

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: April 30, 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, Selectman Brown, Selectman
13 Goldman and Selectman Tombarello

14 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

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

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20 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, April 16, 2018.

21 Selectman Brown suggested adding the word "one" to the end of line 85.

22 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to accept these minutes as amended.

23 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

24 **In Favor,** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
25 Hudgins.

26 **Abstain** Selectman Tombarello

27 **Motion passes** 4-0-1

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31 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

32 Jim Devine, member of the public is here referring to SB438 that was passed by the House
33 Election Law Committee unanimously by both the majority and minority between last
34 Thursday and April 11th. They are going to make the Secretary of State the designee
35 regarding the postponement of the Town Elections. He explained the process of the Senate
36 reviewing this bill as well, then it will move to the Governor to either be signed or not. He
37 said the Town's should know by June what the determination will be. Lynne said the

38 unfortunate part is that there are 3 pages that are dedicated to just this bill and she
39 encouraged the Board to read through this because much of the language is confusing and
40 contradictory and if this passes it will be difficult to interpret.

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42 Kevin Major, resident of the town is here to update the Board on some changes in the
43 Memorial Day ceremonies. He said he would like to hold a special Memorial Day Service in
44 honor of a young man from Sandown who lost his life while fighting in WWI. He said there
45 will be no parade this year and the service will take place on Monday, May 28th from 10am
46 – 11am at the Old Meeting House. Selectman Brown asked if this should be televised and
47 Kevin said that Mike Harnois usually tapes the event but if the Board would like to reach
48 out to Channel 9 they could. Kevin asked the Board if someone is available to do the
49 opening comments Selectman Cleveland said he would be there and is willing to help with
50 this as well.

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52 Selectman Tombarello said that there are several dogs still not registered, there are only
53 980 out of 1,500 that were registered last year. He said today is the last day to register and
54 after today the police need to get involved and there will be a fine of \$25.00.

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56 Selectman Goldman announced that May 1, 2009 the BOS proclaimed May 1st as Silver Star
57 Banner in the Town of Sandown. He said this is a great day to remember the sacrifice of the
58 Town, State and Nation when you see a silver star banner. He also encouraged the public to
59 thank a service man or woman for their sacrifice.

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62 **Request for permission by Historical Society to hold a fundraising raffle.**

63 Bob Brouder, member of the Historical Society is asking the Board's permission to hold this
64 fundraiser. He said he would like a member of the Board to pull the tickets at the OHD
65 event. He also stated because of the interest in the raffle they would not like to limit the
66 ticket sales to 500 but would like to sell as many as they can. Lynne said they don't
67 currently have a permit for this and recommends the Board voting on this and then take a
68 look at the permit process for this type of thing in the future.

69 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to authorize Sandown Historic Society to hold a fundraising
70 raffle and to sell as many tickets as they can at \$10.00 each and the drawing will take place
71 during the OHD event.

72 **Seconded by** Selectman Hudgins.

73 **In favor,** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
74 Brown and Selectman Hudgins

75 **Motion passes unanimously**

76 Selectman Brown offered to draw the tickets for this. Bob Brouder said the prizes are 1st
77 prize is 2 airline tickets anywhere Jet Blue flies (with a few exceptions), the next prize is 2
78 tickets on the Vermont Scenic RR with overnight accommodations at a local B&B and the
79 third prize is 2 tickets on the Conway Scenic RR.

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84 **NEW BUSINESS**

85 **Further review of Town Hall rental policy**

86 Paula Gulla came to the table to review the changes that were made due to the Board's
87 previous discussion. Paula said on page 2 she talked about the deposit process and that
88 Cheryl said it is fine if the Board would like to cash the \$250.00 deposit and refund their
89 money afterwards. Selectman Cleveland asked if anyone has stuck us with this and Paula
90 said only 2 times in over 16 years have they had to ask for a deposit. And one time they
91 had a problem with cashing the check and the other time they had no problem at all. The
92 rest of the Board is okay with leaving the policy the way it is, with the understanding that it
93 can be revisited again at a later date if needed.

