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2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: April 17, 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

14 **Not Present:** Selectman Goldman

15 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

16 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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

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22 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of March 27, 2017.

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24 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the minutes of Monday, March 27, 2017 as
25 written.

26 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

27 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
28 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

29 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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32 **Public Comment**

33 Donna Green, resident of Sandown questioned the letter she received today from Lynne
34 dated April 5th, in regards to bus stop issue in Sandown. She stated the letter said that they
35 feel the location and safety of the bus stop is a school board matter and they would like
36 everyone to work together. Lynne said that although the letter was dated April 5th the final

37 signature was received over the weekend so it hadn't gone out yet. Donna said she
38 received an email from Superintendent Metzler this evening stating he BOS chair and he
39 met last Friday and it was determined that the bus stop is safe and parents that want to
40 drive have an alternative for parking and "we" consider this matter closed. Donna is asking
41 who is "we", does it mean the entire BOS and the superintendent or Selectman Goldman
42 and the superintendent? Selectman Brown said he didn't receive a copy of that email and
43 can't answer that. Donna is asking if the letter dated April 5th is still relevant and do they
44 still want the school board and town to work together, or has this situation been resolved
45 in a private meeting with superintendent Metzler and Selectman Goldman in a private
46 meeting. Selectman Goldman said the letter is the Board's public opinion, although they
47 believe the bus stop is a school district issue and would support the school district if they
48 so choose to make changes the BOS would do what they could to help them. Selectman
49 Goldman said he personally feels the matter is closed at this point and the entire Board
50 would have to be polled for their opinion, however the Board did sign the letter. Selectman
51 Goldman said his conversation with superintendent Metzler was in regards to a letter from
52 the bus company, which stated they feel the bus stop is safe and those that choose to
53 continue to use it may, and those that aren't comfortable can use Higgins Ave. as the police
54 chief has allowed. He said the BOS would support a conversation between the police chief
55 and the school district in regards to changing the bus stop in the future. Donna said is
56 upset because she feels that her efforts to have this be a school board agenda item were
57 completely undermined by Selectman Goldman because of the conversation that he had
58 with the superintendent. Donna said that Selectman Goldman invited her to call him to
59 discuss this matter and said that when she did he never returned her calls. Selectman
60 Goldman's replied that he was traveling at that time. Donna stated that he is her
61 representative and he should not be undercutting her attempts and Selectman Goldman
62 said the same thing of her and stated that public comment is over at this time unless she
63 has anything new to add.

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65 Donna Green apologizes to Selectman Tombarello for thinking the above actions came from
66 him and not Selectman Goldman. She said she sincerely apologizes and Selectman
67 Tombarello accepted her apology.

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70 Lynne said that there will be an Earth Day Clean up and the blue bags will be available to be
71 picked up and the highway dept. will be picking them up if they are left on the side of the
72 road. The clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 22nd and bags can be picked up at the
73 town hall or the library.

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75 Mosquito control program will begin this week and you will see Dragon Mosquito's trucks
76 in town.

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79 Next week is volunteer appreciation week and the Board and office would like to say thank
80 you to all of the volunteers in town that donate their time to make Sandown what it is
81 today.

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83 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept the non-public minutes of March 27, 2017.

84 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

85 **In Favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
86 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

87 **Motion passes unanimously**

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89 Selectman Goldman said he had the opportunity to attend the Sandown North School today
90 for an empathy program and giving back to the community. He said this was to celebrate
91 giving back to the community with a care package that was brought back to town hall for
92 the employees.

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95 **Review of 2017-18 Agreement between the Sandown Historical Society and the Town**
96 **of Sandown regarding occupancy of the Sandown Depot, permission to hang 40th**
97 **anniversary banner and discuss placement of refurbished cannon**

