

**Town of Sandown, NH
Board of Selectmen
Minutes**

Meeting Date: Monday, January 12, 2015

Type of Meeting: Regular meeting

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

Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall

Present: Selectpersons: Stephen Brown (Brown), Hans Nicolaisen (Nicolaisen), Cindy Buco (Buco), James Devine (Devine), Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator and Cynthia J. Robinson, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Late to arrive: Terry Treanor (Treanor) – 7:17 P.M.

Departed Meeting:

Call to Order: Chairman Nicolaisen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes of previous meetings

- Board members reviewed the minutes for December 22, 2014. Ms. Blaisdell noted in line 45 the error in the number \$200,65.81 adding she is unsure of the correct number. Chairman Nicolaisen suggested the Board put off accepting the minutes until the correct number could be obtained. These minutes will be reviewed at the next Selectmen’s meeting.

Public Comment

- Jarred Magoon of Boy Scout Troop 268 was before the Board to have them accept his completed Eagle Scout Project [sign in front of Town Hall] and sign the required forms. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to accept the Eagle Scout project of Jarred Magoon, which is the new sign outside the Sandown Town Hall. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**James George, Infill Development Partners, Inc.
Discussion regarding cell tower proposal**

- James George is before the Board to present information on the prices, conditions of the lease and terms of the cell tower proposal prior to the Deliberative Session. Mr. George went through the documents and left them with Ms. Blaisdell and Board members. Mr. George left a draft document of the lease with Ms. Blaisdell. Mr. George stated these talking points would be the same ones he uses at the Deliberative Session as well as the towns of Hampstead and Danville. Ms. Blaisdell stated the Town’s attorney found that the

45 Town did acquire the parcel by tax deeding. Mr. George went over the terms of
46 the lease describing what the cell tower project will involve. Mr. George stated
47 the tower would be built for one and then will go through the zoning process.
48 Once up and running rent will commence for one carrier at \$1,250.00 per month.
49 The rent will escalate at 3% annually through the term, which will be for 25 years.
50 Mr. George stated there could be up to a total of four carriers with the potential of
51 additional rent of \$500.00 per month for the additional three carriers or a
52 percentage.

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54 Selectman Treanor arrived at this time – 7:17 P.M.

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56 Chairman Nicolaisen asked what happens if the tower is no longer needed. Mr.
57 George stated there would be a removal bond placed on the tower. Mr. George
58 considers this a good passive use of Town land. A FAA study needs to be done,
59 which would determine if a light is needed. The Planning Board will determine
60 fencing. Liability will belong to the tower company. Mr. George is looking for a
61 three year period of time to have control over the premises [60' x 60' area] he is
62 brokering. Studies will be done to make sure this is a suitable spot for the cell
63 tower. Selectman Brown asked if there was a private entity looking at putting up
64 a cell tower and would this create competition. Mr. George stated yes there is
65 and no there would be no competition they would cover separate coverage
66 areas. Deliberative will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.

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69 **Review and number warrant articles for 2015 Warrant**

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71 • Paula Gulla was present for this discussion. Ms. Gulla would like the Board to go
72 over the Warrant Articles, determine whether the Articles need to be Special
73 Articles, get the Board's recommendations and number the Articles. Ms. Gulla
74 stated three Petition Warrant Articles were submitted today and the petitioners
75 are present tonight. Board members reviewed the Petition Warrant Articles first.

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77 Petition O – The petitioner, Craig Buffington spoke to the Petition Warrant Article
78 that requests our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish
79 that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations, unions or
80 other artificial entities and that our elected representatives and the American
81 people are guaranteed the right to safeguard fair elections through the authority
82 to regulate political spending. Selectman Devine spoke about what is required to
83 enact this petition.

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85 Petition P – Paul Godin, Chairman of the Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation
86 Program spoke to the Petition Warrant Article, which is requesting \$2,500.00 to
87 help offset the costs of running this program. Mr. Godin spoke about the current
88 status of the Program. Selectman Treanor noted that no Town funding was to go

89 into this program. Selectman Brown asked where the \$2,500.00 number came
90 from. Mr. Godin stated it was an arbitrary number. There was discussion about
91 how to raise funds to support this Program.

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93 Petition Q – Anthony Piemonte, Jr. spoke to this Warrant Article directing the
94 Timberlane Regional School Board to conduct a study of the feasibility and
95 suitability of the withdrawal of Sandown from the Timberlane Regional School
96 District and to be completed before October 1, 2015 per RSA 195:25. Mr.
97 Piemonte explained the process for performing this study.

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99 Warrant Article 2 – Ms. Gulla noted the budget at this time is \$3,488,101.00 with
100 a default budget of \$3,481,939.00. Ms. Gulla noted that the tax impact has not
101 been determined at this time it will be ready for the public hearing on
102 Wednesday. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant Article
103 2 as written. Chairman Nicolaisen seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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105 Warrant Article A – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant
106 Article A to accept the Highway Block Grant. Chairman Nicolaisen seconded.
107 Motion passed. 5-0-0. Not Special.

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109 Special Warrant Article B – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend
110 Special Warrant Article B the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.
111 Selectman Treanor seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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113 Special Warrant Article C – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend
114 Special Warrant Article C the Fire Equipment and Apparatus Capital Reserve
115 Fund previously established. Selectman Treanor seconded. Motion passed.
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118 Special Warrant Article D – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend
119 Special Warrant Article D the Old Home Day Celebration Expendable Trust
120 Fund. Selectman Treanor seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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122 Warrant Article E – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant
123 Article E to continuing a mosquito surveillance and control program. Selectman
124 Treanor seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0-. Not Special.

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126 ~~Special~~ Warrant Article F – Ms. Gulla explained she marked this as a Special
127 Warrant Article but it does not have to be. Consensus of the Board is not make
128 this a Special Warrant Article. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to
129 recommend Warrant Article F Local 633 Union contract. Selectman Treanor
130 seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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132 Warrant Article G – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant
133 Article G authorizing the governing body one special meeting to address Warrant
134 Article F if it fails. Selectman Treanor seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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136 Warrant Article H - Ms. Gulla noted there is no appropriation of money at this
137 time and there is no tax impact. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to
138 recommend Warrant Article H for a cell tower project off Snow Lane.
139 Selectwoman Bucu seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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141 Special Warrant Article I - **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend
142 Special Warrant Article I to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund.
143 Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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145 Warrant Article J – Ms. Gulla explained this could be a Special Warrant Article.
146 Consensus of the Board is for this to not be a Special Warrant Article. **MOTION:**
147 Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant Article J the repair and
148 repaving of the existing Town Hall parking lot. Selectman Treanor seconded.
149 Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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151 Warrant Article K - Ms. Gulla noted this could be a Special Warrant Article.
152 **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant Article K to increase
153 the Selectman stipend to \$2,500.00 per year. Selectman Treanor seconded.
154 Motion passed. 4-0-1. Not Special.

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156 Warrant Article L – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant
157 Article L to deposit 100% of the Land Use Change Tax Revenue into the Town of
158 Sandown Conservation Fund. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion failed.
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161 Warrant Article M – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend Warrant
162 Article M the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Treanor seconded.
163 Motion passed. 5-0-0.

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165 Warrant Article N – Ms. Gulla stated that legal counsel said the voters could
166 change the wording to this RSA. **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to
167 recommend Warrant Article N allowing the Selectmen to acquire or sell land,
168 buildings or both. Selectman Treanor seconded. Motion passed. 4-1-0.

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170 Petition O – Ms. Gulla stated legal counsel stated this petition belongs on the
171 local ballot and is advisory only. **MOTION:** Selectman Devine moved to
172 recommend Petition Warrant Article O calling upon our legislators to amend the
173 United States Constitution to establish that 1) Constitutional rights were
174 established for people, not corporations, unions or other artificial entities, 2) Our
175 elected representatives and the American people are guaranteed the right to

176 safeguard fair elections through the authority to regulate political spending.
177 Chairman Nicolaisen seconded. Motion passed. 3-2-0.

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179 Petition Warrant Article P – **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to recommend
180 Petition Warrant Article P to appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Sandown Senior Affairs
181 Transportation Program. Selectman Devine seconded. Motion passed. 4-1-0.

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183 Petition Warrant Article Q - **MOTION:** Selectman Devine moved to recommend
184 Petition Warrant Article Q to direct the Timberlane Regional School Board to
185 conduct a study of the feasibility and suitability of the withdrawal of Sandown
186 from the Timberlane Regional School District. Selectman Treanor seconded.
187 Motion passed. 4-1-0.

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189 Board members began numbering the Warrant Articles as follows:

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191 Warrant Article A becomes #5.
192 Special Warrant Article B becomes #6
193 Special Warrant Article C becomes #10
194 Special Warrant Article D becomes #9
195 Warrant Article E becomes #14
196 Warrant Article F becomes #3
197 Warrant Article G becomes #4
198 Warrant Article H becomes #8
199 Special Warrant Article I becomes #7
200 Warrant Article J becomes #13
201 Warrant Article K becomes #12
202 Warrant Article L becomes #15
203 Special Warrant Article M becomes #11
204 Warrant Article N becomes #16
205 Petitioned Warrant Article O becomes #17
206 Petitioned Warrant Article P becomes #18
207 Petitioned Warrant Article Q becomes #19

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209 Consensus of the Board is to number any new petition warrant articles as they
210 come in.

