

1 DRAFT

2 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3 TOWN OF SANDOWN, NH

4 SANDOWN, NH 03873

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6 **Meeting Date: February 25, 2019**

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 Goldman, Selectman Hudgins, Selectman
13 Cleveland

14 **Not Present:** Selectman Tombarello

15 **Recording Secretary:** Sue Reynolds

16 **Town Administrator:** Lynne Blaisdell

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19 Selectman Goldman called the meeting to order at 7pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

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21 Selectman Goldman asked the Board to review the minutes of Monday, January 28, 2019.

22 Selectman Cleveland stated line 23 should read accept these minutes as written.

23 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to accept these minutes as amended.

24 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

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

27 **Motion passes unanimously**

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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32 Gary Paradis, resident of town, is concerned that Hampstead Area Water Company will be
33 drilling a third well at the end of his road and is wondering why he wasn't notified as an
34 abutter to the property. He said he found this information out on Facebook. He said the
35 production rate is said to be 240,000 gallons per day. He said they are currently only
36 pumping 24,000 gallons a day from 2 separate wells. He said he is prepared to speak with
37 Hampstead Area Water Company.

38 Selectman Cleveland said this was brought to the Planning Board and the testing will be
39 done in the next few weeks, but there isn't anything they can do until after the testing has
40 been completed. Gary said his well is only 140 ft deep and currently needs to conserve
41 water during the summer months. He is very concerned as to what this means for the
42 future. Selectman Cleveland suggested this information be posted on the town website for
43 all the residents to be aware. Lynne is concerned about putting all of DES applications on
44 the website but will do as he Board asks. The Board feels this is a big enough deal to be put
45 up. Lynne suggested that Gary call DES services as well. Lynne asked the Board if DES or
46 Hampstead Area Water should be asked to come in and do a presentation at a future
47 meeting and the Board was amendable to this.

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49 Selectman Goldman reminded the public that public comment will be limited to 5 minutes
50 and the Board has the option to respond to public comments made or not at their
51 discretion.

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53 Stephanie Dube, Danville, NH and lead petitioner on Warrant Article 10 came to the table to
54 speak. Stephanie made points as to why we should explore the possibility of withdrawing
55 SAU55. She said the Timberlane District is large enough so they should not be
56 subcontracting their employees out to another district, she also states that Timberlane
57 owns the buildings in this district so that won't have an affect on where the students will
58 attend school. She said there would be no change in the child's education. She feels that
59 Timberlane's needs are very different from Hampstead's needs as each district uses
60 different reporting systems, food service vendors and different evaluation tools. She feels
61 that this is a positive initiative for Timberlane's taxpayers and students. She also noted
62 that the TRSD Board members voted 8-1 to recommend this warrant article. If this article
63 passes by the simple majority of the voters the next steps are laid out in RSA 194c:2, which
64 dictates the reorganization and withdrawal of the SAU. She is here to inform the BOS that
65 this article will be on the ballot in March.

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69 Lorna Walker, resident of Sandown is here speak on 3 warrant articles. Lorna feels one of
70 the justifications of Warrant Article 10 is control and states that Timberlane has full control
71 of their district. She said they have control over their budget, curriculum, food service,
72 buildings, grounds and more. She stated that Hampstead has no say in Timberlane's
73 decisions as Timberlane has no say in Hampstead's. She also stated that Timberlane has
74 the majority of control over SAU55. She said most of the population receives their
75 information from Facebook, which is short on truth and large on opinion. She feels that
76 this article has to do directly with the superintendent of schools and feels that this is an
77 extraordinary measure to remove Timberlane from the district. She also states that by the
78 time any action is taken regarding this study the superintendent will no longer be in is
79 position as he has a contract with an end date. She cautions the voters to support any
80 warrant article that has purposeful misdirection. She said Timberlane's problems do not
81 come from Hampstead or SAU55, they simply come from within.

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83 School Warrant Article 13 – Amending articles of agreement and weighted voting is
84 extremely important for Sandown as they are 27% of the operating budget at \$14.3 million,
85 This would have been a perfect opportunity for Sandown to have a greater voice in the
86 school district, but it was amended to a study only and advisory only. She encourages all
87 Sandown voters to vote yes on this article to send the message that Sandown wants greater
88 representation.

