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2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: October 2, 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 Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectwoman Buco and
13 Selectman Goldman.

14 **Not Present:** Selectman Tombarello

15 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

16 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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19 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a
20 moment of silence for those in Las Vegas.

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

24 Selectman Brown announced the month of October employees that are celebrating
25 anniversaries this month and they are Lt. John Sable – 18 years, Lynne Blaisdell – 14 years,
26 Ed Mencis – 5 years and Sean Moses – 1 year.

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28 Selectman Goldman stated that Pat & Fred Tiegue received a 40 years of service
29 recognition from the State of NH Fire Service Committee of Merits last Monday.

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31 Tad Dzimien, from Neighborhood Energy to discuss proposed third party electric
32 providers. He stated that the town has continued to out preform the utility rate at
33 Eversource saving the town about \$12,000.00 over the past 4 years. He said they quoted
34 with 3 suppliers and competitive bids and has a proposal he thinks the town will be happy
35 with. He talked about the capacity component which has caused an increase over the past
36 year. He is still offering the town a fixed rate where the capacity is included. Tad referred

37 to the handout that he gave to the Board. He said the town is currently paying .081 and
38 .085 and the rates of the new contract will be slightly higher. Selectman Goldman asked if
39 they can do the NH Electric co-op rate for 1 year and Eversource for 3. And Tad said that
40 would be his recommendation because he is not comfortable recommending a rate that is
41 higher than the average. The consensus of the board is to move forward this evening with
42 a decision.

43 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to renew the third party local supplier for a term of 36 months
44 with Eversource and 12 months NH Electric Co-op based on current rates.

45 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.

46 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
47 Buco.

48 **Motion passes unanimously**

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51 **Further review of proposed 2018 budget for Cemetery Trustees and Assessing**
52 **Cemetery 4195**

53 Carroll Bassett is here presenting this budget. Lynne said there was a question regarding
54 the increase in the repair/maintenance line and Carroll said they are looking to repair the
55 south part of the stone wall. He said he has someone in town that is willing to do the work
56 and the wall will be pressure washed and some stones will be replaced and it then it will be
57 capped.

58 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to recommend the Cemetery budget to the Budget Committee
59 with Gross Expenses of \$7,301.00, Revenue of \$0.00 and Net Expenses of \$7,301.00.

60 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

61 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.

62 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
63 Buco.

64 **Motion passes unanimously**

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67 **Assessing budget - 4150-06**

68 Lynne said at the last meeting the Board amended the assessing contract to include the
69 revaluation and a portion of the revaluation capital reserve fund as an initial payment
70 towards the revaluation. Lynne said this reduced the cost of the contract so the Assessing
71 Services line needs to be amended to \$68,400.00.

72 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to adjust the Assessing Services line to \$68,400.00.

73 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

74 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
75 Buco.

76 **Motion passes unanimously**

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80 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to recommend the Assessing budget to the Budget Committee
81 with Gross Expenses of \$75,420.00, Revenue of \$0.00 and Net Expenses of \$75,420.00.

82 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

83 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
84 Buco.

85 **Motion passes unanimously**

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87 **Further discussion regarding proposed wage matrix**

88 Selectman Tombarello is not present this evening so there was a discussion as to whether
89 to hold off on this discussion until at a later time. The consensus of the Board is to revisit
90 this in a few months after the budget process has been completed.

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93 **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

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95 Lynne stated that last week the roof on the Old Meeting House was replaced with the 2016
96 budget funds.

97 The furnaces at Town Hall and the Fire Station were cleaned this week a few small parts
98 were needed and the other furnace at the Fire a Station is being done tomorrow as well as
99 the one at the highway garage.

100 The area selectman's meeting was last week and was well attended. There was a lot of
101 good discussion and Sandown will be hosting the next one in March or April.

102 Budget season is under way and she will be working on the Government Building budget
103 shortly and asked the Board to be on the lookout for emails regarding projects that need to
104 be done.

105 Waiting on the DOR to set one more utility rate so they can file the MS1 and get the tax rate
106 set.

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109 **CORRESPONDENCE**

110 Lynne said Kurt Sweet needs to resign from the ZBA and the Board needs to accept this
111 resignation.

112 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to accept the resignation from Kurt Sweet from the ZBA.

113 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

114 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
115 Buco.

116 **Motion passes unanimously**

117 The Board thanked him for his many years of service.

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119 Selectman Brown said he attended the ZBA meeting last week and the members of the ZBA
120 made a motion to have Chris Longchamps become a member of the ZBA instead of an
121 alternate.

122 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to appoint Chris Longchamps as a permanent member of the
123 ZBA until March 2018.

124 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco
125 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
126 Buco.

127 **Motion passes unanimously**

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129 Letter from Comcast to keep the town informed that around November 7th ESPN Classic
130 will no longer be available and effective November 20th there will be an increase in some
131 rates. Lynne said all of the correspondence will be posted on the town website if anyone is
132 interested in reading it.

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134 The RPC is requesting 2018 dues that come from the Planning Board's budget and Lynne
135 passed this on to them. The amount they are requesting is \$6,260.00.

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137 **LIAISON REPORT**

138 Selectwoman Buco – highway is clearing the trees back for the upcoming road work on
139 Little Mill and Depot Rd and they will be getting to Stage Coach Rd. and Love Ln.

140 She thanked Deb Brown and the recreation commission on the town wide yard sale for
141 their hard work.

142 Selectman Goldman thanked the garden club for their cleanup efforts around the town.

143 Michelle Short came to the table to say that she will not be able to process any registrations
144 on Tuesday, October 10th because the statewide registry will be updated.

145 Selectman Goldman stated the ladder truck is in service and on Saturday was the NH Fallen
146 Firefighter's Memorial, which he attended and Harold Frey died on the job during an ice
147 rescue training in January 2011. He also said a few of them will be traveling to Maryland
148 this weekend for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial.

149 Selectman Cleveland said that Finance is working on the budgets.

150 Selectman Brown said tomorrow night he will attend the SSATP meeting Wednesday he
151 will be attending the Budget Committee meeting.

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154 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a)
155 employee matters and (d) property and (b) hiring and to conduct employee evaluation for
156 Town Administrator.

157 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.

158 **Roll Call** Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes and
159 Selectwoman Buco – yes.

160 **Motion passes unanimously**

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

163 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

164 **In favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
165 Buco.

166 **Motion passes unanimously**

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168 ***Motion by*** Selectman Goldman to adjourn
169 ***Seconded by*** Selectwoman Buco
170 ***In Favor,*** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
171 Buco.
172 ***Motion passes unanimously***
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