

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: August 7, 2017**

7 **Type of Meeting: Regular**

8 **Method of Notification: Public Posting at Town Hall**

9 **Meeting Location: Town Hall**

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12 **Members Present:** Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown, and Selectwoman Buco

13 **Not Present:** Selectman Tombarello and Selectman Cleveland

14 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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18 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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20 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, July 24th.

21 Selectwoman Buco stated that line 77 the question marks should be removed. and line 169
22 should read she and not he.

23 Selectman Brown said line 99 should read recreation director and patrol sgt. line 107
24 should be discussing, line 122 should read recuse and should be from not form, and line
25 193 should be recreation commission not commissioner and line 209 should be Selectman
26 Brown.

27 Selectman Goldman said line 137 should read expectation that he.....

28 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept the minutes of Monday, July 24th as amended.

29 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

30 **In Favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco

31 **Motion passes unanimously**

37 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

38 Selectman Goldman reminded the public that there is a Republican Primary election
39 tomorrow being held in the towns of Sandown, Chester & Auburn for an open State
40 Representative seat due to the passing of an individual that held that seat. Polls are open
41 8am – 8pm.

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43 Lynne stated that next Monday, there is no meeting but the Fremont Rd. bridge
44 construction will begin and the bridge will be closed from Monday August 14th – August
45 21st.

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47 Lynne stated that September 16th is a Household Hazardous Waste collection day from 9-
48 12 at the highway garage in Brentwood.

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50 Deb Brown, Recreation Director came to the table to say that on Friday they had their 12th
51 annual carwash and lemonade stand to raise money for the Sandown Food Pantry, and they
52 raised \$1,058.00 which doesn't include the food that was collected. She thanked the
53 community for their support and the kids that participated in this event.

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55 Mark Treager from Conservation said they are looking for volunteers to form teams on
56 Saturday, August 26th, to look for Sasquatch. He said there will be prizes awarded to those
57 that can find him.

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59 Paula Gulla came to the table to talk about Old Home Day and to remind the public that this
60 weekend is the Chicken BBQ at the Fire Station, the road race and the Old Meeting House
61 service and dinner. The OHD Fall Festival is September 8th & 9th and there is still time to
62 sign up as a vendor or to enter in the chili & chowder competition. Saturday morning
63 St. Matt's has their free pancake breakfast and they are looking for kids to decorate their
64 bikes for the bike parade as well. Paula also said August 15th is the new deadline for Citizen
65 of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year. There will also be free raffles throughout the day
66 for all attendees. Granite State Analytical will be there as well offering well water kits and
67 they will do the test at a discounted rate. All OHD information will be on the Town Website.

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69 Selectman Brown said there are 3 town employees to be recognized in the month of August
70 and those are Lynne Trahan 12 years, Suzanne Reynolds 9 years, and Alison Rochenski 2
71 years.

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74 **Phillips Pond Association Members to discuss the milfoil infestation on Phillips Pond**
75 Jeff ?? vice president and Steve Meisner member of the association came to the table for
76 this discussion. Jeff stated that the main chemical treatment was done back in 2006, which
77 lasted about 4-5 years, then they had to do spot treatments in the amount of \$2,000.00 -
78 \$3,0000.00 each time. He said at this point it needs to be done chemically and wishes this
79 conversation was taking place last year so it could be treated this year. He said the milfoil
80 is taking over the lake and they could be looking at a swamp as early as next year. Jeff said

81 the state is recommending doing the chemical treatment and the company that does this
82 charges about \$35,000.00. He said DES has a 20 – 40% off grant that they have used in the
83 past.
84 Paula Gulla came to the table to give input on this discussion. Paula said the town will
85 apply for the exotic aquatic grant, which is a reimbursement grant that is due September
86 15th and the award will be November 30th. She said the moose plate grant needs to be
87 proven regionally and there is a big demand for this grant and she said she doesn't think
88 she will have all the paperwork in place in time for the deadline but she will do her best to
89 do so. The Board agrees to move forward with the grant application process and should
90 begin discussion regarding protecting it in the future. Jeff suggested doing a warrant article
91 on a yearly basis for the ongoing smaller yearly treatments. Jillian came to the table to say
92 that she would like to see signage at the docks and possibly have the ins and outs
93 monitored to be sure boaters are hosing off their boats when they enter and leave the
94 water. Jeff said that there are signs on the docks and he's not sure who would be able to
95 monitor the docks.
96 Selectman Brown asked where the funds are going and what part of the lake is being
97 treated. Jeff said that the deep waters don't get treated because that is not where the
98 milfoil is. He said that it grows mostly along the shore line so this is the area that is treated.
99 Steve Meisner said monthly water testing is being done from spring to fall.
100 Paula said there is a long-term management plan from the State for Phillips Pond and is due
101 to be updated this September.
102 Mark Treager came to the table to say that he is part of the Exeter Swampscott Advisory
103 Committee and recommended that someone from the association come to a meeting as
104 they can assist in the grant application process. He also suggested that someone from the
105 association come to a Conservation Commission meeting as well.
106 Paula will apply for the grant and it is suggested that they get a quote for the additional
107 area and add that to the grant and asked that this association work with Conservation.
108 Steve Meisner thanked Paula for her time on the grants for this as well.

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111 Mr. Paul Nicolaisen to request placement of an Eagle Scout plaque in Town Hall

112 He said he is not a member of pack 268 but said the pack has been discussing this for the
113 past few years. He said he has been speaking with Richard LaPort, the scout master. Paul
114 said that he would like to pursue this for the troop. He is proposing to put the plaque on
115 the wall of the lower town hall near the Lions Club plaques and will be speaking with Pack
116 268 on Monday evening. He said the plaque holds 48 names and will be walnut. Lynne
117 asked what happens as boys are added and whose responsibility would it be. Paul said he
118 is willing to donate the plaque with all the current scouts on it and is asking for a letter
119 from the BOS allowing this to happen. The consensus of the Board is for Lynne to write the
120 letter to Pack 268 and will send it to Paul to bring to his meeting with Pack 268 on Monday
121 evening.

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124 **Police Chief Joseph Gordon to review and approval of lease agreement for new police**
125 **vehicle**

126 Chief Gordon said he is looking to lease a vehicle to replace the Crown Victoria. He is
127 looking at a lease through Ford Financial and needs approval from the BOS to move
128 forward with this. He said there will be 3 payments in the amount of \$10,040.43 totaling
129 \$28,448.45. The remaining money is being pulled from the Detail Revolving Fund.

130 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to allow the Town of Sandown to enter into a lease/purchase
131 finance agreement with Ford Credit for a 2017 Ford Police Receptor Utility Vehicle in the
132 amount to be financed of \$28,448.45 with 3 payments of \$10,040.43 each.

133 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

134 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco.

135 **Motion passes unanimously**

136 It is the consensus of the Board to allow Selectman Goldman to sign this agreement.
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139 Lynne mentioned letter from the Teamsters union regarding the police union contract
140 stating the contract is due to expire on March 31, 2018. This represents an official notice of
141 negotiations. Lynne said she notified the attorney that negotiations will be starting shortly.
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145 **Discuss the passing of Senate Bill 38-FN and scheduling of Public Hearing to accept**
146 **unanticipated revenue**

147 Selectman Goldman said that the State awarded the Town of Sandown the amount
148 \$139,000.00 to be used for local infrastructure projects that are not currently budgeted.
149 She said there has been correspondence back and forth as to what this can be used for
150 exactly. A Public hearing needs to be scheduled to accept the funds and expend in the same
151 time frame. Lynne said this has already been scheduled the day because of the short notice
152 and lack of summer meetings.

153 **Motion by** Selectwoman Buco to schedule the notice to the public for a Public Hearing on
154 August 21st at 7pm at Town Hall on the unanticipated revenue from the DOT.

155 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown

156 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco

157 **Motion passes unanimously**
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160 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (d) property

161 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

162 **Roll Call,** Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes and Selectwoman Buco – yes.