89 Town Warrant Article 19 – Exploration of changing the Fiscal year from January –
90 December to July1 – June 30th. She encourages the voters to vote yes on this article because
91 it doesn't make sense to begin to spend money in January when the budget isn't voted on
92 until March.

93 She encourages the voters to vote yes on both he Town Operating Budget and the School
94 Operating Budget as nobody wins with a default budget. Both the Town Budget Committee
95 and School Budget Committee have worked hard on presenting a responsible budget.

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98 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to go in non-public session RSA 91-A:2 (e) litigation.

99 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland

100 **Roll Call,** Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes, Selectman Brown – yes and
101 Selectman Hudgins – yes.

102 **Motion passes unanimously**

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104 **Motion by** Selectman Hudgins to seal these minutes.

105 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

106 **In favor** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
107 Hudgins.

108 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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110 Selectman Goldman asked Lee Dube and Sheila Lowes if they know the status of the school
111 ballots. At this point the town ballots haven't been sent out yet because they are waiting to
112 send out both together. Selectman Goldman said they were facing the same circumstance
113 last year due to a different issue. Lee explained because of the pending lawsuit against the
114 Timberlane Regional School Board by Peter Belo and Rob Collins (and others) due to the
115 formulas that were used and the allocations that were made regarding the default budget.
116 Lee said this was heard by the court and the judge ruled that some of the motions that were
117 made weren't clear.

118 Selectman Brown left the meeting at this time briefly.

119 Lee stated that at the last School Board meeting a motion was made to make the
120 adjustments as recommended by the judge, which was then submitted to the court the
121 following morning by the attorney. It was recommended to the judge that there be prompt
122 action requested as it is holding up the production of the ballots. Lee said as of this
123 afternoon they had not heard the status. They had also recommended the ballot be sent to
124 the printer for proofing to expedite the process and it is unclear if this was done.

125 Selectman Goldman asked if the lawsuit hadn't been filed when would the ballots have
126 been received. Lynne said the town received their absentee ballots last week. She also
127 stated that once ballots are received by the Town Clerk, they all must be counted before
128 going out. Lynne also said the by law the ballots need to be tested by the voting machine by

129 March 6th. Lynne said it is getting extremely tight because absentees need to be sent out
130 and returned by 5pm on election day. Lynne said she spoke with Dave Scanlon at the state
131 regarding this and she was told that absentee ballots for the town and the school can be
132 sent out separately. Lynne said when you send out ballots at different time it creates
133 duplicated tracking efforts as well.

134 Selectman Brown returned to the meeting at this time.

135 Lee Dube said there is now way the town should absorb the cost for the mailing of the
136 school ballots nor should the town pay for the staffing to do the extra work as well.

137 Selectman Goldman feels at this point the school is having a direct impact on the town's
138 residents constitutional voting right and asks Lee and Sheila to see if the ballots are able to
139 be printed as is with the new number given. He feels there is little room for change since
140 the School Board did as the judge asked and made the change. Lynne said if there is a
141 problem with the ballots after printed there is a process to have it fixed. Sheila stated she
142 read the petition that was submitted on Friday am and it was stated very clearly that this
143 now has a direct impact on the towns involved.

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145 Sheila asked if any of the Board members have any questions on the proposed School
146 articles.

147 Selectman Goldman asked about Article 10, the withdrawal of the SAU and why this was
148 heavily supported by the School Board 8 -1. Lee said he was in favor of the study as he feels
149 good about exploring options and not just doing things because they've always been done a
150 certain way. He is interested in seeing if the same educational product can be produced
151 with some tax relief and is interested in seeing the data from the study.

152 Selectman Goldman feels this RSA is written differently and asked Lee and Sheila their
153 opinion regarding this being just a study and Sheila stated in her opinion this is strictly just
154 a study. Sheila said she this is very different than the article that was proposed a few years
155 ago. She went on to say the Timberlane Board has difficulties and the only place to
156 question anything needs to be done at the SAU level. She feels there is a middle man and
157 would like to see this removed. She said they still have issues on the previous audit.

