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2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: May 15, 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 Goldman, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown and  
13 Selectman Tombarello

14 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

15 **Not Present: Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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17 Selectman Goldman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was  
18 done.

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20 Selectman said that today is National Police Officer’s Day and thanked all officers for their  
21 service.

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23 **Announcement of resignation of Selectman Terry Treanor**

24 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the resignation of Terry Treanor.

25 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

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

28 **Motion passes unanimously**

29 Selectman Goldman than ked him for his years of service on the Board.

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32 Selectman Goldman asked the Board how they would like to move forward with filling the  
33 open seat. Selectman Brown said they should open it up for the next few weeks to see if  
34 there are any interested candidates. Selectman Cleveland feels the election was only 2  
35 months ago and feels they should appoint the next closest vote getter. Selectman  
36 Tombarello agrees with Selectman Cleveland and feels that Mrs. Buco should be appointed

37 to fill the rest of the year and feels the appointment should be made this evening. He also  
38 said that if there were others interested they should have run in March. Selectman Brown  
39 said this is not little league and said that they should not appoint the losers of the election  
40 to an open seat just because they ran for the position. He said he is very disappointed in  
41 the Board and feels that there are residents in the audience that may be interested in the  
42 open seat for the remainder of the year.

43 Selectman Goldman asked Lynne what her opinion is and Lynne said it is completely up to  
44 the Board as to how they want to proceed. Selectman Tombarello said he was originally  
45 appointed to the Board because Selectman Brown stepped down and he hasn't left the  
46 Board since.

47 Selectman Goldman agrees with Selectman Brown and feels the Board should advertise for  
48 a week or two to see if there is any other interest.

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50 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to postpone the decision of filling the open seat until the  
51 Board has the opportunity to post the position for 2 weeks.

52 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman

53 Selectman Cleveland said he's not sure why they are waiting, the person he is interested in  
54 having back on the Board did a good job while she was a selectwoman and feels the  
55 decision should be made tonight.

56 Selectman Goldman said at if the motion passes and they wait the two weeks his intention  
57 is to appoint someone to the Board that evening, but if the motion doesn't pass then they  
58 are still a Board of 4 and this will have to be revisited.

59 Selectman Brown asked if any member of the Board has any personal conflict with the Mrs.  
60 Buco and all the Board members said they did not. Selectman Brown then asked the Board  
61 members that were on the Board last year why they were not in support of Mrs. Buco being  
62 chairman of the Board last year but they are so quick to have her come back to be a  
63 member of the Board now. Selectman Brown is very upset and stated he doesn't  
64 understand the rush to fill the position tonight.

65 **In favor** Selectman Brown and Selectman Goldman

66 **Opposed** Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Cleveland

67 **Motion fails 2-2-0**

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69 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to appoint to Cindy Buco to fulfill the term of Terry  
70 Treanor.

71 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

72 **In favor** Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Cleveland

73 **Opposed** Selectman Goldman and Selectman Brown

74 **Motion fails 2-2-0**

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76 Selectman Goldman said he would like to move onto public comment next and move out of  
77 order.

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81 **Public Comment**

82 Ed Mencis, resident of the town came to the table to say diversity of opinion is a nice thing.  
83 He feels the next highest vote getter should be seated on the Board because the vote was so  
84 close and Mrs. Bucu understands the duties of the position.

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86 Heidi Chaput and Jeff Chaput, residents of town came to the table regarding tax map 25 lot  
87 21-1, she said there are 13 houses on Pillsbury Rd. that had access to the property.

88 They have checked with the registry of deeds and the property should not be blocked. She  
89 has letters from the town attorney from 1998 and it states that the property should not be  
90 altered without the permission of the property owners.

91 Selectman Goldman said back in February Chief Gordon came to them and asked  
92 permission to block the access. Lynne said this has been going back and forth for a number  
93 of years and feels this can't be solved in a five minute public comment. Heidi said  
94 Hampstead has had the same issue and a permit is issued on the individual deeds.  
95 Selectman Goldman said this will be put on the agenda for further discussion next week.

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97 Lorna Walker, resident of the town came to the table and stated she feels that elections are  
98 either won or not. There are no runners up in elections. She feels the only way to be fair is  
99 for the position to be posted and the Board can be completely transparent with the town.  
100 She said to be consistent with any board in town it should be posted.

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102 Mr. Morris resident of town came to the table and stated this is the first that he heard that  
103 Mr. Treanor has left the Board. He feels it should be posted for those residents in town as  
104 well as himself would like the opportunity to apply.

