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2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: August 8, 2016**

7 **Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting and Public Hearing**

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

9 **Meeting Location: Town Hall**

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

14 **Office Assistant: Paula Gulla**

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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18 Selectman Tombarello called the meeting to order at 7pm.

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20 Pledge of Allegiance was done.

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22 Selectman Tombarello asked the Board to review the minutes of the Monday,  
23 July 25, 2016 meeting.

24 Paula Gulla said line 74 should read the parade will start at 9am and also line  
25 46 should read He handed the Board a packet to review..... not Boar.

26 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to accept the minutes of Monday, July 25, 2016  
27 as amended.

28 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

29 **In Favor** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

30 **Abstain,** Selectman Devine and Selectwoman Buo

31 **Motion passes 3-0-2**

32 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

33 Jess Edwards is representing the Auburn and Chester GOP Town Committees  
34 and is inviting the public to a candidate meet and greet on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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36 Paula Gulla reminded the public that this is the last week to nominate  
37 someone for Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the year.

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39 Selectman Devine stated the Chicken BBQ will be held this Saturday between  
40 4-6pm for \$8.00 all you can eat. Selectwoman Bucu said this is also available  
41 to go.

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44 **7:10 Mr. David Kennedy & Mr. John Adams to discuss a concern about**  
45 **their neighborhood dog**

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47 Selectman Tombarello said he has given this information to both Kevin Coyle  
48 and to Chief Gordon as well. He did say that Kevin is away at this time and he  
49 feels that this may be out of the Board's hand. David Kennedy feels it is  
50 important for the public to hear the responses from Kevin Coyle and Chief  
51 Gordon as he feels that they are unsatisfactory. David refers to the  
52 interpretation of the law and feels the law has been broken on a daily basis.  
53 Selectman Tombarello said that he has spoken to the Animal Control Officer  
54 and she said it is not okay that the dog is outside by itself. Selectman  
55 Tombarello also said that a fence has been installed according to what he was  
56 asked to do. David feels that the owner keeps putting the dog's life in harm's  
57 way. John asked what is it going to take before something is done? David said  
58 the dog is constantly trying to get off the property. John said that he has called  
59 several times on this and he feels the documentation doesn't represent the  
60 phone calls. John had a conversation with Claire, the dog officer and she said 3  
61 strikes and you are out and the dog is still on the property. James said the  
62 residents in the neighborhood need protection and feels this is a negligent dog  
63 owner and are looking to the Board for direction. Selectman Goldman asked if  
64 these questions were asked of Chief Gordon and Dave said yes and he feels  
65 that Chief Gordon was finding fault with him in regards to him not doing what  
66 he should have done. Selectman Goldman said the way the law will look at it  
67 is that the dog is secure because the fence is in place and he suggested calling  
68 dispatch to keep track of the phone calls. John said that he had to rearrange  
69 his life and schedule because of the fear of his family's life. He referred to his

70 disabled son and walking was an outlet for him that he can no longer utilize in  
71 his own neighborhood. Selectman Devine said he agrees with David and John  
72 but the Board can't do anything about it. He referred them back to the court.  
73 David is concerned that when they went to court John wasn't allowed to speak  
74 and the dog owner was paid \$100.00 to end the case. Dave and John are  
75 asking the Board to provide leadership to the Police Department and Attorney  
76 Coyle and ask them to go back to court and represent the case differently.  
77 Selectman Tombarello is concerned because John said that he has recently  
78 purchased a gun he is afraid of how and when he will use it. He also said that  
79 Kevin is away for a bit but when he gets back he will address this situation.  
80 Selectwoman Bucu asked what the circumstances were to make the dog  
81 become aggressive and John said just walking in the neighborhood.  
82 Selectman Goldman said for the record that he gets leery when the BOS get  
83 too involved with a law enforcement case. He said he would prefer that the  
84 selectman liaison of the police department meet with the police chief.  
85 Selectman Tombarello said he will speak to the Police Chief and Lynne  
86 Blaisdell will be in touch with them.

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88 **7:30 Cheryl Eastman, Finance Director to discuss the 2017 budget**  
89 **increases**

90 Cheryl said it makes it much easier for budgeting if the Board agrees on an  
91 increase amount prior to the budget's being set. Selectman Tombarello said  
92 even if they set the rate there could be some changes if all employees didn't  
93 get the same increase. Selectman Goldman asked how this amount would  
94 affect the tax rate. Cheryl said she can provide this, but not tonight as she  
95 needs more information. Selectman Goldman said they have been giving out  
96 2% for years and feels they are going to get way behind other towns.  
97 Selectman Tombarello said he would not be in favor of a 5% increase even  
98 though we have great employees. Selectman Goldman said he would like to  
99 look at the health insurance rates before deciding on the salary increases and  
100 Cheryl said they won't have health insurance rates until November. He also  
101 said they need to be sure they don't go backwards. Selectwoman Bucu is in  
102 favor of expanding the band but they also need to have a robust evaluation so  
103 that not all employees get the maximum increase. Selectman Devine had a  
104 question in regards to the Library Budget and Cheryl said the Town has given  
105 them 75% of their allotted budget, what Selectman Devine is looking at is not  
106 what they have spent this year. Selectman Tombarello asked Cheryl to come  
107 back to the next meeting with the tax impact and Selectman Goldman asked

108 for the insurance payments and possibly an estimate for next year. Cheryl  
109 said they won't be quoted until October. Selectman Devine asked for Cheryl to  
110 find out what years the insurance company uses to get their rates. He feels  
111 they should have the rates much sooner than November as they don't use the  
112 current year for their rates.

