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Budget Committee Minutes
Town of Sandown, NH

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Type of Meeting: Public

Method of Notification: Public posting – Town Hall & Post Office

Meeting Location: Town Hall, Second Floor

Members Present: Bruce Cleveland, Cathy Gorman, Dawn Nicolaisen, Steve Brown
and Jim Devine (Selectman Ex-officio)

Not Present: Daniel Saltalamacchia

Recording Secretary: Sue Reynolds

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Cleveland at 6:45.

Bruce Cleveland stated there is still an open position on the Budget Committee. Bruce also said next week the Committee will cover the dates for the final hearing.

Bruce Cleveland asked the Committee to review the minutes of Wednesday, November 6, 2013. There were no changes so the minutes were accepted as written.

Bruce Cleveland stated that the Committee was supposed to review the Animal Control and Police budgets. Lynne Blaisdell stated that Chief Gordon is unable to make the meeting tonight and she said the Board can review as much of the budget as they can without him present or they can choose to review the budgets at a later date with him present. Steve Brown said he'd rather not review the budget tonight, then have the Chief come in and answer the questions. He'd rather wait until another night when the Chief can be present and review the budgets at that time. Cathy Gorman asked the Committee to take Dawn's schedule into consideration as she won't be at next week's meeting and

31 she came this week ready to review them. Dawn Nicolaisen said she doesn't expect the
32 Committee to hold meetings around her schedule but she is concerned that a prior
33 committee didn't come to represent their budget earlier in the season and the Budget
34 Committee still reviewed the budget. She doesn't want the residents of the Town to be
35 upset with this. Bruce Cleveland said the majority of the Committee has questions on the
36 Police budget and it is a half a million dollar budget and needs feels more comfortable to
37 have the Chief present. The consensus of the Board is to reschedule the Police and
38 Animal Control budgets on December 4th. Selectman Devine asks the Board to have the
39 Conservation Commission come back in on December 18th as it is an open meeting.
40 Cathy Gorman said she is not willing to come in on an open night when a department
41 head didn't come in on their scheduled night. The rest of the Board feels the same way
42 and Conservation has already been told they can come in on the Final Meeting to review
43 their budget if they'd like to. Selectman Devine suggested that the Police and Animal
44 Control budgets be put off until the Final Hearing along with the Conservation
45 Commission. Bruce Cleveland said the Committee already agreed on the December 18th
46 date but it will be so noted in the minutes.

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48 Meeting adjourned 6:50

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51 Respectfully submitted,

52 Sue Reynolds

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