



**Town of Sandown , NH**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**September 13, 2012**

**Date:** September 13, 2012

**Place:** Sandown Town Hall

**Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler, Scott Burt, Mark Traeger, Samantha Borbone

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

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

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

**Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Metacomet Drive**

Mr. Miller went to the property and looked at the trees the homeowner was planning on cutting down. He noted some were overhanging the house and they were beyond the 50 ft. shore land buffer and were fine to remove.

**Budget**

Mr. Traeger noted that the website line item was cut from the budget. Mr. Traeger suggested that the Commission try and go before the budget committee again and be better prepared to defend the line items in question. Members agreed that would be appropriate. He noted that he spoke with Mr. Cleveland, a member of the budget committee, who explained that they typically review the budgets from the previous two-years to determine where they budget should be. Mr. Traeger will contact Ms. Blaisdell to see if they could get on the budget committees agenda.

**Review of 8/16/12 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 8/16/12 minutes as written. Mr. Burt seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Non-Public Meeting**

**MOTION:** Mr. Burt made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Members came out of the Non- Public Meeting and stated that they sealed the Non-Public Minutes.

*Roll Call:* Ms. Borbone, Mr. Butler, Mr. Carey, Mr. Burt, and Mr. Traeger

**Easement**

Mr. Traeger noted that in order to record the easement for the Bette Judkins Ayer Conservation land, they needed to have the property surveyed. He noted that they received an estimate for \$1,000 from Josh Manning to do the work.

Mr. Traeger also noted that they received an invoice from Curt Springer for \$112.50. The invoice was for his lawyer to draw up the legal language for the easement.

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay \$112.50 out of the conservation fund to Mr. Curt Springer. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

### **Fall Festival**

Members agreed not to host the Fall Festival this year. Mr. Traeger and Ms. Borbone noted that they needed to start planning both the road race and bike race in January in order to get sponsors and prizes. Members agreed to postpone the races until next year.

Mr. Carey suggested setting up a table to hand out maps and brochures at the Spooky Walk being run by the boy scouts on October 20th. Mr. Butler, Ms. Borbone and Mr. Traeger noted they would be able to attend. Ms. Borbone suggested she could purchase candy or toys to hand out to draw people over to the table.

Mr. Butler offered to cut the field. He noted he usually cuts the perimeter where they walk for the Spooky Walk. Mr. Carey suggested that he get reimbursed for his fuel expenses.

### **Road Side Clean-up**

Mr. Traeger suggested that the Conservation Commission take over the Mother's Club section of Route 121A. He noted the Commission usually does a clean-up in the spring and fall. A date for the fall clean-up will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Mr. Traeger noted that Andrea Cairns was approved as an alternate member by the Board of Selectman.

**MOTION:** Mr. Burt made a motion to accept Ms. Cairns as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Traeger noted that there is a hearing on October 1, 2012 for a DES wetlands violation in town. He noted that he would be testifying.

Mr. Burt noted there is another invasive insect nearby. It is the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. Members discussed potential ways to eradicate the insect whether it be cutting down trees or using pesticides. Mr. Traeger will have Matt Rittenhouse write an article about it in the Tri Town Times.

Mr. Butler would like to do a cut in the town forest to promote a healthier forest. He noted all the paperwork was ready to go from last year and suggested they start the process now. Mr. Butler will contact Charlie Moreno.

**MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Cairns