

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: April 9, 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 Tombarello Selectman Hudgins and
13 Selectman Brown

14 **Not Present:** Selectman Goldman

15 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

16 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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19 Selectman Brown opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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22 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

23 Erica Olsen, Sandown Old Home Day Committee member came to the table to thank the
24 BOS for keeping the fireworks in the budget. She said the committee works hard to stay
25 within their \$7,000.00 budget. She explained that a lot of the entertainers that perform in
26 the parade are upwards of thousands of dollars each. Selectman Cleveland asked how
27 many people volunteer for the event and Erica said there are 10 members on the
28 committee and more that help on the day itself. Selectman Cleveland said that should be
29 recognized as well as there are not a lot of people doing a lot of work. Erica said their next
30 meeting is in May and they are always looking for new committee members. Selectman
31 Tombarello said the chairman of the OHD Committee doesn't live in town and donates a lot
32 of his time as well.
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34 Cindy Bucu, member of the public came to the table to understand how they arrived with
35 the issue of the raises and the Default Budget. She said she reviewed the meeting of August
36 28th and pointed out several comments that took place. She commended Selectman
37 Cleveland for a well presented recommendation, by using a methodical approach and

38 provide incremental increases to the employees, while cautioning the Board regarding
39 these increases especially if they end up in a default budget, they won't have the money to
40 pay the raises. She referred to comments that were made by Selectman Goldman as well
41 saying the Board needed to do something now, so the employees are brought up to the
42 level of their peers. She said her input was to take small steps and use the working
43 sessions the Board agreed to, and Selectman Goldman said it wouldn't be fair to take each
44 position individually. She continued to say that Selectman Goldman make a comment
45 regarding the Welfare Officer's stipend and come February 3rd she may no longer have it.
46 She thinks it could have meant that if the budget was default then the stipend would be
47 rescinded but she doesn't know for sure. She said she wonders exactly what he meant by
48 that comment, but he is not here to answer. She said there has been no consideration
49 regarding rescinding raises from this current Board. She continued to say that the vote for
50 the increases passed 2-0-1, with one recusal. At that point Selectman Cleveland pointed
51 out the Board agree to give it until September 18th to come to a decision and was
52 disappointed a decision was made sooner. Cindy said she doesn't understand why the
53 process was rushed, however she abstained from the vote because her husband was part of
54 the employees receiving the raise. At a previous meeting she questioned if her husband
55 should even be a part of the matrix. She feels that the vote that was taken on August 28th
56 was a reckless decision made by the Board and doesn't understand why it was pushed
57 through and it was inconsiderate of the tax payers in the town to not consider all of the
58 proper advice and consideration as to how this would be affected if the budget went
59 default. She said if the raises were in the budget properly and the budget didn't pass then
60 the current Board would not be put in the position they are now, taking other items out of
61 the budget to fund the raises. She stated that Selectman Brown recused himself from that
62 decision but then made a motion to move money from the default budget to fund the salary
63 increases, which included his wife's salary.
64 Selectman Brown responded by saying that if she would like to come back next week to see
65 if Selectman Goldman has an answer for her she may.

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68 Selectman Brown said the library trustees would like the public to know they are holding
69 their regular monthly meeting this Thursday, April 12th at 7pm followed by special meeting
70 at 6pm.

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72 Selectman Brown stated he received a Legislative bulletin that mentions a meeting
73 Wednesday, April 11th at the State House at 12:30 to discuss the situation of holding town
74 meetings in NH in the middle of the winter. People in the state would like to give the
75 authority back to the moderator and the public and local officials are encouraged to attend.
76 Selectman Brown asked Lynne to be sure the moderator receives this information.
77 Selectman Cleveland said if the town meeting is held in conjunction with a state, federal or
78 county elections the town election date can't be changed. But he does not see the point in
79 holding a town election in the middle of a snowstorm especially when state officials are
80 recommending people stay off the roads. He said if it is a local election the local officials
81 should be able to decide.

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84 **Finance Director, Cheryl Eastman to discuss Health & Human Services Budget**
85 Cheryl came to the table to discuss this budget. She explained the default budget allowed
86 \$17,893.00 to the Health & Human Services budget. The original request was \$19,668.00
87 so they need to remove the difference. Cheryl said the option she presented the Board is to
88 split the reduction evenly between all the requests. Selectman Cleveland agreed.
89 Selectman Tombarello said these organizations haven't been before the Board in a while to
90 explain what they are doing for our community. He would like to have a representative
91 from these organizations come in at some point. It was suggested to have a few
92 organizations come in each year. The consensus of the Board is to divide the reduction
93 equally.
94 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to change this budget to the default option of \$17,893.00.
95 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello
96 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown and Selectman
97 Hudgins.
98 **Motion passes unanimously**
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100 See attached copy to the minutes to see how they are being reduced.
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103 **NEW BUSINESS**

104 **Further discussion regarding relocation of generator at Town Hall**

105 There was a brief discussion regarding this. Lynne stated that she received an email from
106 Sheehan Electric. She also stated she spoke with the plumbing/gas inspector and the Fire
107 Chief and they would like to discuss their options this week before speaking with the
108 Board. Lynne said there are concerns with both options. She also asked the Board to look
109 at the options and look at town hall to see where they think the best place would be.
110 Selectman Tombarello said he would like to talk with the Fire Chief and put a portable
111 generator in place to be sure they are not getting fumes in the building. Selectman Brown
112 said he is not in favor of placing the generator in the front of the building on the retaining
113 wall. He said there are always kids playing in the parking lot jumping off the wall and sees
114 a problem with putting the generator here. Lynne said the cost the Board is looking at is
115 only for the electrician. She said she doesn't have the propane cost yet because she needs
116 to give them a better scenario.
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119 **Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Member and Old Home Day Committee Members**

121 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to appoint Brian St. Amand to another 3-year term to the
122 ZBA until 2021.

123 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

124 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to change this budget to the default amount of \$17,893.00.

125 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello

126 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown and Selectman
127 Hudgins.

128 **Motion passes unanimously**
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130 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to appoint the following members to the OHD Committee
131 for another term to expire March 2018. Tim Rand, Patty Lakos, Erica Olsen, Bob Brouder,
132 Anthony LaConte, Helen LoPresti, Alison Rochenski, Carly Gregory, Pat Kimball, Paulla
133 Gulla and Pete Koester.

134 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

135 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to change this budget to the default amount of \$17,893.00.

136 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello

137 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown and Selectman
138 Hudgins.

139 **Motion passes unanimously**

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142 **Acceptance of Donation for Sandown Senior Affairs Transportation Program**

143 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept the donation of \$156.25 to be deposited into
144 the SSATP fund.

145 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

146 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to change this budget to the default amount of \$17,893.00.

147 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello

148 **In Favor,** Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown and Selectman
149 Hudgins.

150 **Motion passes unanimously**

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153 **Final discussion regarding Area Selectmen's Meeting**

154 Lynne presented the Board with a brief agenda including social media and policies, tax
155 deeding of properties, consideration of changing town elections to second Tuesday in April,
156 MS-4 Storm water permit, "Bulk" purchasing, third party electric, mosquito control,
157 sand/salt and trash contracts. Lynne said she will send this out to the other towns in the
158 morning.

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161 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR' REPORT**

162 Lynne said she attended a seminar in Newport, NH on HR for non-HR communities. She
163 said they provided information as to where to access information such as FMLA, FSLA and
164 ADA. She said Cheryl was supposed to go but couldn't, so she went in her place.

165 Selectman Cleveland asked about adding this topic to the area selectman's meeting to see if
166 they can share an HR administrator.

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169 **CORRESPONDENCE**

170 Notice from Atkinson Zoning Board and Planning Board notifying the town of a public
171 hearing for a cell tower on April 11th at the Atkinson Town Hall.

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173 Letter from Solitude Lake Management confirming their contract, abutters will be getting
174 notification and talks about the application being filed with the state and the town will be
175 receiving updates throughout the season.

176 Notification from the Tax Collector's office letting the Board know of the information they
177 have to send to Tax and Land appeals regarding the date the tax bills were mailed.

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179 Letter from NH DOT – highway maintenance for District 6 – they will be addressing
180 crosswalks in the school areas such as Sandown Central area. They will be resurfacing a
181 section of Rte 121A from Rte 111 to Fremont Rd.

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183 Letter from NH Interlocal Trust presenting their annual member report through June 30,
184 2016.

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186 **LIAISON REPORT**

187 Selectman Hudgins – rec meeting was cancelled last week but he wanted to let the public
188 know the Adult First Aide class will take place Saturday, April 14th from 9-11:30am at the
189 rec building and the babysitting course on Wednesday, April 25th from 9am – 3pm,
190 designed for kids ages 11 – 16 who are looking to babysit or who are already babysitting.
191 They will also receive a CPR/First Aide certification upon completion of this class.
192 Annual Senior Citizen Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, April 14th at the cafeteria of the
193 TRHS from 1-3:30pm. If you are interested participating contact Deb Brown.

194 Selectman Brown – spoke with Artie and the paving on Rte 121A won't take place until the
195 end of the summer. Highway Dept is trimming the top branches as well as cleaning up the
196 ground. Compactors have been ordered but will not be delivered until the end of May.
197 SSATP meeting Tuesday, May 1st, and the Library will meet this Thursday.

198 Selectman Cleveland asked Lynne if the cruiser has been sold yet and Lynne said she isn't
199 sure of this but will follow up on it. Finance – auditors are still working on the audit and
200 Planning Board meeting is Tuesday, April 17th.

201 Selectman Tombarello – Town Clerk - several dogs are still outstanding and need to be
202 registered by the end of this month. He did two school inspections and said that Sandown
203 Central is quiet and Sandown North is very busy.

204 School Board – Special Meeting this Saturday at 8am.

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206 Lynne said that today she went to the post office and the bulletin board was missing a lot of
207 town information. She said they are enforcing the rules of what can and can't be posted
208 and she was told the only thing they can post is notices of upcoming information. She said
209 they are no longer allowed to post minutes of past meetings. She said they will meet this
210 requirement by posting minutes at town hall and on the town website.

211 Selectman Cleveland stated if you are interested you can have minutes automatically sent
212 as long as you sign up for it. Lynne said you have to sign up for this on the town website.

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214 Meeting adjourned.

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216 Respectfully Submitted

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219 Sue Reynolds

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