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49 **Mr. Timothy La Porte**  
50 **Discuss proposed Eagle Scout Project**  
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- 52 • Timothy La Porte from Troop 268 was here tonight to present to the Board of  
53 Selectmen his proposed Eagle Scout Project. Mr. La Porte handed out a printed  
54 version of his power point presentation. Mr. La Porte's project will be to build a  
55 70 foot walkway from the bottom of the hill behind the library parking lot to the top  
56 of the hill. Mr. La Porte stated that the reason he picked this project was so  
57 people would not have to walk on the main road thus making travel from the  
58 school, library and Town beach much safer.  
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60 Mr. La Porte showed his design plans that incorporates a change in the slope.  
61 Mr. La Porte stated he was unable to accommodate the handicapped because of  
62 the steep slope. Mr. La Porte's design includes retaining walls on both sides of  
63 the walkway. This project will be construction in phases due to the need to do  
64 fundraising. This project proposal is for three seasons and will not interfere with  
65 snowplowing.  
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67 Mr. La Porte went over his list of supplies, which will result in the project costing  
68 approximately \$3,800. Mr. La Porte went over his fundraising ideas, which  
69 include but will not be limited to; selling firewood bundles, sell concessions at  
70 sports and Town events and outside the Transfer Station, hold bake sales, car  
71 wash, hand made cribbage boards, etc.  
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73 Chairman Nicolaisen sees this as an ambitious project. Selectman Brown asked  
74 when the project will get started and how long it will take. Mr. La Porte stated he  
75 would start around April of next year so that he can do some fundraising and he  
76 has five years until he is 18 years old. Consensus of the Board is they are okay  
77 that the project will not be handicapped accessible where it is an Eagle Scout  
78 Project. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to allow Timothy La Porte to move  
79 forward with his Eagle Scout Project. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion  
80 passed unanimously. Chairman Nicolaisen will be the Board's liaison for this  
81 Project. Ms. Blaisdell asked if the library has approved the Project. Ms. Blaisdell  
82 brought to Troop Master Tim Robinson's attention that there are some new  
83 insurance requirements that will have to be addressed in the future when the  
84 Project begins. Pete Stock, Trustee for the Sandown Library stated the Library  
85 would support this project. Chairman Nicolaisen signed the required paperwork  
86 for this Project.  
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89 **Cable TV Advisory Board**  
90 **Discussion regarding proposed Comcast Agreement**

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- 92 • Ms. Blaisdell stated the Acting Chairperson, Lorraine Borin informed her that the  
93 paperwork is not ready so it was not available for Board members to review over  
94 the weekend. The Advisory Board will be at next week's meeting and then on  
95 April 21, 2014.

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97 **New Business**

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99 **Review request for reappointment for Joint Loss Management**  
100 **Committee (JLMC) members**

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- 102 • Board members reviewed the memo from the Joint Loss Management  
103 Committee who is requesting the reappoint of four members and the appointment  
104 of a new member all of whose term will expire in March of 2015. **MOTION:**  
105 Selectmen Brown moved to reappoint to the JLMC for a term to expire in March  
106 of 2015 the following members: Police Chief Joseph Gordon, Town Clerk  
107 Michelle Short, Custodian Ron DuLong and Selectmen's Office Assistant Paula  
108 Gulla. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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110 **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to appoint as a new member to the JLMC  
111 whose term is to expire in March of 2015 Highway Department Supervisor/Fire  
112 Department Engineer, Michael Devine. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion  
113 passed unanimously.

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115 **Other**

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- 117 • Ms. Blaisdell stated she has another request for an appointment to the  
118 Recreation Commission. The Commission voted at their last meeting to request  
119 the appointment of Veronica Utman whose term would expire in March of 2015.  
120 Ms. Blaisdell provided the Board with Commission minutes showing the request  
121 for appointment. **MOTON:** Selectman Brown moved to appoint Veronica Utman  
122 to fill out the term on the Recreation Commission until March of 2015. Seconded  
123 by Selectman Treanor. Motion passed unanimously.
  - 124 • Ms. Blaisdell stated she has been getting questions about the fireworks for Old  
125 Home Day. Since the cost of the fireworks comes out of the Selectmen's budget  
126 Ms. Blaisdell is asking the Board if they are okay with spending the \$4,500.00  
127 budgeted and do they want to put this out to bid or go with the company  
128 (American Thunder) they have been using for the past several years. There was  
129 discussion about what would be asked for in the way of fireworks. Selectman  
130 Brown asked if not going out to bid creates an issue for the Board. Chairman  
131 Nicolaisen noted the cost for the fireworks is under the \$5,000.00 requirement for

132 going out to bid. Consensus of the Board is they are okay with spending the  
133 \$4,500.00 on fireworks and to continue to use the same company.  
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135 **Old Business**

