

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: April 16, 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 Hudgins and Selectman Brown,
13 Selectman Goldman

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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21 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, March 26, 2018.
22 Selectman Cleveland stated that Cathleen Gorman’s name should be spelled with a C and
23 not a K and this should be corrected on several lines within the minutes, he also stated line
24 200 should read vehicle detail amount.

25 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept these minutes as amended.

26 **Seconded by** Selectman Hudgins

27 **In Favor,** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
28 Hudgins.

29 **Motion passes unanimously**

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31 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, April 2, 2018.
32 Selectman Cleveland stated line 119 should read as Deputy Fire Warden.

33 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept these minutes as amended.

34 **Seconded by** Selectman Hudgins.

35 **In Favor,** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
36 Hudgins.

37 **Motion passes unanimously**

38 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

39 Jim Devine, resident of Sandown came to the table to talk to the Board regarding the
40 discussion of whose responsibility it is to postpone elections. He had information from the
41 State meeting on April 15th. He said the bill is 5-6 pages long that didn't address the
42 problem but there are other amendments that go along with the bill and there wasn't
43 discussion regarding them because they didn't address the problem. He said there was
44 another amendment that was introduced by Representative Hewett from Laconia and in
45 the constitution under section 40, which talks about the Town Meeting (which is the
46 election) and section 400 talks about the "election". He said if the law was passed to
47 changed either of these two items, that would change the constitution, which they don't
48 have the authority to do. He also said this would change law 400. He said the meeting
49 started at 12:30 and when he left at 4pm they were still debating this bill. He said this is
50 the second year for this bill and if it doesn't pass or fail it can be rewritten for the next year.

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52 Cindy Bucu, resident of Sandown came to the table again to address the issue the town is
53 faced with – following up with, is there ever going to be a consideration on rescinding
54 raises and why was it discussed multiple times in past meetings about past Boards and it
55 was specifically mentioned that the stipend position for the welfare officer may not even
56 happen come February 3rd. Selectman Goldman said the Deliberative Session was held on
57 February 3rd and the voters could have removed it from the budget.

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59 Cindy also referred to the minutes of Monday, March 26th and that Selectman Tombarello
60 stated it was a mistake that the raises were given without putting them in the budget and
61 that he fought for the 85% and not 100% of the salary matrix. She is again asking
62 Selectman Goldman where his responsibility lies, and Selectman Goldman said he feels like
63 he is being targeted because of the salary increases. He stated there were 5 members of the
64 Board last year as there are this year and last year there was a public hearing as well as
65 Deliberative Session. He also stated that the public, other members of the Board as well as
66 the Budget Committee have had plenty of opportunity to voice their opinion and request to
67 reduce the salary amounts. He referred to 2015 when Selectwoman Bucu with other
68 selectmen sat on the salary committee to have information in order to have valuable
69 discussions and the work was not completed. He said he mentioned in the past that when
70 they got to talking about the salary increases they would be talking about dollars and not
71 pennies. He also agreed with Selectman Tombarello that the raises should have waited
72 until April, but the Board as a whole agreed to have them be funded in January. Cindy said
73 she is not sure that rescinding the raises is the right thing to do, but there was a
74 recommendation with a methodical approach multiple times to do this properly and it was
75 pushed by Selectman Goldman to pass the raises. Selectman Goldman restated that there
76 were 5 members on the Board and feels like the process was done fairly. He referred to the
77 salary survey and Cindy said when she was part of that Board she didn't feel the study was
78 the only method they should have used to determine the increases. Cindy said that she was
79 either on or working with several different committees and tried to hold meetings for the
80 salary committee but couldn't get anyone to attend. She also stated that she didn't see
81 anyone else stepping up to help with this and feels it is disappointing as to how the
82 increases were pushed through and other programs have suffered.

83 Selectman Goldman asked Selectman Cleveland if the reduction in the budget grossly
84 underfunded any lines and Selectman Cleveland said the biggest item that did not get
85 completed was the \$25,000.00 for paving the parking lot and \$3,500.00 was taken from
86 area and put into another. Selectman Goldman feels the Board did a good job with what
87 they had to work with without impacting services, employees or infrastructure. He said
88 the paving of the parking lot was defeated in past warrant articles and the Cemetery
89 Trustee said they have the funds to repair the wall and doesn't feel that budgets were
90 greatly impacted by the default.

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92 Lynne Blaisdell stated that this week is volunteer appreciation week, April 15th – April 21st.
93 Lynne and the Board thanked everyone that volunteers their time, which are over 100
94 people that volunteer on a regular basis.

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96 Selectman Goldman stated that Gerry LaChance started his trip on Tuesday and is in
97 Marion County this evening. He said that his bike was crushed while it was shipped, and a
98 retired lieutenant donated his bike to Gerry to do the ride. He's doing well on the ride.

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100 **Mrs. Anne Fletcher-Downing to discuss deeded way at 24 Round Hill Rd.**

101 Mrs. Fletcher-Downing and Robert Downing live at 21 Round Hill Rd. she said 24 Round
102 Hill Rd is town owned property and they have deeded rights to the property as well as the
103 other neighbors that lead to the water. She is asking if they can clean up the beach as there
104 is a broken picnic table, a rotted barge is beached, and they can't access it. They are asking
105 if the town can clean up that parcel and they are willing to maintain it.

106 Lynne said the problem with the town removing the items on record the tax card shows
107 this is the town of Sandown. However, town counsel can't find a deed on record for the
108 property and they think the reason the town has rights is because they own another parcel
109 with the map being discussed. Lynne said she has no idea why the deed was put in the
110 name of Sandown.

111 Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher are asking the Board what the rules are because they would like to have
112 access to the beach. Selectman Goldman recommended going into a non-public session
113 under reputation to discuss the items that are currently on the beach. Mrs. Fletcher-
114 Downing said it's not only them, but other neighbors as well are being bullied off the beach
115 and they would like to know where to go from here. Selectman Cleveland asked he would
116 like to have the non-public session at the end of the meeting and Lynne will follow up with
117 them tomorrow.

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

120 Lynne said she's been speaking with the Board members individually as well as the
121 plumbing inspector and it looks like the best scenario is to move the generator out back.
122 She said the opinion is to remove the 3 trees in the back and relocate them and put the
123 generator in that spot. If it is put in this spot this will be the least amount of trench to be
124 dug. She said the electrical cost will be about \$2,500.00 and she will have the propane
125 company come out as soon as they decide on the area to provide a quote. Selectman
126 Goldman asked if there is a sign off sheet for all the parties involved and Lynne said she has
127 gotten the ok from all inspectors involved, highway dept and fire chief. She said none of
128 them have express an opinion that this is not a good spot.

129 Selectman Goldman stated that if all inspectors involved are okay with this then he would
130 be okay with putting it there. Lynne said she will send a memo to all the department heads
131 and inspectors involved to have them sign off on it. Selectman Cleveland would like
132 everyone involved to sign off on something as well and Selectman Brown and Selectman
133 Hudgins agree. The consensus of the Board is to have the memo drafted and have all key
134 people sign off on the proposed location and they are good with that area.

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137 **NEW BUSINESS**

138 **Review of Dept of Transportation’s Crosswalk Maintenance Agreement for the 2018** 139 **proposed resurfacing program.**

140 Lynne said she had some questions for the DOT because they are asking the Board to sign
141 off on a maintenance agreement. Lynne said the agreement states that the town is
142 responsible for the maintenance except for the crosswalks located in school zones and both
143 crosswalks are in the school zone. They are obligated to install no parking signs within 20
144 feet of each side of the crosswalk, which is the town’s responsibility.

145 Lynne also explained there will be no installation of the concrete ramps spoken of in the
146 agreement because there are no sidewalks in town. Selectman Brown asked about the
147 maintenance of the crosswalks and Lynne said this will be a regular maintenance item.

148 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to allow Chairman Goldman to sign off on the Highway
149 Maintenance Proposed Resurfacing Program CY2018, Cross Maintenance Agreement.

150 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

151 **In favor** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
152 Hudgins.

153 **Motion passes unanimously**

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157 **Review of fireworks contract for Old Home Days**

158 Lynne said this is the same contract as year’s past. The amount is \$4,500.00, however there
159 was an amount in the contract of \$5,000.00 and that was amended to the \$4,500.00. This
160 display will take place on September 8th at the Old Home Day event. She said the rain date
161 is the following day.

162 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to allow Chairman Goldman to sign the contract from
163 American Thunder Fireworks for the Old Home Day Fall Festival on September 8, 2018.

164 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

165 **In favor** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
166 Hudgins.

167 **Motion passes unanimously**

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170 **Discussion regarding possible town business expo**

171 Selectman Goldman said he would like to discuss this with the Board to get their opinion
172 with the concept of getting as many businesses in town, no matter what they are to let the
173 community know of the local business that are located in town. Selectman Goldman asked
174 if the Board thought that this is feasible, and Selectman Hutchins said he is very interested

175 in this and it is a good way to network. Selectman Brown thinks it's a great way to increase
176 local businesses and feels it is a great idea. Selectman Cleveland said he likes the idea, but
177 he's not sure how it would work. Selectman Goldman said if someone own a business
178 within town they would be invited to attend and possibly Sandown residents that own
179 businesses but not located in Sandown. He mentioned he wasn't sure where they should
180 draw the line. Selectman Cleveland said he would like to ask Sandown businesses first and
181 see what the response is. There was talk about where it would be located. Selectman
182 Goldman asked the Board to think about this and asked that it be put on the agenda next
183 week.

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185 **CORRESPONDENCE**

186 Letter from Rockingham VNA & Hospice offering support groups on Monday's from 12:30 –
187 2pm and Tuesday evenings from 5:30 -7pm.

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189 State of NH Inter-department communication regarding the roadway surfacing and there
190 will be a conference on Wednesday, May 2nd in Durham.

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192 **LIAISON REPORTS**

193 Selectman Cleveland – Planning Board meeting tomorrow evening, CMS Sullivan is on the
194 agenda for a subdivision application on Danville Rd. They will also be discussing the Kelly
195 Green subdivision.

196 Selectman Goldman – update regarding the area Selectman meeting with Atkinson,
197 Danville, Plaistow, Sandown and Hampstead – this was an interesting meeting and there
198 was discussion with all 4 of the towns changing to an April election from March to avoid the
199 snowstorms. He said there was some good discussion regarding this and it will be put a
200 future agenda for further discussion. Selectman Cleveland stated it will change the budget
201 process if the town election date is changed.

202 Selectman Brown – attended the library meeting – library director is very aggressive to get
203 the word out to the public as to what the library has to offer. He said he was impressed
204 with the meeting that was held between the trustees and staff called SOAR, which stands
205 for strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results, this takes a look at what the strengths
206 of the library are, what are some future opportunities for the library within the community,
207 what does the library aspire to do if money were no object and the results of the meeting.
208 He said following this meeting they held a 2-hour trustee meeting to see how they can
209 better serve our community.

210 Selectman Hutchins – Conservation meeting – encourage the public to watch the meeting to
211 get an idea as to how Conservation comes up with their money for their land purchases.
212 GEO Cashing event coming up on April 21st at the Fremont Town Forest and on April 28th is
213 the Annual Fishing Derby at Sal's Pond.

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215 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c)
216 reputation 2 – (a) employee matters.

217 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

218 **Roll Call,** Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes, Selectman Brown – yes and
219 Selectman Hudgins – yes.

220 **Motion passes unanimously**

221 ***Motion by*** Selectman Cleveland to seal the minutes of this non-public session.
222 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Brown
223 ***In favor*** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
224 Hudgins.
225 ***Motion passes unanimously***
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229 Meeting adjourned.
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