94 Paula stated that the next change is on page 5 under the Audio/Visual equipment and the
95 Board questioned the amount of \$50.00 and Cheryl confirmed the amount paid is \$50.00
96 per meeting, regarding the length. Paula asked about the wording and there was some
97 discussion have the \$50.00 rate per 4 hours. Selectman Brown asked if the Board should
98 be speaking with Cable regarding the rate that is paid, and Paula said the policy does state
99 that this will be looked at on a case by case basis. The Consensus of the Board is to leave it
100 as it is and discuss the exceptions as they come up.

101 Tap Water – Paula added the wording, the tap water is potable, however, it has a high iron
102 content and may not be preferable for drinking and cooking. The Board is okay with this
103 change. Paula then refers to page 7 and said she ordered a first aid kit for upstairs.

104 Selectman Goldman asked to add to the policy that if this is used to notify the Town Office,
105 so the items can be replaced. He also asked that if the AED has been used to let the Town
106 office know as well.

107 Evacuation Plan – Paula added the wording (Police and/or fire personnel) and the Board is
108 okay with this.

109 The Board is okay with using the same Town Hall check list but adding the First Aid next to
110 the AED line. The consensus of the Board is to continue to use the current rental forms.

111 Selectman Goldman suggested reminding the renters that the black chairs and meeting
112 tables are off limits. Lynne said they used to have different meeting tables, which is why
113 that wording is in the policy. The consensus of the Board is to have the black chairs put
114 away but leave the meeting tables out.

115 Selectman Hudgins asked about the liability insurance vs. the renter's homeowners policy
116 and Paula said this is through Primex, which is offered to the renter and they have the
117 choice to use whichever is cheaper.

118 Paula asked if the Board would like to discuss the rates and the Board decided they are
119 okay with the way they are.

120 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to approve the Town Hall Rental Policy with the above-
121 mentioned changes.

122 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

123 Selectman Brown asked about the 2-hour rental and if the town is losing money and Paula
124 said there is wiggle room in the way that she did the charges, with the fact that the
125 downstairs doesn't have ac, etc. She also said that she did analysis for 2017 and the
126 upstairs hall was rented 8 times with the kitchen being used twice and the downstairs was
127 only rented 2 times without the kitchen being used. She said these numbers only include
128 those rentals that were paid for.

129 ***In favor***, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
130 Brown and Selectman Hudgins

131 ***Motion passes unanimously***

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134 ***Motion by*** Selectman Brown to accept the non-public minutes of Monday, April 16th as
135 written.

136 ***Seconded by*** Selectman Cleveland

137 ***In favor***, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
138 Hudgins

139 ***Motion passes unanimously***

140 ***Abstain*** Selectman Tombarello

141 ***Motion passes 4-0-1***

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144 **Discuss possibility of moving second session of town meeting from second Tuesday**
145 **in March to second Tuesday in April.**

146 Lynne referred to RSA 40:14, which refers to SB2 and the process as to how this would
147 change. She said if they move Town Meeting they would have to move Deliberative Session
148 as well. Selectman Cleveland stated that the Moderator has the right to postpone
149 Deliberative Session if needed. Selectman Goldman said this is a bigger issue then just
150 what Sandown wants. He said there is also talk within the District regarding other towns
151 talking about changing the date as well. Selectman Tombarello said he is not in favor of
152 Sandown changing the date if they are the only Town interested in doing this because of
153 the problem it poses on the school ballot results not being read until all of the towns have
154 voted. He is not in favor of just Sandown changing the date and Selectman Goldman agrees.
155 Selectman Tombarello also said that he feels they've only been unlucky with major storms
156 the past 2 years. Selectman Cleveland said he is in favor of moving the date because he
157 doesn't want to take another chance at another major storm. He also feels that having the
158 election 4 months in the budget process would need to be changed as well.

159 Selectman Hudgins is not in favor moving the date and neither is Selectman Brown.

160 Selectman Goldman originally was in favor of changing the date but now he feels it would
161 be a struggle to get all 4 towns on board and they've only been affected by this for 2 years.

