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2	BOARD OF SELECTMEN
3	TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH
4	SANDOWN, NH 03873
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6	Meeting Date: June 5, 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 14	Selectman Tombarello <b>Town Administrator:</b> Lynne Blaisdell
15	Recording Secretary: Sue Reynolds
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18	The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
19	Conduct interviews for open selectman position
20 21	Selectman Goldman asks the Board how they want to handle this and should all candidates
22	have time to speak. The consensus of the Board is to allow all candidates a chance to speak
23	and Selectman Brown suggested public comment should be allowed at the beginning of the
24	meeting but not during or after the interviews.
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26 27	PUBLIC COMMENT - for the open Board of Selectman's position
28	Mark Sherwood came to the table to speak and understands the difficulty of the Board and
29	referred to previous contentious issues with strong opinions referring to the SAU and prior
30	Board members. He said he understands the Board is trying to be balanced and
31	representing the community and through this process he encourages the Board to look at
32	their qualifications and prior histories and should weigh and take into consideration how
33 34	the town has actively voted. He stated allowing a previous candidate to come back to the board that has been voted out of office may not be their best choice.
35	board that has been voted out of office may not be their best choice.

Cathy Gorman came to the table said she wasn't going to speak but she keeps hearing the same concern regarding a previous member of the Board running the town having issues with the SAU and feels these are two separate issues. She said the town interest and school interest are two different issues. Anything the Board members did as a selectman were appointed to do so by the Board. She feels that the 2 members that are here that were past members of the Board have done nothing but serve the town well.

Alicia Sharp came to the table for her interview.

Alicia said she has been a resident of the town for 20 plus years. She said she has a diverse background and currently working as the HR manager at a bio tech company. She said she built the department from the ground up training several vice presidents and owners and bring them into compliance with state and federal regulations. She said she also has a background in accounting and just finished her MBA with a concentration in HR, which is why she didn't run for the position in March. She said she has always volunteered in the past in the community and is looking to serve the people of Sandown now.

Selectman Tombarello said that all members of the BOS have started on other Boards and is concerned that she is looking at a position on this Board first. Alicia said her motto is the impossible really isn't the impossible, it's just takes a little longer and she looks forward to challenges. She said if she is appointed to the position and the residents aren't happy then they will voice their opinion in the next election.

Selectman Tombarello asked her how she found out about the position and she said she's been following the town website and reading the paper.

Selectman Cleveland asked about government work and Alicia said no – just private employers. She also she's been looking over the 2016 town report and has printed out previous minutes to bring herself up to speed. She said she is ready to dive in and move ahead.

Selectman Brown asked Alicia asked about her time commitment and said that in addition to being on the Board she would be expected to be the liaison to other committees and be expected to attend those meetings as well. Alicia said there are 24 hours in a day and they will all be used. Selectman Brown said he's not sure if all Board of Selectman have started out on other committees and commends Alicia for reviewing the minutes to bring herself up to speed.

Selectman Tombarello asked Alicia if she knows anyone on the Board and she said no, nordoes she think she needs to in order to hold a seat.

Selectman Goldman asked if she deals with union and Alicia said no. Selectman Goldmanstated there was a salary survey done is interested in Alicia's HR background.

Selectman Goldman asked Alicia if she had any closing thoughts and she said what you see is what you get and is not the type to go along to get along. She said she is ready to challenge the Board on issues that need to be challenged and would have the town's

 peoples best interest in mind.

Cindy Buco came to the table and said she already knows the Board and asks them to look 80 forward and not backwards. She said she has no dogs in the fight and would like to 81 continue to work to the town's best interest. She asked Selectman Goldman what the 82 volume of people that spoke to him regarding him not voting for her and he said about 8-10 83 phone calls and some others in person. She presented to the Board 66 letters of support 84 for her to be appointed to the Board. She said she did the task she was asked to do when 85 working on the withdrawal study and she is currently on the SAU CIP the Board just voted 86 last week for her to maintain that position. She is questioning where the negative energy 87 88

coming from and if there is a problem with her and the district she's asking for an

explanation. Selectman Goldman said he doesn't have any personal issues with Cindy and 89 he applauds the work that she did on the withdrawal study and feels that she did what she 90

believed was the right thing to do. He continued to say that has heard from his constituents 91

and can't vote in favor of appointing Cindy to this position. 92 93 Selectman Tombarello said he was not in favor of the school issue and didn't always see eye

to eve with Cindy on all items but all in all they were able to work things out and work for 94 the residents of the town. He said she has his support to come back to the board. 95 Cindy said she was making sure the town's best interest was served. She followed through 96 97 with the task assigned to her and didn't favor one way decision or another. She also said

that she has been working successfully on the CIP committee and against the consolidation 98 99 and has the students best interest in mind with this. She said she has the town's best

interest in mind and there no self-motivation. 100

Selectman Cleveland said that he was on the minority committee as well and agrees that there was no preconceived notion for the Town to leave the district. He said he feels like they are shooting the messenger and referred to the increase in the tax rate and something will need to be done in the future. He said if votes are being based on this one incident then the Board is not putting the best interest of the town first. He said no matter who had the next number of votes he would be supporting that person whether he likes them personally or not.

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109 Mr. Devine came to the table and said that he has the experience with 40 years on the volunteer dept., 18 years on the TRSB, 10 years as a selectman and 10 years as a State Rep., 110 representing the town of Sandown. a 111

Selectman Tombarello said he is a great candidate and this is a tough decision. 112

113 Selectman Devine mentioned the decision last week that the board made regarding to the potential \$40,000.00 loss and encourages the Board to come to a decision quickly to fill the 114 open seat and eliminate the stalemate that keeps taking place. 115

Selectman Goldman said none of these decisions are easy and the Board didn't see this 116 117 open seat coming. The rest of the Board thanked lim for his years of service.

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Selectman Cleveland said in 2006 the town voted on a petitioned warrant article to increase the Board from a 3-member board to 5 and feels very strongly that the Board continue as a 5 member board.

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- Steve said he is impressed with Alicia's background and her interest in knowing what is
- going on in the town and brushing up on the minutes and feels that her HR background
- would be a tremendous asset to the Board.
- 126 *Motion by* Selectman Brown to appoint Alicia Sharp as the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Board of
- 127 Selectman.
- 128 **Seconded by Selectman Goldman**
- 129 Selectman Goldman agrees with Selectman Brown and wonders if a fresh perspective
- would be good for the Board and he likes her HR background.
- 131 Selectman Tomabrello feels that although she has an impressive background she been in
- town for 20 years and hasn't had any political interest before this and feels that she has
- absolutely no experience. He said they have 2 very capable candidates in front of them
- wanting the position and feels that is the way to go so they can go to work for the town.
- Alicia stated although she has been in town for 20 years she is now 38 years old so when
- she moved to town she was 18 years old.
- Selectman Brown lived in 20 years before he ran for the BOS and wants the public to be
- 138 aware
- Bruce thanked Alicia for coming out and he has no personal comments and looks what is
- best for the community. She has an impressive set of skills and impressive background and
- has a lack of government knowledge. He said after 3 years of being in town he was
- appointed to the Budget Committee and said speaking from experience if you haven't been
- on any Board's there is a lot to know. He said he is looking for the most qualified candidate
- to fill this seat.
- Selectman Tombarello would like to see a united Board when they need to make big
- decisions and is disappointed because he feels like the vote will be 2-2.
- Selectman Brown said he feels like having no experience should not be an issue for them to
- ioin the Board feelings based on the candidate they are discussing received her master's
- degree while working full time. He said he feels that she would be brought up to speed
- quickly and some members of the Board are basing their decision on other factors and he is
- extremely disappointed.
- 152 *In favor*, Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman
- 153 *Opposed*, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Cleveland
- 154 *Motion fails 2-2-0*

- 156 *Motion by* Selectman Tombarello to appoint Cindy Buco as the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the BOS.
- 157 **Seconded by Selectman Cleveland**
- 158 *In favor*, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Cleveland
- 159 *Opposed* Selectman Brown and Selectman Goldman
- 160 *Motion fails 2-2-0*

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- Selectman Brown referred to Selectman Cleveland and Selectman Tombarello not wanting
- to appoint Alicia to the Board because of her lack of experience on other committees in
- town. He said they just heard from Selectman Devine and all his experience and wondered
- if the Board would appoint him to the Board.

