

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Sandown, NH

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Date: March 25, 2024

Meeting Location: Selectmen's Office

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

Also Present: Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator

Selectmen Not Present: Vice Chairman Eric Olsen

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

Chairman Appointment

Selectman Nickerson made a motion to nominate Tom Tombarello as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion By: Selectman Nickerson

Seconded By: Selectman Sharpe

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Vice Chairman Appointment

Selectman Tombarello made a motion to nominate Eric Olsen as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion By: Selectman Tombarello

Seconded By: Selectman Mencis

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Department Liaisons

Selectmen discussed and determined liaisons.

Selectman Tombarello

Finance Department

Police Department

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Budget Committee

Selectman Olsen

Cable TV Advisory Board

Highway Sanitation Department

Municipal Records Committee

Building Dept/Code Enforcement

Oktoberfest

To Be Determined

Conservation Commission

Selectman Nickerson

Senior Affairs Transportation

Joint Loss Management Committee

Library Trustees

Selectman Sharpe

Fire Department

Recreation Commission

Old Home Day Committee

Heritage Commission

Selectman Mencis

Planning Board

Zoning Board

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69 **Review of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

70 Selectman Sharpe made a motion to accept minutes as written from March 11, 2024.

71 **Motion By:** Selectman Sharpe

72 **Seconded By:** Selectman Tombarello

73 **In Favor:** Selectman Tombarello; Selectman Nickerson; Selectman Sharpe

74 **Abstain:** Selectman Mencis

75 **Motion passes 3-0-1.**

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77 Selectman Sharpe made a motion to accept non-public minutes as written from February 12, 2024.

78 **Motion By:** Selectman Sharpe

79 **Seconded By:** Selectman Tombarello

80 **In Favor:** Selectman Tombarello; Selectman Nickerson; Selectman Sharpe

81 **Abstain:** Selectman Mencis

82 **Motion passes 3-0-1.**

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84 Selectman Sharpe made a motion to accept non-public minutes as written from March 11, 2024.

85 **Motion By:** Selectman Sharpe

86 **Seconded By:** Selectman Nickerson

87 **In Favor:** Selectman Tombarello; Selectman Nickerson; Selectman Sharpe

88 **Abstain:** Selectman Mencis

89 **Motion passes 3-0-1.**

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91 Selectman Sharpe made a motion to accept non-public minutes as written from February 21, 2024.

92 **Motion By:** Selectman Sharpe

93 **Seconded By:** Selectman Nickerson

94 **In Favor:** Selectman Tombarello; Selectman Nickerson; Selectman Sharpe

95 **Abstain:** Selectman Mencis

96 **Motion passes 3-0-1.**

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98 **Public Comment**

99 **Oktoberfest 2024**

100 Colleen Olsen & Paula Gulla

101 Oktoberfest will be held on October 19th from 12pm – 10pm, and thanked Selectmen Mencis for
102 holding the event at Sandlot. They are selling mugs for \$20, a beer opener for \$8, and the set for
103 \$25, starting April 1st. They are looking for sponsors, as the event is hosted entirely by donations
104 and sponsorships, and there is a link on the town website for donations, or payment can be made at
105 the town hall.

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107 **Paul Rodgers – Holts Point Rd**

108 Rodgers commented that the Pledge of Allegiance was said to international commerce and the “new
109 world order.” Rodgers claimed that Selectman Nickerson was involved with the incident of his tires
110 being slashed, which Rodgers claimed was done by the local Illuminati, and accused Selectman
111 Nickerson of being a global terrorist. Rodgers said Selectman Nickerson needed clarity in his head
112 and his heart, accused the Board of Selectmen of “dancing with the devil” and called them stupid,
113 and said he will be back to speak directly to Selectman Nickerson.

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120 **Colleen Olsen on behalf of Conservation Commission**

121 **Setting of date for Conservation Commission's Annual Fishing Derby**

122 Olsen asked for permission to hold their annual fishing derby on Saturday, April 27th from 7:30am
123 until 10am, at 45 Main Street, and welcome kids ages 2-15 to participate. They are seeking
124 donations and prizes, and Lynne reminded that they need an insurance certificate for that day.
125 Selectmen gave consensus to allow.

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128 **Discussion regarding election results and setting of default budgets**

129 Finance Director, Gayle Hamel, explained that they had a meeting to relook at the budgets and is
130 giving them her first draft of rearranging budgets. Selectman Tombarello said the plowing budget
131 may need to be adjusted, and Lynne suggested to include the DPW director for his input. Selectmen
132 discussed options and agreed to look into it further.

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136 **Fire Chief Michael Devine**

137 **Discussion regarding EMPG grant amendment**

138 Chief Devine explained that they applied for an emergency management performance grant, and are
139 asking for Selectman approval for an extension. Selectman gave consensus to allow.

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141 Selectman Sharpe made a motion stating that the Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the
142 terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant Amendment to change funding years, as
143 presented, to change the period of performance to October 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025, and allow
144 the Chairman to sign paperwork.

