

1 **Town of Sandown, NH**
2 **Board of Selectmen**
3 **Minutes**
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5 Meeting Date: Monday, November 3, 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: Terry Treanor (Treanor), Hans Nicolaisen (Nicolaisen), Cindy
10 Buco (Buco), James Devine (Devine), Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator and Cheryl
11 Eastman, Finance Director

12 Absent: Stephen Brown

13 Late to arrive:

14 Departed Meeting:

15 Call to Order: Chairman Nicolaisen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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17 Pledge of Allegiance
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19 **2014 Tax Rate Setting**
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21 Mrs. Blaisdell explained the tax rate documents we received from the Department of
22 Revenue Administration (DRA). She explained that although the figures show the
23 amount voted from surplus during the March election for items including the police
24 station reconstruction, it does not reflect the deposit of those funds from the dissolved
25 Capital Reserve Fund because fund balance is only report as of December 31st of the
26 previous year (12/31/13 in this case). The money is there but the reporting does not
27 reflect on these documents. It is recommended by the Dept. of Revenue to leave our
28 overlay at \$30,00 and to not adjust our fund balance retainage. The board agreed to
29 not adjust the fund balance. This would generate an increase to the tax rate of
30 \$.51/1,000. The breakdown on the rate is Town \$4.50 (-.56), County \$1.11 (-.01), Local
31 School \$19.45 (+1.08) and State \$2.53 (0).
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33 MOTION: Selectman Devine made a motion to go with the unofficial tax rate from the
34 DRA of \$27.59/1,000. Seconded by Selectman Treanor, PASSED unanimously.
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36 **Miscellaneous**
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38 Mrs. Blaisdell gave an update that the properties located at 7 Indian Hill and 4 Tacoma
39 Drive were previously taken by tax deed. As of Thursday, October 30th the previous
40 owner paid the balance of the taxes and the properties were deeded back to her. They
41 are no longer town owned properties.
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43 Mrs. Blaisdell and office assistant Paula Gulla asked the board about whether or not
44 they had any interest in finding more information about RSA 41:14a or 41:14. In 1994

45 the town voted to allow the selectmen to sell tax deeded property at public auction
46 provided they follow the criteria in the RSA's for selling tax deeded properties and
47 subject to review by town counsel. The office needs to know if this warrant article would
48 still stand today if there are changes in the laws regarding this process. Mrs. Gulla will
49 be asking the DRA about this and wanted to know if the board wanted to pursue a
50 warrant article that would allow them to purchase or sell town owned properties for the
51 2015 warrant. The board did not make a decision on this but would like to have some
52 additional information on the subject. Mrs. Gulla will put together more information and
53 present it at a later date.

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55 Chairman Nicolaisen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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58 Respectfully Submitted,

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62 Lynne Blaisdell
63 Recording Secretary