

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: March 14, 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, Selectman
12 Tombarello, and 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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20 Selectman Devine nominated Selectwoman Buco to be his replacement.
21 There was no second to this nomination.

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23 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to nominate Selectman Tombarello as Chairman of the BOS.

24 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor.

25 Selectwoman Buco said that is usually customary that the Vice Chair would take the plae of
26 the Chairman and asked why this motion is made. Selectman Goldman stated due the the
27 past year and the large crowd at one of the BOS meetings, asking that two of the Selectman
28 to step down, with Selectwoman Buco being one of them, he doesn't feel that either one of
29 them should be in a leadership role this year. Selectman Goldman refers to the school
30 issue that took place last year and said that he didn't want to go into detail but he would if
31 it was necessary. Selectwoman Buco asked if anyone else had anything to say. Selectman
32 Tombarello said just because you are the Vice Chair doesn't automatically mean you will
33 automatically become the Chair and refers to his position at the county going form a clerk
34 to the Chairman.

35 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Treanor, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
36 Devine.

37 **Abstain** Selectwoman Buco
38 **Motion passes 4-0-1**
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41 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to nominate Selectman Goldman
42 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor
43 **In Favor**, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
44 Treanor
45 **Abstain** Selectwoman Buco
46 **Passes 4-0-1**

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48 Swearing in of newly elected officials was done at this time.
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50 **Liaison Assignments**

51 Tax Collector – Selectman Devine
52 Fire/Rescue/Emergency Rescue – Selectman Goldman
53 Joint Loss Management Committee – Selectman Tombarello
54 Municipal Records as needed – Selectman Tombarello
55 Finance Dept. – Selectman Devine
56 Budget Committee – Selectman Tombarello
57 Library Trustees – Selectwoman Buco
58 Highway Dept. – Selectwoman Buco
59 Sanitation – Selectwoman Buco
60 Recreation – Selectman Treanor
61 Old Home Days – Selectman Treanor
62 Planning Bd. – Selectman Treanor
63 Building Code – Selectman Goldman
64 Conservation Commission – Selectman Goldman
65 Zoning Bd. – Selectman Devine
66 Police Dept. – Selectwoman Buco
67 Cable TV – Selectman Tombarello
68 Senior Affairs Transportation – Selectman Devine
69 Historical Society – Selectman Treanor

70 71 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

72 Bruce Cleveland, Moderator, and Michelle Short, Town Clerk, apologizes for the lines
73 waiting for ballots on Election Day and explained the process of ordering ballots in January.
74 She explains that when she orders ballots she looked at the past few years and the amount
75 of ballots ordered and the voter turnout. She said this year she ordered 1,300 ballots and
76 the voter turnout was 1,656. She said there was a miscommunication as to when they were
77 running out, which caused the short delay. She also thanked everyone who came back to
78 work early to help copy ballots and put the packets together.
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80 Mark Treager and Pam Goudreau would like to talk about the Town using Facebook. He
81 feels it is an amazing tool and would like the Town to get more involved with using it for
82 public information. He said this will be brought up at the Conservation Commission
83 meeting as well. Selectman Goldman feels it would be better if there was 1 official page for
84 the Town instead of each department having their own page. Mark is asking the BOS to
85 explore this option.

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87 Donna Green said she was very dismayed by the cable broadcast by the cable station
88 without the knowledge of the opposing opinion. She said CAW and CASE both were very
89 active political campaigns and feels the round table discussion was a spitting contest
90 against CASE and feels this should not have happened. Donna said she reviewed the cable
91 policies which says that Political Campaign Programming is limited to Elections for Offices
92 in the Town of Sandown, Representatives to the School Board or Budget Committee, State
93 Representative from Sandown or State Senator for the District including Sandown. She
94 said this policy does not permit this type of discussion to happen. She feels access should
95 be equal to all parties involved. Second, the Campaign Programming should be open to all
96 legal qualified candidates to have equal opportunity. She also said that Selectman Treanor
97 had advertising on the Bulletin Board and that should not have been allowed. She feels the
98 Cable Board fell short on two very important campaigning policy provisions and feels that
99 this needs to be corrected and asked that the BOS step in to be sure this is stopped.

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101 Richard Lewis, Cable Access Board, there were some failures on the Cable Board, the policy
102 that is in existence the cable board was not aware of it. He said there is a special meeting
103 tomorrow night and invites the public to come. They will be discussing the policy and
104 wants to be fair to all. He said the policies can be amended by the BOS with the
105 recommendation of the Cable Board. Selectman Goldman said now that they know the
106 policy exists would that program have been allowed and Richard said he hasn't seen the
107 program in question so he can't comment.

