

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: April 3, 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, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown,
13 Selectman Treanor and Selectman Goldman

14 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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

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22 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, March 13, 2017.

23 Selectman Tombarello said line 120 Bob Velella’s name is spelled incorrectly.

24 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to approve the minutes of Monday, March 13, 2017 as
25 amended.

26 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

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

28 **Abstain** Selectman Cleveland and Selectman Brown

29 **Motion passes 3-0-2**

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32 **Public Comment**

33 Ted Stachulsky is here to let the public know that he received a letter from the BOS stating
34 that they strongly suggest that he contact School Board members Donna Green & Kelly
35 Ward and the TRSD in regards to a more suitable bus stop in regards to the Lakeview Drive

36 stop. He also wanted to public to know that he received a letter from Superintendent
37 Metzler stating his position has not changed and he recommends the town create and
38 design a community bus stop so that there is not a concern for the students waiting for the
39 bus on Route 121A. He said he received an email from Kelly Ward stating the he agrees
40 with Ted and the fence should be taken down and the right of way made wider for the
41 safety of the children waiting for the bus at the end of the road. Ted also said there was a
42 meeting back in October, which consisted of the TRSD, Selectman Tombarello, Chief Gordon
43 and Kelly Ward. Ted stated that at that meeting he was told that several options were
44 brought up in regards to relocating the bus stop, however Selectman Tombarello told him
45 that only 1 was brought up, and that was the one by Chief Gordon stating that Higgins Ave.
46 would be the temporary solution. Ted continues to be upset by having to drive his
47 daughter to school or go to Higgins Ave. to wait for the bus. He feels that a bus stop should
48 be created in the neighborhood for the safety of all the children. Selectman stated that he
49 did attend that meeting and still says that the only solution that was proposed at that
50 October meeting was the one by Chief Gordon suggesting Higgins Ave. Donna Green said
51 that she was not invited to that meeting nor were any of the residents that this bus stop
52 affects. Ted said he also had a conversation with Selectman Tombarello stating that the
53 town doesn't need the \$45,000.00 and there should be an area made for the kids to wait for
54 the bus with a bench and crushed stone. He said when he received the letter from the
55 Board he is realizing that none of them have changed their mind and feel the bus stop
56 should be moved into the community and away from Route 121A. He said Donna Green is
57 here and maybe could speak on this as well.

58 Selectman Brown read RSA 189:6, which states the local School Board is responsible for
59 creating bus stops and it is the School District's responsibility to be sure the students are
60 safe walking to and from their designated bus stop. Selectman Tombarello said he had no
61 problem with Mrs. Green being invited to the meeting and he also stated that there was
62 only 1 suggestion made and that was by Chief Gordon in regards to moving the bus stop to
63 Higgins Ave. He stated that both he and Chief Gordon are reputable men and Selectman
64 Tombarello is a man of his word and wanted to clarify what was said at that October
65 meeting.

66 Donna Green came to the table and stated that the School Board is responsible for
67 establishing bus stops and feels that one should be placed in the area of Cedar Circle. She
68 also said that when she went to attend the October meeting she was told that the meeting
69 location had been moved and was not told where it was moved to. She said she is
70 extremely disappointed as she is a School Board representative to the town that is having
71 the bus stop problem and was purposely kept from the meeting. She continued to say this
72 is the type of behavior that we are dealing with on an ongoing basis with our
73 Superintendent and continue to be disappointed on so many levels. She said she
74 understands Chief Gordon's suggestion but also understands the concerns from the parents
75 and feels the best situation would be to have a bus stop within that community. She said
76 she has plans to put this on an agenda for the new School Board to address this issue and
77 asked the Board to hold off on selling the property at Birch Drive this evening for a few
78 months. Donna also said if the School Board decides to relocate the bus stop and the

79 transportation is in agreement then the roads will need remediation. She is suggesting that
80 the BOS and the School Board work together to get a bus in that area.

81 Donna said that the comment by Superintendent Metzler was simply an idol threat to
82 charge the town \$100,000.00 for smaller busses to go into that area.

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84 Selectman Goldman said there is a vote tonight in regards to the sale of 21 Birch Drive and
85 he is still in favor of selling it and referred to how many parcels of land the town owns and
86 doesn't feel they should hold onto it in hopes of saving it for community bus stops.

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88 Lynne said there is other town owned property in that area as well.

89 Donna said this is a safety issue for the kids.

90 Selectman Tombarello said he is in favor of selling the property and there was ample
91 opportunity for the past 3 weeks for any resident of the town to collect 50 signatures on a
92 petition to stop the sale of this property and that has not been done.

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95 Selectman Brown said there is a vacant Budget Committee position until March 2018
96 election and letters of interest should be sent to the Town Hall by April 19th.