- *Motion by* Selectman Brown to appoint Jim Devine as the 5<sup>th</sup> selectman to the Board.
- 168 **Seconded by** Selectman Goldman
- Brue said his major point is the number of votes that the candidates received and it is not
- up to the BOS to appoint someone new to the Board. He said they should be looking at the
- 171 numbers on the ballot and make their decision accordingly. He continued to say this has
- nothing to do with the individual but has everything to do with the next highest vote getter
- in the election in March.
- 174 Selectman Tombarello said he agrees with Selectman Cleveland.
- He also said in March 594 residents voted and there were 199 blanks in the Selectman's
- 176 race. Selectman Cleveland said residents came in and only voted for 1 selectman and feels
- this is a clear indication that many people in the town wanted the 3<sup>rd</sup> candidate on the
- Board as well. Selectman Goldman feels that the school district concerns are in the past
- and shouldn't keep coming up. He said this is the most divided Board and is bothered by
- this a lot. He told Cindy that this is not personal and hopes the Board would appoint Mr.
- Devine as a compromise. He said he is well respected and has the experience as well.
- He said a few weeks ago he couldn't vote for either of the former 2 Board members but he
- is now taking that back and is hoping the Board will vote for Jim Devine as a compromise
- and uniting the Board. He encourages one of the other board members to consider this as
- well. He said if they don't have a 5 member Board this will just continue to cause problems.
- 186 *In Favor* Selectman Brown and Selectman Goldman
- 187 *Opposed* Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Cleveland
- 188 *Motion fails 2-2-0*

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Hands went up in the audience to speak and it was decided that additional public comment would be allowed.

Cathy Gorman is concerned that the Board is going to a compromise and asked what Cindy Buco has done at the town level to do a disservice to the town. Cathy again referred to the withdrawal committee and Selectman said when the Board voted to disband the committee Cindy Buco continued to work on it. Cathy continued to say that the report that was filed was a notice saying the study wasn't done thoroughly. It didn't have to do with the withdrawal or not. Cathy said she is still concerned that Cindy has done nothing wrong at all at the town level and is baffled as to why they are not focusing on that.

Robert Nickerson, resident of the town came to the table to say that just because they were for the study didn't mean they were for the withdrawal. He said this was used as a tool to get the superintendent back in line. He said some members of this Board should show some giving and change the way they are voting tonight.

Lorna Walker came to the table to say this has nothing to do with the withdrawal. She again referred to the violation of the ethics committee. Refers to her behavior as a selectman on this Board and she continued to work on the minority committee even though the committee was disband. She feels that Cindy Buco is not trustworthy and

- doesn't feel the Board should appoint her to the open position. She said if she was elected 210
- 211 that would be one thing.
- Selectman Brown suggested that the Board run as 4 unless there is a Board member that is 212
- willing to change their vote. He asked if a town election can piggyback on the special 213
- election in a few months and Lynne said she didn't think that was an option. 214
- Selectman Brown asked if a special election can be held for the open seat in a reasonable 215
- amount of time. There was no real response to this question. 216

- Selectman Tombarello said regarding Selectman Brown's comment about Board members 218
- not changing their mind and said if Cindy Buco withdrew then he would vote for Jim 219
- Devine. 220
- Bruce said he is making an ethical decision and based on numbers, as this is what the 221
- residents want. He said it should not be up to the will of 4 Board members to appoint a 222
- 223 member to the open position and the next candidate came very close to the two that won
- and he is not willing to change his mind. 224

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- Alicia said if it would make it easier for the Board she would withdraw her letter of intent 226
- 227 and commended Bruce on his integrity. She said this is not about her, it's about the Town
- of Sandown and doesn't want to see the Board operate as 4 members. She said she is okay 228
- with them appointing Cindy Buco until March. 229

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- 231 Selectman Goldman said he has been strong in his convictions but no matter how difficult
- the decisions are if he can sleep at night by making his decisions and be comfortable with 232
- them then he is okay with it even if his constituents are not. 233

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- 235 Mark Sherwood asked what the time frame would be to run a special election and referred
- to the 199 blank votes could have meant there were residents that didn't want any of the 236
- current Board members on the Board. He feels it would be worth the Board taking a week 237
- to consider a time line for a special election and get a true representation of the town's 238
- 239 desire.
- Selectman Cleveland said there were 5 candidates on the ballot and if residents chose not 240
- to vote for any one of them it was their choice. 241
- Selectman Goldman said as the chair it is his position to move the board forward one way 242
- 243 or the other.
- *Motion by* Selectman Goldman to reconsider the vote on Mrs. Buco. 244
- **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello 245
- Selectman Goldman commented if he voted in favor of the motion to appoint Cindy Buco it 246
- 247 will be a data driven decision. He said at this point he is being forced to be the tiebreaker of
- 248 this vote.
- In favor, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Cleveland 249
- 250 *Opposed* Selectman Brown
- 251 Motion passes 3-1-0

*Motion by* Selectman Tombarello to appoint Cindy Buco to be the 5th selectman to this 254 Board. 255 **Second by** Selectman Cleveland 256 In favor Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Goldman 257 **Opposed** Selectman Brown 258 Motion passes 3-1-0 259 260 261 There was a 5-minute recess taken at this time. 262 263 264 Selectman Goldman stated that prior to the recess Cindy Buco was appointed a the 5<sup>th</sup> 265 selectman to the Board. Cindy was sworn in and attended the meeting at this point. 266 267 268 269 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, May 15, 2017. Selectman Tombarello said line 29, small typo regarding spacing. 270 271 Selectman Cleveland said line 293 should be Office 365. *Motion by* Selectman Tombarello to accept the minutes of Monday, May 15th as amended 272 Seconded by Selectman Cleveland 273 In *Favor*, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello and Selectman 274 275 Goldman. Abstain, Selectwoman Buco 276 Passes 4-0-1 277 278 279 Cheryl Eastman, Finance Director 280 Review of proposed changes to town's Internal Control Policies 281 Lynne said that the auditors have been making suggestions regarding the town updating 282 some policies and they have been working on this. One of the changes is the 283 permits being collected at the town clerk's office. 284 285 Arthur Genualdo, Public Works Director 286 287 Discussion regarding letter received from Garden Club President and possible selection of bidder for Fremont Rd. Bridge repairs 288 There are 2 letters from the Garden Club President that will be discussed this evening. 289 Artie stated George left him a message regarding the damage to the 4x4 post and did not 290 291 call him back. Artie said all the gardens are taken care of right before Memorial Day. He said he did not get George's original email because the town's system was down due to the 292 system migration. Artie said he is upset regarding the letters and he's been here 10 years 293

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and has done nothing but going overboard to help the Garden Club in several areas. He

said the loader did not hit the post, it was the amount of snow that we got and the pile hit

- Artie said members of the Garden Club aren't even aware of the letter and feels that if this 297
- was such a big deal how come the rest of the board didn't know about it. Artie said next 298
- year they will be more careful as to where the snow is placed. 299
- Artie said the letter suggested he and his driver should apologize and Artie said they aren't 300
- going to apologize because they have done nothing wrong. He said they can't move the 301
- location of the snow because of visibility. Selectman Goldman said he feels Artie and the 302
- Highway Dept. do the best they can with what they have. Artie said he would have 303
- appreciated it if the Garden Club came to him personally instead of the letter to the Board. 304
- Selectwoman Buco said this is now challenging for the DPW to do their job and if there are 305
- other discussions regarding landscaping that they seek opinions of those that it would 306
- affect. Again, Artie said moving forward they will be more careful and will stake out the
- 307 area next year. 308

