

Board of Selectmen
Town of Sandown, NH
September 14, 2026

Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2026

Meeting Location: Sandown Town Hall, upper meeting room

Members Present: Eric Olsen, Meganne Daly, Ed Mencis, Ben Sharpe and Tom Tombarello.
Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell and recording secretary, Beth Cashman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Olsen at 6:31pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Selectmen meeting minutes from 8/31/26.

Motion by Selectman Sharpe to accept the amended minutes from 8/31/26

Second by Selectman Mencis

Motion **PASSED** 4-0-1

Motion by Selectman Tombarello to accept the non-public meeting from 8/31/26.

Seconded by Selectman Mencis

Motion **PASSED** 4-0-1

Public Comment

Erica Olsen and Karen Jortberg were present to speak about the upcoming Oktoberfest on 10/17/26. This is being held at the Sandlot starting at 12noon. There is a raffle for cornhole boards (made by Paul Larocque) \$5 each/ 5 for \$25. Music (German band), food and lots of fun. Women's cast-iron skillet toss, beer stein holding, potentially a bonfire and much more.

They are looking for volunteers to help set up and break down. Bring the family and come down for a great time.

Selectman Tombarello stated that he reached out to the Superintendent of Timberland Regional High School as a taxpayer to meet with him about what the future will might look like with all the new families moving in (town infrastructure).

Fire Chief Michael Devine

Discussion regarding possible purchase of a forestry vehicle

Chief Devine let the Board of Selectman know that there is a sealed/closed bid happening for the Newington Fire Department of a 2002 Stewart Stevenson Forestry Vehicle. All bids are due by 3pm on Friday, October 9, 2026. Chief Devine has been searching for a new forestry vehicle for some

time as the town's 57-year-old truck is retiring. The Selectman agreed to discuss bid/costs in the non-public session.

New Business

Review of bids received for oil, gasoline, diesel and propane.

Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell shared the bids that were sent to her. Dileo Gas Propane, Palmer Gas and Oil and Haffner's.

Motion by Selectman Tombarello to accept Haffner's as the supplier of gasoline and diesel, for a one-year contract.

Seconded by Selectman Mencis

Motion **PASSED** 5-0-0

Motion by Selectman Tombarello to accept Palmer Gas and Oil as the supplier for oil and propane, for a one-year contract.

Seconded by Selectman Mencis

Motion **PASSED** 5-0-0

Library beautification

Elaine Aubin, Sandown Library Trustee and L, resident/volunteer were present to ask anyone who is available to help, please come to the library on 9/19/26, 10-2pm to clean up the overgrowth behind the library. Those that can are encouraged to bring their own yard tools/equipment.

Consent 5-0-0 by the Board of Selectman

Homeland Security – Grant Agreement

Town Administrator, Lynne Blaisdell discussed the "Agreement for Professional Planning Assistance in Support of Sandown Hazard Mitigation Plan" update. The current grant expires on 9/30/2026. Rockingham Planning Commission will do all the leg work for the town. They are to be paid no more than \$7,425, which is the amount of the grant. The first meeting is set for 9/17/2026.

The following tasks will be performed by the Rockingham Planning Commission in coordination with the Town of Sandown Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

- Convene a local Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
- Document the Planning and Community Outreach Process
- Conduct Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Update Mitigation Strategies
- Prioritize Mitigation Actions
- Develop an Implementation Plan
- Submit Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft to HSEM
- Submit Adoption Documentation and Final Plan to HSEM

78 **Review of Correspondence**

79 Dragon Mosquito provided Late Summer Update, no airborne disease.

80 **Department Liaison Report**

81 **Selectman/Chairman Olsen:**

82 There is no cable meeting this month. Zoning board is back.

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84 **Selectman Tombarello**

85 Budget Committee meeting. Thank you to all the volunteers helping with the election. Great job.

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87 **Selectman Mencis:**

88 Heritage Committee will be cleaning out the Red Barn.

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90 **Selectman Daly:**

91 9/18 – adult craft night at REC. Town wide yard sale 9/26, 9-3pm

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93 **Selectman Sharpe**

94 Nothing to report.

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97 **Motion** by Selectman Tombarello to enter non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) employee
98 matters, (b) hiring and (d) acquisition of property.

99 Seconded by Selectman Daly

100 Motion **PASSED** 5-0-0

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102 ***Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session***

103 Eric Olsen Y/N

104 Meganne Daly Y/N

105 Ed Mencis Y/N

106 Ben Sharpe Y/N

107 Tom Tombarello Y/N

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110 **Motion** by Selectman Tombarello to adjourn.

111 Seconded by Selectman Daly

112 Motion **PASSED** 5-0-0

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114 Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

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116 Next Meeting is Monday, September 28, 2026.

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118 Submitted By:

119 Beth Cashman