

1 **Town of Sandown, NH**
2 **Board of Selectmen**
3 **Minutes**
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5 Meeting Date: Monday, February 24, 2014
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) and Cynthia J. Robinson, Recording
11 Secretary
12 Absent: Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator
13 Late to arrive:
14 Departed Meeting:
15 Call to Order: Chairman Tombarello called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
16 Pledge of Allegiance
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20 **Review of minutes of previous meetings**
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22 Selectman Treanor left the meeting at this time.

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- 24 • Board members reviewed the minutes of February 3, 2014. **MOTION:**
25 Selectman Nicolaisen moved to accept the minutes of February 3, 2014 as
26 written. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
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28 Board members reviewed the minutes of February 10, 2014. **MOTION:**
29 Selectman Nicolaisen moved to accept the minutes of February 10, 2014 as
30 written. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
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32 **Public Comment**
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- 34 • No public comment.
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36 **Fire Chief Tapley**
37 **Review of draft ambulance contract with Trinity EMS, Inc**
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- 39 • Chief Wilfred Tapley was present for this discussion. Chief Tapley stated there
40 were a couple changes to the contract but it is basically the same as the previous
41 one. Chief Tapley noted that none of the changes affect the Town; it is still a
42 zero bid contract. Chief Tapley went over the changes with the Board. Chief

43 Tapley stated the Town of Atkinson had their legal counsel review the contract
44 and found no issues.

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46 Selectman Treanor returned to the meeting at this time.

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48 The contract is for a total of five years with a review in three years. Consensus
49 of the Board is to sign the contract.

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51 Chairman Tombarello asked Chief Tapley about any activity taking place at the
52 fire department. Chief Tapley described their call activity and policy changes.

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54 **Historical Society in to discuss status of agreement**

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56 • Present for this discussion were: Bruce Robinson and Robert Brouder from the
57 Historical Society. Chairman Tombarello talked about the agreement the Board
58 gave to the Historical Society to sign, which appears to have been signed but
59 with changes. Selectman Nicolaisen noted that because the Society did not
60 respond to the office staff about coming to the meeting tonight Board members
61 did not bring their material relating to this topic with them. Mr. Brouder noted the
62 change in the hours the Depot would be open. Chairman Tombarello expressed
63 reluctance to review yet another contract but stated he would like to end this
64 discussion tonight. Mr. Robinson described the changes he made in the
65 document the Society presented to the Board a couple weeks ago. Selectman
66 Nicolaisen stated he was sticking with the agreement the Board presented to the
67 Society a couple weeks ago noting the document the Society is presenting is not
68 that agreement.

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70 Chairman Tombarello recapped what took place two weeks earlier with regard to
71 the Board giving their agreement to the Society to take back to a meeting and
72 sign. Selectman Nicolaisen stated now the Society has presented the Board with
73 their own agreement. Chairman Tombarello asked Mr. Robinson if they are
74 going to sign the Board's agreement. Mr. Robinson stated there is no protection
75 for the Society in the Board's agreement. Chairman Tombarello again asked Mr.
76 Robinson and Mr. Brouder if they were going to sign the agreement. Mr. Brouder
77 stated if the Board removes the paragraph about the period of time the Depot
78 can be open.

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80 There was back and forth discussion about the warrant article [1982] and RSA
81 dealing with who is responsible for Town property. There was discussion about
82 changing the period of time the Depot would be open. Consensus of the Board
83 is to not change anything in the Board's agreement. The Board directed the
84 Society members to come back tomorrow to the Selectmen's Office and sign the
85 Board's agreement.

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87 **New Business**

88 **Review and discussion regarding request to waive rental fees for**
89 **NH Wildcats cheerleading**

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- 91 • Board members reviewed the email from the NH Jr. Wildcats regarding their
92 request to have the rental fees waived for the use of the Town Hall. Chairman
93 Tombarello briefed the Board on the information he obtained from Ms. Gulla
94 regarding this organizations ability to comply with the rental policy and it appears
95 they can. Consensus of the Board is they agree to waive the rental fee.

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97 **Review of 2014 mileage rates**

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- 99 • Board members reviewed the 2014 mileage rates issued by the IRS that took
100 effect on January 1, 2014. Chairman Tombarello noted the new rate is \$.56.
101 **MOTION:** Selectman Nicolaisen moved to set the new mileage reimbursement
102 rate at \$.56/mile to take effect on January 1, 2014. Selectman Devine seconded.
103 Motion passed unanimously.

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105 **Old Business**

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107 **Follow up on resident's concern about paper recycling**

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- 109 • Selectman Nicolaisen stated he spoke to the Public Works Director who pointed
110 out there are two paper recycling bins at the Transfer Station. Anyone who has
111 questions about recycling can ask the attendants at the Transfer Station.
112 Selectman Nicolaisen stated when renegotiation of the contract for recyclables
113 comes up the recycling of all plastics will be discussed.

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115 **Discuss final schedule for election coverage on March 11th**

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- 117 • Selectman Nicolaisen will not be available on March 11th and Selectman Devine
118 is on the ballot. Chairman Tombarello stated he spoke with Town Clerk Michelle
119 Short and she stated the selectman do not have to be in the building they just
120 need to be available for any questions. Selectmen Treanor stated he would be
121 available from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Chairman
122 Tombarello will be available from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. through
123 the count.

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125 **Correspondence**

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- 127 • Letter from a concerned resident who is having an issue with Comcast regarding
128 a charge for a converter box that was returned three years ago. It has been
129 pointed out to this resident that the selectmen are the regulating body for
130 Comcast. By copy of this letter, Robert Nickerson is requesting that the

131 Selectmen as the regulatory body for Comcast require them to resolve this issue
132 prior to renewing their license. Chairman Tombarello will take this issue to the
133 next Cable meeting.

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- 135 • Letter from Michael Pelletier of Municipal Resources Inc. regarding the DRA
136 sales ratio survey.
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 - 138 • Letter from Comcast regarding their merger with Time Warner.
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140 **Department Liaison Report**

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- 142 • Selectman Nicolaisen stated there is an open position on the Recreation
143 Commission. The Commission will be accepting Letter of Interest until Friday.
144 Contact the Recreation Director at 887-1872.
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 - 146 • Selectman Treanor thanked Donna Green for her efforts to bring down the school
147 budget.
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149 Chairman Tombarello adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Robinson
Recording Secretary