- 310 Fremont Rd. Bridge repairs discussion
- Lynne explained the bid opening was Thursday, June 1st. Artie said they had 8 companies 311
- do the walk to look at the job and 3 companies bid on it. He said Hanson's bid was 312
- \$86,710.00, another company was \$103,865.00 and Busby Construction's bid was 313
- 314 \$198,945.00.
- Artie is asking the Board to award the bid to Michael Hanson in the amount of \$86,710.00. 315
- Selectman Cleveland asked if we have a history with them and Artie said they did 1 job for 316
- us in the past in 2006 and he checked with others regarding the quality of work and got 317
- good reports. Lynne said Hoyle Tanner is recommending them. 318
- Motion by Selectman Tombarello to award Michael Hanson Construction the bid for 319
- Fremont Rd. in the amount of \$86,710.00. 320
- Seconded by Selectman Brown 321
- *In favor* Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman 322
- Goldman and Selectwoman Buco. 323
- Motion passes unanimously 324

- Artie said he spoke to the town engineer regarding starting the bidding process in regards 326
- to a decision that was made on the road improvement plan a few weeks ago and said is 327
- asking the board to reconsider. Selectman Brown said 2 weeks ago he voted against it and 328
- since he has had a few weeks to think about it he would reconsider his vote. 329
- 330 Selectman Cleveland asked what the original scope of the work was and Lynne said the
- original plan was to do Little Mill Rd., Stage Coach Rd., and Love Lane. She said this 331
- typically includes the engineering cost and Artie said there are now pipes involved that 332
- weren't included in the original quote and there are also stumps that need to be removed 333
- 334 that wasn't included as well.
- *Motion by* Selectman Tombarello to reconsider this decision. 335
- **Seconded by** Selectman Brown 336
- *In favor* Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman 337
- 338 Goldman.
- *Abstain*, Selectwoman Buco 339
- *Motion passes 4-0-1* 340

- Lynne said the original proposal was \$506,000.00 to do 3 roads, which doesn't include the complete cost of the engineering. Artie said there is a \$20,000.00 savings through Busby
- and about a \$6,000.00 savings from Steve Keach. Lynne said with this they are only getting
- 2 roads done. Artie offered anyone to talk to the engineers that would like to.
- 345 Selectman Goldman asked to revisit this in 2 weeks and Lynne will give the Board the
- information again for them to review.

- Lynne said under the New Business section said there is a letter form Hoyle Tanner on the
- Phillips Rd. Bridge and the temporary repairs are completed, next step is to expedite a
- consultant and the town can waive the formal process and use Hoyle Tanner for the
- 351 selection process of the consultant.
- 352 *Motion by* Selectman Brown to send the letter to Nancy Mayville asking to expedite the
- 353 selection process and use Hoyle Tanner.
- 354 Seconded by Selectman Tombarello
- 355 *In favor* Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman
- 356 Goldman and Selectwoman Buco.
- 357 *Motion passes unanimously*

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Further discussion regarding town hall will be moved to the next meeting.

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## **Police Chief Joseph Gordon**

## Review of OHRV grant from NH Fish & Game and non-public discussion under RSA 91-A:3II (b) hiring

- Chief Gordon came to the table to discuss receiving the OHRV grant. He said they run from
- $_{\rm 367}$  July 1 June  $_{\rm 30^{th}}$  on OHRV funding to patrol the dirt portions of the town. He is looking for
- a signature and a copy of the minutes stating this has been accepted. Selectman Goldman
- asked if the officers get a detail rate and Chief Gordon said yes and there is a \$5.00
- administration fee. Selectman Brown asked about a 4-hour shift and Chief Gordon said
- there is a log that is kept proving their time on the trails.
- 372 *Motion by* Selectman Tombarello to allow the chair to sign the agreement with NH Fish &
- Game for the OHRV grant and to spend up to \$3,240.00.
- 374 **Seconded by Selectman Cleveland**
- 375 *In favor* Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman
- 376 Goldman and Selectwoman Buco.

Motion passes unanimously

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- Motion by Selectman Tombarello to accept the non-public minutes of Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> as
   amended.
- 382 Seconded by Selectman Cleveland
- 383 *In favor* Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman
- 384 Goldman.

