



**Town of Sandown , NH**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**March 22, 2012**

**Date:** March 22, 2012

**Place:** Sandown Town Hall

**Members Present:** Pam Merrill Solomon – Chair, Samantha Borbone, Brian Butler, Mark Traeger

**Absent:** Scott Burt

**Selectmen Liaison:** Mr. Hans Nicolaisen: Present

**Environmental Consultant:** Mr. Gerry Miller, Certified Wetlands Scientist: Absent

**Annual Fishing Derby Chair:** Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Present

**Opening:** Ms. Merrill Solomon opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**Updates**

Ms. Merrill Solomon had an approval form to be signed for a \$7,500 land use deposit.

Mr. Traeger forwarded an email he received from the UNH Cooperative Extension, regarding the incorporation of public land data management. They are updating their database on open space areas within NH towns. They are asking the Commission to review the database to make sure the information they have is correct, and if there have been any updates, to email them the new information. They are asking for the data to be sent back by April 18, 2012. Ms. Merrill Solomon noted the Commission could send her any information they had and she will crosscheck the database.

Ms. Merrill Solomon reviewed a letter the Commission received from the SE Land Trust in regards to easement monitoring, their newsletter and an upcoming harvest tour.

Ms. Merrill Solomon reviewed a brochure from LGC regarding workshops they are having for newly elected or appointed local officials.

**Elections**

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion for Ms. Merrill Solomon to be Chairman. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

**Bob Turner – Regarding Boy Scout Troop 268 Camping Trip in the Sandown Town Forest**

Mr. Turner noted they decided to cancel the trip due to ticks.

Mr. Butler asked as a commission if there was anything they could do about the tick problem, other than spraying.

Members discussed the issue.

Ms. Merrill Solomon asked Mr. Turner if they were going to postpone until the fall. Mr. Turner noted they would likely do something in the fall or winter.

### **Fishing Derby**

Ms. Chaput noted she received a few more donations and she also obtained the permits.

Ms. Chaput noted that the fishing hatcheries needed some repairs over the winter, so the price of the fish did increase slightly. The 8-10" fish went up to \$2.75, the 10-12" fish went up to \$3.75, and the 12" fish went up to \$5.75. He would split the delivery fee between Sandown and Hampstead since he delivers them on the same day.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that the Commission made a vote not to exceed \$700 for the fishing derby at the last meeting.

Ms. Chaput noted that without the delivery fee the cost would be \$678.75 for the fish. Mr. Butler suggested that Ms. Chaput adjust the numbers of fish purchased so that they don't exceed the \$700.

Ms. Chaput noted that Hampstead is having their derby the week before Sandown so the fish will be delivered two weeks before the derby. Mr. Butler noted that Mr. Genualdo watches the pond to make sure heron and otters don't get too many of the fish and he doesn't feed them a few days before the derby so that the fish are hungry.

Ms. Chaput made a note to remember to let Mr. Genualdo know a week ahead of delivery so he can block off the culverts.

Mr. Butler will contact the police department about providing a detail.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that she did speak to Lynn Blaisdell about the insurance and they were all set.

Ms. Chaput noted volunteers were needed for Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. to set-up tarps and tables and Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. Mr. Traeger will go to Kinston Saturday morning to pick up the munchkins they donated. Ms. Chaput will go to McDonalds and Market Basket to pick up juice and snack. She noted they would need at least three people per age group for registration. They will have the scale at the registration table so everyone will bring their fish to the table to have them weighed.

Ms. Chaput will look into port-a-potties and will also follow-up on t-shirts.

Ms. Merrill Solomon asked when the sign should be put out front. Ms. Chaput noted it's usually placed there a week before and confirmed that the sign and letters were in the barn.

Ms. Chaput will plan to be at the next meeting, but will confirm with Ms. Merrill Solomon.

### **Boy Scout Troop 268 Eagle Scout Project - Louie Quarino**

Mr. Quarino presented his plan to build eight benches and a bridge for the Fremont Town Forest. He would spread the benches throughout the trails, his presentation indicated potential locations. The benches will be built by scouts, built with pressure treated wood and stained with waterproof stain.