163 **Motion passes unanimously**
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168 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to seal the minutes of the non-public session.
169 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco
170 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco
171 **Motion passes unanimously**

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176 **NEW BUSINESS**

177 **Review memo with results of Assessor's analysis of Mill Pine Village and Pine Acres** 178 **Condominiums**

179 Lynne said that equalization ratio Pine Acres increase at a different rate than other towns
180 in general. The estimated change for 2017 is 77%, which results in a value increase of
181 roughly \$13,000.00 assessment. She said there are 36 units in this project and the total
182 amount would be roughly \$478,000.00.

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184 Mill Pine Village – values have not increased at the same rate as other towns and the
185 increase for 2017 was 88%, which results in a value decrease of roughly \$23,000.00
186 assessment for these properties. There are 58 units in this park and the estimated
187 decrease is \$1,320,000.00.

188 Selectman Goldman asked how this will affect the overall taxes for the rest of the residents.
189 Lynne said this is what the Board asked MRI to look into and she doesn't foresee a big
190 change because of the apartments going in.

191 Selectman Brown feels the Board will hear from the residents on Scott Lane as their
192 increases are so high and Lynne said this will have a dollar value of a \$300 or \$400.00
193 yearly increase. She said this increase will take effect on the second half of the tax year for
194 this year. Lynne also stated that the residents in Pine Acres have been paying a lesser rate
195 for several years and the residents in Mill Pine Village have been paying a higher rate for
196 several years.

197 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept MRI's analysis of Mill Pine and Pine Acres.

198 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

199 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco

200 **Motion passes unanimously**

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203 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

204 Lynne said she looked into the fire escape that Selectman Cleveland was concerned about
205 and has the maintenance person got rid of the rust and recoated it the best he could.

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207 Computer equipment leasing paperwork has been submitted and the items have been
208 ordered. Lynne said that there have been email issues and it could be related to temporary
209 passwords that were issued.

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212 Fire Dept. had a problem with their septic pump and it was replaced in the amount of about
213 \$1,600.00.

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217 **CORRESPONDENCE**

218 Letter from DOE regarding hearing on August 11th at 11am at the DOE potential violations
219 of RSA 194c5 as School Board Representative Donna Green filed a complaint and would
220 like the BOE to hold a hearing.

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222 NH DOT letter regarding the new Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$165,135.20. this
223 is the amount of March warrant article.

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226 Application to DES for the roadway improvement plan for Little Mill Rd.

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228 Letter from Old Meeting House Association inviting the Board to attend the service and
229 asking if a Board member would like to do the welcome at the beginning of the service.
230 Lynne will ask Selectman Cleveland and Selectman Tombarello if they are available to do
231 this.

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233 Letter from Comcast regarding changes to services, emails, website, etc.

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235 Letter regarding tax deeding properties and the one listed is expected to be all set by
236 August 14th, which is the new deeding date.

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238 Lynne received a notice from the Fire Chief regarding the memo of understanding between
239 Trinity and the towns of Sandown, Plaistow, Hampstead and Atkinson. Selectman Goldman
240 explained that all towns that Trinity services has ambulances except for one. He said
241 Trinity makes their money on the transportation however if the town feels the patient can't
242 wait for Trinity to show up the Town will then do the transport. He explained that there
243 has never been anything formally in writing so this is a formal agreement of understanding.
244 The consensus of the Board is for Selectman Goldman to sign the letter.

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247 **LIAISON REPORT**

248 Selectman Brown said he attended the talent show and had a really good time.

249 Selectman Goldman – Conservation upcoming event find the sasquatch in the town forest
250 and they have a lot of good upcoming events.

251 Selectwoman Buco – highway has been working on upcoming projects, doing ground
252 maintenance, tree removals and fixing sink holes. OHD Committee still looking for Citizen
253 of the Year Nominations as well as Young Citizen of the Year.

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256 **Motion by** Selectwoman Buco to accept the two non-public minutes of July 24th as written.

257 **Seconded by** Selectman Brow

258 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco

259 **Motion passes unanimously**

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262 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to go in to non-public session under RSA 91-A3:II (d) property

263 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

264 **Roll Call** Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes and Selectwoman Buco – yes.

265 Motion passes unanimously

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268 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

269 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

270 **In Favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman Buco

271 **Motion passes unanimously**

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