385	Abstain Selectwoman Buco
386	Motion Passes 4-0-1
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389	Lynne asked the Board to revisit the ordinance regarding the Pillsbury issue and Selectman
390	Goldman said he would be okay with reviewing this and asked the Board if they would like
391	to meet next week. The Board agreed to meet every week in the month of June and start
392	the summer schedule in July.
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394	Lynne said she would have to contact town council and the Board is in favor of allowing her
395	to do this.
396 397	Selectman Goldman asked Lynne to notify all the other Boards in town, such as Zoning, EPA, Fish & Game, etc. of the meeting and they can either attend or submit something in
398	writing.
399	This will be put on the agenda in two weeks.
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401	Selectman Goldman said the floors are done and they look great and thanked Hutchins
402	floors.
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405	CORRESPONDENCE
406	Permit received form DES regarding the wetlands process and there is a wait for a 30-day
407	response from the engineers and there is a conditional permit. The permit needs to be
408	signed and posted at the cite. The consensus of the Board it to allow Selectman Goldman to
409	sign the permit.
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411	Letter from Revenue of Administration with 13 recommendations. Lynne said she will put
412	this on next week's agenda.
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414	Town Administrator's Report
415	Notification that the floors were done and there was a blood drive and they received 26
416	units of blood. Highway done mulching, weeding, etc. She thanked John Runcie and the
417	Highway Dept. for helping with the floor renovation in regards to moving items out of the
418	building. Completed water testing of the Town Hall, Fire Station, Rec. Building and the Police Station
419 420	was done last Thursday by the health officer.
421	3 bids received for the Fremont Rd. Bridge
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423	Selectman Goldman thanked Kevin Major and all that helped with the Memorial Day Parade
424	event.

## LIAISON REPORT

- 430 Selectman Brown attended town's Memorial Day celebration, missed ZBA meeting
- because he attended the meeting at Sandown North with about 50 people and only 30-40
- residents of the town. Lots of questions were asked and answered. Attended the know
- 433 your territory seminar, tomorrow SSATP and Wednesday night is a budget committee
- 434 meeting

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- 435 Selectman Cleveland finance preparing for the changes to come and attended the training
- with Selectman Brown and talked about the non-public procedures. Planning Board
- 437 meeting tomorrow evening.
- Chief Gordon said there will be a car show this weekend at the Police Department in
- support of Mike Travis and Chubs Fried Dough and French Fries and Mark Sarelli will be
- serving breakfast services and the Explorers will he serving pizza for lunch. Asking for the
- town to show their support. This will take place from 10 2 on Saturday.
- Lynne said good luck and congratulations to all the graduating seniors.
- Selectman Tombarello fire dept. garage is gone and footing is in for the cement for the
- renovations cable committee last week's meeting was cancelled and he talked to Michelle
- regarding dogs being registered and fines will start in July 10th. He mentioned the TRSD
- strategic planning survey that are available at the Town Clerk's office or you can go on line
- to access the survey.
- Selectwoman Buco attended the Sandown North meeting which was the same night as a
- school musical performance. She said the school board is trying to do more so that the
- residents of the towns are heard and they are trying to gather more information from the
- communities. CIP meeting was postponed to a later date.
- 452 Selectwoman Buco will be the liaison to recreation, OHD and highway dept.
- 453 Selectman Goldman conservation there is a trail committee that a grant was received
- 454 for to send people to the class. At this point there isn't anyone from Sandown signed up to
- attend but if residents are interested in attending they should let Conservation know.
- 456 Code enforcement things going well.
- 457 *Motion by* Selectman Brown to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (b) hiring.
- 458 **Seconded by Selectman Tombarello**
- 459 *Roll call*, Selectman Brown yes, Selectman Cleveland yes, Selectman Goldman yes,
- 460 Selectman Tombarello yes and Selectwoman Buco yes.
- 461 *Motion passes unanimously*

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Selectman Goldman stated that while in the non-public session the Board voted to hire Brian O'Connor as the Animal Control Officer in the amount of \$19.15 per hour with a \$1.00

466 increase after probation.

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