

1 **Town of Sandown, NH**
2 **Board of Selectmen**
3 **Minutes**
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5 Meeting Date: Monday, January 20, 2014

6 Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

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

8 Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall – Selectmen’s Office

9 Present: Selectpersons: Tom Tombarello (Tombarello), Terry Treanor (Treanor), 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 7:05 P.M.

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17 **Nelson Rheume, Moderator**
18 **Preparation for Deliberative Session**
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20 Town moderator, Nelson Rheume asked to meet with the board briefly to give some
21 updates from a recent moderator training he attended. Mr. Rheume learned that
22 petition warrant articles can no longer start with “To see if...” Selectman Devine and
23 Selectman Nicolaisen both asked why they made this change. Mr. Rheume didn’t
24 have an explanation as to why but that this was something presented at the training.
25 The selectmen stated they will address this later in the meeting when they talk about the
26 warrant articles.

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28 Mr. Rheume also recommended posting a snow date for deliberative session to hold
29 the session within 72 hours after the original posting date. The selectmen chose
30 Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 pm here at Town Hall as an alternate date in the
31 event of snow on February 1st. Notices will be posted and the website will be updated.
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33 Mr. Rheume also stated he will be amending the Rules of Deliberative Session
34 removing items #3 which states that petition warrant articles may be discussed first and
35 item #19 which states that the moderator will vote to break a tie or to create a tie.
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37 He also gave the selectmen a list of items he would like available for the meeting. Ms.
38 Blaisdell will be sure Mr. Rheume has what he needs including a list of which
39 selectmen will place the warrant articles on the floor for discussion.
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41 Lastly, Mr. Rheume wanted to make the board aware of legislative changes that took
42 effect this year including the authority to create a contingency fund and changes to
43 capital reserve expenditures. The selectmen thanked him for that information and

44 informed Mr. Rheume they received that information from town counsel a few months
45 ago and considered that during this warrant article season.

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47 **Further discussion regarding proposed 2014 Warrant Articles**

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49 Chairman Tombarello asked Ms. Blaisdell what was still needed to complete the warrant
50 articles. Ms. Blaisdell stated that there are a couple articles that need further review of
51 language and some that needed complete recommendations.

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53 Warrant Article A: Ms. Blaisdell asked the board for their recommendations on this
54 article. Recommendations were as follows: Treanor-yes, Nicolaisen-yes, Devine-yes
55 and Tombarello-yes. Article will be recommended by the Selectmen 4-0-0.

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57 Warrant Article E: Ms. Blaisdell explained to Chairman Tombarello that at the Jan. 20th
58 meeting she asked the board if they wanted to consider removing this article from the
59 warrant since there is no recommendation from the Selectmen. She wanted the board
60 to consider that the public will most likely ask why the article is on if the board doesn't
61 support it. The other board members wanted to wait until this meeting to get Chairman
62 Tombarello's input. After some discussion, Chairman Tombarello felt that numbering is
63 important enough to put it out to the people to decide and the article will be
64 recommended by the Selectmen as follows: Treanor-yes, Nicolaisen-no, Devine-yes
65 and Tombarello-yes. Recommended 3-1-0.

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67 Warrant Article H: Ms. Blaisdell explained that last week an amendment was made to
68 the dollar amount of this article. It was increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Chairman
69 Tombarello was asked if this would change his recommendation previously made on
70 this article and he stated, no, he still feels the same.

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72 Warrant Article J: Ms. Blaisdell pointed out to the board that the last sentence was
73 added last week to help clarify the article and asked Chairman Tombarello if he still
74 recommends the article. Chairman Tombarello does still recommend the article and the
75 article will not be recommended by the Selectmen 4-0-0.

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77 Warrant Article O: Ms. Blaisdell explained that this article was added at the last meeting
78 and needs Chairman Tombarello's recommendation. Chairman Tombarello
79 recommends the article and will be entered on the ballot as recommended by the
80 Selectmen 4-0-0.

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82 Special Warrant Article P: This draft of the warrant shows two different options to chose
83 from for wording of the article. The italic version is alternate wording provided by the
84 Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). She preferred this language to best
85 explain the process. Town counsel has reviewed this new language and has no
86 problem with this new wording. Selectmen agreed to move forward with the new
87 language and made the following choice to recommend: Treanor-yes, Nicolaisen-yes,

88 Devine-yes and Tombarello-yes. The article will be recommended by the Selectmen 4-
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91 Special Warrant Article Q: Last week at the selectmen's meeting final wording and
92 amounts were added to the article and needs Chairman Tombarello's recommendation.
93 Chairman Tombarello does recommend and the article will be recommended by the
94 Selectmen 4-0-0.

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96 Petition Warrant Article R: Mr. Rheume made comment that articles can no longer
97 begin with "To see if..." The selectmen agreed this article is a petition and cannot be
98 changed until deliberative session by the governing body. Ms. Blaisdell also asked that
99 Chairman Tombarello give his recommendation. Chairman Tombarello does not
100 recommend this article and it will be not recommended by the Selectmen 0-3-1.

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102 Warrant Article S: This article was amended by the selectmen to change "To see if the
103 town will support beginning in 2015 moving....." to "Shall the town beginning in 2015
104 move....." This article is a non binding question and needs no recommendations.

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106 The board now discussed the ordering of the articles and who will place the article on
107 the floor for discussion. Below is the following decisions:

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109 Article A: # 2 Tombarello
110 Article B: # 5 Nicolaisen
111 Article C: #17 Devine
112 Article D: # 8 Devine
113 Article E: #18 Tombarello
114 Article F: #11 Nicolaisen
115 Article G: #12 Devine
116 Article H: #14 Nicolaisen
117 Article I: #15 Devine
118 Article J: #13 Nicolaisen
119 Article K: # 7 Nicolaisen
120 Article L: # 6 Nicolaisen
121 Article M: #16 Tombarello
122 Article N: # 9 Nicolaisen
123 Article O: #10 Tombarello
124 Article P: #3 Tombarello
125 Article Q: #4 Tombarello
126 Article R: #19 Nicolaisen
127 Article S: #20 Tombarello

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Chief Joseph Gordon
Update on 460 Main Street Purchase

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Chief Gordon was present to give the board an update on the progress for the proposed purchase of 460 Main Street. He stated the signed Purchase and Sales Agreement (P&S) was delivered to the realtor. As indicated in the P&S, all inspections must be completed within 10 days of signing by both parties. Mr. David Rand will be inspecting the property on Thursday at 9:00 am and the health officer will be taking water samples. Thompson Title Company will be the closing attorney and a copy of the P&S has been forwarded to them to begin the title search. An addendum is in the process of being signed that clarifies the purchase includes both the building and land it is situated on as well as the previously approved subdivided lot in front of the building.

Chairman Tombarello adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Blaisdell
Town Administrator