

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: March 5, 2018**

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 Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectwoman Buco and
13 Selectman Brown

14 **Not Present:** Selectman Tombarello

15 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

16 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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19 Selectman Goldman opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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22 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

23 Selectman Goldman said the Candidate’s night has been moved from Wednesday to
24 Thursday night at 7pm due to the impending snow storm.

25 Selectman Brown congratulated the following employees for the March anniversaries.
26 They are Arri Roy 29 years, Joseph Gordon 14 years, Debra Brown 13 years, Veronica
27 Utman 10 years, Thomas Tombarello 8 years and Lauren Barry 3 years.

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29 Selectman Brown said that he would like to address an issue that came up through social
30 media. He said there is a person running for Selectman in March that has been putting false
31 information about him on social media, regarding Selectman Brown voting for raises for
32 the recreation director. He stated that Deb Brown was hired as the Recreation Directon in
33 2005 on a part time basis, at which time Selectman Brown was not a member of the BOS.
34 He then stated that the position was changed to a full-time position in 2015 and again he
35 was not a member of the BOS at that time and had nothing to do with this decision. He
36 referred to the minutes of August 28th where a discussion took place regarding salary
37 increases for about 12 employees of the town at which time he recused himself from the

38 discussion and did not participate in the vote of the increases because his wife Debra
39 Brown would have been affected by the decision. He then referred to the minutes of
40 November 27, 2017 at which time the BOS were reviewing the Recreation budget and
41 stated that when the vote was taken to accept the budget he abstained from that vote. He
42 then continued to say that when the Recreation budget came to the Budget Committee he
43 abstained from that vote as well. So he wanted to clarify to the public that he has not taken
44 part in a vote that would have affected the salary of the Recreation Director, which is his
45 wife.

46 Selectwoman Buco asked if this is the correct forum to correct information that is being
47 used on social media. She said that things have been said on social media about her and
48 her husband and doesn't feel this is the proper place to discuss these items. Selectman
49 Goldman and Selectman Cleveland said they hadn't given much thought to the issues being
50 discussed at this time. Selectman Brown said he is trying to protect his reputation and
51 wanted to make the public aware as he could be sitting next to this person very soon as a
52 member of the Board. Selectwoman Buco said Selectman Brown could have responded
53 back on social media to that individual.

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55 Deb Hoadley, Library Director came to the table to update the Board. She stated the library
56 has copies of the 2018 voter's guide and it is on their website as well. She said they have
57 created article links on the proposed dog park and the Milfoil articles and encourage the
58 public to come to the polls informed. She also said the library is prepared to help with
59 anything else the town would like them to research. Deb stated tax forms are also at the
60 library. She reminder the public they can receive Enews and updates from the library. She
61 said they had 3 days of programming at the library during vacation week and they also
62 have 12 museum passes and in 8 days 34 passes were handed out. Deb stated 2 weeks ago
63 they had an "Ask A trans person anything" panel and there is a bill that does not include
64 gender identity in the discrimination clause and without that any transgender person can
65 be asked to leave any establishment. She said the library was impactful in getting this to the
66 house to be included in the discrimination clause.

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69 **Opening on sealed bids for the 2011 Ford Crowne Victoria - retired police cruiser**

70 Selectman Cleveland opened the bid from Asian Auto Services in the amount of \$1,543.21
71 Selectwoman Buco opened the bid from Bay Ridge Motors in Staten Island, NY in the
72 amount of \$575.00.

73 Selectman Cleveland said he researched Kelly Blue Book and the \$1,543 is in line with this.

74 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to sell the 2011 Crowne Victoria to Asian Auto Services in
75 Plaistow, NH in the amount of \$1,543.21.

76 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco.

77 **In Favor,** Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
78 Buco.

79 **Motion passes unanimously**

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84 **NEW BUSINESS**

85 **Renewal of agreement with Historical Society**

86 Selectman Goldman said this is the same agreement with different dates. Lynne stated in
87 2017 the Society has asked to have heat back in the building and the wording in the
88 agreement reflects this in the 5th paragraph. Lynne said this has not been sent to the
89 Historical Society yet and if the Board is okay with this she will send it to them for
90 approval. Selectman Goldman said they still don't have an inventory of the items that are in
91 the building and feels they should have a list of the items that the town is insuring. Lynne
92 said she thinks Mr. Broeder said that everything that is in the Depot is owned by the
93 Historical Society. Lynne will send this over to the Historical Society for their review.

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96 **Appointment of Ballot Clerks**

97 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to appoint Patricia Edris, Maureen Cail and Amanda Knight
98 as Ballot Clerks for the 2018-19 election period.

99 **Seconded by** Selectwoman Buco

100 **In Favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
101 Buco.

102 **Motion passes unanimously**

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105 **Review of Engagement Letter for 2017 Annual Audit**

106 Lynne states that Melanson Heath created the engagement letter stating what they will be
107 doing to the town and what the town is responsible for as well. She said this is a normal
108 part of the auditing process. Lynne said this is the same letter the town has received for the
109 past few years. Selectwoman Buco said the letter gives the estimate of the fee but also
110 references a cost reduction if employees help with part of this process and asked if this
111 ever happens and Lynne said she has not seen this through the auditing process.
112 Selectwoman Buco asked what the Town can do to help reduce the costs of this process and
113 Lynne said she will speak with Cheryl on this.

114 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement with Melanson
115 Heath to do the town audit.

116 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

117 **In Favor**, Selectman Brown, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman and Selectwoman
118 Buco.

119 **Motion passes unanimously**

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122 **Status Report of 2018 Revaluation/Statistical Update**

123 Selectman Buco stated that through social media there have been concerns regarding the
124 valuations of the property in town.

125 She read the response from MRI which stated they are under way for the 2018 revaluation
126 and the preliminary values will be presented to the town for review in late May.

127 Lynne said they are currently at 77% and she will present this to the Board at next weeks
128 meeting.

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130 **Letter from Primex**

131 Lynne said she received information on a second injury form from Primex that some towns
132 are filling out as part of their initial package. She is asking the Board if they would like her
133 to look into this further. The Board agrees that Lynne reach out to Primex to gather more
134 information on this.

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137 **CORRESPONDENCE**

138 Letter from Eversource stating they are doing maintenance on the powerlines. Helicopters
139 have been in the area dropping off employees to do the work.

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143 **LIAISON REPORT**

144 Selectman Brown had nothing to report

145 Selectman Cleveland said Planning Board meeting was postponed until March 20th.

146 Selectman Goldman – Conservation had a tour scheduled for Dave Dupouy’s maple
147 sugaring with a 50-person cap.

148 Selectwoman Buco – highway is continuing to do normal maintenance and patching and
149 prepping for the upcoming storm this week. Lynne asked if it is ok to close the transfer
150 station on Wednesday while they are dealing with the storm. The Board is okay with this
151 and Selectman Goldman suggested publicizing this now and if they want to extend their
152 hours over the weekend he is okay with that as well.

153 Selectwoman Buco said the budget is getting high due to the inclement weather we have
154 been having.

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156 Lynn asked the Board if they would like to meet next week as it is the night before the town
157 election. She said at this point there is only 1 item on the agenda. The Board would like to
158 reevaluate this at the at the end of the week.

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160 Selectman Goldman said the Voters Guide is available for the public at town hall, the library
161 and electronically as well.

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163 Selectman Goldman wished all the candidate’s good luck in the election next week.

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165 ***Motion by*** Selectman Brown to adjourn.

166 ***Seconded by*** Selectwoman Buco

167 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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169 Meeting adjourned.

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171 Respectfully Submitted

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174 Sue Reynolds

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