

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **April 10, 2014**

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5 **Date:** April 10, 2014

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Brian Butler, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger, Andrea Cairns

8 **Members Absent:** Paul Carey – Chair

9 **Selectmen’s Liaison:** Mr. Jim Devine: Absent

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

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

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14 **Correspondence**

15 State Non-Game and Endangered Wildlife Program seeking a donation

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17 Bank statement for the checking account

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19 Invoice from Andrea Cairns for town signage

20 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay \$200 to Andrea Cairns out of the
21 Conservation fund. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Ms.
22 Cairns abstained. The motion passed.

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24 **Fishing Derby**

25 Mr. Butler noted that Brianna received more donations.

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27 Mr. Traeger noted that Niki Price would like to assist with the event.

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29 Mr. Butler reminded the group that the event is Saturday, May 3, 2014

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31 Ms. Cairns called the police department to schedule the detail.

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33 Mr. Butler noted they received the permit from the Fish and Game.

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35 Mr. Butler submitted an invoice for Summer Brook Fish Farm invoice for \$700.

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37 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay the invoice for \$700 to Summer Brook
38 Fish Farm out of the Education and Awareness line item in the budget. Mr. Major
39 seconded the motion.

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41 *Discussion:* Mr. Major asked what the price usually is. Mr. Butler noted that has been the
42 price for the last several years.

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44 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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46 Mr. Butler noted they usually deliver the fish at the same time as the fish for the
47 Hampstead Fishing Derby. The fish will usually get put in a week before our event. It
48 works well because the fish have time to acclimate themselves to the water and they bite
49 more.

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51 **Community Garden**

52 Renee Robertie was present. Ms. Robertie has volunteered to step up and run the garden.
53 She thinks it's a great asset in the town and is happy to help.

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55 Ms. Robertie gave past gardeners the opportunity to reserve the same plot they've been
56 using in the past. She has heard from 6 out of 7 gardeners. She did let them know that if
57 they didn't respond by the 15th then she couldn't guarantee their spot. She would like to
58 open it up to the general public.

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60 Ms. Robertie wanted to host an information night at the town hall to get questions
61 answered. Mr. Traeger had suggested having Matt Rittenhouse do an article in the Tri
62 Town Times. Ms. Robertie will do press releases for the Carriage Town and the Tri Town
63 newspapers and will do flyers. She created a new Facebook page and asked members to
64 like it and share it. She noted she will put the flyers at the library, post office, town hall
65 and recreation center. She will put a QR code on the flyer that leads them to a page on the
66 website to get more information. She would like to put the application on the website.

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68 Ms. Robertie feels people might be concerned about the organic gardening aspect of it.
69 She would like to use the Facebook page to inform people suggesting mulch and
70 fertilizers that they could use and give them general support if they haven't done organic
71 gardening before. Ms. Robertie noted she would welcome any suggestions.

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73 Mr. Butler suggested having a rock picking day to help clear out the garden. He also
74 suggested informing gardeners that they can't throw rocks into the field.

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76 Mr. Traeger noted Ms. Robertie was hoping to have some funds for refreshments at the
77 information night.

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79 Mr. Major noted that the water buffalo is in a bad location for filling and suggested Ms.
80 Robertie approach Chief Tapley and see where a good location would be for easy access.
81 Mr. Butler noted they originally had it near the entrance, but gardeners complained it was
82 too far away. Right now they can hook up a hose to it and water their garden. He noted
83 some people do use rain barrels.

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85 Mr. Butler also noted that she recommend people use brown buckets if they are leaving
86 them at the field. They need to keep the garden looking good and clean.

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88 Ms. Robertie noted she was hoping people could get in there early and get their cold
89 crops going.

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91 Mr. Major noted that Scott Bassett would do the tilling for \$60 in the Spring and \$60 in
92 the Fall. Members agreed that would be a reasonable price.

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94 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate a not to exceed amount of \$120
95 out of the checking account for tilling the community garden twice, to be done by Scott
96 Bassett. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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98 Mr. Butler suggested Ms. Robertie stake out the corners for him and not to go any wider
99 than last year.

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101 Ms. Cairns reminded them that Artie would be mowing the field. Members suggested
102 keeping the brush to the entrance cut back and to ask Mr. Genualdo to maintain that area.

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104 Members noted if she has any questions to just contact them.

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106 **MOTION:** Mr. Treager made a motion to appoint Renee Robertie as Chairman of the
107 Community Garden subcommittee. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted
108 in favor. The motion passed.

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110 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion not to exceed \$50 out of the checking account for
111 refreshments and signage. Ms. Cairns seconded the motion.

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113 *Discussion:* Mr. Major didn't feel they should use town money for refreshments. Ms.
114 Robertie asked if it could come out of the donations from the garden. Mr. Butler noted
115 they like to make the garden pay for itself and they would need those donations for
116 maintenance.

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118 Mr. Traeger and Ms. Cairns thought it would be helpful to have some refreshments at her
119 promotional events.

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121 Mr. Traeger and Ms. Cairns voted in favor. Mr. Major opposed. The motion passed.

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123 **Fishing Derby Continued**

124 Niki Price joined the meeting. Mr. Traeger noted that Ms. Price has offered to help out
125 with the event.

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127 Mr. Butler noted that Brianna is Chair of the fishing derby and would welcome the
128 assistance.