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## 115 **NEW BUSINESS**

### 116 **Discussion in regards to where and where not to put political advertising** 117 **on town owned property.**

118 Selectman Devine said anyone can ask permission to put their political sign on  
119 town owned property and it is up to the Board to make this decision.

120 Selectman Tombarello asked where are the locations he is talking about and

121 Selectman Devine said at the 4 corners of Hampstead Rd and Little Mill Rd.

122 Paula said candidates have already been approached to remove their signs

123 and wonders if the Board should be concerned about electioneering. Paula

124 said they have allowed signs to be placed across the street from Town Hall for

125 years. Selectman Treanor feels the land owner should be asked. Selectman

126 Tombarello asked why is he asking to change things now and Selectman

127 Devine feels that permission needs to be asked according to the law.

128 Selectwoman Bucu feels the Board needs to follow the law and permission

129 needs to be granted before they are put up and they need to be taken down if

130 permission has not been granted. Selectman Tombarello said he will be

131 abstaining from any vote as he is running for re-election. Selectman Goldman

132 said they can either leave it the way it is until someone complains about a

133 specific sign but he feels they should make a motion to not allow signs on

134 town property. Selectman Devine said he would be abstaining from any vote.

135 Selectwoman Bucu said if they are going to leave it the way it is then

136 Selectman Devine should be able to put up the signs as he is following the law

137 by asking. Paula Gulla said in the past the candidates have been notified to

138 remove signs that don't belong.

139 **Motion by** Selectwoman Bucu to allow Jim Devine to put his signs on town

140 owned property excluding town properties with buildings.

141 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

142 **In Favor,** Selectman Treanor, Selectman Goldman, Selectwoman Bucu,

143 Selectman Tombarello

144 **Abstain Selectman Devine.**

145 **Motion passes 4-0-1**

146 Paula said the Garden Club is asking permission to remove the burning bush  
147 in the front of Town Hall and they want to be sure there is no significance to  
148 anyone before removing it. The consensus of the Board is okay with them  
149 removing it.

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## 152 **OLD BUSINESS**

### 153 **Final review of the revisions of the Town's Organizational Chart**

154 Selectman Tombarello said all departments that have been affected with this  
155 have had a chance to review it and Paula said the word Cable Station Manager  
156 & Staff will be added to the chart.

157 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to accept the organizational chart as amended  
158 effective 8/8/16

159 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

160 **In Favor**, Selectman Devine, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman,  
161 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco

162 **Motion passes unanimously**

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### 165 **Old Home Day services at the Meeting House**

166 Selectman Devine said he would gladly do this.

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## 168 **CORRESPONDENCE**

169 Letter from Comcast stating in order to get the best HD service the set top box  
170 may need to be replaced.

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172 Memo from Lynne in regards to the lower hall office renovations – Paula said  
173 several people met in regards to this and the Town Clerk brought up that her  
174 entrance is not handicapped accessible and the door is extremely heavy.  
175 Michelle also mentioned moving her office to a different location of the  
176 building so the public is forced to use the handicapped entrance and keep the  
177 rear entrance for employees only. Lynne is asking the Board's opinion in  
178 regards to how big do they want the project to be, reminding the Board that  
179 they are very close to the budget season. Selectman Tombarello asked if there  
180 is money in the budget for engineering and asked that this be tabled until  
181 Lynne is back. The consensus is okay with tabling this until the next meeting.

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184 **Resignation from the Conservation Commission**  
185 **Motion by** Selectman Devine to accept Sophie Dykeman’s resignation from the  
186 Conservation Commission.  
187 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman  
188 **In favor,** Selectman Devine, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman,  
189 Selectman Treanor and Selectwoman Buco.  
190 **Motion passes unanimously**

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192 **Letter from Bob’s Septic service**  
193 This letter of information has been given to the DPW Director and Paula said  
194 she will follow up with him to see if this is something he would like to peruse.  
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196 **LIAISON REPORT**  
197 Selectman Devine reminded the public about the chicken bbq this coming  
198 Saturday.  
199 Selectwoman Buco said the same thing in regards to the chicken bbq and it  
200 can be to go as well. She cautioned the public as to the dryness of the grounds  
201 and be very careful with flames and there is no word on the fire truck grant  
202 yet.  
203 Selectman Tombarello said he has an upcoming budget meeting and said that  
204 Tony Piemonte gave his notice from the transfer station and he wishes him  
205 well.  
206 Selectman Goldman had nothing to report.  
207 Selectman Treanor had nothing to report.

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210 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to accept both sets of the non-public minutes  
211 of Monday, July 25, 2016.  
212 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor  
213 **In favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman and Selectman Treanor.  
214 **Abstain,** Selectman Devine and Seletwoman Buco.  
215 **Motion passes 3-0-2.**

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222 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to go into non-public session under RSA 91A:3  
223 II (c) reputation  
224 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor  
225 **Roll call**, Selectman Tombarello – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes, Selectman  
226 Treanor – yes, Selectman Devine – yes and Selectwoman Buco – yes.  
227 **Motion passes unanimously**  
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230 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to seal the minutes of this non-public session  
231 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor  
232 **Roll Call**, Selectman Tombarello – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes, Selectman  
233 Treanor – yes, Selectman Devine – yes and Selectwoman Buco – yes.  
234 **Motion passes unanimously**  
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237 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to adjourn.  
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240 Respectfully submitted  
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244 Sue Reynolds