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99 Robert Brouder and Jonathan Wells (from Ocean Park, ME), and Sue Dupouy are here from
100 the Historical Society. Selectman Tombarello asked if there is any insurance at this point
101 and Robert said not at this time. He said there is an RSA in regards to the use of open lands
102 and because there is no admission charged for entry into the building there is no need for
103 them to carry it. Selectman Treanor asked what happens if someone got hurt and Robert
104 said it is State property and it is open land, which you are to use at your own risk.
105 Selectman Treanor asked if that was posted and Robert said no but they can. Selectman
106 Tombarello said for the past few years this committee has been doing well and asked what
107 is happening now. Jonathan said things have been going well until the past year and said
108 there is 1 person that is being disruptive and said there are several people that don't want
109 to join or have stopped coming to meeting because of this. He said there are people that
110 attend the meetings and are having their ideas constantly shot down. He said something
111 had to be done for the good of the society. He said they are trying to honor all of the good
112 they can do for the town. He said there were 2 new members that joined on a Thursday
113 night and rewrote the bylaws without the president or vice president present. He also said
114 that a number of members were also not able to make it that night Jonathan said he had no
115 choice to remove the secretary from her position because she was doing everything but the
116 secretary's job. He said there were a lot of negative comments from committee members,
117 the BOS are being pestered and the committee is being bad mouthed so he said they needed
118 to make a change and the secretary was asked to resign and her money was given back to
119 her. Jonathan said they were up to 65 members and now they are at about 35 and they are
120 looking to build this back up again. He said he has had people come up to him stating
121 things are going back to the way they were. Selectman Treanor asked if the president and
122 vice-president attend all the meetings and Jonathan said he tries to make all of them but

123 Thursdays are hard for him. He also said that if he president or vice president aren't there
124 then it was primarily a discussion because no one was delegated to run the meeting.
125 Bruce asked about joining and the requirements and Jonathan said it costs \$20.00 to join
126 per year for an individual, \$15.00 for a military member and a family membership is
127 \$30.00. Bruce asked if you have to be voted in or out as a member and Jonathan said that is
128 correct, except that members must conduct themselves according to the bylaws. Bruce
129 asked if a couple of members were given back their money and told that they are no longer
130 members and Jonathan said that is true and a member stated at one meeting that she quit
131 but came back to the next meeting. He said that meeting went well, but the next day there
132 were a lot of emails that were not favorable to the committee. Bruce asked about the
133 bylaws and if they stated that members can't be part of the club and Jonathan said no, that
134 is not in the bylaws. He stated that members were given money back because they decided
135 to change the bylaws without an executive senior board present. Selectman Cleveland said
136 he is disturbed that Sandown residents that haven't broken any rules are being turned
137 away from this committee. Selectman Brown asked who "we" is that determined that the
138 money would be returned and they would no longer be members and Robert said "we" are
139 the board of the Sandown Historical Society. Robert said the board members are himself,
140 Jonathan, James Weber and Eric Rouder. Robert said they've never had a situation as such
141 and were seriously contemplating that the society fold again because of the turmoil that
142 was going on. Selectman Brown said he would like to hear the other side of the story.
143 Selectman Goldman said he can see that there are audience members present that are
144 clearly upset and he's not sure if they need to put everything on hold until they look further
145 into the situation. And suggests the Board locks the building with a padlock and asks the
146 Board their opinion. Robert asked if other organizations had issues such as the Boy Scouts
147 or Garden Club had issues would the BOS be involved with it. Selectman Goldman said if
148 the Boy Scouts of Sandown were causing disruption and they attended a meeting to
149 address their concern then yes the BOS would get involved. Robert doesn't agree with
150 locking them out of the building. There was discussion in regards to who owns what
151 materials inside the building and Robert said there is nothing in that building that belongs
152 to the town as everything in there was donated by members over the years. He said they
153 have records of all of this and if the society has to terminate the bylaws stated that the NH
154 Historical Society gets first dibs on the items. Robert said he doesn't want to go through
155 this again, he's not having fun and feels they are right back to where they were a few years
156 ago. Selectman Brown said he'd like to hear from others in the audience. Selectman
157 Cleveland asked why lock the building and Selectman Goldman said he wants to be sure
158 that what is in there stays in there. Selectman Treanor asked how many people have keys
159 and Jonathan said the 5 Board members. Selectman Tombarello said he wouldn't support
160 locking the building. Selectman Tombarello asked who the secretary was and Fran
161 Rosenthal raised her hand and Selectman Tombarello said he knows her otherwise and the
162 committee is going to have to convince him why she was removed. He also said he has a big
163 issue if Sandown residents are being denied to be a part of this committee. Pam Gaudreau,
164 Fran Rosenthal and Sue Dupouy are at the table currently. Pam Gaudreau stated the
165 leadership of this committee is presently an "acting" leadership and feels that she was
166 asked to leave because she was asking questions in regards to how things are being run.

