

1 Sandown Conservation Commission
2 Minutes
3 May 30, 2013
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5 **Date:** May 30, 2013

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Brian Butler-Vice Chair, Mary Poulin, Andrea Cairns, Mark Traeger

8 **Members Absent:** Paul Carey – Chair, Scott Burt

9 **Selectmen Liaison:** Jim Devine: Absent

10 **Environmental Consultant:** Gerry Miller, Certified Wetlands Scientist: Present

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12 **Opening:** Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.
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14 **Approval 4/11/25 Minutes**

15 Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 4/11/13 minutes as written. Ms. Poulin
16 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.
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18 **Approval of 4/25/13 Minutes**

19 Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 4/25/13 minutes as written. Ms. Poulin
20 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.
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22 **Correspondence**

23 Invoice from Mark Hevesh at Tanagram Marketing. It's an invoice for \$500 for the
24 annual maintenance of the website. Since there is no longer a line item for the website in
25 their budget and the town just updated their website, members agreed to not move
26 forward with Tanagram Marketing.
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28 Invoice from Promised Land Survey \$3,350 for the lot line adjustment plans for the
29 Hersey Road and Odell Road.
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31 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to pay Promised Land Survey \$3,350 for the lot
32 line adjustment plans for Hersey Road and Odell Road to come out of the Conservation
33 Account. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
34 passed.
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36 Invoice for Town of Sandown Police Detail and Cruiser for the fishing derby totaling
37 \$209.76.
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39 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay the invoice for \$209.76 out of education
40 and awareness line item. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.
41 The motion passed.
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43 Ms. Cairns noted that the timber tax was approved by them for the incorrect amount and
44 didn't include the interest for the late payment. The Selectman abated the \$7.56 in
45 interest and the tax was paid.

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47 TD Bank statement for the checking account. There is \$597.00 balance, \$50 was
48 deposited and they paid \$250.00 for the tick presentation.

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50 RPC's annual meeting invitation.

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52 SE Landtrust, Piscasset Greenway Cole Farm, they are having a BBQ. They would like to
53 have a member of Sandown Conservation go and be recognized. Mr. Traeger noted he
54 would likely attend.

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56 Standard Review Wetlands Permit Application for Virginia Morris. Mr. Traeger reviewed
57 the development for Mr. Miller. He noted the abutters are worried about the wetland
58 crossings. Mr. Miller noted they have 30 days from the date of the application to make
59 comment and that timeframe is almost up. Members discussed the wetlands in the area.
60 Mr. Miller reviewed the USGS map provided in the application and noted that the
61 wetlands in question are not part of her watershed and wouldn't impact the abutter Mr.
62 Traeger spoke with. Mr. Miller has a feeling that the application is going to get kicked
63 back because the dredge and fill area doesn't show a culvert. They haven't designed a
64 culvert and there is nothing to indicate there is going to be one. Mr. Miller recommended
65 sending a letter to DES indicated they have concerns because the dredge and fill is in an
66 area that hasn't been proposed to have a culvert to allow drainage of a watershed. He
67 recommended they go online and find the case file number and reference that in the title
68 subject line. Mr. Traeger will send the letter.

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70 **Fishing Derby Recap**

71 Members agreed the event was successful overall.

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73 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion for formally thank Brianna Butler for taking on
74 the Chairperson position and doing a great job running the event. Ms. Poulin seconded
75 the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler abstained.

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77 Mr. Butler noted there were many students from the National Honor Society there to help
78 out with the event.

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80 There were 92 kids registered and caught 105 fish, one tagged fish was caught. He had
81 \$270 in registration fees that needed to be deposited as revenue.

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83 Mr. Butler thanked Mr. Sal Genualdo for hosting the event at his pond. He also thanked
84 Chestnut Hill Auto for their sponsorship and TD Bank for their sponsorship.

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86 **Tick Control**

87 There was no update on this.

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89 Mr. Butler questioned if he should mow the field. Mr. Traeger said it was up to him since
90 it's his time. Mr. Butler noted the cost of fuel would be approximately \$40. He will

91 contact the boy scouts to see if they cleaned up the brush and rocks along the perimeter.
92 No decision was made.

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94 **New Business**

95 Mr. Butler noted the Community Garden has started. He received two additional
96 applications. Notification is posted on the website. He will be there Saturday morning
97 getting it set up; he is also going to plow again.

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99 **Old Business**

100 Mr. Traeger asked if they discussed the fire pond issue at Meghan Drive. Mr. Miller
101 noted that he drove by and if it is a vernal pool, they dry up by nature and may not have
102 water during the dry season. He noted fire ponds generally should be maintained at a
103 certain level so you have volume with constant flow going in and out of it. If this doesn't
104 have that, then it won't function well. He didn't walk the property, so he doesn't know if
105 there is water going into it. He noted the culvert is in place to alleviate any flooding that
106 might occur. He noted there is definitely a violation and a permit application would need
107 to be filed.

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111 Mr. Traeger is going to put up a sign at the town forest looking for more members.

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115 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion. All
116 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
117 8:12 p.m.

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119 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns