

1 **Town of Sandown, NH**
2 **Board of Selectmen**
3 **Minutes**
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5 Meeting Date: Monday, December 30, 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: Terry Treanor (Treanor), Tom Tombarello (Tombarello), Hans
10 Nicolaisen (Nicolaisen), James Devine (Devine), Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator
11 and Cynthia J. Robinson, Recording Secretary

12 Absent:

13 Late to arrive:

14 Departed Meeting:

15 Call to Order: Chairman Tombarello called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

16 Pledge of Allegiance
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18 **Review of minutes of previous meetings**
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- 20 • There were no minutes to review this evening.
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22 **Public Comment**
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- 24 • Deb Brown, Recreation Coordinator, was present to remind residents starting
25 tomorrow at 1:00 P.M. they can start their New Year with a presentation of Mad
26 Science Fire and Ice Show for ages 5 to 12 years. There is a snow date for
27 Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. A parent must supervise children.
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29 Ms. Brown informed the Board that the Recreation Department has turned over
30 to the Town \$56,000.00 in revenue to the General Fund from the various
31 recreation programs.
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- 33 • Chairman Tombarello announced that the Transfer Station will be closed on New
34 Year's Day. Saturday the Transfer Station will be open its regular hours [8:00
35 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.] and Sunday they will open two hours earlier than their regular
36 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. hours.
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38 **Further review of proposed 2014 Warrant Articles**
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- 40 • Paula Gulla, Selectmen's Assistant, was present for this discussion. Ms. Gulla
41 went over the rewording for the house number warrant article. Ms. Gulla asked
42 Board members what they want as far as how the fine money will be used. Will
43 fines go to purchase and install the house number or will the money go into the

44 General Fund. Chairman Tombarello asked Ms. Blaisdell what the current
45 process is. Ms. Blaisdell stated currently the resident is given two written
46 warnings. If they do not install the number the fine is issued and the money goes
47 into the General Fund. The Highway Department then purchases the post and
48 number and installs it. Board members were okay with the rewording.

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50 Board members were okay with the insertion of \$215,000.00 for the Road
51 Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

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53 Board members were okay with the insertion of \$12,500.00 for exterior painting,
54 re-glazing of windows to preserve the Train Depot and Museum. Ms. Gulla noted
55 they have applied to the Festival of Trees for a grant. Ms. Gulla asked the Board
56 if they want to make any changes to the 1982 warrant article regarding the
57 arrangements for the Depot. Consensus of the Board is to meet with the
58 Historical Society after the New Year.

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60 Ms. Gulla explained there is a “housekeeping” issue with an ordinance that was
61 passed in 1998 relating to Stock at Large. An incorrect RSA was quoted in the
62 original warrant that relates to the City Council rather than the Board of
63 Selectmen. Ms. Gulla explained the current ordinance relates to both public and
64 private property noting the selectmen only has authority over public land not
65 private. Police Chief Gordon feels the ordinance should be removed and he will
66 look into the laws relative to the definition of what a domestic animal is.
67 Consensus of the Board is to hold off on this until Chief Gordon does his
68 research.

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70 The next two warrant articles relate to the Philips Road Bridge [\$60,000.00] and
71 the Fremont Road Bridge [\$90,00.00]. Ms. Gulla stated the non-lapsing warrant
72 articles are only good for five years and she wondered how the Town would get
73 reimbursed if the Bridge Aid Program wasn’t available until 2022. Ms. Gulla
74 spoke with a representative from Hoyle-Tanner and she was informed the Town
75 would be reimbursed. Ms. Gulla asked the Board if they want to go through with
76 both warrant articles and she explained the options that the Town has. There
77 was discussion regarding the use of the words “may be reimbursed”. Ms. Gulla
78 stated it is worded this way in the event Bridge Aid is not funded. There was
79 discussion about removing the wording where the money is specifically for the
80 engineering study. Consensus of the Board is to change the wording of the
81 warrant article for the Philips Road Bridge so the money is not earmarked for a
82 specific job.

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84 Consensus of the Board is they are okay with the Fremont Road Bridge warrant
85 article. A representative of Hoyle-Tanner will be invited to a future meeting.

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88 **New Business**

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- 90 • There was no new business before the Board.
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92 **Old Business**

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- 94 • There was no old business before the Board.
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96 **Correspondence**

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- 98 • Letter from Comcast regarding pricing changes. Addition information regarding
99 this can be obtained by calling Comcast or the Board of Selectmen's Office.
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 - 101 • Letter from legal counsel regarding a court case currently before the Town.
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 - 103 • Letter from a resident expressing their opinion regarding the court case currently
104 before the Town.
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 - 106 • Ms. Blaisdell stated the Sandown Baseball Association is requesting permission
107 to place their sign up signs on Town property. Consensus of the Board is they
108 are okay with this request. Ms. Blaisdell stated they have a website where
109 residents can sign up.
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111 **Department Liaison Report**

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- 113 • Selectman Devine stated there will be a snowshoe walk through the Town trails
114 on January 15, 2014.
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- 116 Conservation Commission is currently updating their trails information.
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- 118 • Selectman Nicolaisen reminded everyone of the changes in the Transfer Station
119 hours.
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121 **MOTION:** Chairman Tombarello moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91A:3 II
122 (d) Property. Selectman Devine seconded. Roll call: Devine – aye, Nicolaisen – aye,
123 Tombarello – aye and Treanor – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

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125 **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman
126 Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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128 Chairman Tombarello announced while in non-public session the Board voted to seal
129 the non-public minutes.

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132 Chairman Tombarello adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia J. Robinson

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Recording Secretary