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**Sandown Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 22, 2013**

Date: August 22, 2013

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Paul Carey – Chair, Mary Poulin, Mark Traeger, Andrea Cairns

Members Absent: Brian Butler-Vice Chair

Selectmen Liaison: Jim Devine: Present

Environmental Consultant: Gerry Miller: Present

Opening: Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Jimmy Beucler – Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Beucler received approval from the Boy Scout Council and was looking to discuss with Conservation exactly what they were looking for and what he planned on completing.

He met with the Board of Selectmen, they held a public hearing and he spoke with the neighbors. Mr. Saltilamacchia had a few concerns, mainly about parking and the leash law. The Selectmen helped settle some of his concerns.

Mr. Beucler noted he walked the trails again and made some marks as to where the trail would go.

In terms of parking, he went and measured the cul-de-sac and determined that seven cars would fit. The neighbors were more comfortable with a five-car limit. Mr. Beucler will indicate that on his rules that will be posted on-site. Mr. Springer did say in the future, he would be willing to put parking there if they find they need it.

The Boy Scout Council suggested he write out the scope of work to set expectations and have the Commission sign off of them.

Mr. Beucler outlined his proposed rules:

- Parking on the cul-de-sac only, no blocking driveways or mailboxes. There will be a five-car parking limit.
- Please respect neighbors and keep noise down.
- It will be closed dusk to dawn. He is hoping on certain occasions, they might be able to have a boys scout camping event there.

Mr. Devine suggested he talk to the fire chief about the safety issues.

- Stay on marked trails.
- Keep animals under control.

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48 Sign/Map – he will display an accurate map made with GPS software. Members felt a
49 sign similar to the Fremont town forest would be good. He will show major landmarks
50 (major stream and ponds and indicate Cub Pond Road).

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52 Mr. Beucler confirmed he looked at regulations for trail crossings. He is working with
53 someone from DES. She will take full responsibility for the wetland crossings to make
54 sure they are handled properly. He has access to the state software to delineate wetlands.

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56 He can also take aerial photographs.

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58 Mr. Traeger noted that Infinite Imaging in Portsmouth created the map at the town forest
59 if he wanted to do a map similar to that one.

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61 Mr. Carey suggested they get a digital copy of the map so they can print trail maps and
62 post on-line.

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64 Mr. Traeger thought the Fremont Town Forest sign cost about \$327. Mr. Beucler noted
65 his overall budget right now is \$300 so that would more than double his budget. He is in
66 the process of putting together a fundraising campaign, but wasn't sure he would be able
67 to include that kind of sign.

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69 He's hoping to have the entire project done by the beginning of December. He is going to
70 try and complete it as quick as he can.

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72 Mr. Beucler would also like to put an area for bulletins on the sign (mosquito notices, the
73 rules, etc). He's hoping to make something similar to what is at the town beach but
74 smaller and with a roof to protect from weather. The structure will be 2 – 4x4 posts. Mr.
75 Traeger asked if he would add a little shelf. Mr. Beucler agreed to that. He asked if they
76 would want a layer of Plexiglas to cover the bulletins, but members agreed just corkboard
77 would be fine.

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79 As far as the trail, Mr. Beucler is proposing natural surface, removing leaves and rocks-
80 small rocks will stay. It will be wide enough for a single person with a mountain bike at
81 its narrowest spot. He is going to try and make a loop. Its not looking great, but
82 regardless it will still connect to both ponds. His trail will avoid wet areas whenever
83 possible. He will have to cross the stream, but he will build a timber bridge to go over
84 that. He did talk with Curt Springer about the crossing since it will be on his property. He
85 is getting permission from Mr. Springer for all the work being done.

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87 Mr. Beucler will clean-up the spray paint that is already on the trees and will paint blazes
88 on the trees to mark the trails.

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90 Mr. Beucler noted that one of the neighbors suggested naming the trails after her dogs.
91 Members thought his other suggestions of naming the trails Cub Pond Trail and Punch
92 Pond Trail were more appropriate.

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94 Mr. Beucler will stencil the trails in color and will mark on the map which color is which.
95 The access trail could be a dotted line of both colors to indicate it will lead to the two
96 trails. Members agreed the trails should be red and yellow. He will also have small
97 wooden signs labeling the trails with an arrow pointing in the correct direction and the
98 trail length.

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100 He does not plan to move out the old brush that was left behind from logging. He thought
101 he might take out any new brush he created, but members suggested leaving it and
102 possibly lining the trail with it.

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104 Mr. Beucler noted he was originally going to do a bench, but feels the scope of work is
105 pretty large already.

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107 Mr. Beucler noted he marked the potential trail with orange tape and was hoping when
108 the trail was marked completely, a Conservation member could come out and walk the
109 trail with him to approve the trail. Mr. Traeger told him he would do that.

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111 **Review of 8/8/13 Minutes**

112 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 8/8/13 minutes as written. Ms.
113 Poulin seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Cairns abstained. The motion
114 passed.

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116 Mr. Devine will look into becoming a voting member.

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118 **Correspondence**

119 SE Landtrust newsletter

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121 **Review of the Budget**

122 Ms. Cairns presented the final budget based on the discussion at the previous meeting.

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124 Members agreed they should change Community Garden to Public Seminars and
125 reference the Tick Presentation

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127 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Ms. Poulin
128 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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130 **Discussion regarding Hersey Road Land Purchase**

131 Mr. Traeger noted the Drownes have reached an agreement with NRCS and they need to
132 schedule their closing soon. Mr. Carey will check for the signed purchase and sales in the
133 binder.

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135 **MOTION:** Ms. Poulin made a motion to have Mr. Traeger or Mr. Butler sign the
136 paperwork on behalf of the town. Ms. Cairns seconded the motion. Mr. Traeger
137 abstained. The motion passed.

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139 **New Business**

140 Mr. Traeger updated the Board on the current pending lawsuit regarding Current Use
141 funds.

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143 **Town Forest Trail Maps**

144 Ms. Cairns noted they were out of trail maps for the Fremont Road Town Forest.

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146 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion. All
147 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
148 8:22 p.m.

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150 Respectfully Submitted,



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152 Andrea Cairns