

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: October 5, 2015**

7 **Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting**

8 **Method of Notification: Public Posting at Town Hall**

9 **Meeting Location: Town Hall**

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11 Selectman Devine called the meeting to order at 7pm.

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13 **Members Present:** Selectman Devine, Selectman Treanor, Selectman  
14 Goldman, Selectwoman Buco and Selectman Tombarello.

15 Town Administrator: Lynne Blaidsell

16 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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18 Pledge of Allegiance was done.

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20 Selectman Devine called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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22 Selectman Devine asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday,  
23 September 21, 2015.

24 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the minutes of Monday, September  
25 21, 2015 as written.

26 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman.

27 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
28 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

29 **Motion passes unanimously.**

32 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

33 Lynne Blaisdell stated that October 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for voters to change  
34 their party for the upcoming Primary Election.

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36 Lynne Blaisdell stated that Sandown Food Pantry is looking for donations for  
37 the Thanksgiving baskets they provide to those in need. They are looking for  
38 the basic Thanksgiving items and if you would like to donate a turkey or  
39 chicken please contact Arlene Bassett as there is not a lot of room to store  
40 them. They are also looking for supermarket gift cards as well. There is more  
41 information on the website.

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43 Mark Sherwood, resident of Sandown stated that last week Selectwoman Bucu  
44 asked the BOS to allow them to spend up to \$1,000.00 in legal fees for the  
45 Town to seek legal advice if it was deemed feasible and suitable for Sandown  
46 to leave the District. He said the very next the Majority Committee voted  
47 unanimously that it was not feasible nor suitable for Sandown to leave the  
48 district. The vote was 5 -0-2. He stated that Kim Farrah and Cindy Bucu  
49 abstained from this vote. He said according to the RSA because there were  
50 no votes against the motion there is no minority opinion and a minority report  
51 should not be filed. Mark quoted the RSA and stated that it is the opinion of  
52 the School Board and the town attorney that the minority report come from  
53 the BOS if they deem it appropriate. Mark is asking the BOS to retain  
54 whatever is left from the \$1,000.00 appropriate for legal fees in this matter  
55 and also asks the BOS to state that they will not make nor endorse a minority  
56 report that is made. He also asked that if a minority report is made by Ms.  
57 Bucu that it not represent the desires of the BOS. He is asking to make it clear  
58 to the Board of Ed. that if a minority report is submitted by Ms. Bucu in  
59 conjunction with the Green's that is being made by them as residents of the  
60 Town and it is not being represented by the desire of the BOS. He also asks  
61 that any inquires that Ms. Bucu makes, she does so as a private citizen of the  
62 Town and not as a member or acting on behalf of the BOS. Mark also stated  
63 that he had hoped this subject would have been put to rest by now, but he is  
64 concerned after reading Ms. Green's blog talking about Mr. Green gathering all  
65 kinds of information that was not shared with the School Board or the  
66 Majority Committee and also he listed to Ms. Bucu and Ms. Green on the  
67 Gerard at Large podcast and feels they are not done grinding this ax and fears  
68 for the upset that will cause the community. He hopes that a clear statement  
69 from the BOS will help to end this artificially turmoil.

70 **Highway Facility budget - 4311**

71 This budget is being presented by Artie Genualdo.

72 Selectman Tombarello asked about the Electricity line, which is an increase of  
73 15%. He said he looks to the Finance Director for advice and this is what she  
74 recommended. Selectman Tombarello asked Artie about the reduction in the  
75 Oil line and Artie said he used the waste oil furnace.

76 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to recommend this budget to the Budget  
77 Committee with Gross Expenses of \$8,560.00, Revenue of \$0.00, and Net  
78 Expenses of \$8,560.00.

79 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.