108 Lynne Blaisdell said that it is unfortunate that not everything is known and feels the best
109 they can do is to find out about something and fix it if it needs to be and commends the
110 Cable Committee for stepping in right away to fix the issue.

111 Donna Green said that human fairness would have dictated that that show should not have
112 been produced the way it was. She said both sides should have had fairness regardless of
113 policy and this was misuse of town resources and highly offensive. Selectman Goldman
114 said Channel 17 is for local communities to get their points of view out and any side could
115 have asked to have something televised. He said the Cable Board did not act with a will
116 intent. Donna Green said Chris Donnellan did offer the opposing side to put something
117 together but there wasn't enough time for that to happen.

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119 Michelle Livingston and Mark Sherwood, from CAW thanked the 1,311 voters for voting
120 against Article 13 and for all that helped with signs and publicity. Michelle thanked several
121 by name for their support. She also said CAW will remain active by moving forward with
122 positive direction with improving the Town and District. She said that 80% of the voters
123 voted to stay in TRSD and hopes that withdrawing will not be pursued any longer.

124 Mark Sherwood said the voter turnout was spectacular with 80% of the voters opposing
125 Article 13. He said both sides did an amazing job getting the word out and there should be
126 no more suggestions of people being unaware of the issues. He said the visions of CASE are
127 not shared by the vast majority of the Town as this was a landslide. He also stated that
128 more people voted on WA 13 over any other article on the ballot. Mark feels this is a time
129 to move forward to improve their relationship with the District and SAU. He asked
130 Selectwoman Buco and Selectman Devine to pledge to stop seeking withdrawal on the local
131 and state level. Selectman Tombarello said they do not have to respond. Selectman Devine
132 said he served for 18 years on the Timberlane School Board where predications that the
133 number of students would drop and it has done just that from 4,800 to 3,800 students. The
134 budget was at 6.6 million and now it is almost 80 million and feels there should be a
135 correlation between the number of students and the amount of the budget. He said when it
136 was suggested to look into this study he felt it was necessary to do so. Selectman Devine
137 said the turning point for him was when the Town's attorney couldn't answer the question
138 as to which side the Town should stand and the attorney said they could go to court. He
139 said this should not be looked at like this again the same way but he has submitted some
140 changes at the State level. He feels the law is incomplete and has never been tried in a
141 School District this large. He said what he would like to see is the group to look at what is
142 happening at the District. Mark Sherwood asked again if he is willing to put this issue to bed
143 and Selectman Devine left the table.

144 Selectwoman Buco said she did not have a sign in her yard as to not to sway anyone and it
145 is their job to find out the information. She said that the SAU does a service to our children
146 and they need to work with the Towns. She referred to the article last year in regards to
147 Sandown Central and the school being closed against the will of the Town. She said she
148 wants to get the best value for her dollar. She feels CAW should be looking for the value of
149 Sandown's dollar. Mark Sherwood said he agrees with that. Selectwoman Buco said she
150 would like to see the personalities being taken out of the picture. Mark said this is
151 something that can be discussed at a different time. Selectwoman Buco said she would like
152 to see our other School Board Representative, Kelly Ward come to a BOS meeting and
153 Selectman Tombarello said that he teaches on Monday evenings and it is not possible for
154 him to attend. Selectman Tombarello said he had a good conversation with Superintendent
155 Metzler.

156 Selectman Devine is back.

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159 Selectman Treanor apologizes for embarrassing Selectwoman Buco and she refers to the
160 Minority Committee being a fixed committee and Selectman Treanor explained his
161 interpretation of that was that the members of the Committee were handpicked.
162 Selectwoman Buco accepted the apology.

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165 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to accept the non-public minutes of Monday, February 29,
166 2016.

167 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

168 ***In Favor***, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Treanor, Selectman Devine and Selectman
169 Goldman.

170 ***Abstain***, Selectwoman Buco.

171 ***Motion passes 4-0-1***

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173 Selectman Tombarello asked the Board to review of minutes of Monday, February 29, 2016.

174 Lynne Blaisdell said page 2 line 64 stated the words “were are” should be removed.

175 ***Motion by*** Selectman Goldman to accept the minutes of Monday, February 29, 2016 as
176 amended.

177 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Devine.