167 She said the elected president took a medical leave and vice-president took the acting
168 presidents role. She supplied the Board with the attendance from October 15th until
169 present and stated that the acting president attended 8 out of 18 meetings, Jim Weber (who
170 was appointed vice president by the acting president) attended 4 out of the 18 meetings
171 and the acting secretary, Eric Rouder attended 5 out of the 18 meetings. Pam said she
172 joined and attended her first meeting early December and attended 4 meetings since then,
173 Sue Dupouy and Fran Rosenthal have attended 17 of the 18 meetings and Robert Brouder
174 has attended 15. She said Sue, Fran and Robert are the workhorses of the organization.
175 She said after one of the meetings Jonathan contacted her to see if she wanted to be the vice
176 president and that everyone has a problem with Fran. Pam said that she did not want to be
177 the vice president. She said that Fran does have a strong personality and asks questions,
178 and Pam said that she was removed because they are friends and agrees with the questions
179 that Fran was asking. Pam said they are not following the bylaws or the state laws and
180 tried to bring this to the Board's attention and she was tagged as a trouble stirrer. She said
181 the 4 acting members were appointed at a meeting that didn't even have this on the agenda
182 for that evening. Pam said the meeting that Jonathan referred to, where the bylaws were
183 changed was a scheduled meeting and the entire Board voted to have this meeting. She
184 referred to the bylaws, which states that 2 members of the Board must be present and a
185 quorum of 7. Pam said Sue and Fran were meeting all the time even though there was no
186 quorum. Part of the bylaw change was to amend the number to make a quorum from 7 to 5
187 so they could hold meetings. Pam said the Board nullified the entire meeting by not putting
188 it on the agenda and said they will call it an executive session and kicked everyone out of
189 the meeting. Pam said she got up and left in protest so she wouldn't say something that she
190 regretted. She said she received several nasty emails where she was being insulted and has
191 everything with her if the Board wants to see it. She said he is opinionated but wants to be
192 sure that things are done the correct way. She said she is now being viewed as a trouble
193 maker because she was advising the Board that they can't just kick someone off the society.
194 Fran asked the Board if she contacted the BOS in regards to this as she was accused of
195 doing so. She said part of the reason she was asked to leave is because she was going to the
196 BOS and getting them involved in this and she said she has never said anything bad about
197 what was happening or the society. She said yes she has opinions but she is only 1 vote.
198 She said at the March 11th meeting she was asked by Jonathan Wells to meet her for coffee
199 prior to the meeting and she said no. She was told that they were planning to have her
200 removed and she asked why. She was told that she was violating the bylaws and that she
201 was taking over everyone's job and that there was a personality conflict and the board can't
202 work with her. She said she would resign from the board but would still like to be a
203 member of the society and continue to work with the members. She said she asked for
204 someone to pick up all of the items from the Historical Society as they are too heavy. She
205 said someone would be coming but they would need someone with them and Fran asked
206 that she be called to be sure she was home. This took place on March 11th. Fran said on
207 March 23rd she received a phone call from Mr. Wells stating that she needed everything out
208 of her house that belonged to the Depot or the police will be notified. She felt that this was
209 very threatening and harassing. She said he wouldn't allow her to speak at all and she had
210 a conversation with Chief Gordon and Sue Dupouy as well.

211 Sue Dupouy said she noticed several things that were taken to a train show in January and
212 when she asked the gentlemen where the items were she was told not to worry as they are
213 at someone's house. Selectman Goldman asked what is being sold on ebay and Fran said
214 postcards. Jess Hudgins came to the table and said she is a new member and she said the
215 faces that she got to know were Sue, Fran and Ellen and she is not sure if she will stay with
216 the committee if this continues.

217 Dale Dumfy, a member of the Historical Society and is asking who are the people that are
218 not getting along with Fran and who aren't joining because of her.

219 Jolene Windmill said she is not a member of the Historical Society, but is concerned as a
220 citizen of Sandown and wonders if the society is following laws as a 501c3, and she asked
221 how many members of the Board are from Sandown. Selectman Goldman said the Board
222 has no authority to dictate that and they don't have to answer that question. She said that
223 she would like to see Sandown be represented the best way possible and doesn't feel that is
224 the case at this time. Fran added according to the bylaws once you hold a position on the
225 Board you are a member of the Executive Board indefinitely until your membership is
226 terminated. Selectman Brown said he is really troubled by these actions that an absentee
227 board are telling the residents of Sandown that they can't be part of the Historical Society
228 and understands the Board has no control over the Historical Society and only have control
229 over the building and understands this has happened due to a warrant article. He
230 suggested that maybe there is another warrant article that takes the management away
231 from the Historical Society so the Board has that control. Lynne said there was a warrant
232 article on the ballot in March for a Heritage Commission, which would do just that. She said
233 it would transfer the management of the historical buildings to the Heritage Commission.
234 Selectman Cleveland said he can't sign the agreement this evening as he needs time to read
235 it and digest what took place tonight.

236 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to table this for 2 weeks.

237 **Seconded by** Selectman Treanor

238 Selectman Tombarello asked how often the elections are held and the answer is yearly. He
239 also asked how this got so out of control and Sue said there was a lack of Sandown
240 members until recently but now they have enough people and are very willing to take on
241 these roles. Selectman Goldman asked if this is the same 501c3 Historical Society as it was
242 in the past and the same or has it been restarted. Robert said there was an argument back
243 then between him and the former president at that time in regards to the paperwork not
244 being signed by the BOS. Robert said ultimately Jim Weber was the only member left and
245 Jim called Robert and asked him to come back to save the legacy. Robert said it never
246 folded as a NH corporation, which it currently exists as.

247 **In Favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
248 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

249 **Motion passes unanimously**

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251 Robert Brouder stated that Fran asked that someone come to her house to pick up the
252 items and he offered to do that. Robert said that Fran told him he can't come to her home if
253 her husband is home and took this as a warning for trouble so he decided not to go. He said
254 he called Jonathan to let him know that he is not comfortable going.

255 Jonathan talked about things being put on ebay and he asked that it stop because it is
256 against their bylaws. Selectman Tombarello asked what is going to happen in the next 2
257 weeks. Selectman Goldman said the existing agreement has expired and no one should be
258 in the building for 2 weeks. Selectman Treanor agrees. Selectman Tombarello said he's
259 taken back by this entire discussion. Selectman Treanor is in favor of locking it, Selectman
260 Tombarello is not and Selectman Brown is not in favor of locking the building. Jonathan
261 said May 6th was supposed to be the grand opening and a lot of effort was put into that. He
262 also said this weekend they were to have a meeting followed by a cleanup day. Selectman
263 Goldman said May 1st would be when this would be on the agenda and suggests that the
264 Society get together to figure this out by then.

265 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to extend the existing lease until May 1st 2017.

266 Lynne said the agreements that have been in effect from 21012 or 2013 are very vague and
267 there isn't really a need to extend. She also said there was an article for the Historical
268 Society to use that building and asks how can the Board stop the will of the people?

269 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman

270 Selectman Cleveland hopes between now and then the organization is able to get together
271 to work things out and Selectman Goldman agrees.

272 **In Favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
273 Tombarello

274 **Opposed**, Selectman Treanor

275 **Motion passes 4-1-0**

276 Jonathan said 3 out of the 5 members are from Sandown.

277 Robert said in regards to the cannon the Board needs to pick a spot for it to go as it has all
278 been restored.

279 Jonathan Wells said 3 of the 5 board members are from Sandown.

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281 Robert Brouder said the cannon is ready to be taken out of his basement and the Board
282 needs to decide where they want to put it.

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284 **Scott Marsh, Municipal Resources, Inc. – discussion requests for proposals for 2018** 285 **reevaluation and assessing services**

286 Scott said every 5 years the town needs to update assessments to bring them more in line
287 with the market value. He said MRI has increased their staff and are able to provide this
288 service. Scott said they can revise the existing contract or do a separate contract if they are
289 interested in this service. Selectman Goldman asked what the statistical update will do to
290 the tax rate and Scott Marsh stated that currently properties are assessed at about 85% and
291 the houses will be adjusted by 15%. Scott said there is no extra money collected, they are
292 just adjusting the value of the homes to make them more equitable.

293 Lynne said they can extend the current contract and spread the revaluation over the next 5
294 years. Selectman Goldman asked how much this would cost if it wasn't spread out over 5
295 years and Scott said the revaluation will be about \$10,000.00 per year. Selectman Goldman
296 said he'd like to see the different options on paper to compare them. Selectman Goldman
297 said he would be okay with not looking at an RFP at this time and would like MRI to
298 present the Board with the cost of the different options that are available to them.

