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2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: March 13, 2017**

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 Tombarello, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Devine,
13 Selectman Treanor and Selectman Goldman

14 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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18 Selectman Tomabrello called the meeting to order at 7pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was
19 done.

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

22 Arthur Green, resident of Sandown is here to talk about the candidate's night. He stated
23 that Selectman Devine made a comment that he would like to respond to. Arthur said that
24 it is costing us \$20,000.00 per student to send our kids to Timberlane. He also stated that
25 \$70,200,000.00, with enrollment of 3,542 students, which is \$19,800.00 per student.
26 Budget is increasing and enrollment is declining. Cost per pupil is published at \$15,700.00
27 which was last year's amount. The amount published by the DOE is an artificial number
28 because transportation and bond amortization are backed out of their numbers. The
29 amount of \$19,800.00 is the basis that we get taxed. He compared us to Londonderry,
30 which has better academic results and the cost per pupil is \$14,000.00 and Bedford is
31 \$12,000.00 per student. He said we are paying a much larger amount with less academic
32 results. Arthur said there are certain elected officials who seem to make it their business to
33 try to minimize just how expensive the Timberlane School District is and he personally has
34 a great appreciation for elected officials such as Selectman Devine, who are trying to put in
35 a word for the tax payer.

36 **Motion by** Selectman Devine to postpone tomorrow's election until Thursday or the
37 following Tuesday.

38 **There was no second to this motion.**

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40 Selectman Tombarello asked Lynne to bring us up to speed with the election process
41 tomorrow. Lynne said today was a very crazy and it took them all day to figure out what to
42 do and what the repercussions are.

43 There were 2 conference calls held and Governor Sununu spoke and met with the secretary
44 of state and attorney general's office and made a very strong recommendation that town's
45 do not postpone the election. She referred to the RSA 669 stating that all towns shall hold
46 the elections annually on the second Tuesday of March. She said there are others looking
47 at RSA 40:4 which talks about the duties of the moderator having the right to postpone
48 deliberative session or voting day if he feels the roads will be unsafe. Lynne said there was
49 no clear answer as to if this applies to for SB2 towns or not and the secretary of state office
50 said you cannot postpone and the attorney said you can as did the NH Municipal
51 Association. The secretary of state said that if Town's choose to postpone they do so at
52 their own risk. They are recommending the Town Clerk's office stay open so residents can
53 vote absentee. Lynne said the moderator said under these guidelines given it was the
54 Moderator's decision to keep the polls open because employees have to be at the Town Hall
55 anyway.

56 Lynne said the majority of the NH towns are holding their election tomorrow. Atkinson
57 and Plaistow said they are postponing their election. There was a request made of the
58 Town Clerk to deliver the school ballots and results to the school without the results being
59 published and the Town Clerk had a concern with that as she is accountable to the
60 Secretary of State's office. Both the Secretary of State's office and Town Council felt that the
61 Town Clerk should not be delivering ballots to them and the results are public information
62 and should happen in the same manner as any other election. Lynne said the police, fire
63 and highway have all been contacted to keep everything open as best they can and the
64 Police Chief has asked that no one park on Main St. and there will be an officer on duty to
65 help cross from the library and also St. Matt's parking lot.

66 Selectman Devine said the moderator is running for selectman and feels he has a vested
67 interest and doesn't want to cancel the election and felt like the assistant moderator should
68 have been contacted. Selectman Devine feels we are putting people in danger in regards to
69 a law that was written over 200 years ago. Selectman Tombarello said the moderator is the
70 only one that has the authority to cancel this so he is not going to second his motion and
71 call for the vote. Selectwoman Buco said it would be nice to have the moderator here to ask
72 questions. Selectman Goldman is concerned that Sandown's and Danville's votes could be
73 the only results considered for the school ballot because they are the only 2 town's in the
74 district voting tomorrow. Selectman Devine feels we have to go through with it. Lynne
75 said this was not taken lightly, there were several people involved and lots of resources
76 involved and they were trying to make the best decision for the town.

77 Selectman Tombarello said we will be voting in Sandown and will be here from 8am to
78 8pm.

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80 Bruce Cleveland our Town Moderator is present to discuss this. Bruce said that being on
81 the ballot is not a factor that played into his decision at all and feels by holding the election
82 tomorrow could actually hurt him. He said he was trying to following the heavily
83 recommendation from Governor Sununu stating that not holding the election will be ill
84 advised and to do it at your own risk. He feels he has to report to them and he also factored
85 in the weather with the timing, and he can see a lot of potential ramifications in regards to
86 this and it was a decision that took all day. Selectwoman Buco asked what the implications
87 would be and Bruce said no they were not clear. Bruce said it was a very tough decision
88 and his main concern is to protect the town.

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90 Lynne said Carol Shea-Porter will be here on Thursday, March 16th from 11:30 – 1:30pm
91 and invites the public to come and talk with her.

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93 **Public Hearing in accordance with RSA 41:14-a for the sale of town owned property**
94 **located at 21 Birch Drive, Tax Map/Lot No. 28-092 to Phillip Towne**

95 Selectman Tombarello opened the hearing at this time and stated he was approached by
96 Michael Higgins and Richard Towne to purchase this property, which was taken by the tax
97 collector for unpaid taxes. Selectman Tombarello reviewed the process of the Public
98 Hearing and there were no public comments at this time so the Public Hearing is now
99 closed and the second meeting will take place next Monday, March 27, 2017.

