

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: January 18, 2016**

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 **Members Present:** Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Treanor and  
12 Selectman Tombarello, Selectwoman Buco

13 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

14 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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

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18 Pledge of Allegiance was done.

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21 Selectman Devine asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, December 28, 2015.

22 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the minutes of Monday, December 28, 2015 as  
23 written.

24 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman.

25 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman, Selectman  
26 Treanor and SelectwomanBuco.

27 **Motion passes unanimously**

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29 Selectman Devine asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, January 4, 2016.

30 **Motion by** Selectman Tomabrello to accept the minutes of Monday, January 4, 2016 as  
31 written.

32 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman.

33 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman, Selectman  
34 Treanor and SelectwomanBuco.

35 **Motion passes unanimously**

37 Lynne said that the Board also has a set of non-public minutes at the back of the packet to  
38 approve as they were not sealed.

39 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the non-public minutes of Monday, January 4,  
40 2016 as written.

41 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Bucu

42 **In Favor**, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman, Selectman  
43 Treanor and SelectwomanBucu.

44 **Motion passes unanimously**

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#### 46 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

47 Mark Traeger from the Conservation Commission is here with a new member Terry  
48 Knuuttenen. Terry said he is leading a moonlit snowshoe tour of the town forest this  
49 Friday evening beginning at 8pm.

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51 Lynne Blaisdell said there in an opening on the upcoming ballot for the Chief of Police as  
52 well as the others that she mentioned at the last meeting. She also said the filing period is  
53 from January 20<sup>th</sup> thru January 29<sup>th</sup>.

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#### 55 **Monthly School Board Update**

56 Donna Greene, School Board member stated that the School Deliberative session with be  
57 held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the PAC.

58 Donna stated that last week there was a budget public hearing and the school budget this  
59 year is \$69.3 million, which is a 9.3% increase over what was expended last year. She said  
60 this amount does not include the teacher's contract, which is \$1.9 million over 3 years.

61 Donna also stated that the total amount expended by June 30, 2015 divided by the number  
62 of students being educated the total cost per student was \$16,962.00 and if the total  
63 amount of the 2016/17 budget is expended the total cost per student would be \$19,652.00,  
64 again this does not the teacher's contract.

65 Donna said there will be discussion at the next School Board meeting in regards to the 2  
66 pending bills before the House Committees. House B1303, which is intended to clarify the  
67 requirements for a town to withdraw from a cooperative school district and House B1201  
68 or 2 which is a proposed changed in the withdrawal legislation to require only a vote of the  
69 withdrawing district and not the entire school district.

70 Donna updated the BOS with NH Supreme Ct case between herself and the school district,  
71 which was heard early January. She was it was an extremely interesting 30 minutes of  
72 debate. Donna also refers to the case in Hampstead in regards to the Chairman of the  
73 Budget Committee stating things he shouldn't have and since regret. Donna feels that he  
74 was in no harm to the students but because of his statements he was asked to resign by the  
75 superintendent. She said she tried to call a meeting with School Board to discuss this and  
76 the Chairman of the School Board would have no part of it. Then she said she contacted all  
77 of the SAU Board Members individually and again she got no response. She is concerned  
78 and feels this is an abuse of authority on the superintendent's part as there were no threats  
79 made against any children. She wants the residents of Sandown to know that she has a

80 great concern in regards to this situation and has done her best to address it at the SAU  
81 level.

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83 **Final Review of the 2016 Warrant and Budget Proposals**

84 Lynne said there are 3 items that need to be finalized this evening and it should wrap  
85 things up except for not hearing back from Town Counsel or DOR but that can be addressed  
86 at next week's meeting if needed. She said the deadline to post the warrant next Monday  
87 night.

88 **Warrant Article 2 – Town Operating Budget - \$3,660,530.00 with a default budget of**  
89 **\$3,637,137.00.**

90 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman that the BOS recommend Warrant Article 2 with a budget of  
91 \$3,660,530.00 and a default budget of \$3,637,137.00, which is tax impact of \$7.18 per  
92 thousand.

93 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

94 **Roll Call Vote,** Selectman Tomabrello – yes, Selectwoman Buco – yes, Selectman Devine –  
95 yes, Selectman Goldman – yes and Selectman Treanor – yes.

96 ***The Board of Selectman recommend this article 5-0-0***

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98 Selectman Goldman asked as they go through Articles 13 & 14 will there be public  
99 comment and Selectman Devine said no, they BOS will just be approving or not approving  
100 them.

101 **Petition Warrant Article 13 – Withdrawal from the TRSD**

102 Lynne said the BOS need to put their recommendation on this article and stated the Budget  
103 Committee decided not to vote on a recommendation on this article as it is stated in the  
104 article that there is no tax impact.