136 **Follow up discussion regarding the 2014 Budget**  
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- 139 • Chairman Nicolaisen noted that last week the Board voted to give the 2% pay  
140 raise if the department head wanted it. Ms. Blaisdell stated that while she and  
141 the Finance Director were making arrangements to meet with department heads  
142 the Finance Director looked at her budget. Ms. Blaisdell noted that the difference  
143 between the default budget and the proposed operating budget was only  
144 \$10,082.00. The Finance Director after looking closely at her budget noted if she  
145 was to relinquish the software program and a portion of her payroll line she was  
146 able to come up with \$13,392.00. Ms. Blaisdell explained this would leave  
147 \$3,310.00 more than what was needed to meet the default budget, which could  
148 be applied to the Highway Operating budget and this would allow departments to  
149 operate as they had proposed for 2014.  
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151 Chairman Nicolaisen stated he spoke with the Finance Director and she is okay  
152 with the Quick Books program she currently has for another year. Ms. Blaisdell  
153 asked the Board based on this proposed change does the Board want her to  
154 continue to make arrangements to meet with department heads or should she  
155 stop here. Selectman Brown questioned the fairness of one department taking  
156 the "hit" and having to give up the software. Chairman Nicolaisen noted that the  
157 Finance Director made the offer and the Board can look at the budget at the end  
158 of the year to see if the software could be purchased then. Ms. Blaisdell  
159 reminded Board members that they could prioritize projects in the Government  
160 Buildings budget line as well.  
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162 Chairman Nicolaisen supports the proposed change as long as the finance  
163 Director supports it. Selectman Brown stated he supports this proposed change  
164 in the budget even though it gives the 2% pay raise, which he voted against last  
165 week. Selectman Devine supports the proposed change and to look at the  
166 budget in the future in order to purchase the software. Ms. Blaisdell informed the  
167 Board she received two emails from employees who have decided to not take  
168 their pay raise. Selectwoman Bucu supports the proposed change as long as the  
169 Finance Director is okay with it. Selectman Treanor supports the proposed  
170 change. Consensus of the Board is they are okay with the proposed changes to  
171 the operating budget.  
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173 **Other**  
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- Ms. Blaisdell stated she checked with NH Municipal Association regarding the Board's question as to whether employee raises could be given. Their response was that once the default budget is voted on those numbers are a guideline as to how the funds should be used and the bottom line number is to be used at the selectmen's discretion.
  - Relative to the Board's question on the Fremont Road project and whether any portion of this work could be done because the voters said "no" the answer is different. The attorney stated any work would have to be minimal and fall under road hazard guidelines (emergencies only)
  - Ms. Blaisdell stated the closing for the new police station is moving forward. Residents are moving out with the possible exception on one tenant. The closing is next week on Tuesday. Ms. Blaisdell asked Board members who would be going to the closing because their names have to go on the documents that are currently being draft. Chairman Nicolaisen stated he would like to be present if the time could be in the afternoon. Selectman Treanor will attend as well. Ms. Blaisdell stated she would also be present. The location for the closing is 202 Main Street in Salem at Thompson Title. Selectwoman Bucu asked what happens if the tenant isn't out. Ms. Blaisdell stated they would ask for an extension.

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197 **Correspondence**

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- Selectman Brown read the thank you note from Chief Wilfred Tapley of the Sandown Fire Department thanking Selectmen Treanor and all his assistants for the successful ham and bean supper that raised \$1,800.00 for the fire fighters memorial fund.
  - Chairman Nicolaisen announced that Girl Scout Troop 10765 will be holding a Town Wide Clean Up on April 26, 2014 and April 27, 2014. Volunteers can sign up and pick up trash bags at Town Hall or the Library after April 1, 2014.
  - The Mosquito Control program will begin the week of April 7, 2014 in Sandown. Ms. Blaisdell pointed out for residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use their No-Spray registry online at [www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry](http://www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry). Anyone wanting their wetland area sprayed can call Dragon Mosquito at 734-4144. This notice will be posted at Town Hall.
  - Letter from St. Matthews Church informing the Town they will begin construction of its multi-purposed worship center this month. On Monday, April 28, 2014 at 10:00 A. M. they will hold a brief ceremony to dedicate the construction of the new facility and they would like a representative of the Board of Selectmen present. Ms. Blaisdell will remind Board members of the service.

- 219 • Public Service of NH sent a letter regarding the discontinued service in the  
220 Town's name for the Train Depot. The Sandown Historical Society will be taking  
221 over responsibility for the electrical service.  
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- 223 • Informational letter from legal counsel.  
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225 **Department Liaison Report**  
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- 227 • Selectman Brown attended his first Planning Board meeting. The Board elected  
228 Ernie Brown, Chairman and Matt Russell, Vice Chairman. Lisa Butler was  
229 appointed an Alternate. The Board discussed enlarging the commercial zone on  
230 Main Street and ways to attract business and they discussed revamping their by-  
231 laws to allow for five alternates. Chairman Nicolaisen asked if the position for  
232 alternate has to be posted. Selectman Brown stated he asked the same  
233 question and the Administrative Assistant stated there has been a posting con  
234 Cable for quite some time. Selectman Brown stated he swore in Ms. Butler that  
235 night. There is still an open position for an alternate. Selectman Brown  
236 explained how the alternate position works.  
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- 238 • Chairman Nicolaisen, speaking for Selectman Treanor liaison to the Recreation  
239 Commission, attended their meeting where they voted George Blaisdell,  
240 Chairman and Hans Nicolaisen, Vice Chairman and recommended Veronica  
241 Utman become a member. There is still one opening on the Commission. The  
242 Recreation Director is very busy with the mad scientist program and numerous  
243 other programs. Red Sox tickets are going on sale and work has begun on the  
244 summer recreation program. If anyone is interested lifeguards are needed for  
245 the summer recreation program. Call Deb Brown, Recreation Director at 887-  
246 1872 for details.  
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249 **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to adjourn. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion  
250 passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.  
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253 Respectfully Submitted,  
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256 Cynthia J. Robinson  
257 Recording Secretary