145 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Sharpe

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

147 ***In Favor:*** All

148 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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152 ***Discussion of new business begins.***

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156 **Review of Selectman Meeting Procedures and Goals for coming year**

157 Selectman Tombarello asked if anyone had any issues with the current Selectmen meeting
158 procedures, and asked about the 2-minute rule for public comment. Lynne explained that it can
159 become difficult when some are allowed to speak for longer than 2 minutes, and others aren't.
160 Selectman Tombarello agreed that this has become difficult.

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Review of Application for Voluntary Change of Address/Street Name

Autumn Lane to Sapling Way, Upper Maple Grove to Autumn Lane,

Portion of Upper Maple Grove to Maple Grove Rd and Lower Maple

Grove Rd to Sugar House Way

Lynne explained that this project has started up again, and the roads were not clearly named, and are asking to be changed, and said they don't have to hold a public hearing since there is no one living there yet.

Selectman Tombarello made a motion to make the following road name changes as allowed under RSA 231:133-a:

-Autumn Lane will now be named Sapling Way

-Beginning Portion of Upper Maple Grove Rd, off Odell Rd, will now be named Autumn Lane

-Upper Maple Grove Rd will now be named Maple Grove Rd

-Lower Maple Grove Rd will now be named Sugar House Way

And further to accept the Application for Voluntary Change of Address signed by the property owner. The signing of this application takes away the requirement to hold a public hearing.

Motion By: Selectman Tombarello

Seconded By: Selectman Mencis

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Development Public Safety Impact

Police Chief, Joe Gordon, asked what the Planning Board considers regarding the impact on public safety before approving development projects. Selectman Mencis said the subject is not often brought up, but should be discussed more. Lynne and Selectmen discussed impact studies for safety, and Selectman Mencis said they are more often done for the impact on traffic, but agreed that safety should be looked at more regularly, and said he will speak to the town engineer. Lynne explained that it is very important to meet with Planning Board because they approve projects before the projects are approved by Selectmen. Chief Gordon said he will speak with the Fire Department and EMS, so that they can all meet with Planning Board.

Acceptance of Donation to Oktoberfest Donation Fund

Selectman Tombarello made a motion to accept a donation of \$430 into the Oktoberfest donation account.

Motion By: Selectman Tombarello

Seconded By: Selectman Nickerson

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Tombarello made a motion to transfer \$50 from the Old Home Day account to the Oktoberfest account.

Motion By: Selectman Tombarello

Seconded By: Selectman Sharpe

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

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219 Selectman Sharpe made a motion to accept the donation of a Solo Stove, valued at \$299, to be
220 raffled at the Oktoberfest event, donated by Darren Hudgins & Hudgins Hardwood Flooring.

221 **Motion By:** Selectman Sharpe

222 **Seconded By:** Selectman Tombarello

223 **In Favor:** All

224 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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226 **Quarterly update on complaints**

227 Lynne updated on quarterly complaints, and said the issue on Hawkwood is being looked into by
228 the DPW director, and Selectman Olsen is dealing with the issue of potholes on North Road.

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230 **Review of Correspondence**

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232 ***Town Hall Rental Fee Request***

233 Lynne explained that they received a request from the Pine Acres HOA, asking to waive the rental
234 fee of the town hall so that they can hold their annual meeting. Lynne and Selectmen discussed
235 their status as a non-profit (501c3) and are not tax exempt, but operate at no profit. Lynne
236 cautioned that once the rental fee is waived, they may open themselves up to having to waive fees
237 for other groups, as well, and that the fee is around \$50, which is to cover the cost of heating,
238 electricity, etc. Selectmen agreed that if others are required to pay the rental fee, then they should
239 be required to, as well, and gave consensus not to allow.

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241 ***Xfinity Changes***

242 Upcoming changes to the Hallmark channels, TNA wrestling channel, and AXS.

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244 ***NHDES Shoreland Notice***

245 Received a notification to abutters, since the project abuts town-owned land, and must provide an
246 abutter's notice for any project within 250ft.

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248 ***Selectman Tombarello Recognition Letter***

249 Selectman Mencis read a letter which was written by a resident thanking Selectman Tombarello, in
250 the role of the town Electrical Inspector, and members of the Fire Department for their dedication
251 and professionalism in a recent fire.

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253 ***Letter***

254 Received a letter from a resident of Virginia about voting machines

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256 **Department Liaison Report**

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258 **Selectman Sharpe**

259 **Heritage Commission** – Currently filming the virtual tour of Sandown, and hoping to install
260 informative kiosks throughout the town. Upcoming 250th birthday of the meeting house, and the
261 depot is having its 150th birthday this year.

262 **Old Home Day** – Being held on August 10th, and are looking for donations. Lynne said they can still
263 fundraise to host the event.

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269 **Selectman Tombarello**
270 ***Town Clerk/Tax Collector*** – Please register your dogs.
271 ***Planning Board*** – It was a tough year to be on planning board. Looking at another proposed
272 development.
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274 **Selectman Nickerson**
275 ***Library Trustees*** – Concerned with budgets but moving along nicely.
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278 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to adjourn.
279 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello
280 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Nickerson
281 ***In Favor:*** All
282 ***Motion passes unanimously.***
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285 Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.
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287 Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024.
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292 **Submitted By:**
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294 *Jessica Manning*
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296 Jessica Manning
297 Recording Secretary