



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

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

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48 Mr. Butler noted that he usually just mows the perimeter and the area of the knoll. He noted the brush  
49 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  
51 and rocks that have fallen off the wall. He suggested the scouts could help clean up along the wall so  
52 he could get as close as possible. The scouts noted they always have kids looking for service hours  
53 and would be willing to help out.

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

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59 Mr. Carey noted once they gather information, they could put out a proposal and talk with  
60 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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63 Mark – when you are out doing an event at the town forest, one of us could go out there and talk  
64 about the selective cut we just did for the boys.

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

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

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76 **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.

80 Mr. Traeger noted they did get a letter from DES stating that some items were missing. Mr. Cyr  
81 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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85 Mr. Cyr noted that he did not receive the permit from DES and questioned if the town gave him the  
86 permit or DES.

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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 a favorable recommendation from Conservation. Mr. Miller explained for an expedited permit, the  
90 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 Mr. Cyr noted he was hoping to do the work in the spring.

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102 Mr. Carey noted the letter DES sent isn't a permit it states that they've received your application  
103 under the expedited process.

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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.

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111 Mr. Carey noted the state relies on the local communities to review these projects and be advisors.  
112 We rely on Gerry's expertise when it comes to the process and compliance with the law.

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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<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Borbone did a poster.  
121 Mr. Traeger will get hot chocolate and they could have a bonfire. Members agreed that date worked.  
122 Mr. Traeger has a bunch of snowshoes he can lend out. Ms. Borbone will also tell the Tri Town  
123 Times.

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125 **Fremont Road Town Forest Cut Update**

126 Mr. Butler spoke to Charlie Moreno on Tuesday and he is sending the Commission some checks. Mr.  
127 Butler told him to make them out to Town of Sandown Conservation Committee. They can get  
128 deposited into the forestry account.

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130 Members who have been out there agreed they are doing a great job, keeping the site clean and it  
131 looks very professional.

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133 Mr. Traeger noted UNH Cooperative has a picture of the kiosk on their website noting the town is  
134 doing a cut.

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136 **Correspondence**

137 Sign off on Andrea and Gerry's hours.

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139 Invoice for \$112.50 for Curt Springer's deed work. Mr. Butler suggested paying it out of the  
140 Conservation Fund.

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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.

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145 The Commission received a \$15,000 check to be deposited into the Conservation fund.

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147 Members discussed generating a flowchart helping town employees determine the process for  
148 permits they need to obtain.

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150 **New Business**

151 Mr. Traeger noted the Planning Board had a public hearing regarding the new wetlands ordinance.

152 Mr. Richard Kearney come to the meeting. During the discussion, Mr. Kearney noted Sandown has  
153 an issue with salt runoff on the roads into wetlands. Mr. Traeger asked him to come work with  
154 Commission to fix that problem. He may put it on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss it.

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156 **MOTION:** Ms. Borbone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members  
157 voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:38 p.m.

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159 Respectfully Submitted,

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161 Andrea Cairns