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1	Sandown Conservation Commission
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3	January 10, 2013
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5	Date: January 10, 2013
6	Place: Sandown Town Hall
7	Members Present: Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler, Mark Traeger, Samantha Borbone
8	Members Absent: Scott Burt, Andrea Cairns
9	Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Hans Nicolaisen: Absent
10	Environmental Consultant: Mr. Gerry Miller, Certified Wetlands Scientist: Present
11	Annual Fishing Derby Chair: Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Absent
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13	Opening: Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.
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15	Review of 12/20/12 Minutes
16	MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/20/12 as written. Ms. Borbone
17	seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. Ms. Borbone abstained.
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19	Mr. Traeger will check to see if the Selectman appointed Ms. Poulin. If so, she will need to be sworn
20	in before she can be a voting member at the meetings.
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22	Correspondence
23	Conservation received a letter from the SE Landtrust stating this year they will survey the property.
24	Next year they will only look at pictures.
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26	Tick Eradication Discussion
27	Mr. Carey would like to make it a priority this year. Some of the boy scouts were asked to come in
28	and give their experience over the last two years.
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30	Tim Robinson, Assistant Scout Master, 11 Snow Lane and Jeff Chaput, Assistant Scout Master, 46
31	Pillsbury Rd. They indicated that they years 12.2 times non-year in the town forest. Spring Fall and
32	They indicated that they usually camp 2-3 times per year in the town forest – Spring, Fall and Winter. They noted in the past two years they've had to cancel the April camping trip. They walked
33 34	the area before the trip and the ticks were so prevalent, just traversing the field, their pant legs were
35	covered. He noted the kids do a check at night and they spray their pants and shoes, but it's not worth
36	the risk.
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38	Paul asked if they would be happy if the town did something about it. They said they would. They
39	only have issues in the Spring.
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41	Mr. Carey noted that it was a health hazard and impedes the use of the town forest.

The assistant scout masters asked if there was anything the scouts could do to help out.

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Mr. Carey indicated that he has done some research and found a major factor was the height of the grass. Mr. Miller cautioned they needed to be careful in the early months of nesting birds.

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- Mr. Butler noted that he usually just mows the perimeter and the area of the knoll. He noted the brush hog is approximately 5' wide and he usually does three circles around the perimeter of the field along
- 50 the rock wall. He said that he has issues getting close to the wall because of overhanging branches
- and rocks that have fallen off the wall. He suggested the scouts could help clean up along the wall so
- be could get as close as possible. The scouts noted they always have kids looking for service hours
- and would be willing to help out.

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- Mr. Traeger noted that at the last meeting they discussed possibly spraying before an event if they knew the dates. The Scouts indicated they could send their schedule, but their plan was to camp in
- 57 April.

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- Mr. Carey noted once they gather information, they could put out a proposal and talk with professionals. Members agreed it would be great to have the Scouts trim back brush and pick up
- 61 rocks along the perimeter of the field so that Mr. Butler could get closer to the wall.

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Mark – when you are out doing an event at the town forest, one of us could go out there and talk about the selective cut we just did for the boys.

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Members discussed putting out and RFP for the field, garden and wildlife opening. Mr. Traeger felt they shouldn't do the wildlife opening. Members agreed it's not a place where events are held. Brian felt it could be taken care of with mowing. Mr. Carey suggested putting the garden on a lower tier of priority and see how much it costs. Start with the perimeter and if it's successful then we can expand it. Ms. Borbone suggested including it in the RFP so they know how much it would cost.

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Mr. Carey noted he would put together the RFP and ask them to come to a meeting to present their plan. Mr. Miller suggested just mailing the RFP directly to the people instead of putting it in the paper.

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- Wetland Permit Discussion Summer Street
- 77 Bernard Cyr was present.

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- 79 Mr. Cyr noted the permit is now on file. Mr. Miller reviewed the application.
- Mr. Traeger noted they did get a letter from DES stating that some items were missing. Mr. Cyr noted he submitted the missing items.
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- 83 Mr. Cyr reviewed the items that were missing and noted that Mr. Miller had flagged the same items.

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88	The Commission clarified that it would be the state to issue the permit and Mr. Cyr still needed to get
89 90	a favorable recommendation from Conservation. Mr. Miller explained for an expedited permit, the Commission needed to sign-off on the application, otherwise it wouldn't be reviewed as expedited, it
91	would just be standard process.
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93	Mr. Butler questioned if they had seen a more detailed plan. Mr. Cyr noted he could get them one.
94	Mr. Miller also requested photos of the site.
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96	Mr. Cyr noted the wall is existing, just needed to be repaired. Mr. Miller noted they needed a plan to
97	see the extent of the project, the area that will be impacted, specific distances from the water. He
98	noted they normally receive a plan of existing conditions and proposed conditions.
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100 101	Mr. Cyr noted he was hoping to do the work in the spring.
102	Mr. Carey noted the letter DES sent isn't a permit it states that they've received your application
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105	Mr. Miller noted for minimum expedited review, he needed to get Conservation's signature before he
106	goes to the town clerk. If they are doing a standard review he doesn't need to go to Conservation. He
107	needs to come with all five sets of the application, forms, plans, pictures – all the details we need to
108	review properly. If there are no issues, the Commission can sign the application and makes it
109	complete for the town clerk to sign it and send it to DES.
110 111	Mr. Carey noted the state relies on the local communities to review these projects and be advisors.
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114	Mr. Cyr noted he just wanted to do the easiest process. Mr. Carey noted his application was
115	incomplete. We are here to help you. We can't approve an incomplete application.
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117	Mr. Cyr requested to get on the agenda for next month to review the permit.
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119	Moonlight Snowshoe Walk
120	Mr. Traeger was thinking about doing the event on Friday January 25 th , Ms. Borbone did a poster.
121	Mr. Traeger will get hot chocolate and they could have a bonfire. Members agreed that date worked.

Mr. Traeger has a bunch of snowshoes he can lend out. Ms. Borbone will also tell the Tri Town

Mr. Cyr noted that he did not receive the permit from DES and questioned if the town gave him the

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Fremont Road Town Forest Cut Update

Mr. Butler spoke to Charlie Moreno on Tuesday and he is sending the Commission some checks. Mr. 126 127 Butler told him to make them out to Town of Sandown Conservation Committee. They can get deposited into the forestry account. 128 129 Members who have been out there agreed they are doing a great job, keeping the site clean and it 130 looks very professional. 131 132 Mr. Traeger noted UNH Cooperative has a picture of the kiosk on their website noting the town is 133 doing a cut. 134 135 Correspondence 136 Sign off on Andrea and Gerry's hours. 137 138 Invoice for \$112.50 for Curt Springer's deed work. Mr. Butler suggested paying it out of the 139 Conservation Fund. 140 141 142 Invoice for \$1,000 for delineating the trail across Curt Springer's trail from Points North Design 143 Group to be taken out of the conservation fund. 144 145 The Commission received a \$15,000 check to be deposited into the Conservation fund. 146 Members discussed generating a flowchart helping town employees determine the process for 147 permits they need to obtain. 148 149 150 **New Business** Mr. Traeger noted the Planning Board had a public hearing regarding the new wetlands ordinance. 151 Mr. Richard Kearney come to the meeting. During the discussion, Mr. Kearney noted Sandown has 152 an issue with salt runoff on the roads into wetlands. Mr. Traeger asked him to come work with 153 Commission to fix that problem. He may put it on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss it. 154 155 MOTION: Ms. Borbone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members 156 voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:38 p.m. 157 158 159 Respectfully Submitted, Chares Hains 160 Andrea Cairns 161