

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: February 29, 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,

13 **Not Present:** Selectwoman Buco

14 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisell

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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

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19 Pledge of Allegiance was done.

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22 Selectman Devine asked the Board to review of minutes of Monday, February 22, 2016.

23 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the minutes of Monday, February 22, 2016 as
24 written.

25 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor.

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

28 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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31 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

32 Michelle Livingston, Resident of Sandown thanks the public for those who are spreading
33 the word in order to defeat Article 13.

36 Lynne Blaisdell stated there will be a representative from Senator Kelly Ayotte's office from
37 Monday, March 14th from 12:30 – 1:30 at Town Hall to answer any questions or concerns
38 anyone may have.

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40 Lynne stated the Police Department will be holding a boating class on March 19th from 9-
41 4:30 at the Recreation Building and if you would like additional info please call the Town
42 Hall or Police Station. She said the cost is \$30.00 per student.

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44 Lynne said she received a notice form the NH Alert System stating the Division of
45 Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be sending out informational
46 messages to the general public from February 19th – March 5th to let people know about the
47 system.

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49 Selectman Tombarello stated that on Thursday night he and Selectman Devine went to the
50 Police Station and dedicated the Annual Town Report to Chief Gordon. He said Chief
51 Gordon was not available to come to the meeting this evening.

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53 **Monthly Update from the School Board and Budget Committee**

54 Donna Green gave a plug for the Planning Board because of the CIP program. She did say
55 there were no police statistics in the report nor were they published in the paper and
56 would like to see them in the report.

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58 Donna Green stated at the last School Board meeting Jack Sapia from Atkinson strongly
59 suggested having a drug/heroin round table discussion. She said she reached out to the
60 Sandown Police, per Jack's request and she spoke to Sgt. Roy and she would be happy to
61 participate in this discussion. They are looking at a date in the beginning of March.

62 Donna said in regards to election of officers – all of the elections are contested except for
63 Sandown's School Board, 3 year term, which has only Kelly Ward running and Sandown's
64 School Budget Committee has only Alan David running. She said were are we are in need of
65 new members to have new voices on the committees. She said the new Operating Budget
66 has a potential to increase Sandown's tax rate by 12.3%, 8.3% for Atkinson, 7.2 for Danville
67 and 5.7 for Plaistow. She is concerned that the help from the government is less because
68 the student attendance is decreasing but the budget keeps increasing.

69 Selectman Goldman asked if the tax increase is due to the budget and all warrant articles
70 passing and Donna said no, the increase is only if the budget is passed.

71 Donna said the School Board voted in 2016 to put \$600,000.00 into a fund balance
72 retention so the total amount of this money is \$700,000.00 and there has been talk on
73 social media by Rob Collins to use some of this money to offset taxes. She feels the School
74 Board will vote to do this but doesn't feel this amount of money should have been handled
75 this way initially as it only increased the taxes in years past.

76 Donna spoke about Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund currently has \$863,000.00 in it. Donna
77 said a plan has been drawn up but the projects have not been decided at this point.

78 Article 6 – Danville Elementary sprinkler system - Donna said the District is asking for
79 \$503,000.00 and the total cost of the project is \$753,000.00 so there is a difference of

80 \$250,000.00, which was added to this current year’s budget at Deliberative Session. She
81 said if this article passes the \$250,000.00 can be encumbered from this year’s budget.
82 Article 7 – Middle School Renovation Study - explained the way the recommendations are
83 listed are backwards as the article was not recommended by the School Board 6-2-0.
84 Article 9 – Citizen’s Petition Self-funding Kindergarten – Donna said during the Deliberative
85 Session this article was changed to say “this article is advisory and non-binding”, which is
86 the same thing that was done in Hampstead as well and was changed to advisory and non-
87 binding and she is looking forward to an opinion in regards to this change.

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89 **Review and update on properties of unpaid 2012 property taxes**
90 Lynne said both properties that taxes were owed on are currently paid in full for 2012.
91 Lynne said the deadline for the 2013 taxes will be in July.

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93 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the non-public minutes from February 22,
94 2016.
95 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor
96 **In favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
97 Treanor.
98 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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101 **NEW BUSINESS**

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103 **Request by Girl Scout Troop for key to Town Hall for meeting**
104 Lynne is in favor of providing the troop with a key as she is afraid that the Karate group
105 will leave before they get here and not be able to get in.
106 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to issue a key for Town Hall to Michelle McCarty and
107 Linda Wakefield.
108 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman
109 **In favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Devine and Selectman
110 Treanor.
111 **Motion passes unanimously**

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114 **Election Coverage for March 8th**
115 Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Treanor are both on the ballot. Selectman Buco said
116 earlier that she is available from 6:30pm on. Lynne said that Selectman Treanor and
117 Selectman Tombarello can be present but cannot help with any ballot counting. Selectman
118 Treanor said he will take the 4:30 – 7pm shift. Selectman Devine said he will take the 12:30
119 – 4:30 shift, Selectman Goldman said he will do the 8:00am – 12:30pm shift and Selectman
120 Tombarello will be here from 8am – 10am, Selectman Goldman will be here from 10am –
121 12:30.

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124 Lynne said that the town lines were perambulated with the Town of Fremont, thanks to
125 Hans Nicoliasen for helping out with this.

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127 **LIAISON REPORT**

128 Selectman Tombarello – ZBA meeting was cancelled and he reported on the annual report
129 earlier in the meeting.

130 Selectman Devine – LT. Poole was trained on ice rescue and can now train others and they
131 are still working on the old side of the building.

132 Selectman Goldman- he said Conservation has been meeting but hasn't needed him to
133 attend. He said they were working on the moonlit hike and also the petitioned warrant
134 article.

135 Selectman Treanor – nothing to report.

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138 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (a)
139 employee matters.

140 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman

141 **Roll Call,** Selectman Tombarello – yes, Selectman Devine – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes
142 and Selectman Treanor – yes.

143 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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147 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

148 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman.

149 **Roll Call,** Selectman Tombarello – yes, Selectman Devine – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes
150 and Selectman Treanor – yes.

151 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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153 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to adjourn.

154 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman

155 Meeting adjourned at 8:30

156 Respectfully submitted

157 Sue Reynolds