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212 • Ms. Gulla asked Board members if it would be okay for St. Michael's to use the
213 Town Hall for a 15 year reunion and to waive the rental fees. **MOTION:**
214 Selectman Brown moved to waive the rental fees for St. Michael's to use the
215 Town Hall for a reunion mass and pot luck dinner at no charge. Selectman
216 Treanor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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218 **Sandown Representatives to the School Board and School**
219 **Budget Committee**

220 **Monthly update and status of Timberlane Regional School District**
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- 222 • Donna Green, Sandown Representative to the Timberlane School Board. Ms.
223 Green noted that Sandown Central is slated to close because the funding has
224 been removed from the budget. There is a School District warrant article on the
225 ballot asking voters to approve \$774,000.00 for operational funding and over
226 \$410,000.00 for a new kitchen. Ms. Green stated she tried to separate these two
227 items but was unsuccessful so the warrant is over 1 million dollars. Ms. Green
228 feels the school should stay open for one more year until there is a full plan for
229 consolidation and no money should be invested in a new kitchen. A resident has
230 a petition to fund one more year of Sandown Centrals' operational costs and a
231 consolidation plan be prepared. Ms. Green presented Kathy Gorman's
232 consolidation plan for Sandown Central and Sandown North. Ms. Gorman's
233 numbers are on Ms. Green's blog. Ms. Green feels there are no compelling
234 reasons to close Sandown Central if money is the issue noting it would cost less
235 than operating Danville Elementary School.
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237 There is a warrant article to expand the playground at Sandown North for
238 \$90,000.00, request to fund the capital reserve fund for \$250,000.00 and a
239 collective bargaining agreement for the support staff with a cost of a little under
240 \$100,000.00 this year and next. There is speculation for other warrant articles as
241 well. The School Deliberative is on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at
242 the High School Gymnasium. Ms. Green and Arthur Green will be proposing to
243 lower the bottom line budget for the School District. Ms. Blaisdell asked when
244 they plan to close Sandown Central. Ms. Green stated this fall. Ms. Green
245 encouraged voters to pay attention to both the town and school Deliberative
246 Sessions.
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248 **New Business**
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250 **Discussion regarding ex-officio for Budget Committee Public Hearing**
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- 252 • Selectman Brown is unable to attend this week's Budget Committee Public
253 Hearing and is looking for someone to represent the Board. **MOTION:**
254 Selectman Brown moved to appoint Selectman Devine as ex-officio to the
255 Budget Committee. Selectman Treanor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
256 Ms. Blaisdell stated she and Ms. Gulla would be at the meeting as well.
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258 **Other**
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- 260 • Ms. Blaisdell passed around the default budget for review and signatures by the
261 Board of Selectmen. Ms. Blaisdell went over the figures prepared by the Finance
262 Director.
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- Ms. Blaisdell submitted a request for the first payment on the police department project in the amount of \$20,000.00. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board how they want to handle the signing off of work completed with this project. Chairman Nicolaisen recommends having the Building Inspector and perhaps Chief Gordon review the request for payment. Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board to sign the requisition for bonding requirements and change of work order so the Finance Director can make out the check.
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- Ms. Blaisdell asked the Board if they want to add the security system for the police department project in the amount of \$16,000.00 into the 2015 budget. Selectman Devine asked about finding some grant money from the Federal Government. Chairman Nicolaisen wants those involved to come before the Board. Chairman Nicolaisen and Selectman Brown cannot support this request.
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278 **Old Business**

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- No old business at this time.
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282 **Correspondence**

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- The Town has received the payment schedule for the SAU.
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- Letter from Homeland Security regarding the closing out of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
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- Letter from NH Department of Environmental Security regarding the groundwater monitoring data for the Sandown Highway Garage.
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292 **Department Liaison Report**

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- Selectwoman Bucu stated the Highway Department is salting and sanding and doing roadside cleanup.
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- Selectman Devine stated he attended the meeting at the Fire Station and was unable to attend the Conservation Commission meeting.
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- Ms Blaisdell asked the Board their opinion on the new accounting system and whether they want to continue signing the invoices or just the manifest. Consensus of the Board is to sign the manifest after reviewing the invoices.
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304 **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91A:3 II (d)

305 Property. Roll call: Treanor – aye, Brown – aye, Nicolaisen – aye, Bucu – aye and

306 Devine – ayes. Selectwoman Bucu seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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308 Chairman Nicolaisen announced there would be no Selectmen's meeting next week due
309 to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

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311 **MOTION:** Selectman Brown moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman
312 Treanor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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314 Chairman Nicolaisen announced while in Non-Public Session the Board voted to seal
315 the minutes.

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317 Chairman Nicolaisen stated the Board would briefly speak to Chief Joseph Gordon
318 regarding the additional funds needed for the security system at the new police station.
319 Chief Gordon explained the plans for adding the security system to the project.
320 Chairman Nicolaisen told Chief Gordon he does not support the added funds at this
321 time.

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323 Chairman Nicolaisen adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.

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325 Respectfully Submitted,

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329 Cynthia J. Robinson
330 Recording Secretary