178 ***In Favor***, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Devine, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
179 Treanor.

180 ***Abstain*** Selectwoman Buco

181 ***Motion passes 4-0-1***

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183 **Review and discussion of Septage Agreement with Allenstown Sewer Commission**

184 Lynne Blaisdell states Allenstown is contracting with Sandown to take the septage if the
185 previous towns listed cannot. They are looking for a new 5 year agreement. Lynne said she
186 will get the questions answered if the BOS are okay with this. Selectman Devine asked if
187 the State has plans to create town sewerage. Selectman Devine refers to the epidemic back
188 in the 1800’s which still continues now with the ponds being polluted and the Town should
189 be proactive. Lynne said she will look into this.

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191 **Review of the Office of Highway Safety Grant Agreement for personnel services with**
192 **funds provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Dept. of**
193 **Transportation.**

194 Lynne Blaisdell states that Chief Gordon is looking for the BOS to accept the \$3,496.00
195 grant and the paperwork needs to be signed.

196 ***Motion by*** Selectman Devine to accept the grant from the Office of the Safety Agency with
197 the federal funds provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, US Dept.
198 of Transportation in the amount of 3,496 STEP controls.

199 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Treanor

200 ***In Favor***, Selectman Devine, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Treanor, Selectman
201 Goldman and Selectwoman Buco.

202 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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204 **Finalize Application and Membership Agreement with Health Trust for dental**
205 **benefits**

206 Lynne said this coverage began January 1st but there wasn’t a written agreement signed.

207 ***Motion by*** Selectman Goldman to enter into a dental agreement with Health Trust and to
208 authorize the chairman to sign on the board’s behalf.

209 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Treanor.

210 ***In Favor***, Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
211 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

212 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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215 **Request from Historical Society to purchase equipment to repair windows**

216 Lynne Blaisdell said the Historical Society is looking for \$100.00 to come out of the
217 Government Buildings budget. Selectman Tombarello suggested that Selectman Treanor
218 reach out the Historical Society for a list of their upcoming repairs and Selectman Devine
219 asked Selectman Treanor to be sure the molding being requested meets the historical
220 guidelines.

221 ***Motion by*** Selectman Goldman to allow reimbursement to the Historical Society of up to
222 \$100.00 for custom knives.

223 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Treanor.

224 ***In Favor*** Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman
225 and Selectman Treanor.

226 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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228 **CORRESPONDENCE**

229 Lynne said the Town of Plaistow looking to put together a regional BOS meeting and asked
230 if they are interested in doing it on April 14th in Plaistow at 6pm. The consensus of the
231 Board is to attend.

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233 Selectwoman Buco left the meeting at this time – 8:30

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235 Letter from TRSD to let them know 1966 – 50 year celebration – 2016 & 2017 events
236 planned with festivities beginning at OHD this year. They will be meeting on April 2nd if
237 anyone is interested in being a part of it.

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240 Letter from town resident

241 The letter is to inform the BOS that she is not able to register her vehicle because her home
242 is not a year round home. She said she is working with Andrea Cairnes as well to see what
243 she needs to do to make this a year round home.

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245 National Volunteer Week is April 12 – 15th and would like to make the Board aware of this.
246 She said they usually send out emails to thank the volunteers.

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248 **LIAISON REPORTS**

249 Selectman Devine – Rabies clinic at the Fire Station on March 26th from 10-12, next
250 Saturday at the Recreation building there will be a boating licensing course for \$30.00
251 through the Police Department.

252 Lynne said the Town Clerk's office will be open for the residents to register their dogs.

253 Selectman Goldman said the library has a blood drive on Wednesday and nothing to report
254 on Conservation and he met with the Code Enforcement team today.

255 Selectman Treanor had nothing to report.

256 Selectman Tombarello said he will be attending the Cable TV meeting tomorrow.
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258 Selectman Tombarello thanked the Board for nominating him as the Chair and hopes to
259 make the Board proud and Selectman Goldman thanked Selectman Devine for his guidance
260 and leadership over the past year as well, Selectman Treanor agreed.
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263 **Motion by** Selectman Devine to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3II (b) hiring
264 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman
265 **Roll Call** Selectman Devine – yes, Selectman Tombarello - yes, Selectman Goldman – yes,
266 Selectman Treanor – yes.
267 **Motion passes unanimously.**
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270 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to adjourn.
271 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor
272 Meeting adjourned at 9:00
273 Respectfully submitted
274 Sue Reynolds