

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **October 10, 2013**
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5 **Date:** October 10, 2013

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler-Vice Chair, Mark Traeger,
8 Mary Poulin

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

10 **Environmental Consultant:** Gerry Miller: Present

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12 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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14 **Review of the 9/26/13 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 9/26/13 minutes as written. Ms. Poulin
16 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger and Ms. Poulin abstained. The motion
17 passed.

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19 **Girl Scouts**

20 Ms. Chaput sent a letter to Mr. Butler explaining that Girl Scout Troop 10765 would like to camp
21 in the town forest on October 18, 2013. They chose that date because the Spooky Walk would be
22 going on and there would be portable toilets for their use. They obtained a fire permit from Chief
23 Tapley.

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25 Mr. Carey suggested establishing a policy stating groups don't need their permission to camp in
26 the town forest. Mr. Butler suggested they have groups send notification so the commission is
27 aware and there aren't multiple groups camping at the same time.

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29 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion stating that Girl Scout Troop 10765 could camp in the field
30 on October 18, 2013. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
31 passed.

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33 **New Business**

34 Mr. Butler cut the fields and the wildlife opening for the spooky walk. While returning the brush
35 hog to the red barn, he saw people fishing at the pond. The person he spoke to noted she just
36 found out that was town property. They were catching fish in the pond.

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38 Mr. Traeger suggested putting signs on all town-owned properties. Members agreed that was a
39 great idea so town properties are identified. Mr. Traeger suggested Ms. Cairns explore design
40 options.

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42 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to raise and appropriate not more than \$200 to explore
43 options for sign designs out of the Conservation Fund. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion.

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45 *Discussion:* Mr. Butler thought they should discuss exactly what they would be looking for.

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47 Mr. Traeger suggested the text read "Town of Sandown Conservation Property – Public
48 Welcome." They should be posted near the road and possibly contain a map of the property.

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50 Mr. Butler suggested doing a secondary sign that could be posted that has a map of the property
51 boundaries that would be away from the road.

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53 Mr. Traeger noted they could explore the idea of doing QR codes for property maps.

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55 Ms. Cairns questioned what types of materials they were thinking. Members agreed she should
56 explore options.

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58 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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60 **Correspondence**

61 Conservation made a motion at the 9/26/13 meeting to send a letter to Herk Enterprises. Ms.

62 Cairns questioned which ordinance they would like to refer the homeowner to. Members agreed
63 they should reference the Zoning Ordinance.

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65 Ms. Gulla sent an email questioning if they would move their meetings to the first and third
66 Thursday of the month for November and December. Members agreed they would do that.

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68 Brochure for NH Association of Conservation Commissioners Conference November 2nd. Get
69 registrations in by October 23rd. Brian Butler and Mary Poulin are planning to attend.

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71 **Hersey Road Updates**

72 Mr. Traeger noted the closing was on Friday, October 4, 2013. The plans were recorded.

73 Conservation ended up with 93 acres instead of the original 83 acres because when they redrew
74 the lot lines, the Snow Lane property was included in the larger parcel.

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76 Mr. Traeger thought Mr. Miller could take the Commission on a walk and give a tour of the
77 property, and then maybe in November they could have a public event to walk the property and
78 introduce it to people. Members agreed to walk the property on October 26th, meet in the morning
79 at 9am at the Odell Road town forest landing.

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81 Members agreed it could be named the Odell Road Town Forest.

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83 Mr. Butler clarified that the land purchase brings up the total conserved land to approximately
84 6%.

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86 **Other Business**

87 Mr. Butler is going to shut down the community garden in another two weeks. He is going to
88 mow it and turn it over. Mr. Carey could get some winter rye to put on there. He noted it holds
89 the earth so you don't get any drift. It also adds nutrients to the soil when you turn it over. He
90 noted a 56 pound bushel is approximately \$25.

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92 *Warrant Articles*

93 Mr. Traeger suggested they put a warrant article on the ballot to place the Meaney and Porter
94 properties into an easement with SE Landtrust. He also suggested they add the Porter property to
95 the Wells Village Road Town Forest and convert the Odell Road property into town forests.

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97 Members discussed putting the Meaney property into an easement and making that a town forest.
98 If they did that, they could potentially be forested.

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100 Mr. Traeger already spoke to SE Landtrust and they are agreeable. He will see how much it will
101 cost.

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103 Mr. Butler noted he would like to see all the properties surveyed.

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105 Members agreed to wait on making Odell Road into a town forest.

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109 Mr. Butler spoke to the boy scouts and they requested he post signs for hunters so they know
110 when the spooky walk is taking place.

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114 Mr. Miller noted the EPA is trying to put new regulations on vernal pools.

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116 Mr. Miller confirmed the monuments on the Morrison Lane property in question were labeled “to
117 be set” on the plans. He does not feel they will be able to find the boundaries.

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119 Mr. Miller reviewed the Hersey Road plans and confirmed that some of the bounds on the
120 property have been set. The granite bounds are marked “to be set” on the plans so Mr. Traeger
121 will confirm if they have been done or not.

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123 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Poulin seconded the motion. All
124 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:08 p.m.

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126 Respectfully Submitted,



127 Andrea Cairns
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