80 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
81 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

82 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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84 **Highway Operating budget - 4312**

85 This budget is being presented by Artie Genualdo.

86 Artie explains he increased the Overtime line to \$5,000.00 and hopes he  
87 doesn't go over. Artie said he increased the Plowing line by \$5,000.00 and  
88 tries to offset this line with some of the block grant money as well. Artie said  
89 the Equipment Repair/Maintenance line was over budget because there were  
90 two big items that needed to be fixed. Artie said the Sand line should be  
91 \$4,900.00 expended and not \$49,000.00 and he will speak with the Finance  
92 Director about this. He also said he increased the Signs line as he is replacing  
93 more and more signs as they are being stolen. Selectman Goldman said the  
94 Overtime line is already at \$8,000.00 and asked if the \$5,000.00 budgeted for  
95 next year will be enough. Artie said he would be comfortable with \$8,000.00  
96 and Selectman Tombarello agrees.

97 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to increase the Overtime line to \$8,000.00.

98 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor.

99 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
100 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

101 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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103 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to recommend the Highway Operating budget  
104 to the Budget Committee with Gross Expenses of \$572,040.00, Revenue of  
105 \$100.00 and Net Expenses of \$571,940.00.

106 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor.

107 ***In Favor***, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
108 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

109 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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111 **Sanitation Facility budget – 4321-28**

112 Artie Genualdo is presenting this budget.

113 There was no discussion on this budget.

114 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to recommend this budget to the Budget  
115 Committee with Gross Expenses of \$8,404.00, Revenue of \$0.00 and Net  
116 Expenses of \$8,404.00.

117 ***Seconded by*** Selectwoman Buco.

118 ***In Favor***, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
119 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

120 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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122 **Sanitation Site budget – 4325**

123 Artie Genualdo is presenting this budget.

124 Selectman Tombarello asked Artie about the overage in this budget and Artie  
125 said that he needed to build a wall to keep out the 4 wheelers.

126 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to recommend the Sanitation Site budget to  
127 the Budget Committee with Gross Expenses of \$2,000.00, Revenue of \$1.00  
128 and Net Expenses of \$1,999.00.

129 ***Seconded by*** Selectwoman Buco.

130 ***In Favor***, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
131 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

132 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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134 **Sanitation Operating budget – 4321-29**

135 Artie Genualdo is presenting this budget.

136 Artie said the Box Rental line should be at \$2,400.00 as he is charged \$200.00  
137 per month but he keeps an extra \$100.00 in the line in case he needs an  
138 additional box during the Holiday season. Selectman Devine asked Artie  
139 about replacing some equipment and Artie said this is something he is still  
140 looking at and he may bring it to the BOS next year and his plan would be to  
141 lease to purchase.

142 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to recommend the Sanitation Operating  
143 budget to the Budget Committee with Gross Expenses of \$349,800.00,  
144 Revenue of \$25,000.00 and Net Expenses of \$324,000.00.

145 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.  
146 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
147 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.  
148 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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150 **Recycling budget - 4326**  
151 Artie Genualdo is presenting this budget.  
152 Artie said although he is over budget on the Seminar line he is comfortable  
153 with keeping it the same for next year. He said he had some new employees  
154 that went to the seminars. He said the Disposal line was increased because  
155 the recycling is down so he is not getting the reduction on the hauling. He said  
156 if this changes then he will adjust his budget accordingly. Lynne asked if  
157 Hauling is enough as it is already at 90% and there is 3 months left. Artie said  
158 this was due to the police station being built and feels it should be ok for next  
159 year.

160 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to recommend the Recycling budget to the  
161 Budget Committee with Gross Expenses of \$50,975.00, Revenue of \$25,000.00  
162 and Net Expenses of \$25,975.00.

163 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.  
164 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
165 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.  
166 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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168 Artie Genualdo asked the BOS if he should continue to plow the Central School  
169 parking lot and Selectman Tombarello said that he spoke with Doug Rolph, the  
170 principal at Sandown Central School and he said there are 119 kids at Central  
171 School and 84 of them come from Sandown, which is 71%. He also said that  
172 he spoke with Artie this afternoon to see if he would be comfortable with  
173 plowing it and Artie said he would be. Selectman Tombarello said he would  
174 not be comfortable with sending the District a bill for the plowing as he is not  
175 sure what they would charge. He said the District may not have this budgeted  
176 and it may be an additional tax impact. Selectman Devine said according to  
177 the agreement with the other Towns, Sandown would supply the safety and  
178 plowing of the facilities in Town. Selectwoman Buco said she would like to  
179 confirm this in the Articles of Agreement and Artie said he will keep the school  
180 on the list unless he hears otherwise. Artie said he has not increased the rates  
181 for the subcontractors and asked the BOS to sign the paperwork. The BOS is  
182 ok with this.