162 Selectman Tombarello said if this does change they could have to borrow money and using
163 the Tan Note. Selectman Goldman asked if the Board is okay with leaving things the way it
164 is for now and if they hear from enough residents that are in favor of changing it they can
165 look into it further. He also said he would be okay with moving forward with this if the
166 other towns are in favor of it as well. Selectman Cleveland said what we had in the past 2
167 years were not normal snowstorms and feels that hundreds of people were not able to get
168 out to vote which is affecting democracy. He feels the Board should do everything in their
169 capability to ensure that everyone is able to get out to vote.

170 Selectman Goldman asked Lynne to talk to the other Towns as well and check with Finance
171 to see how this will be affected. He also asked to see how the School District Moderator
172 would be affected in all of this.

173 Selectman Brown asked how many voted this election opposed to how many have voted in
174 the past. Lynne said about 900 voted in this past election and historically there are 1,100
175 to 1,200 per election on average over the past 10 years.

176 Selectman Brown said the weather doesn't seem to be keeping that many people away and
177 doesn't feel doing all the work for nothing make sense. Selectman Cleveland also reminded
178 the Board that there are many more registered voters today that there was years ago.

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181 **OLD BUSINESS**

182 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (e)
183 litigation.

184 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello

185 **Roll Call**, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes, Selectman Hudgins – yes,
186 Selectman Brown – yes and Selectman Tombarello – yes.

187 **Motion passes unanimously**

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

191 **Seconded by** Selectman Tombarello

192 **In favor**, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
193 Brown and Selectman Hudgins

194 **Motion passes unanimously**

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197 **Further discussion regarding 24 Round Hill Rd.**

198 Selectman Goldman stated that Lynne has followed up with 2 different attorneys and they
199 concluded that the only way the town can determine if they have rights is to pull title
200 searches on 5 properties and the Board feels they don't have that kind of money especially
201 in this default budget. He said their position as a Board is to encourage everyone to get
202 along and act appropriately. He said they are not in a position to spend tax payer's money
203 to research an issue that only affects a few residents in town. He also said if they can't get
204 along and they have other complaints they can involve the police department or a land
205 attorney.

206 One of the residents came to the table to say this doesn't address their safety concerns for
207 their children with the raft being in the way. He asked about law enforcement in this
208 situation and Selectman Goldman feels this is a civil issue and not a criminal issue and they
209 would be referred to a land attorney. The resident then said that he feels what Selectman
210 Goldman is saying goes both ways and if no one has the authority to move the property
211 then anyone can move it. Selectman Goldman said he can't provide legal advice however
212 the Board is not stopping anyone from moving it. Selectman Tombarello said he's not
213 giving them advice to move the raft but if he were in this situation he would move it.

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219 **Further discussion about proposed Business Expo**

220 Selectman Goldman asked if the Board had a chance to think about this and Selectman
221 Brown stated he feels they don't have enough time to plan this to happen in June. He said
222 they need time to do the advertising and receive responses as to who is interested and to
223 be sure they have enough space where the event is being held. He said its's a great idea but
224 just doesn't feel there is enough time. Selectman Cleveland agrees and feels they should
225 wait until the September and Selectman Tombarello said in home businesses are supposed
226 to be registered so he feels this may deter some in home businesses from participating if
227 they are not registered. Selectman Goldman said he is not in favor of waiting until the fall.
228 He said he was just thinking of printing a flyer, advertising and talking about it and see who
229 responds. He said the original concept was to highlight the businesses available in the
230 town and feels that 4-6 weeks would be enough time to prepare. Selectman Brown said if
231 they are trying to help the Sandown businesses then they need to advertise so there is a
232 good turnout. Selectman Tombarello said the businesses would need to order items to
233 hand out at the event and feels they need more time to do so. Selectman Goldman
234 understood and agreed to hold the expo in the fall. The consensus of the Board is to talk
235 about this again at a future meeting and to hold it in the fall. Selectman Cleveland feels the
236 Board should pick the date sooner rather than later and Selectman Goldman said that
237 should be a goal of the Board next week.

238 Selectman Brown stated that OHD is September 8th and feels the expo should be after OHD
239 because there is a lot of people involved in the planning and he also feels that if it is before
240 OHD they won't get the vendors for both weekends. He is suggesting a week or 2 after OHD
241 and Lynne reminded him the week after OHD is Reach the Beach.

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244 **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

245 Community Caregivers thanked the Board for their donation and understands the need of a
246 lesser amount donated.

247 Received special permit for the mosquito control program.

248 Elderly Exemption paperwork was due by April 30th and there are 3 property owners that
249 have not responded. Lynne explained that one of the properties appears empty, one of the
250 properties is scheduled to be sold in May but Lynne recommended the owner filing the
251 paperwork regardless because the amount due at the closing could be affected by the
252 prorated amount. Selectman Cleveland said they have sent out 3 notices and made phone
253 calls and asked if they have to wait until next year. Lynne said they can still come to the
254 Board to ask for an abatement and the Board can still look at this at that time. The

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256 The consensus of the Board is in favor of removing the exemptions at this time and will
257 address them in the future if needed.

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259 The assessor is working of the final building permit pickups this year and updating
260 properties for the revaluation. Selectman Cleveland stated he's had them at their house
261 and they are very professional and are well identified.

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263 Few more dates for the local Officials workshop and Lynne would like to know if anyone is
264 interested in signing up for this.

265 2017-18 MS4 Storm water permit will be filed this week.

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267 Lynne said she has the minutes from the Planning Board making the motion to recommend
268 a new member to their Board.

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270 Lynne said with the passing of Warrant Article 7 – Police Union Agreement. Lynne needs
271 the signature of the Chairman to sign the agreement and Chief Gordon have reviewed the
272 agreement.

273 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement between the
274 Town of Sandown and Teamsters Local 633 of NH for 2018 – 2021 Police Union Contract.

275 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

276 **In favor**, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman Goldman, Selectman
277 Brown and Selectman Hudgins

278 **Motion passes unanimously**

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282 **LIAISON REPORT**

283 Selectman Tombarello – Chief Tapley would like the Board’s permission to put out to a
284 sealed bid for the old fire truck. Selectman Goldman said the truck can go out to a sealed
285 bid or it can be donated to another country. Under the Fire Dept rules it cannot be used
286 again in the United States as a fire truck, but it can in other countries. He asked the Board
287 to think about this and they can discuss it more next week. Lynne will look into a local
288 Rotary Club to see if they can help with placement of the fire truck and to gather more
289 information.

290 Selectman Tombarello said there was a warrant article regarding Isiah 58 that didn’t pass
291 but they still paid for half of the non-pubic community assistance request from last week’s
292 discussion.

293 Selectman Cleveland reminded the public that the Police Dept. is conducting the ATV trail
294 enforcement with loud and modified exhausts. Planning Board’s next meeting should be in
295 2 weeks.

296 Selectman Goldman – Zoning was Thursday night and reviewed 2 applications and both
297 were rejected. The applicants will fix this and resubmit.

298 Selectman Brown – SSATP meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm, not sure if he will be able to
299 attend.

300 Selectman Hudgins – Conservation fishing derby was last weekend and it was a great time
301 and 70 fish were caught.

302 Selectman Goldman – Triple Elm will have their grand opening this coming Thursday and
303 encourage the public to support this new business.

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305 **Motion by** Selectman Tombarello to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c)
306 reputation and (a) employee matters.

307 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

308 **Roll Call**, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Tombarello – yes, Selectman Goldman –
309 yes, Selectman Brown – yes and Selectman Hudgins - yes

310 **Motion passes unanimously**

311 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to seal the minutes of this non-public session
312 **Seconded by** Selectman Hudgins
313 **In Favor**, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Tombarello, Selectman
314 Brown and Selectman Hudgins.
315 **Motion passes unanimously.**
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323 Sue Reynolds
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