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130 Mr. Butler will ask Brianna if she needs any help leading up to the event. Ms. Price
131 offered to meet with her and discuss what needs to be done. Mr. Butler noted he would
132 send out Brianna's contact information so they could connect.

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134 **Graveled Access for Fire department for Phillips Pond Estates**

135 Mr. Traeger noted that the graveled accessed driveway is going to be put in at Phillips
136 Pond Estates but they need to determine if any wetlands permits need to be obtained. Mr.
137 Traeger noted he put a few calls into DES to see but hasn't received a call back.

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139 Mr. Butler questioned if they were going to see a plan.

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141 Mr. Miller noted he would need to refresh his memory on the shoreland protection
142 regulations.

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144 Mr. Miller noted the drawing looks like it's going to go right into the waters edge and
145 possibly into the water and if that was true, it would definitely require a dredge and fill
146 permit.

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148 Mr. Traeger gave the board a history of the project.

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150 Mr. Miller noted that Peter Holmes will need to sign off on the permits to give the town
151 permission to apply for the permits because he is the property owner.

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153 Mr. Miller believes if the permits are being filed by a town agency, they don't need to
154 pay any fees, but they still need to go through the process of making an application.

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156 Ms. Cairns noted that Exhibit A indicated the location of the driveway to be put in, but
157 Chief Tapley would like to change the orientation so it would run parallel to the pond.
158 Mr. Miller noted that the plans were part of a court order and it should be made clear to
159 the chief that he cannot deviate from the plan in terms of size and location of Exhibit A.

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161 Mr. Butler questioned if the town was working with JH Chase to get it constructed.
162 Members believed it would be JH Chase, not the town who would be constructing the
163 driveway.

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165 Mr. Traeger wrote a letter to Steve Keach noting that dredge and fill and wetlands
166 permits will need to be obtained before starting the work.

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168 Members questioned if they should include a recommendation about changing the
169 location of the driveway. Members agreed to keep the letter pertinent to the permit and
170 left the location of the driveway out of the letter.

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172 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to send the letter drafted by Mr. Traeger to Mr.
173 Keach with their opinion that permits would need to be obtained. Mr. Major seconded the
174 motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

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176 **Old Business**

177 Mr. Butler noted he was able to purchase the clover and lime for the wildlife opening and
178 planted it.

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180 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to reimburse Mr. Butler \$47.94 for the purchase of
181 clover and lime for the wildlife opening to be paid out of the forestry management fund.
182 Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler abstained. The
183 motion passed.

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185 **New Business**

186 Mr. Traeger received a call from Chief Gordon regarding an old shooting range off Wells
187 Village Road. A few weeks ago a few citizens went up there and started shooting, an
188 abutter complained and there was some police action taken. The citizens who were using
189 the old shooting range found an RSA that they believed stated that once you build a
190 shooting range, it is always a shooting range. Mr. Genuardo noted he was willing to
191 remove the targets and shed on the property.

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193 Mr. Butler gave a history of the range. He noted it was previously used by the Sandown
194 Police Department as a practice range. To be a good neighbor, the commission suggested
195 the range be discontinued and the police moved to the Chester Rod and Gun Club.

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197 Mr. Butler feels the RSA is in place to protect gun clubs from new neighbors moving in
198 and complaining.

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200 Mr. Major questioned if it was their authority to make the call. Mr. Traeger noted they
201 manage the town forest so it falls under their purview. Mr. Major recommended having
202 the Selectmen deal with the issue.

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204 Mr. Miller noted what is being asked, is whether the Conservation Commission wants to
205 allow the gun range to continue.

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207 Mr. Butler noted if they want to have a gun range, there are a host of regulations that
208 must be followed. If we decide to dismantle it and it's gone, then it's gone. He doesn't
209 know the RSA in terms of the shooting range. Mr. Traeger noted it has gone into disarray
210 and it hasn't been maintained. Mr. Miller suggested doing research and bringing it up for
211 discussion at the next meeting.

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213 Mr. Major questioned if the property was being managed by SouthEast Landtrust because
214 they may have regulations about how the property is used. Members didn't think that
215 portion was under the easement.

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217 Mr. Traeger felt they should get rid of it and clean up the area. He would do research to
218 see what would be involved in cleaning up the lead. Chief Gordon is going to do research
219 on whether they can legally dismantle it.

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221 Mr. Major questioned if it was a logical place to have something like that if the town
222 decided to keep it and fix it up. Mr. Miller remembered the access being used as a dump
223 site.

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225 **Review of the 3/27/14 Minutes**

226 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to approve the 3/27/14 minutes as written. Mr.
227 Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Cairns abstained. The motion
228 passed.

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230 **Fishing Derby Continued**

231 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate not to exceed \$150 to pay for the
232 port-o-potty to be paid out of the Education and Awareness line item. Mr. Major
233 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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235 Mr. Major and Mr. Traeger noted they would not be able to attend the meeting on April
236 24th so there will not be quorum.

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238 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Major seconded the motion.

239 Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at

240 8:53 p.m.

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242 Respectfully Submitted,



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244 Andrea Cairns