

1                                 **Sandown Conservation Commission**  
2   **Minutes**  
3   **April 25, 2013**  
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5     **Date:** April 25, 2013

6     **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7     **Members Present:** Brian Butler, Mary Poulin, Scott Burt, Mark Traeger

8     **Members Absent:** Paul Carey – Chair, Andrea Cairns

9     **Selectmen Liaison:** Mr. Jim Devine: Present

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

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12    **Opening:** Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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14    Members reviewed the correspondence.

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16    *The Board received:*

17    Wetlands Non Site Specific Permit for Larry White, 3 Summer Street from DES with a  
18    list of conditions. He received his permit to do the work.

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20    Notice of Decision from the Sandown Planning Board

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22    A letter from the Northern Light District Yankee Clipper Boy Scouts. It was a reminder  
23    that approximately 125 scouts will be camping in the town forest on May 18, 2013.

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25    **Brianna Butler, Subcommittee Chairman for the Fishing Derby**

26    Ms. Butler submitted an invoice for the fish for \$700 from Summer Brook Fish Farm.

27    They delivered 205 fish, three tagged.

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29    **MOTION:** Mr. Burt made a motion to pay Summer Brook Fish Farm \$700 to be paid out  
30    of the education and awareness line item. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members  
31    voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

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33    Ms. Butler noted they received a \$50 donation from Chestnut Hill Auto. She will include  
34    them in the advertising.

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36    Ms. Butler submitted a receipt for items she purchased for prizes. She bought a fishing  
37    rod, tackle box and supplies.

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39    Members discussed how to handle the \$50 donation and decided to deposit it into the  
40    checking account.

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42    **MOTION:** Mr. Burt made a motion to reimburse Ms. Butler for \$48.72 for the fishing  
43    derby supplies she purchased. Mr. Devine seconded the motion. Members voted  
44    unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

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46 Ms. Butler stated that she would need help for registration and handing out t-shirts. Those  
47 helping should arrive at 6:20 a.m.

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49 Ms. Butler explained how she broke up the prizes. She changed one of the age categories  
50 and the prizes were broken up as follows: Ages 2-5: highest weight receives two passes  
51 to Santa's Village, lowest weight receives a fishing set donated by Mr. Crowe; Ages 6-8:  
52 highest weight receives a family membership to the SEE Science Center, lowest weight  
53 receives four passes to Victorian Park; Ages 9-12: highest weight receives two tickets to  
54 Laser Craze, lowest weight receives two tickets to Chunky's Movie Theater; Ages 12-13:  
55 highest weight receives two tickets to Canobie Lake, lowest weight receives passes to  
56 Vertical Dreams. Members agreed the breakdown was good. She has a few raffles to  
57 award: Papa Gino's, Acropolis and Prime Pizza gift certificates, \$40 in tokens for Fun  
58 Spot at Weirs Beach, Fishing Sets and balls. For the tagged fish she purchased prizes that  
59 could be used the following year if none were caught.

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61 Mr. Traeger will get donuts and coffee

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63 Mr. Traeger confirmed Chris Donnell from Cable will attend and Ms. Butler would  
64 contact Matt Rittenhouse from the *Tri Town Times*.

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66 Mr. Devine reminded the Board that the state signed a bill to officially name the pond  
67 Sal's Pond. He noted that it takes five years before the federal government will change  
68 the name of the pond.

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70 Mr. Butler wanted to formally recognize Dick at Summer Brook Fish Farm. He noted that  
71 he's been providing the fish for many years and only charged a \$21 delivery fee. He does  
72 a wonderful job and has taken care of the Commission for many years.

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74 Ms. Butler noted that Pete's would be dropping off the port-a-potty on Friday. They  
75 didn't mention anything about a charge.

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77 Mr. Butler called the Sandown Police Department and he got a 4-hour detail with a  
78 cruiser from 6:30-10:30.

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80 Mr. Traeger noted that Ian Price would be attending. Ms. Butler if they should set aside a  
81 parking spot for them. Mr. Traeger suggested the driveway, but it might be hard to set  
82 aside a spot there.

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84 Ms. Butler noted that Lynne Blaisdell from the Selectmen's office took care of the  
85 insurance.

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87 Ms. Butler received the permit from Fish & Game. Mr. Butler noted that if it was a town  
88 owned pond, Fish & Game would rebate them funds. He noted that Sal's Pond works  
89 great because it's contained, small and flat all around. He puts gates on the ends so the  
90 trout don't escape.

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92 **Tick Control**

93 Mr. Carey wasn't present. There was nothing to discuss regarding tick control.

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95 Mr. Devine asked for clarification on the process. Mr. Butler explained the process.