183 **Budget Committee budget - 4150-00**

184 Lynne Blaisdell said that there was a change in the salary for the recording  
185 secretary under the 2015 rates were incorrect so the math for 2016 was also  
186 incorrect. Lynne said the proposed rates for 2016 is \$18.02 and the 39 weeks  
187 should be \$18.38 and the total Payroll line should be \$1,959.00.

188 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to change the Payroll line to \$1,959.00.

189 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor.

190 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
191 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

192 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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195 Chief Tapley and Dave Cheney from the Fire Department are asking the BOS to  
196 change the current insurance policy on the Fire Department vehicles as they  
197 do not have a full replacement cost. He said a month ago he had a fire in the  
198 ambulance and thankfully it was repairable but if he had to replace it the cost  
199 the insurance company would have given would have been minimal to the  
200 actual replacement cost. He said the cost to replace the ambulance is  
201 \$160,000.00 and he would have received \$60,000.00 from the insurance  
202 company and it would have cost \$500,000.00 to replace the engine he had  
203 catch fire a while back. Chief Tapley provided the BOS with quotes he  
204 received from the insurance company to put complete replacement costs on  
205 the vehicles. Selectman Goldman asked if Lynne knew the cost to add this  
206 coverage to all Town vehicles and Lynne said it would only cover the Fire  
207 Department's vehicles and some of the PD's but none of the Highway vehicles.  
208 She said currently they pay \$449.00 annually per vehicle and the cost would  
209 go up to \$1,000.00 annually per vehicle and there are 8 vehicles that would be  
210 covered under this policy. The cost would be \$551.00 x 8 which equals  
211 \$4,408.00. Lynne said she will look into the police department vehicles.  
212 David Cheney they also budget \$2,000.00 for a deductible which only covers  
213 one incident and feels this would be money well spent. Selectman Goldman  
214 said that he would be in favor adding the additional insurance to the Fire  
215 Department now and next year look into the other Town vehicles. Selectman  
216 Tombarello suggested sending the paperwork to get legal opinion before this  
217 is decided on. Lynne reminds the BOS that they are talking about adding  
218 \$4,000.00 into a budget that has already been set and they would have to find  
219 the money somewhere. She said they already need to find \$20,000.00 for the  
220 PD and the Highway budget is already at 90%. She said the total budget needs

221 to be looked at before deciding to move forward with this. Chief Tapley  
222 recommends doing this now and says the decision lies with the BOS. Dave  
223 Cheney points out that the insurance contract runs from now until June 30<sup>th</sup> so  
224 it wouldn't be the total amount presented to insure the vehicles for the rest of  
225 this year. Selectman Goldman said there have been 2 vehicles on fire already  
226 this year and feels strongly about doing it now through December and next  
227 year budget appropriately for it. Selectman Devine asks for the figures  
228 through the end of the year. This discussion was tabled until next week's  
229 meeting.

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## 232 **NEW BUSINESS**

### 233 **Impact Fees paid to the school.**

234 Lynne Blaisdell said they are getting ready to set the tax rate and would like to  
235 discuss the impact fees that need to be paid towards the school for the capital  
236 obligation. Lynne said there is \$77,577.00 that is due to expire this year. She  
237 said the total amount in the account is \$139,746.73. Lynne said this amount  
238 comes off of the owed obligation of the capital expenses. Selectwoman Buco  
239 said the Planning Board was looking for updated rates for the impact fees and  
240 wondered if that was completed. Lynne said she believes that was on hold for  
241 now as there is a question about Sandown withdrawing from the District.

242 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to forward a check in the amount of  
243 \$77,577.00 to TRSD regarding impact fees for the School District for the year  
244 2015.

245 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor.

246 Dave Cheney asked if it is a school impact fee or an impact fee that is generally  
247 given to the school. Lynne said it is her understanding that this is based on  
248 the population of the schools, which is a school impact fee. Donna Green said  
249 it is specifically for the school impact fee and there are other impact fees but  
250 Sandown doesn't have them. She said she has asked Mr. Keach why this is and  
251 he said it is more trouble than it is worth as they have expiration dates and  
252 you need to plan in relation to the impact fees being received.

253 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman,  
254 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

255 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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259 **Discussion regarding previous letter to the Bd of Ed regarding the**  
260 **Minority Committee.**

261 Lynne passed out 2 letters she received between Friday and today and asked  
262 they be provided to the BOS for tonight's meeting. Mark Sherwood read the  
263 letter from Greg Kulicki as he gave permission for this letter to be read. In the  
264 letter he states that we keep talking about not spending tax payer's money yet  
265 motions are continually being made to spend more money. He said since the  
266 Majority Committee voted 5-0-2 that is it not feasible or suitable for Sandown  
267 to withdraw this issue is now dead as Mrs. Buco abstained from voting there is  
268 no minority. He is asking that Donna Green step down as Sandown School  
269 Board Rep. He is asking why this fight is continuing. Donna Green read her  
270 rebuttal letter to Mr. Kulicki and reads a portion of her blog which stems from  
271 being involved in the district's School Board and Budget Committee. She feels  
272 she sees things that parents that have kids in the district don't see and that  
273 School Board members won't be willing to see. She feels that Sandown is  
274 suffering within a district that provides a mediocre education and feels that  
275 Sandown doesn't have enough input to correct the things in the District that  
276 need to be corrected. Selectwoman Buco stated that the vote in March won by  
277 699 votes to conduct the feasibility and suitability study and her position is to  
278 ensure the study is conducted per the will of the vote. It should not be the  
279 position of the BOS to manipulate the process to endure a particular outcome.  
280 She said per the RSA the Town has the right to be sure a fair and accurate  
281 study has been conducted and allows for a Minority Report to be prepared to  
282 be conducted in parallel with the RSA Committee. She said she is not fighting  
283 for a position to withdraw or not withdraw but her position is to see the  
284 process through to completion. She said there has been months of work put  
285 into collecting data and analyzing it at the Town level and requests the Chair  
286 put and agenda item on the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to review the preliminary  
287 findings of a Minority Report. And she also requests that until some data has  
288 been presented to the BOS there are not any motions to move forward with  
289 any decisions tonight. She said there have been many personal attacks  
290 towards her and she finds it disturbing to see the levels people will stoop to,  
291 to manipulate a process to obtain a predetermined outcome. Selectman  
292 Goldman said that he asked for this item to be put on the agenda and feels  
293 there is no need for name calling. He said back in May when the Minority  
294 Committee was established they sent a letter to the Board of Ed. informing  
295 them that an official Minority Report Committee had been formed with  
296 anticipation of a difference of opinion with the Majority Committee. He feels



297 that if Majority Committee finds it not suitable or feasible then the Minority  
298 Report can only favor withdrawal. He said the 699 people that voted for the  
299 study got a study and it is being completed by the district and the Minority  
300 Report can only favor withdrawal which he is not in favor of.  
301 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to let the Board of Ed advising them that the  
302 BOS have disbanded the Minority Report Committee and the letter should also  
303 state they are in concurrence with the District Committee and they do not  
304 believe that withdrawal is suitable or feasible.  
305 Selectman Devine said he does not agree with Selectman Goldman's opinion  
306 as stated above and feels that the Minority Report does have to be prepared  
307 but does not have to state Sandown is in favor of withdrawing or not and he  
308 will not entertain a second to that motion. Selectman Goldman asks under  
309 what authority does the Chairman have not to ask for a second and Selectman  
310 Devine said under his authority as Chairman he is not asking for a second and  
311 would like to move on with the meeting. Selectman Goldman feels there  
312 should be an opportunity to at least see if there is a second to the motion.  
313 Again Selectman Devine said he will not entertain a second to the motion and  
314 **Selectman Goldman made a Motion** to adjourn the meeting to contact the  
315 attorney and Selectman Devine said there is no second needed and the  
316 meeting is adjourned.

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319 Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

320 Respectfully submitted

321 Sue Reynolds