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106 Mr. Devine, resident of town, said less than half the people that showed up to vote voted for  
107 selectman. He said the total votes for selectman were 266 out of the 400 that voted. He  
108 referred to the weather conditions on election day and felt the election should have been  
109 postponed. He also stated that a member of the House passed away and is asking the Board  
110 to hold a special election with a paper ballot to fill this seat. Selectman Goldman asked  
111 what happens if a special election is not held and Mr. Devine said you would wait until the  
112 term is over. The towns that are involved are Sandown, Chester and Auburn.

113 Mr. Devine said one town would have to request the election and all 3 would have to hold  
114 it. Selectman Goldman asked that this be put on the agenda for next week. Selectman  
115 Cleveland said it would cost about \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 to hold a special election.

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117 Mrs. Bucu, resident of the town said individuals in the town had the opportunity to run if  
118 they so choose. She also said there was a very small span between the top 3 vote getters  
119 and is asking this to be considered. She said this vacancy had been made public on last  
120 week's posting and people that were interested could have put in a letter of intent prior to  
121 this week. She said she doesn't understand what the "conflict of interest" comment was  
122 about and feels that there is no conflict of interest between herself and any of the current  
123 Board members. She said she never worked with the intent to withdraw, but instead  
124 worked to gather any and all information necessary so the town could make an informed

125 decision regarding withdrawing. She said she never said she was looking to withdraw and  
126 put in a lot of hours on the project. She doesn't understand the concern from the Board and  
127 is willing to answer any questions they may have and is asking the will of the voters to be  
128 honored this evening.

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130 Mr. Nickerson came to the table and is supporting Mrs. Bucu to the open position. He said  
131 she already knows the ropes and would be a good fit.

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133 Chief Gordon came to the table to state that Mike Travis, someone that put a lot of time into  
134 the police station is fighting esophageal cancer and the mustang group are looking to host a  
135 car show fundraiser for him at the police station. He is asking the Board permission to hold  
136 this on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm. Selectman Tombarello said that is Timberlane's  
137 graduation day so they may want to consider a different day. The consensus of the Board is  
138 to move forward with this. Lynne asked to have them fill out the rental paperwork.

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140 Joe Morris came back to the table and stated it is not an entitlement to be on the Board.  
141 They are all on the Board for the same reason.

142 Selectman Goldman said he is willing to go back to the open position discussion if the rest  
143 of the Board is in agreement. It was decided to move on at this point. Selectman Goldman  
144 stated they will come back to this discussion before the meeting is over.

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146 Town of Sandown will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Parade will start at  
147 noon at the town hall and will continue to the cemetery. If you are interest in the parade  
148 please contact Lt. Colonel Kevin Major.

149 Lynne said if anyone is interested in marching please let Lynne know.

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151 Blood drive will be Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and you can register on line and any information  
152 is on the town website.

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154 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
155 Selectman Tombarello said line 37 should read June 17<sup>th</sup> for the fundraiser at the depot and  
156 line 162 Mr. Villela's name was spelled incorrectly.

157 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept the minutes of Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> as amended.

158 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

159 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland and Selectman Goldman.

160 **Abstain,** Selectman Tombarello

161 **Motion passes 3-0-1**

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165 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c)  
166 reputation and (d) property.

167 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello

168 **Roll Call**, Selectman Brown- yes, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Tombarello – yes  
169 and Selectman Goldman – yes.

170 **Motion passes unanimously**

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172 \*\*\*\*\*These minutes were not sealed at this meeting.

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175 **Review of proposed contract with Hoyle Tanner for Fremont Rd. Bridge repairs**

176 Lynne said this agreement is to take the process to the next step which will include all the  
177 inspections, and the project being monitored. The cost is \$ 10,782.00.00

178 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to allow the chairman to sign this contract on behalf of  
179 the town.

180 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

181 **In favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman  
182 Goldman.

183 **Motion passes unanimously**

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185 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to accept the non-public minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

186 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

187 **In favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland and Selectman Goldman.

188 **Abstain**, Selectman Tombarello

189 **Motion passes 3-0-1**

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192 **NEW BUSINESS**

193 **Review and possible approval of Voluntary Lot Merger for map/lots 26-44 & 26-45**  
194 **on Holts Point Road**

195 Lynne said residents have the ability to apply for a lot merger and this has been done and  
196 approved by the Planning Board. The next step is to have the BOS approval.

197 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to agree to do the lot merger for 26-44 & 26-45 located at  
198 48 & 50 Holts Point Rd.

199 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

200 **In favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman  
201 Goldman.

202 **Motion passes unanimously**

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205 **Acceptance of donation to SSATP fund**

206 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the donation in the amount of \$95.00 to be  
207 deposited in the SSATP trust account.

208 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman.

209 **In favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman  
210 Goldman.

211 **Motion passes unanimously**

212 **Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Half Tax Warrant for 2017**

213 Lynne said all the numbers match and they are ready to set the warrant to move forward  
214 with billing for the first half of the year. The tax rate is currently at \$29.16. Bills are due  
215 Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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218 **Appointment of member to Old Home Day Committee**

219 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to appoint Peter Koester to the OHD Committee until March  
220 2018.

221 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello.

222 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman  
223 Goldman.

224 **Motion passes unanimously**

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227 **NEW BUSINESS**

228 Richard Lewis from the Cable Committee and asked if the Board can send the changes to  
229 their bylaws to Town Counsel and Lynne said this was done and he would like to speak  
230 with Town Counsel on this. Lynne said it makes most sense for Richard to speak directly  
231 with Town Counsel and the consensus of the Board is okay with this. Lynne also stated the  
232 cable committee is paying for any legal fees associated with this.

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234 Lynne said they are in need of an ex-officio for the recreation commission, highway  
235 department and OHD committee. Selectman Goldman said he will assume these until a new  
236 member is appointed to the Board.

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238 Lynne asked how the Board feels about the piano as the floors are being done this week.  
239 Lynne said it was donated by a family member in the 70's or 80's. Selectman Tombarello  
240 said can we contact the family to see if they would like it back and Lynne said she can try to  
241 contact the family. Lynne said she doesn't think it gets used at all any longer. Lynne said  
242 time of the essence to remove it. The consensus of the Board is to remove it. It was  
243 suggested to give it to the Historical Society.

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245 Lynne said last week a motion was made in non-public session to give William Shackley  
246 from the transfer station a .50 cent increase and it was not announced in public.

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249 Selectman Goldman left the meeting at this time. 9:11pm

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251 Lynne said next week's meeting will be held down stairs due to the floors being done  
252 upstairs.

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256 **CORRESPONDENCE**

257 Letter from the library letting the public know that Deb Hoadley is the new Library  
258 Director. Lynne thanked Barbara LaChance for filling in.

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260 Lynne said the Joint Loss Management Committee sent a letter regarding drinking water all  
261 public town buildings and should be tested on a yearly basis. The buildings that currently  
262 need to be done are the Library, police station, highway and depot. The board is okay with  
263 this.

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265 The town received a letter from the Department of Administration and Revenue regarding  
266 the 2016 assessment waited ratios. Lynne said if the Board has detailed questions she can  
267 ask the assessors. She said the town is right where they should be with this.

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269 Letter from the Red Cross looking to hold a blood drive on December 16<sup>th</sup> and would like to  
270 use the Town Hall for this. The Board is okay with this.

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273 Letter from the Town of Exeter regarding a cell tower meeting being held Tuesday, May  
274 16<sup>th</sup>.

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277 Spring update from Dragon Mosquito, permit has been issued and what they have done in  
278 April is listed in the report.

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281 Selectman Tombarello asked if any members of the Board wanted to talk about the open  
282 position. Selectman Cleveland felt it was a simple decision and is having a hard time  
283 understanding the discrepancy. It was decided to postpone this discussion until next week.  
284 Selectman Cleveland said he is concerned that that meeting won't be televised and Lynne  
285 said she will ask if they can put a notice on the TV during the time of the meeting.

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287 Cathy Gorman, resident of the town came to the table and said if the Board is expecting  
288 people to come forward it doesn't have to be televised. She said they should be paying  
289 attention and that the position is open.

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292 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

293 Lynne said last Monday the office 265 email migration was completed.  
294 Data bridge is fine. Light and the fan in the men's room is working again.  
295 On Wednesday she received a right to know request from Jeff & Heidi Chaput.  
296 On Thursday Lynne attended employee law update at the Municipal Law Association.

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300 **LIAISON REPORT**

301 Selectman Brown – budget committee meeting was last week and Michael Costanzo was  
302 voted chairman and Lee Dube was voted vice-chair, June 7<sup>th</sup> they will be interviewing  
303 people for the open seat.

304 Selectman Cleveland – attended training for the Planning Board

305 Selectman Tombarello – Spoke to fire chief and the construction will be starting shortly.

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308 Cindy Bucu came back to the table and asked if because the motion failed to allow others to  
309 submit a letter of intent will they not consider any other letters and Lynne said at this point  
310 not motion was accepted and the Board will have to discuss it next week.

311 Cindy said she is here and no one else is and she has a lot of interest in this position.

312 Selectman Tombarello said Selectman Devine was here until the fire broke out and

313 Selectman Cleveland said he doesn't understand someone saying that they would want to

314 try the position for 10 months. It was decided to wait to take action on this because

315 Selectman Goldman left the meeting due to a town emergency.

316 Selectwoman Bucu left the table.

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318 ***Motion by*** Selectman Cleveland to adjourn.

319 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Tombarello

320 ***In favor,*** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman  
321 Goldman.

322 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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325 Respectfully Submitted,

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329 Sue Reynolds