



47 was lost at the site of the fireworks. If found please bring it to the Selectmen's Office  
48 and they will return it to the owner.

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- 50 • Toni Piemonte started talking about the lost key and Ms. Blaisdell informed him she had  
51 just announced it.

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53 Selectman Treanor joined the meeting at this time.

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55 **Joe Lessard and Scott Marsh, Municipal Resources, Inc.**  
56 **Discussion regarding abatement for Mill Pine Village**  
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- 58 • Present for this discussion was Scott Marsh. Mr. Marsh sent the Board of Selectmen a  
59 memo regarding the Mill Pine Village abatement applications. Mr. Scott recapped the  
60 information in his memo regarding the limited market data available at the time of the  
61 revaluation and his more recent review. Mr. Scott stated it is up to the Board to decide if  
62 there should be an abatement for last year but it is his opinion that an adjustment is  
63 appropriate to bring the assessment to be more equitable with other properties in Town.

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65 Selectman Devine questioned the process used to determine the assessed value. Mr.  
66 Scott explained the revaluation process done a few years ago. Mr. Scott stated that  
67 more recently there has been more sales and he has spoken to other brokers and  
68 agents who felt a reduction would be appropriate. Mr. Scott does have an analysis  
69 regarding the total number of sales but he does not have it with him tonight. Mr. Scott  
70 explained the adjustment factor when assessing.

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72 Chairman Nicolaisen asked Mr. Scott why it wasn't possible to talk to agents and brokers  
73 when this first came up. Mr. Scott stated they would have if these individuals had taken  
74 part in the hearing process but they came in after the fact so they had to file for an  
75 abatement. There was discussion about how the tax rate is set.

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77 Chairman Nicolaisen began the discussion about where the money would come from if  
78 the abatements were granted. Mr. Marsh reiterated his opinion about changing the  
79 assessment on all the properties at Mill Pine Village for this year. Board members  
80 discussed the pros and cons of granting or not granting the abatements. Ms. Blaisdell  
81 stated that if the Board doesn't grant the abatements these individuals have the right to  
82 appeal the decision to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Superior Court. Chairman  
83 Nicolaisen asked Mr. Scott how he feels the Town would fair on an appeal for the 2013  
84 numbers. Mr. Scott stated not very well. Selectman Brown asked if the abatements are  
85 granted does the money come out of this year's budget. Ms. Blaisdell stated it comes  
86 out of the overlay. The Board talked about the costs associated with going to court.  
87 Selectman Brown supports granting the abatements. Selectwoman Buco asked if this  
88 would set a precedent. Mr. Scott stated no. Ms. Blaisdell stated the refund would  
89 include interest. It was the consensus of the Board to grant the abatements for 2013  
90 and change the assessed value for 2014 for Mill Pine Village. Board members will sign  
91 the forms that are in the office. Mr. Scott will have decision letters sent out on Thursday  
92 informing residents of the appeal time.

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95 **New Business**

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97 **Acceptance of Donation for SSATP**  
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- 99 • Chairman Nicolaisen stated there is a \$100.00 donation from a Sandown resident for the  
100 Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Committee. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved  
101 to accept the \$100.00 donation to be deposited in the Sandown Senior Affairs  
102 Transportation Fund Account. Selectwoman Bucu seconded. Motion passed  
103 unanimously.

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105 **Acceptance of Donations for Old Home Day**  
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- 107 • Chairman Nicolaisen stated there is a list of donations for the Old Home Day  
108 Celebration. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to accept the list of donations as  
109 documented and attached to these minutes. Selectwoman Bucu seconded. Motion  
110 passed unanimously. Chairman Nicolaisen and Selectman Brown read the list of  
111 donations.

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113 **Old Business**  
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115 **Follow up discussion regarding monthly updates from School Board**  
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- 117 • Chairman Nicolaisen recapped the last meeting where he was going to get information  
118 together to send to Local Government Center regarding the School Board members  
119 monthly meeting with the Board. Ms. Blaisdell had stated she did not feel LGC was the  
120 place to send the questions they should be sent to the Town's legal counsel since they  
121 would be the one defending the Town should there be litigation. Chairman Nicolaisen is  
122 bringing this back to the Board to see if they want legal counsel to review the questions.  
123 Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board what specifically do they want to ask legal counsel or  
124 perhaps she could attend a meeting with the Board. Selectman Brown asked if the  
125 meeting with legal counsel would be public. Ms. Blaisdell stated a meeting with legal  
126 counsel is considered a non-meeting.

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128 Selectman Brown stated he would like to know from legal counsel if this Board is  
129 required legally to have a continual agenda item that has the School Board and Budget  
130 Committee members come and report what they are not happy with at the School Board  
131 and Budget Committee meetings. Chairman Nicolaisen concurred. Selectwoman Bucu  
132 stated she feels it isn't so much a legal question as it is the fact the Board voted to allow  
133 them to speak. Chairman Nicolaisen stated these members are only speaking about  
134 how badly they are treated not about what is going on at the school. Chairman  
135 Nicolaisen stated he is bringing it up now because he wants to undo the vote.

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137 Selectman Brown stated when these individuals first came before the Board they wanted  
138 to report on the activities on the School Board and Budget Committee and that is not  
139 what it turned out to be. Consensus of the Board is to ask legal counsel the question.  
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143 **Other**

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- 145 • Selectwoman Bucu stated she wanted to make it clear that she went to Mr. DuLong's
  - 146 manager she did not by pass the process.

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148 **Correspondence**

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- 150 • Granite State Telephone is hosting their annual Open House in Chester on Saturday,
  - 151 September 13, 2014 and is looking for nominations for their 2014 Hometown Hero
  - 152 Award. If anyone has a suggestion please let Ms. Blaisdell know.
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  - 154 • Letter from NH Department of Transportation regarding the Highway Block Grant Aid for
  - 155 Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$140,162.52. This is an estimate.
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  - 157 • Letter from Teamsters Union regarding the expiration of the Agreement between the
  - 158 Sandown Police Department and Teamsters Union on March 31, 2015. Collective
  - 159 bargaining has started.

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161 **Department Liaison Report**

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- 163 • Selectman Devine stated the memorial in front of the fire station is complete and the
  - 164 Conservation Commission did not meet.
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  - 166 • Selectman Brown noted that the chicken dinner was a sell out.
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  - 168 • Chairman Nicolaisen noted the beach was closed due to bacteria growth but is open
  - 169 now.

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171 The skateboard park has been vandalized again and the Board voted to dismantle it and

172 it is now closed.

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174 Chairman Nicolaisen stated this meeting will be adjourning and the Board will be going into a

175 non-meeting to discuss union negotiations.

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177 Ms. Blaisdell stated the Board might have to meet next Monday due to the Budget schedule.

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179 Chairman Nicolaisen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

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182 Respectfully Submitted,

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186 Cynthia J. Robinson

187 Recording Secretary