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97 **New Business**

98 Mr. Traeger explained on April 16, 2013, the Planning Board had a meeting and they  
99 voted to approve a lot line adjustment for lots off of Meghan Drive, Jana Circle and  
100 Patricia Circle. Montana Realty created a sixth lot there. The Planning Board wanted fire  
101 suppression up there and the chief and Mr. Villella worked together to established a fire  
102 pond. He noted they put a fire hydrant in near a vernal pool. He noted there was a heated  
103 debate and in the end, the Planning Board agreed to sign the mylar and have it recorded at  
104 the RCRD. The issue is the fire pond is not on Montana property. There is also a wetland  
105 violation. When Hillside Estates went through the approval process, their soil scientist  
106 recognized the area in question as a vernal pool. The town now needs to contact the land  
107 owner to make sure they obtain the proper permits.

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109 Mr. Traeger spoke to LGC and the Town Attorney and their position is that it is up to the  
110 land owner to get the permits and there may not be anything we need to do in terms of  
111 conservation unless they need to get a Conditional Use Permit, but that is unlikely.

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113 **Correspondence Continued**

114 The Commission received a Wetlands Minimum Impact Trails Notification for the Wells  
115 Village Road town forest. Mr. Traeger noted that when the wetland reserve program put  
116 an easement on the Porter property, there was some negotiation with NRCS that they  
117 would do some of the work, including gates, which they've done, and put up a stone  
118 culvert and clean up the trail where there is water flowing.

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120 **Mr. Don Stockman – Tick Control**

121 Mr. Carey contacted him in regards to spraying the fields. Mr. Stockman noted he is  
122 licensed to do that. He lives in Sandown and runs a garden center in Rye, NH. He went  
123 by the forest and took a look at the area to be sprayed. He doesn't have a backpack  
124 blower, but has a pick-up with a 100 gallon tank that he sprays trees and shrubs with. He  
125 said he typically sprays the perimeter of yards and doesn't usually spray the lawns. He  
126 gave a rough estimate of \$650 to spray the north wall from the road to the corner and the  
127 back side. He feels his sprayer is far more effective than a backpack sprayer. Mr. Burt  
128 agreed. Mr. Stockman felt that they should also address the island of trees and brush and  
129 possibly spray that area.

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131 Mr. Butler questioned what it would cost to do the entire perimeter and Mr. Stockman  
132 estimated about \$1,200.

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134 Mr. Traeger questioned how long an application lasted. Mr. Stockman noted he used to  
135 be a manager at TruGreen and they recommended spraying every six weeks. He said it  
136 depends on how often they would use the field and felt maybe three times a year would  
137 be sufficient.

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139 Mr. Burt noted he works for Hampstead Schools and he sprays twice a year and it works  
140 well. He uses the same applicator that Mr. Stockman would use.

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142 Mr. Butler noted that the boy scouts were going to go and clean up the brush around the  
143 perimeter and asked if that would help with the application. Mr. Stockman felt that the  
144 best thing they could do is work the field and keep it clear so that it could be mowed. He  
145 noted they will be in the brush along the walls and if that is gone, there is nothing for  
146 them to quest on.

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148 Mr. Traeger felt it would be better to spend the money on that than spraying. Mr.  
149 Stockman agreed. Mr. Burt suggested spraying it one time so they could go in after and  
150 clear to the wall and not end up covered while they clear the brush.

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152 Mr. Stockman also recommended that certain times a year they should gate the entrance  
153 and keep vehicles out of there, especially during mud season since once the ruts are there,  
154 it's hard to maintain it. Members agreed and noted that they've debated that issue.

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156 Mr. Traeger asked if he could clear all the brush and how much that might cost. Mr.  
157 Stockman noted it would be a tremendous amount of time and he's not sure he would be  
158 able to do that. He suggested the best way to do that is to make it a community project.  
159 He's been working on his property for close to six years and it's finally clean. He  
160 suggested stacking the brush and having a big bon fire in the winter and making it a big  
161 public event.

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163 Mr. Burt asked if he could submit a formal estimate. Mr. Stockman asked that Mr. Carey  
164 send him the scope of work and he would send an estimate.

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166 Mr. Stockman mentioned he would be happy to go out there and help clean it in the  
167 winter when he's not as busy.

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169 Mr. Burt noted if they were to have him clear the wall plus the islands it would likely cost  
170 close to \$4800 in labor.

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172 Mr. Butler questioned if he should cut the field before the May 18<sup>th</sup> camping trip.  
173 Members agreed it was up to him and his schedule.

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#### 175 **Wetlands Minimum Impact Trails Notification Continued**

176 Mr. Traeger will follow up with DES and see what they needed to do with the permit.

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178 Mr. Traeger feels that in the fall they should start working on the trails out there

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180 **MOTION:** Mr. Burt made a motion to authorize Mr. Traeger to sign the Wetlands  
181 Minimum Impact Trails Notification Permit. Mr. Devine seconded the motion.

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183 *Discussion:* Mr. Butler would like to have Mr. Miller review it as well. Mr. Traeger  
184 would send him a copy.

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186 Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

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188 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burt seconded the motion. All  
189 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at  
190 8:18 p.m.

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192 Respectfully Submitted,



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194 Andrea Cairns