158 Lee stated the Timberlane views the operations of the district different than Hampstead
159 does so there is mutual disagreement which creates an impasse.

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162 **Motion by** Selectman Hudgins to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:2 (a) employee
163 matters 2 discussions.

164 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

165 **Roll Call,** Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes, Selectman Brown – yes and
166 Selectman Hudgins – yes.

167 **Motion passes unanimously**

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169 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to seal these minutes.

170 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

171 **In favor,** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
172 Hudgins.

173 **Motion passes unanimously**

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175 **NEW BUSINESS**

176 **Announcement of Candidates' Night – March 6th 7pm**

177 Selectman Goldman stated that Candidate's Night will take place on March 6th at 7pm at
178 Town Hall and it will also be televised on Channel 17. Any candidate that is running is
179 invited to give a 3-minute talk on why they are running. Then there will be a session for
180 the selectman candidates to answer questions of the residents.

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182 **Schedule of election coverage for town election, March 12th**

183 Selectman Cleveland will cover 8am – 12pm, Selectman Hutchins will cover 12pm – 5pm,
184 Selectman Brown will cover 5 – end and Selectman Goldman will cover 5 – 8.

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187 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to accept the non-public minutes of Monday, January 28th.

188 **Seconded by** Selectman Cleveland.

189 **In Favor**, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Goldman, Selectman Brown and Selectman
190 Hudgins.

191 **Motion passes unanimously**

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194 **Review of letter from Hampstead Area Water requesting signature acknowledging**
195 **receipt of proposed petition of franchise Kelly Green off Wilkele Rd.**

196 Selectman Goldman stated the Hampstead Area Water Company is filing a petition with the
197 state of NH Pubic Utilities Commission to franchise a limited area to service the newly
198 developed subdivision located of Wilkele Rd. They are asking the Board to let the Public
199 Utilities Commission know they are in receipt of this and are aware of the petition being set
200 forth. They have provided a form to be signed and sent in. They stated that by signing the
201 letter the Board is not waiving any right to intervene should they desire.

202 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to allow the Chairman to sign the letter.

203 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

204 **In favor**, Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Brown, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
205 Hudgins.

206 **Motion passes unanimously**

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209 **OLD BUSINESS**

210 **Further discussion regarding POW Chair**

211 Selectman Goldman said he isn't able to attend the Lion's meeting this week however
212 Lynne has provided the Board with the cost of this and Selectman Goldman is asking if the
213 Board is okay with him contacting 2 – 3 groups that have expressed interest in helping to
214 pay for this. The Board is okay with Selectman Goldman reaching out to these groups.

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217 **CORRESPONDENCE**

218 Letter from planning Board stating on February 5th they voted to conditionally approve a
219 subdivision from Chris Tammany – 14 Cranberry Meadow. There are a few conditions that
220 need to be met.

221 Letter from North East Recovering Associate regarding the yearly dues.

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223 Letter from Xfinity TV channel updates and is posted on the town website.

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227 **LIAISON REPORT**

228 Selectman Cleveland – Planning Board meeting will be 1st Tuesday of March.

229 Selectman Goldman had nothing to report other than a board member will need to be
230 appointed to the Heritage Commission

231 Selectman Brown – Library still in a holding pattern until they find out if the foundation can
232 be fixed or needs to be replaced. Pete Stock attended his last trustee meeting and the
233 trustees had a celebration for this time of service and wished him well.

234 Selectman Hudgins – attended a rec meeting and there was discussion of purchasing an
235 outdoor screen to hold outdoor movie nights.

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237 **Motion by** Selectman Brown to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:2 (a) employee matters.

238 **Seconded by** Selectman Hudgins.

239 Roll Call, Selectman Cleveland – yes, Selectman Hudgins – yes, Selectman Goldman – yes
240 and Selectman Brown – yes.

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243 **Motion by** Selectman Cleveland to seal these minutes.

244 **Seconded by** Selectman Brown.

245 **In favor,** Selectman Cleveland, Selectman Hudgins, Selectman Goldman and Selectman
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247 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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250 Motion to adjourn by Selectman Goldman

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253 Respectfully Submitted,

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256 Sue Reynolds