105 Motion by Selectman Tombarello that the BOS recommend Warrant 13.

106 Seconded by Selectman Goldman

107 Selectman Tombarello stated that Articles 2-12 all have a tax impact but this article does  
108 not. He said this is the same thing the Town went through last year and feels there will be  
109 funds spent if this article passes. He said last year's article also said there was no tax  
110 impact and it cost the Town a lot of money in legal fees alone. He said he will vote no for  
111 this article and he will be rerunning again for Selectman to keep this from going through.  
112 Selectwoman Buco stated this provides the residents of Sandown to make a decision once  
113 and for all as to whether they want to withdraw from the district. She said the money was  
114 already spent to do the study last year and they have a viable plan to withdraw. Selectman  
115 Goldman disagrees that there is a viable plan in place and is unhappy that they are back to  
116 the same place they were a year ago. He said he agrees with Selectman Tombarello and  
117 will be voting in favor of not recommending this article. Selectman Treanor agreed with  
118 Selectman Tomabrello and Selectman Goldman. Selectman Tombarello said he spoke with  
119 Superintendent Metzler today and he told Selectman Tombarello that if this warrant article  
120 passes Sandown will be the only town responsible for any funding of it. He said the other 3  
121 towns will not be paying anything for the research as they already have done so last year.  
122 He also stated that Superintendent Metzler said that he will freeze funds on both schools in  
123 order to pay for the tax impact on this article. Selectman Buco said this is a cooperative

124 school and the coop should absorb the cost and there shouldn't be a threat to keep towns  
125 within the district from looking into other options. Selectman Tombarello asked Mrs.  
126 Green if she has her Superintendent Metzler say this. Selectman Goldman said that if Mrs.  
127 Green is allowed to comment then he hopes the other side would be able to comment as  
128 well and Selectwoman Buco said the Mrs. Green would be commenting as a School Board  
129 Member. Selectman Devine said he would allow Mrs. Green to answer the question that  
130 was asked. Donna Green came forward and said yes she has heard Superintendent Metzler  
131 threaten to freeze the accounts of Sandown schools to cover the cost of a withdrawal. She  
132 then proceeded to say that she feels they are dealing with a thug. Selectman Tomabrello  
133 stated there is no way there is no cost associated with this article. Selectwoman Buco said  
134 this is a Citizen's Petitioned Article and can't be amended.

135 **Roll Call Vote**, Selectman Tombarello – no, Selectwoman Buco – yes, Selectman Devine –  
136 yes, Selectman Goldman – no and Selectman Treanor – no.

137 **The article is Not Recommended by the Board of Selectman 2-3-0**

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#### 140 **Petitioned Warrant Article 14 – Land Use Change Tax**

141 Lynne said she needs the recommendation of the BOS and stated that the Budget  
142 Committee voted not to recommend this article. Lynne said currently 25% of the Land Use  
143 Change Tax goes into the Conservation Fund. Selectwoman Buco said there is currently  
144 over \$300,000.00 in the account.

145 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello that the BOS recommend this article.

146 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

147 **Roll Call Vote**, Selectman Tombarello – no, Selectwoman Buco – no, Selectman Devine –  
148 yes, Selectman Goldman – no, Selectman Treanor – no.

149 Selectman Goldman said he voted no because of the current form it is in.

150 **This article is Not Recommended by the Board of Selectman 1-4-0**

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152 Lynne said Deliberative Session will take place on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8am  
153 at Town Hall. This is where the Warrant Articles can be amended.

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#### 156 **NEW BUSINESS**

157 Appointment of the Deputy Treasurer

158 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to appoint Christopher J. Short the Assistant Treasurer  
159 through March 2018.

160 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman for discussion.

161 Selectman Goldman asked if he is related to the existing treasurer and Lynne said he is  
162 related to the Town Clerk, and Selectman Tombarello said he currently holds this position.

163 **In Favor**, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman, Selectman  
164 Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.

165 **Motion passes unanimously**

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168 **Acceptance of donation to the SSATP**  
169 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the donation of the \$50.00 gas card to the  
170 SSATP fund.  
171 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco  
172 **In Favor**, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman, Selectman  
173 Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.  
174 **Motion passes unanimously**

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177 **CORRESPONDENCE**

178 Lynne said they received a notice of decision from the Sandown ZBA stating there will be a  
179 public hearing for the property located at 323 Main St., as they are looking to convert this  
180 into a residential dwelling. Lynne said they are being notified because they are abutters to  
181 this property. Lynne said it was voted by the ZBA 5-0-0 to grant the request.

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183 Lynne said there is a memo from the assessors stating they have completed the review of  
184 the sales data for the town and they are within the limits. Selectman Devine felt the 88%  
185 was too low and should be at least 90% and asked Lynne to look into this. Lynne said this  
186 could be because it is a median ration and not the overall equalization but she will look into  
187 it.

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189 Lynne said they received 3 letters from Comcast. One is an address notification asking that  
190 any franchise agreement changes be sent to Manchester and Philadelphia. One is for the  
191 Municipal Emergency Reporting Procedures, and the third one is a notification that the  
192 Annual Customer Notices have gone out.

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194 Lynne said they received a letter from Trinity. Selectman Goldman said they are partnering  
195 with a company to pinpoint real time drug overdoses. He said if they respond to a  
196 numerous amounts of drug overdoses in a certain area they will be able to identify which  
197 dealer the drugs are coming from.

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199 **LIAISON REPORT**

200 Selectman Tombarello had nothing to report this evening.

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202 Selectwoman Buco thanked the Highway Dept. for their hard work during the last storm.

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204 Selectwoman Devine also thanked the High Dept.

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206 Selectman Goldman said he attended the Conservation Commission meeting and heard  
207 about the upcoming warrant article and there was discussion in regards to the upcoming  
208 snowshoe walk this Friday night. He said they would like to use their social media page  
209 and he also commended the Highway Dept.

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211 Selectman Treanor had nothing to report this evening.

212 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to adjourn.  
213 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Goldman  
214 Meeting adjourned at 8:45  
215 Respectfully submitted  
216 Sue Reynolds