

1 **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
2 **Town of Sandown, NH**

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4 **Board of Selectmen**

5 **Meeting Date:** March 25, 2024

6 **Meeting Location:** Selectmen’s Office

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

10 **Also Present:** Lynne Blaisdell, Town Administrator

11 **Selectmen Not Present:** Vice Chairman Eric Olsen

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

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15 **Chairman Appointment**

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

18 **Motion By:** Selectman Nickerson

19 **Seconded By:** Selectman Sharpe

20 **In Favor:** All

21 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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23 **Vice Chairman Appointment**

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

26 **Motion By:** Selectman Tombarello

27 **Seconded By:** Selectman Mencis

28 **In Favor:** All

29 **Motion passes unanimously.**

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31 **Department Liaisons**

32 Selectmen discussed and determined liaisons.

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34 ***Selectman Tombarello***

35 Finance Department

36 Police Department

37 Town Clerk/Tax Collector

38 Budget Committee

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40 ***Selectman Olsen***

41 Cable TV Advisory Board

42 Highway Sanitation Department

43 Municipal Records Committee

44 Building Dept/Code Enforcement

45 Oktoberfest

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47 ***To Be Determined***

48 Conservation Commission

49 ***Selectman Nickerson***

50 Senior Affairs Transportation

51 Joint Loss Management Committee

52 Library Trustees

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54 ***Selectman Sharpe***

55 Fire Department

56 Recreation Commission

57 Old Home Day Committee

58 Heritage Commission

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60 ***Selectman Mencis***

61 Planning Board

62 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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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169 **Review of Application for Voluntary Change of Address/Street Name**  
170 **Autumn Lane to Sapling Way, Upper Maple Grove to Autumn Lane,**  
171 **Portion of Upper Maple Grove to Maple Grove Rd and Lower Maple**  
172 **Grove Rd to Sugar House Way**

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

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

- 179 *-Autumn Lane will now be named Sapling Way*
- 180 *-Beginning Portion of Upper Maple Grove Rd, off Odell Rd, will now be named Autumn Lane*
- 181 *-Upper Maple Grove Rd will now be named Maple Grove Rd*
- 182 *-Lower Maple Grove Rd will now be named Sugar House Way*

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

185 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

186 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Mencis

187 ***In Favor:*** All

188 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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190 **Development Public Safety Impact**

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

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200 **Acceptance of Donation to Oktoberfest Donation Fund**

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

203 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

204 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Nickerson

205 ***In Favor:*** All

206 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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

210 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

211 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Sharpe

212 ***In Favor:*** All

213 ***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**

#### 231 ***Town Hall Rental Fee Request***

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

241 Upcoming changes to the Hallmark channels, TNA wrestling channel, and AXS.  
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#### 243 ***NHDES Shoreland Notice***

244 Received a notification to abutters, since the project abuts town-owned land, and must provide an  
245 abutter's notice for any project within 250ft.  
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#### 247 ***Selectman Tombarello Recognition Letter***

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

253 Received a letter from a resident of Virginia about voting machines  
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### 255 **Department Liaison Report**

#### 257 **Selectman Sharpe**

258 **Heritage Commission** – Currently filming the virtual tour of Sandown, and hoping to install  
259 informative kiosks throughout the town. Upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the meeting house, and the  
260 depot is having its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.  
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262 **Old Home Day** – Being held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 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