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99 **Vote to be taken in accordance with RSA 41:14-a for the sale of town owned property**
100 **located at 21 Birch Drive, Tax Map/Lot No. 28-092 to Phillip Towne.**

101 Selectman Goldman read the documentation regards to the sale of this property and there
102 have been public discussion with the BOS, Conservation & Planning Board and two public
103 hearings and as of tonight there has been no petition received from 50 registered voters
104 forcing the decision on the sale to be placed on the next town meeting warrant.

105 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello for the sale of 21 Birch Drive, tax map 28-92 to Mr.
106 Phillip Towne in the sale price of \$45,000.00.

107 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

108 Selectman Brown asked if there would be a hardship to wait on this and feels because of
109 the issue at hand with the bus stop concern. Selectman Goldman said if the motion passes
110 tonight the property is sold and if it fails they will have to start the process all over and
111 there is no guarantee that the buyer would be willing to wait. The buyer is in the audience
112 and stated that he would rather not wait to purchase the property.

113 Selectman Brown said this has been a problem for a long time and doesn't see the harm in
114 holding off a few months. Selectman Goldman said if they wait the Board is taking the
115 chance that they buyer may not want to purchase the land in the future.

116 Donna Green came back to the table to say they are facing pressure in regards to
117 development in that area, the roads are not up to code for the feels the Board is adding to
118 the problem of poor planning.

119 Selectman Cleveland said he feels bad for the potential buyer who has done the right thing
120 every step of the way and now at the last minute the Board could potentially say no due to
121 an unrelated item and feels it is not fair to him.

122 Ted Stachulski said last October he put that lot in play.

123 **Roll Call** Selectman Brown – no, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman - yes,
124 Selectman Tombarello –yes, Selectman Treanor - yes

125 **Motion passes 4-1-0**

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128 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d)
129 property (c) reputation

130 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

131 **Roll Call**, Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes,
132 Selectman Tombarello – yes and Selectman Treanor – yes.

133 **Motion passes unanimously**

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136 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to seal the non-public minutes.

137 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

138 **In Favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
139 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

140 **Motion passes unanimously**

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144 **NEW BUSINESS**

145 **Upcoming discussion regarding agreement with Historical Society for use of town**
146 **owned property at 6 Depot Rd.**

147 Lynne said we have an annual agreement with the Historical Society and asks the Board if
148 they have any changes to the agreement as it will be an agenda item for next week.

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151 **Request permission to hold Annual Fishing Derby**

152 Lynne said they are looking to hold the fishing derby at Sal's pond.

153 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to allow the annual fishing derby by Conservation on
154 April 29th at Sal's pond.

155 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

156 **In favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
157 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

158 **Motion passes unanimously**

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161 **OLD BUSINESS**

162 **Further discussion regarding Annual Concurrence of Emergency Operations Plan**

163 The Board is okay with this and is signing it this evening.

164 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to sign the Annual Concurrence Emergency Operations Plan.

165 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

166 ***In favor***, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
167 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

168 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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170 Liaison – fire and planning same evening for Bruce and tom agreed to take on Fire.

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172 **CORRESPONDENCE**

173 Lynne said there is a letter from a resident who originally wanted to appeal the denial of
174 the tax exemption and there was a misunderstanding as to how the application was filled
175 out but she has since been granted the exemption.

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177 Letter from Sandown Planning Board – abutter notification in regards to a lot line
178 adjustment on Holts Point Rd & Birch Drive and the hearing is at 7:15 on April 18th at town
179 hall.

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181 **LIAISON REPORT**

182 Selectman Treanor – nothing to report

183 Selectman Tombarello – this Saturday, April 8th is the rabies clinic from 10-12 for \$10.00.
184 Also the town clerk’s office is open to register your dogs.

185 Selectman Goldman – code enforcement/building inspector will be off on Thursday

186 Selectman Cleveland – Cpl. William Pica has retired after 9 years of service.

187 Selectman Brown – Budget Committee has 1 opening and hasn’t had their organizational
188 meeting yet.

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190 Lynne said at the next meeting she would like to take a look at selectman meeting
191 procedures.

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193 Lynne said Municipal Resources was coming in next week to talk to the Board and Lynne
194 said she will try to reschedule it and Selectman Goldman said it is not necessary to
195 reschedule it.

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197 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e)
198 litigation

199 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Treanor

200 ***Roll Call***, Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes,
201 Selectman Tombarello – yes and Selectman Treanor – yes.

202 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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205 Motion by Selectman Tombarello to seal the non-public minutes.

206 Seconded by Selectman Cleveland

207 ***In favor***, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
208 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.

209 ***Motion passes unanimously***

210 **Motion by** Selectman Goldman to adjourn.
211 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello
212 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
213 Goldman and Selectman Treanor.
214 **Motion passes unanimously**
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221 Sue Reynolds