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101 **Bryan Lavoie with presentation of Proposed Eagle Scout Project at Train Depot**
102 **Museum**

103 He said he has been in touch with the Historical Society and would like install a sign at the
104 Train Depot. He said he would like to put the sign where the old sign was until he found
105 out that the state owns that area of the property. Brian said he is now looking to put the
106 new sign on the patch of grass outside of the depot and is looking to do some fundraising to
107 help him. The Board is in favor of Bryan moving forward with this project.

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110 **Bob Bogosh, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to discuss zoning**
111 **ordinance violation**

112 Selectman Tombarello said the Board had a chance to look at emails in regards to this. Bob
113 said he is looking for direction as to how this should be looked into as he is not sure if this
114 is a violation. Selectman Tombarello said if this is a civil matter then he would rather the
115 BOS not be involved. Bob feels he should contact Mary Pinkham to get more information.
116 Selectman Tombarello said he would like Bob Bogash to look into the 5 bullet points that
117 were presented by Mary Pinkham. Selectman Goldman said selectman are not prepared
118 well for land issues and he would like Bob to get more information to determine which of
119 the information is true or not.

120 Tim Lavelle and Bob Valella came to the table to discuss this at this time. Bob Bogash said
121 he looked at the property today. Tim Lavelle said he went out today to locate the area of
122 recent excavation which was 28,000, under the 100,000 limit. He said there was a violation
123 about 11 years ago.

124 He said in regards to cutting of the buffer around the pond, there is no buffer around the
125 pond because it is a small pond and nothing was done in the water. Bullet 3 & 4 nothing
126 was sold nor did anything leave the site. He said the fill went on to land that was
127 contiguous with this existing sub division. He also said in regards to the last bullet being in
128 violation of current use Tim said he can't answer that and would defer to Bob Bogash or the
129 assessor. Bob Bogash said this is what he was planning to look into with the Planning
130 Board. Bob Valella stated that he was upset because he was not notified of this meeting and
131 feels like he should have been because it is his name that is being discussed. Bob Valella
132 also asked how this started and Lynne said the original email was from Mary Pinkham-
133 Langer. Selectman Goldman said the Board was asking the code enforcement officer to
134 answer the questions and told Bob Valella that they were not trying to exclude him.

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137 Bob Bogash said the health officer inspections needs to be realigned with the payment
138 schedule. He stated that he doesn't feel that that there should be higher fees for multi-unit
139 dwellings as there is only 1 piece of paper to look at for the property. Selectman
140 Tombarello asked if Bob spoke to Ed Mencis and Bob said yes he is aware of this change as
141 well. Selectman Goldman said he and Bob have talked a lot about this and feels that this
142 proposal makes sense.

143 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman that any septic permit town review is now the same cost no
144 matter how many units, which is a flat rate of \$40.00 effective immediately.

145 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

146 **In favor,** Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman
147 and Selectman Treanor.

148 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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151 **NEW BUSINESS**

152 **Review of Salary Survey received from HR Partners, LLC**

153 Lynne presented the Board with the results of the 9 towns surveyed. She said information
154 was also taken from the NH Municipal Association's wage & salary benefit surveys. She
155 reviewed the results with the Board showing the average minimum wages and average
156 maximum. The Board decided to take the information and review it and have it be an
157 agenda item for a future meeting, as there could possibly be a new Board after the election.

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160 **Appointment of Steve Meisner to Zoning Board of Adjustment**

161 Lynne said this was already voted on by the Zoning Board.

162 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to appoint Steve Meisner to the ZBA for a 3 year term
163 expiring March or 2020.

164 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

165 **In Favor,** Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
166 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

167 **Motion passes unanimously.**

168 Lynne said the Fire Chief is looking to appoint a Deputy Fire Warden, Jeff Farrell
169 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to appoint Jeff Farrell as the Deputy Fire Warden for a
170 three year term, expiring March 2020 or until relieved by the state.

171 **Seconded** by Selectwoman Buco

172 **In Favor**, Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
173 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

174 **Motion passes unanimously**

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177 **CORRESPONDENCE**

178 There are two letters from Heidi Chaput one in regards to Jonathan L'Abbe achieving his
179 Eagle Scout and his ceremony will be Sunday, May 21st at 2pm and they are looking for a
180 member of the BOS to attend. Timothy LaPorte has also achieved his Eagle Scout and his
181 ceremony will be on Sunday, May 7th at 2pm and again they are looking for a BOS to attend.

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184 Letter from the Recreation Director stating that during their March 8th meeting the
185 Recreation Commission voted to recommend that Julia Perelegut be hired as a lifeguard at
186 \$12.00 per hour for a non-regular position and employment is contingent on the results of
187 her criminal background check.

188 **Motion by** Selectwoman Buco to hire Julia Perelegut for the lifeguard position at \$12.00 per
189 hour, as a non-regular position with no benefits and employment will be contingent on the
190 receipt of her criminal background check.

191 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman

192 **In Favor**, Selectman Devine, Selectwoman Buco, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
193 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

194 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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196 **LIAISON REPORT**

197 Selectman Devine – has nothing to report

198 Selectwoman Buco – said it was great to work with the Board and serve the town.

199 Selectman Tombarello – thanked the Board for allowing him to be chair of the committee
200 for the past year. Wishes all the candidates, especially Jim and Cindy good luck in the
201 election tomorrow.

202 Selectman Goldman – has nothing to report

203 Selectman Treanor – has nothing to report

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205 Motion by Selectman Goldman to adjourn.

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207 Respectfully Submitted,

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211 Sue Reynolds