

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

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Meeting Date: Monday, March 30, 2015
Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall
Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall
Present: Selectpersons: James Devine (Devine), Cynthia Buco (Buco), Terry Treanor (Treanor), Jonathan Goldman (Goldman), Thomas Tombarello (Tombarello), Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator, and Cheryl Eastman, Recording Secretary
Absent:
Late to Arrive:
Departed Meeting:
Call to Order: Chairman Devine called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes of previous meetings

- Board members reviewed the minutes of March 16, 2015. **MOTION:** Selectman Tombarello moved to accept the minutes of March 16, 2015 as submitted. Selectman Treanor **seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment

- Lee Dube addressed the Board on behalf of the Sandown Consolidation Committee. Since the results of voting was a directive to Timberlane Regional School District to consolidate Sandown schools, the Superintendent has formed an advisory committee of 21 people comprised of teachers, parents, administration, school board, school budget committee and Sandown Board of Selectmen. The goal is to develop recommendations for the consolidation of the schools, covering everything from potential uses of the Central building, and at North looking at classroom size and availability, impact to Special Education programs, traffic flow, and play space for the children. They are hoping to have a recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools by mid-May for his review. After that it will go to the School Board to decide how to proceed. The Committee wanted everyone to be aware that this is going on and to inquire whether the Board of Selectmen is interested in receiving regular updates. Consensus of the Board was to get updates at least monthly, more often if something of substance becomes available to share.

These Minutes are subject to approval at a regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting at which time the above minutes are corrected or accepted and become permanent.

- 42 • The Transfer Station will be closed this Sunday for Easter. Additional extended hours
43 will be on Saturday from 8 to 5 and the usual Wednesday from 4 to 7.
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- 45 • Dragon Mosquito has announced that they will begin their mosquito program on April 6.
46 They will be putting out boxes and checking wetlands.
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48 **New Business**
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- 50 • The Board was given a request to access property for the NCRS Restoration Plan. This is
51 simply allowing permission for the Rockingham County Conservation District to go onto
52 the property located off of Snow Land and Hersey Road and assist the town in the
53 permitting necessary to complete the Wetland Reserve Program as agreed through the
54 Conservation Commission last year. There was consensus of the Board that Chairman
55 Devine can sign the agreement.
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- 57 • Selectman Tombarello made a **motion** to accept the non-public minutes of March 16,
58 2015 as submitted. **Seconded** by Selectmen Buco. **Motion carried unanimously** with a
59 roll-call vote.
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- 61 • Ms. Blaisdell presented the Board with two Purchase & Sale agreements for the
62 properties that had been on the ballot and approved by the voters. The first property is
63 on Fremont Road and has 14 ½ acres with a selling price of \$42,300 and a closing date of
64 May 1, 2015. The second parcel is at 45 Holts Point Road, with a purchase price of
65 \$46,000 and a closing date of April 15, 2015. They are both simple agreements as both
66 properties are cash sales and will be sold as-is. Town Counsel has reviewed and
67 approved all the documents. All Board members signed the Purchase & Sales
68 Agreements.
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- 70 • Selectman Devine asked Ms. Blaisdell about any of the other properties that the town
71 meeting vote gave the Board permission to sell. Ms. Blaisdell said some research has to
72 be done on the history of each parcel before any decisions are made.
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74 **Old Business**
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- 76 • Recreation Director Deb Brown was present to discuss job positions and pay rates for
77 some Recreation positions. Selectman Tombarello made a **motion** to change employee
78 Michael Donovan from Supervisor to Assistant Program Coordinator #1 at a pay rate of
79 \$14.00/hr; change Casey Lowes from Counselor to Assistant Program Coordinator #3 at
80 a pay rate of \$13.00/hr; and change Bradey Bonnell from Counselor to Senior Counselor
81 at a pay rate of \$10.00/hr. Motion **seconded** by Selectman Treanor. Ms. Brown

82 explained that the pay increases are a result of increased responsibilities for each
83 employee. **Motion carried** unanimously.

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85 **Correspondence**

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87 • A letter was received regarding the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony for Jared Magoon
88 scheduled for June 7. His Eagle project was the replacement of the town Welcome Sign
89 and Message Board.

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91 **Liaison Reports**

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93 • Selectman Tombarello attended the most recent ZBA meeting. He also announced that
94 he performed the electric inspection on the new Police station today and they will be
95 insulating the building on Wednesday with sheetrock next week. Siding is also ready to
96 be installed.
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98 • Selectman Bucu reported that the Highway Department had been doing patching and
99 they have collected over 300 gallons of waste oil to burn in the furnace at the Highway
100 shed, which saves a lot of money on heating fuel.
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102 • Selectmen Goldman reported that last week there was a meeting of all the inspectors to
103 go over procedural and paperwork processes.
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105 • Selectman Treanor reported that the Old Home Day Committee is starting to plan this
106 year's event.

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108 **Other Business**

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110 Citizens Cathy Gorman and Anthony Piemonte requested an update on last week's
111 discussion regarding contacting alternate Town Counsel regarding the withdrawal feasibility
112 study and possibly forming a minority committee. Ms. Blaisdell explained that she had been
113 directed to contact counsel. The Board has a letter from the attorney to review before the
114 Board meets with this new attorney on Tuesday evening. Selectmen Devine and
115 Tombarello thought that Ms. Gorman and Mr. Piemonte should also attend the meeting
116 Tuesday and should review the legal correspondence from him since they have done so
117 much research on this topic and have so much knowledge. Selectman Treanor thought the
118 Board should meet with him alone the first time, without members of the public. Ms.
119 Gorman stated that she was surprised that legal help is going to be needed so soon in this
120 process and is concerned about the cost to the town. She and Mr. Piemonte want to
121 donate \$500 to the town for legal fees to help cover the costs. Ms. Blaisdell stated that
122 perhaps it is premature for outside citizens to have privileged legal information that is to be

123 discussed in a non-public meeting. She strongly recommended that the Board should meet
124 the attorney alone and ask if and when the public should be part of the discussion.
125 Selectmen Goldman stated that it is admirable that they want to donate funds, but it is the
126 town's responsibility to get it done. Ms. Gorman commented that this process was not
127 supposed to impact the tax payers at all. It was the consensus of the Board to not have
128 anyone present at the first meeting except the Board. Selectman Buco asked Ms. Gorman
129 to submit any questions for the attorney to Ms. Blaisdell before Tuesday evening.

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131 Selectman Goldman made a motion to adjourn at 7:50. Seconded by Selectmen Treanor.
132 Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Eastman
Recording Secretary