior Affairs  
116 Transportation Program to hand out brochures in the Town Hall on Election Day.  
117 Ms. Blaisdell stated she checked with the Town Clerk and this type of activity  
118 should not take place within the polling area. Chairman Brown stated they want  
119 a table and a person present. Ms. Blaisdell stated based on that they should be  
120 downstairs with the other people/groups. Board members were agreeable to this  
121 and Selectman Tombarello will let the Program know of the Board's decision.  
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123 Selectman Tombarello brought up the donation of gas cards to the Program and  
124 how does the Board want them handled. Chairman Brown feels they belong to  
125 the Program and don't need to come before the Board. Selectman Nicolaisen  
126 stated the members of the Program were asked to have their minutes reflect the  
127 donation(s) of any gas cards. Selectman Tombarello will pass this on to the  
128 Program.

129 Selectwoman Copp noted discrepancies in the brochure having to do with the  
130 need for car seats and services being for 55 years and old. Consensus of the  
131 Board is to bring this to the Programs attention.

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**Other**

- Ms. Blaisdell brought up the Finance payroll she had spoken to some Board members about and it being \$13,000.00 in one month. Ms. Blaisdell stated two things had to do with this, the extra \$6,400.00 for the bathroom and there was an extra \$6,000.00 from MRI that should have been for Assessing so there is no issue with the Finance payroll.

**Old Business**

- There was no old business.

**Correspondence**

- Letter from North American Power regarding discounted rates.
- Letter from Public Service of NH inviting Board members to their informational breakfast and luncheons in February and March. Let Ms. Blaisdell know if you wish to attend.
- New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is requesting renewal of membership. Board would like to know more about this organization. Ms. Blaisdell will look into this.

**Department Liaison Report**

- Selectman Tombarello expressed his disappointment in the turnout for deliberative session.

**Non-Public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation**

- **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91A:3 II (c) Reputation. Selectman Nicolaisen seconded. Roll call: Copp – aye, Tombarello – aye, Brown – aye, Nicolaisen – aye and Devine – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to close the non-public session. Selectman Nicolaisen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Brown announced while in non-public session the Board voted to seal the minutes.

**MOTION:** Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:09 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Robinson  
Recording Secretary