

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Sandown, NH

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Date: April 8, 2024

Meeting Location: Town Hall

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Selectmen Present: Chairman Tom Tombarello; Vice Chairman Eric Olsen; Bob Nickerson; Ben Sharpe; Ed Mencis

Also Present: Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Selectman Nickerson made a motion to accept minutes as written from March 25, 2024.

Motion By: Selectman Nickerson

Seconded By: Selectman Mencis

In Favor: Selectman Tombarello; Selectman Nickerson; Selectman Sharpe; Selectman Mencis

Abstain: Selectman Olsen

Motion passes 4-0-1.

Public Comment

Paul Rodgers – Holts Point Rd.

Rodgers began by addressing Selectman Nickerson, and when asked to stop by Selectman Tombarello, Rodgers argued that he won't have his right to free speech compromised, and claimed he was assaulted and his life was assaulted. Rodgers stated that he "won't behave" and will not "kiss butt." Rodgers addressed Selectman Nickerson again, and Selectman Nickerson said he will no longer entertain Rodgers' questioning. Rodgers stormed out and said he will be back in 2 weeks.

After Rodgers exited the meeting, Selectmen, Police Chief Gordon, and Lynne discussed their options for Rodgers' behavior during Board of Selectmen meetings.

Mosquito Spraying

Lynne shared that the mosquito control program begins this week. Residents who don't want spraying can contact Dragon Mosquito directly.

Public Hearing to discuss and consider Discretionary Preservation Easement Application for 2 barns located at 127 Odell Rd

Selectman Tombarello made a motion to open the public hearing for the discretionary preservation easement application for 2 barns located at 127 Odell Rd.

Motion By: Selectman Tombarello

Seconded By: Selectman Olsen

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

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54 ***Selectman Sharpe briefly left meeting at 6:45pm.***

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56 ***Discussion***

57 Residents of 127 Odell Rd explained that they had done research on their home, stating that they
58 believe it was built in the late 1700s to early 1800s, and consists of 2 barns, in addition to their
59 home. Lynne explained the purpose of the preservation easement, and that it helps with tax relief.
60 Pam Gaudreau said that she spoke with the Heritage Commission in Kingston, and explained that
61 they have multiple properties with this easement. Lynne explained that the property meets
62 criteria, but the Selectmen decide what percentage, and recommended that they do a site visit with
63 the Heritage Commission before deciding. Selectmen agreed on a site visit next Monday at 6pm.

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66 **Public Hearing under RSA 231:133-a for the renumbering of Aruda Road Properties**

67 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to open the public hearing under RSA 231:133-a for the
68 renumbering of Aruda Road Properties.

69 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

70 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Olsen

71 ***In Favor:*** All

72 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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74 Selectman Tombarello spoke about reordering the house numbers on Aruda Rd, and Lynne
75 explained that 9-1-1 did an evaluation of Aruda Rd. and feels they need to reorder the house
76 numbers so that emergency services can properly locate them, especially now with new
77 construction. Tim Gray, 16 Aruda Rd, and Lynne discussed the difficulties of changing house
78 numbers and possible other options. Lynne explained that once the address is changed in the 9-1-1
79 database, then it can be changed elsewhere. Shamus Quirk, 13 Aruda Rd, asked if they could change
80 only a specific few numbers at the beginning of the road, instead of reordering 13 properties.
81 Lynne felt that 9-1-1 had reasons why they wanted those house numbers changed, and Quirk and
82 Lynne discussed how the town determines house numbers. Lynne encouraged Quirk and Gray to
83 speak with Andrea and the Fire Chief to answer more questions.

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85 ***Selectman Sharpe returned to meeting at 7:15pm.***

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88 **Police Chief Joe Gordon**

89 **Discussion regarding petition warrant article on solicitation and renovation project**

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91 ***Solicitation Warrant Article***

92 Chief Gordon spoke about the solicitation warrant article and how this relates to trespassing, but
93 explained that the only way to officially stop solicitation is by a town ordinance passed by the Board
94 of Selectmen. Chief Gordon also explained that they could enforce a fine, but could not enforce the
95 loss of driver's license, as this would have to be done by a judge. Selectmen and Chief Gordon
96 discussed the specifics of the ordinance, and whether it would stop non-profits, as well as salesmen,
97 and whether the ordinance would go to the ballot or be redone yearly. Selectmen discussed options
98 for tagging for sports teams.

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105 **Town Hall Renovation Update**

106 Chief Gordon shared that they are done the insulation and it is working well, and hopes to see a
107 decrease in electric and propane costs. Chief Gordon explained that there was a \$10,000 invoice
108 that he had authorized to change the panels from 200amp to 400amp, which is over the initial
109 starting amount, and explained a reduction in their bill from a service panel not placed in the boiler
110 room. Chief Gordon spoke about signage costs and potential future costs.

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112 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to allow Joe Gordon to spend up to \$365,000 from ARPA
113 money on Town Hall renovations.

114 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

115 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Nickerson

116 ***In Favor:*** All

117 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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119 **Fire Chief Mike Devine**

120 **Discussion regarding hiring a per diem firefighter/EMT**

121 Fire Chief Devine spoke about a new part-time hire, and Lynne explained that it was just to notify
122 Selectmen that someone had been hired. Selectman Tombarello asked if the ambulance can operate
123 with only one person, and Chief Devine said it is not a licensed ambulance unless it has 2 licensed
124 EMTs on it.

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127 ***Discussion of new business begins.***

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130 **Review of request to release bond on 33 Sandlot Way. Tax Map/Lot 22-55**

131 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to release the bond of 33 Sandlot Way, Tax Map/Lot 22-55.

132 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

133 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Olsen

134 ***In Favor:*** Selectman Tombarello; Selectman Olsen; Selectman Nickerson; Selectman Sharpe

135 ***Abstain:*** Selectman Mencis

136 ***Motion passes 4-0-1.***

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140 **Appointment of member to the Oktoberfest Committee and acceptance of donation to**
141 **Oktoberfest Donation Fund**

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143 Selectman Olsen made a motion to appoint Becky Francis as a member of the Oktoberfest
144 Committee for a term of 2 years, expiring in March of 2026.

145 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Olsen

146 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Tombarello

147 ***In Favor:*** All

148 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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154 Selectman Olsen made a motion to accept \$855 into the Oktoberfest Donation account.
155 **Motion By:** Selectman Olsen
156 **Seconded By:** Selectman Sharpe
157 **In Favor:** All
158 **Motion passes unanimously.**
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160 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to accept \$1750 into the Old Home Day Donation account.
161 **Motion By:** Selectman Tombarello
162 **Seconded By:** Selectman Mencis
163 **In Favor:** All
164 **Motion passes unanimously.**
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167 ***Discussion of business from previous meetings begins.***
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170 **Appointment of Liaison to Conservation Commission**
171 Selectman Olsen shared that he had accepted the open liaison position to the Conservation
172 Commission.
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175 **Review of Correspondence**
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177 ***Xfinity Changes***
178 Changes in Enlace and Marquee TV channels.
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180 ***Xfinity Changes***
181 Pursuit Channel SD is no longer available. Pursuit Channel HD will be added.
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183 ***Special Permit from Dept. of Agriculture***
184 Permit was accepted for mosquito control program.
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187 **Department Liaison Report**
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189 **Selectman Sharpe**
190 ***Heritage Commission*** – Discussed potential barn easement earlier in meeting.
191 ***Old Home Day*** – Donations are coming in.
192 ***Fire Department*** – Attended annual Fire Engineers meeting.
193 ***Recreation Commission*** – Summer program is being planned.
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195 **Selectman Olsen**
196 ***Highway/Sanitation Department*** – Very busy lately.
197 ***Conservation Commission*** – Fishing derby coming up.
198 ***Oktoberfest*** – Next meeting is next week.

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204 **Selectman Tombarello**
205 ***Town Clerk/Tax Collector*** – Half of the dogs are registered so far. Lynne shared that surrounding
206 towns are hosting rabies clinics.
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208 **Selectman Mencis**
209 ***Zoning Board*** – Attending recent meeting.
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211 **Selectman Nickerson**
212 Nothing to report.
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215 **Non public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) hiring**
216 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to go into non-public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (b)
217 hiring.
218 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello
219 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Olsen
220 ***Roll Call:*** Selectman Tombarello – yes; Selectman Olsen – yes; Selectman Nickerson – yes;
221 Selectman Sharpe – yes; Selectman Mencis - yes
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223 Selectman Olsen made a motion to seal the minutes.
224 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Olsen
225 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Sharpe
226 ***In Favor:*** All
227 ***Motion passes unanimously.***
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229 Selectman Olsen made a motion to adjourn.
230 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Olsen
231 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Tombarello
232 ***In Favor:*** All
233 ***Motion passes unanimously.***
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236 Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.
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238 Next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2024.
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242 **Submitted By:**
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244 *Jessica Manning*
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246 Jessica Manning
247 Recording Secretary