

1 **DRAFT**
2 **Minutes**
3 **Budget Committee**
4 **Town of Sandown, NH**
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7 Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2017
8 Type of Meeting: Regular Public Meeting
9 Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall
10 Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall, Upper Hall
11 Present: Michael Costanzo, Chairman, Lee Dube, Vice-Chair, Fran Rosenau,
12 Lorna Walker, Stephen Brown (Selectmen’s Representative)
13 Absent: Sue Reynolds
14 Recording Secretary: Cheryl Eastman
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16 Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
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18 Lee **made a motion** to accept the minutes of May 10, 2017 as written. **Motion seconded** by
19 Steve. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**
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21 **Open Seat**

22 Michael announced that there are two people interested in the open seat on the Budget
23 Committee. Chris Longchamps could not attend the meeting tonight, but Jim Devine is present.
24 Steve asked if Jim has served on the Budget Committee in the past. Jim stated that he has not
25 been on the Budget Committee, but spent many years on various other boards and committees
26 in town, most recently as Selectman. Lee asked Jim for his thoughts on the current budget.
27 Jim stated that he hadn’t really looked at the budget. He feels that it is not the Board of
28 Selectmen’s job to delve into the budget. That is up to the Budget Committee. He feels that
29 more funds need to be put aside for large purchases in the future, just like was done for the
30 new fire truck. Michael asked if Jim had looked at budgets as a Selectman. Jim said he never
31 looked at comparisons or how we could do it a different way. Lee asked Jim if, as a Budget
32 Committee member, he look at the budgets more closely. Jim said yes because it is a different
33 position than being a Selectman.
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35 There was discussion regarding whether the discussion portion of this meeting should be held
36 in a public or non-public session. Steve said that because we are discussing appointing a
37 member to the Committee and not hiring an employee, the meeting must be in public.
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39 The consensus of the Committee is to make a decision on the open position at tonight’s
40 meeting and not wait until September. Michael stated that since Chris Longchamps has not
41 been able to attend a meeting he wonders about his level of commitment. Lorna stated she

42 knows Chris and doesn't question his level of commitment. She feels that a decision should not
43 be made without meeting both candidates.

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45 Steve **made a motion** to appoint Jim Devine to the open seat on the Budget Committee.
46 **Motion seconded** by Michael. Steve commented that Jim has a lot more experience with
47 budgets than he lets on. He has had years of looking at department budgets as a member of
48 the Board of Selectmen. Members voted 3 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstained. **Motion**
49 **carried.**

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51 **Meeting Schedule**

52 Michael presented a draft of a meeting schedule for the upcoming budget season. Lee asked
53 Steve how the progress on the salary study is going. Steve reported that nothing has been
54 done with it yet, but the Board of Selectmen will be meeting on June 26 to discuss the results.
55 The consensus of the Committee is that the draft schedule is fine, with the exception of
56 switching meeting times on Dec 6 for the Conservation and Recreation budgets. Conservation
57 is usually a quick budget to review and that should be done first.

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59 **2017 Budget Report**

60 The Committee looked at the summary budget report. It was the consensus of the Committee
61 to have a full report with all back-up materials at each meeting just the same as last year.

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63 At 7:35, Michael adjourned the meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Cheryl Eastman

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