

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Sandown, NH

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Date: February 12, 2024

Meeting Location: Town Hall

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Selectmen Present: Chairman Tom Tombarello; Vice Chairman Darren Hudgins; Eric Olsen; Bob Nickerson; Ben Sharpe

Also Present: Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell

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

Recreation Director, Becky Francis

Discussion regarding insurance requirements for proposed Farmer's Market

Francis shared her plans for a farmer's market at the Rec Center last year, and explained that it did not work because they didn't get enough vendors, and believes this was because of the town's requirements of liability insurance. Francis explained that Primex said it is the Selectmen's decision what type of insurance is required by vendors, and Selectmen discussed insurance options for small vendors. Francis clarified the specific types of vendors, such as honey or other products cooked in the vendor's homes, and Selectmen discussed requirements that are already in place for food vendors. Francis said the Health Inspector will be doing inspections, and hopes the market will meet weekly from June through August. Lynne said Primex will always recommend vendors having liability insurance, and Selectmen agreed to keep the same policy as Oktoberfest, with food trucks and prepared foods needing insurance, but smaller vendors, such as produce, do not. Francis hopes this change will make vendors more willing to attend the farmer's market, and updated that the rec program is doing great, and summer camp registration opens soon.

Discussion of new business begins.

Review of request for appointment as Inspector of Election and Cable Access Board

Inspector of the Election

Lynne explained that she was informed by Town Moderator, Kevin Major, that Linda Brown has been appointed by the Republican Party as a challenger. Major felt that being a challenger and an inspector simultaneously may become a conflict of interest, and that the challenger position may serve a specific party. Selectmen agreed that they do not want any conflict in association with elections.

Cable Access Board

Selectman Olsen made a motion to appoint Parker Davis to the Cable Access Board for 3-year term ending in March of 2027.

Motion By: Selectman Olsen

Seconded By: Selectman Hudgins

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

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54 **Acceptance of Donation to Oktoberfest Donation Trust Fund**

55 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to accept \$1,060 into the Oktoberfest Donation Trust Fund.

56 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

57 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Olsen

58 ***In Favor:*** All

59 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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62 **Review of Correspondence**

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64 ***Town Hall Renovations***

65 Lynne asked the public to please be patient with Town Hall renovations, and to please call them
66 ahead of time if there are concerns with accessibility, and they will accommodate. Lynne shared
67 that everyone has been very patient and they appreciate it.

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70 **Department Liaison Report**

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72 **Selectman Sharpe**

73 Nothing to report.

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75 **Selectman Olsen**

76 Nothing to report.

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78 **Selectman Tombarello**

79 ***Planning Board*** – Possibly meeting tomorrow.

80 Selectman Tombarello went to the school board deliberative session, and said everything is going to
81 the ballot.

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83 **Selectman Hudgins**

84 ***Recreation Commission*** – Missed recent meeting, but Becky updated earlier in the meeting.

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86 **Selectman Nickerson**

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90 **Non-public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation**

91 Selectman Tombarello made a motion to go into non-public discussion under RSA 91-A:3 II (c)
92 reputation.

93 ***Motion By:*** Selectman Tombarello

94 ***Seconded By:*** Selectman Olsen

95 ***Roll Call:*** Selectman Olsen – yes; Selectman Hudgins – yes; Selectman Tombarello – yes; Selectman
96 Nickerson – yes; Selectman Sharpe - yes

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104 Selectman Olsen made a motion to seal the minutes.
105 **Motion By:** Selectman Olsen
106 **Seconded By:** Selectman Tombarello
107 **In Favor:** All
108 **Motion passes unanimously.**
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110 Selectman Olsen made a motion to adjourn.
111 **Motion By:** Selectman Olsen
112 **Seconded By:** Selectman Tombarello
113 **In Favor:** All
114 **Motion passes unanimously.**
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117 Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.
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119 Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2024,
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124 **Submitted By:**
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126 *Jessica Manning*
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128 Jessica Manning
129 Recording Secretary