

**DRAFT  
Minutes  
Budget Committee  
Town of Sandown, NH**

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Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
Type of Meeting: Regular Public Meeting  
Method of Notification: Public Posting – Two locations at Town Hall  
Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall, Upper Hall  
Present: Michael Costanzo, Chairman, Lee Dube, Vice-Chair, Fran Rosenau, Lorna Walker, Sue Reynolds, Jim Devine, Stephen Brown (Selectmen’s Representative),  
Recording Secretary: Lynne Blaisdell

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Lee **made a motion** to accept the minutes of June 7, 2017 as written. **Motion seconded** by Michael. Vote of 5 - 0 - 2 with Michael, Lee, Fran, Lorna, and Steve in favor and Sue and Jim abstaining. **Motion carried.** Sue commented that she would like to see in future minutes the vote of each individual member instead of just the number of votes. The Board was fine with this.

Michael explained that in the meeting packets is the 2016 audit report for review and the cost estimate report of the increases granted by the Board of Selectmen at their recent meeting. Lynne explained that the Board of Selectmen has so far only voted on the increases for the employees that were included in the salary study. The Board has yet to make a decision for the remaining employees that were not on the salary study. That discussion will take place next Monday night.

**Street Lights # 4316**

The Committee has a list of the street lights that the Board of Selectmen had voted to have removed. Lee questioned where the lights identified as Pole # 1/5 and 1/8 are located. Lynne said she had that information but had not brought it with her tonight as she didn’t know she would be speaking on this particular budget this evening. She will get that info to the Committee. Michael **made a motion** to accept the Street Lights #4316 budget with gross expenses of \$2,580, zero revenue, and net expenses of \$2,580, pending further review. **Motion seconded** by Jim. The vote was 5-0-0. **Motion carried.**

**Building Inspection #4241-20**

Michael questioned the increase in the telephone line from \$300 to \$450. Lynne explained that the Building Inspector changed from a flip phone to an Iphone and that had a \$20 per month

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43 increase. Sue **made a motion** to accept the Building Inspector #4241-20 with gross expenses of  
44 \$11,800, revenue of \$20,000, and net expenses of negative \$8,200, pending further review. A  
45 **second to the motion** was made but was inaudible on recording. The vote was 5-0-0. **Motion**  
46 **carried.**

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48 **Electrical Inspection #4241-23**

49 Steve made a motion to accept the Electrical Inspection budget with gross expenses of \$10,101,  
50 revenue of \$11,500, and net expenses of negative \$1,399, pending further review. **Motion**  
51 **seconded** by Lorna. The vote was 5-0-0. **Motion carried.** Jim made a request that all negative  
52 numbers be shown either in parenthesis or with a negative sign for consistency.

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54 **Plumbing Inspection #4241-22**

55 The telephone line increase was explained as the same situation as the Building Inspector with  
56 a new phone. There was discussion regarding the large building project on Wells Village Road  
57 that had caused the increase in all the Inspectors budgets in 2017 and the subsequent decrease  
58 in 2018. The project is not complete yet, but Lynne commented that probably it will be by the  
59 time of the public hearing. Lee **made a motion** to accept the Plumbing Inspection #4241-22  
60 budget with gross expenses of \$6,514, revenue of \$7,900, and net expenses of negative \$1,386,  
61 pending further review. **Motion seconded** by Sue. The vote was 5-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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63 **Septic Inspection #4242**

64 The Committee commented that there is no revenue included in the budget. Michael moved to  
65 put the budget on hold. Lee questioned adding \$1 to the revenue line. Sue said all the  
66 Inspection budgets are fee based, so there should be more than \$1 in revenue. The Committee  
67 decided to hold the budget for the next meeting on September 27. Michael will e-mail the  
68 inspector and let him know there are some questions.

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70 **Code Enforcement #4241-21**

71 Lee **made a motion** to accept the Code Enforcement budget with gross expenses of \$3,650,  
72 revenue of zero, and net expenses of \$3,650, pending further review. **Motion seconded** by  
73 Sue. The vote was 5-0-0. **Motion carried.**

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75 At 7:24, Michael adjourned the meeting.

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Minutes transcribed from recording  
And Respectfully Submitted,

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Cheryl Eastman

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