299 Selectman Cleveland asked how long it would take to get this together and Scott said just a
300 few days. Selectman Tombarello is concerned because they are going against town policy
301 in regards to not going out to bid and Lynne said they typically don't go out to bid for the
302 Town's professional services and thinks it's okay if they don't go out to bid with this
303 procedure either. Scott said annually the state reviews all sales to determine the
304 equalization ratio. He said Mill Pine Village was assessed higher than the average and Pine
305 Acres condominium were lower than average. Scott asked the Board if they want him to
306 make the adjustments and separate a contract will have to be drawn up to do so according
307 to the DRA. Scott said he will do all of the condos in both areas and it will cost about
308 \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00 because they have already done the assessments in the past.
309 Scott said anyone that is changed will receive a notice from MRI and they will have a chance
310 to speak to the Board if they so choose.

311 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to grant up to \$2,500.00 to MRI to do the equalization
312 process for Mill Pine Village and Pine Acres Condominium, Scott lane condos.

313 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown

314 **In Favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
315 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

316 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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319 **NEW BUSINESS**

320 **Review of selectmen's meeting procedures**

321 Selectman Goldman apologized to Mrs. Green in regards to the time limit for the public
322 comment and stated that public comment is five minutes and not three.

323 Selectman Brown asked if the Board sticks to the 10pm stop time and feels the Board
324 should stick to what is in the procedures. The consensus of the Board is to change the end
325 time of the meetings to 11pm.

326 Lynne asked about page 1, 4th paragraph will be changed from properly to property and
327 she is asking to change the time to 24 hours before each meeting in 2 places and the Board
328 is okay with these changes. Lynne said under the orders of the day – review of
329 correspondence and asked to add Department Liaison Report and the Board is okay with
330 adding this. Lynne said page 2 she changed the word “leave” to “permission” and the Board
331 is okay with this.

332 Lynne said she will make these changes and get the Board a new copy and post them on the
333 website.

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336 **Review of schedule for transfer station closures**

337 The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the transfer station.

338 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept the 2017 transfer station closures as presented to
339 the Board time proposed.

340 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

341 **In Favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
342 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

343 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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345 **Appointment of member to Joint Loss Management Committee**

346 ***Motion by*** Selectman Tombarello to appoint John Runcie to the Joint Loss Management
347 Committee until March 2018.

348 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Cleveland

349 ***In favor,*** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
350 Tombarello and Selectman Treanor.

351 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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354 **OLD BUSINESS**

355 Lynne asked the Board when they want to review the salary matrix and what info do they
356 need. Selectman Goldman asked if a subcommittee should be formed with 2 selectman,
357 Lynne and the finance director. Selectman Cleveland and Selectman Tombarello said they
358 would be on the Committee. Selectman Brown asked what the Committee is going to do, as
359 the study has already been done. Selectman Goldman said he would like to see all
360 employees be at the middle of the wage and salary recommendation and have the finance
361 director figure out what that cost to the town would be. He said he would like to see this go
362 into the budget as one lump sum for the upcoming year. He said they would look at each
363 employee individually to determine how much of an increase they will receive. Selectman
364 Tombarello suggested to do a workshop on an off night during the summer with the Board
365 because he feels making a sub-committee will take a lot longer to figure this out.
366 Lynne said she will work with Cheryl in regards to the figures and then she will look at the
367 upcoming summer schedule to determine when the workshop could be.

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370 **CORRESPONDENCE**

371 Lynne said there is a notice from Heidi Chaput, Boy Scouts looking for a representative on
372 May 21st to attend an Eagle Scout ceremony.

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374 Reach the Beach is requesting to use the center of town, Friday & Saturday September 15 &
375 16. She said they will be in this area on the 16th between 6am – 3pm. The Board is okay
376 with granting them permission.

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379 **LIAISON REPORT**

380 Selectman Brown said his first SSATP meeting is tomorrow and he will have his first
381 meeting with ZBA as well. He also said the Budget Committee will be meeting soon for
382 their organizational meeting.

383 Selectman Cleveland he has been in contact with Cheryl and she is working on the 2015
384 auditor's recommendations and working on the internal control policies as well, expected
385 to be ready for review in the next couple of months. He said the police are redoing CPR

386 certifications through the Fire Department. There was damage to a cruiser due to a stolen
387 vehicle chase. Sargent Bucu completed his very first Boston Marathon.
388 Selectman Goldman – had nothing to report.
389 Selectman Tombarello – he was not able to attend the Joint Loss Management meeting on
390 Wednesday evening.
391 Selectman Treanor – tomorrow evening the OHD Committee members will be sworn in.

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

397 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

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400 Respectfully Submitted,

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