Mr. Quarino noted he would have assistance from a parent to build the bridge. He would use logs, with other boards nailed to the logs, stained with waterproof stain. The bridge would be placed over the large wet area on the blue trail.

Mr. Butler asked what the approach to the bridge would look like. Mr. Quarino had not addressed that yet.

Mr. Butler asked what the timeframe for completion was. Mr. Quarino noted he hoped to be finished by the end of October or early November.

Mr. Traeger noted the Commission has a forestry fund and could possibly make a donation to help with fundraising.

Mr. Butler asked the Commission if they were comfortable using pressure treated wood. Mr. Traeger suggested using lumber that was already on the property, specifically some logs that were in the parking lot. Mr. Traeger noted there was a gentleman in town that could mill the logs.

Mr. Traeger also suggested selling hot dogs at the fishing derby to raise money. Mr. Nicolaisen suggested contacting the Recreation department to possibly sell food at some of the soccer games.

Mr. Traeger suggested selling sponsorships for the benches, offering to put their name on them.

**MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to officially endorse the project. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Quarino if he could give the Commission monthly updates on the status of the project and at the end of the project send them a copy of his final report.

Mr. Traeger offered to be his contact on behalf of the Commission.

### **Fremont Road Forest Outstanding Projects**

Ms. Merrill Solomon reminded the Commission of the upcoming clean-up days.

Ms. Merrill Solomon offered to bring the snacks and the water. Mr. Traeger will do the chainsaw work.

Ms. Borbone gave an update on which clubs would be volunteering.

### **Trail Map**

Mr. Traeger sent out a draft of the brochure.

Ms. Merrill Solomon had updates and suggested adding more information about the property history.

Members agreed to remove the section on camping and emphasize the hunting section more as well as add in a section about forestry management.

Ms. Merrill Solomon will email her suggestions and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

### **Revisions for the MS4 Permit**

Mr. Traeger volunteered to make the updates. He will circulate the final document to the Commission.

### **Earth Day - 121A Clean-Up Project**

Mr. Traeger noted that the Garden Club and Rogue Runners are going to clean up their sections. He will place an article in the newspaper. Volunteers can pick up trash on either April 21 or 22 and sign-ups will be at the Library. Mr. Artie Genualdo will pick-up the filled trash bags on Monday.

Mr. Traeger suggested that Conservation could possibly pick up the Mother's Club section of 121A since they no longer maintain that stretch of road.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Butler wanted to officially thank Selectman Steve Brown for his excellent service on the Commission over the past year.

### **Sandown Local Energy Commission "Button Up NH" Sponsorship**

Mr. Butler explained the program for the Commission and noted they were looking for sponsors for the event. Sponsorship was in name only and did not require a donation, only assistance in promoting the event.

Mr. Butler noted they were holding a workshop on April 11, 7:00.

Ms. Merrill Solomon asked if the Commission should have a table at the workshop. Mr. Traeger suggested having a

poster and a sign-up sheet for “Friends of the Conservation Commission.”

**MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion that the Sandown Conservation Commission sponsor the LEC’s Button Up NH workshop on April 11, 2012. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

**Website**

Ms. Merrill Solomon note that since she volunteered to update the website, she would be meeting with Mark Havesh on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Library to review updates. She noted that Mr. Havesh couldn’t redesign the site, but could make some edits to the content. Ms. Merrill Solomon was hoping the site could be more user friendly. Mr. Traeger suggested she look at thinkbluemaine.org for inspiration.

Ms. Merrill Solomon confirmed that members would want their Sandown email address linked to their name on the site.

**Community Garden**

Mr. Butler noted that Mr. Burt sent an email out to all the people who participated in the garden last year asking if they would like to sign-up again. So far seven of the twelve spots are taken. Mr. Butler will wait to see if he gets any more responses before advertising in the paper. He also noted there was a \$20 suggested donation for participating and that money would go into the checking account to be used for garden related expenses.

Interested parties could contact Mr. Butler directly at [bbutler@sandowncc.org](mailto:bbutler@sandowncc.org).

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in the affirmative. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary