

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **June 12, 2014**

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5 **Date:** June 12, 2014

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger,
8 Andrea Cairns

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

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

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

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14 **Review of 4/10/14 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 4/10/14 minutes as written. Mr.
16 Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion
17 passed.

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19 **Correspondence**

20 Invoice from police detail from the fishing derby.

21 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay the \$209.76 invoice for the police detail
22 for the fishing derby. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in
23 favor. The motion passed.

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25 Notice of Decision from the planning board approving the Conditional Use Permit
26 application for the Meghan Drive fire pond with the condition that they get DES
27 approval.

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29 Invoice from fast signs for the “town conservation property” signage.

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31 Invoice from Scott Bassett for tilling the community garden.

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35 Packet from Chief Gordon regarding the firing range at the Wells Village Town Forest.
36 Mr. Butler noted that he went to the Selectmen’s meeting with Mr. Traeger and Chief
37 Gordon. They were there to inform them of the decision to restore the area back to its
38 original condition. They talked about what type of plantings to put in there, whether they
39 should make it a wildlife opening or put inexpensive seedlings such as blueberries. The
40 plans are to remove the target holders and all the structures that are in place and passively
41 discourage target shooting there. They discussed gating the property. Mr. Carey
42 suggested putting up signage.

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44 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to allow Chief Gordon and the DPW to remove
45 the target range structures from the Wells Village Road Town Forest. Mr. Major
46 seconded the motion.

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48 *Discussion:* Mr. Carey questioned if they should contribute anything financially? Mr.
49 Traeger suggested funding the plantings. Mr. Carey had concerns about the town
50 spending money for the property. Mr. Butler felt that the town built it, so they should be
51 the ones to take it down.

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53 Mr. Major question how it addressed Mr. Barnes' concern with people going in and using
54 it as a shooting range. Mr. Miller suggested that right now it is set up as a target range, so
55 once that is removed, it would discourage people from using it as such.

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57 Mr. Major noted that now it wouldn't be any different than any other part of the town
58 forest. Members agreed.

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60 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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63 Invitation to the court of honor for Jimmy Beucler to receive his Eagle Scout Award on
64 June 22nd. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Butler will attend. Ms. Cairns will do a certificate to
65 present to him.

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67 SE Landtrust Newsletter.

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69 **Potential Wetlands Violation at Holts Point Road**

70 Mr. Miller noted the stream feeds into a wetland onto the middle of the property. So there
71 is a state identified wetland on the property. The board did feel that he needs permits.

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73 Mr. Carey noted they don't have any applications on file. If the abutter feels they've gone
74 to the point of impacting a wetland, he has the recourse of filing a complaint to DES.

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76 Mr. Traeger noted that Mr. Bogosh and Chief Gordon are aware of the situation.

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78 Mr. Miller noted the property owner is going to have to come in with an application for a
79 Conditional Use Permit if there is a wetland crossing.

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81 Mr. Carey noted that the Conservation Commission does not have the authority to tell
82 him that he can't do anything.

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84 Mr. Major suggested giving him the link to the DES website where he can file a
85 complaint. The Commission decided to send correspondence to the person who had the
86 inquiry.

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88 **Discussion regarding letter from DES regarding an alteration of terrain at**
89 **56 North Road**

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91 Mr. Traeger noted the property is actually in Chester.

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93 The letter from DES asks the property owner to follow up by August 4, 2014 and they
94 need to file an after-the-fact alteration of terrain permit.

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96 Mr. Miller reviewed aerial photos from 1999-2013 and it gives a good progression of the
97 work done on the property. He found several wetlands crossings and isn't sure if there are
98 any permits for those either.

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100 **Eagle Scout Projects**

101 Mr. Traeger noted that Louis Garrino completed his project. Mr. Butler reviewed his
102 project; he built a footbridge and benches. He did try and restore the area so the water
103 will flow a little better. Mr. Traeger suggested relocating one of the benches which Louis
104 is going to do. Mr. Butler signed off on his paperwork and asked him to come in and
105 present the results of his project to the board.

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107 **Town Property Signage**

108 Ms. Cairns noted the signs were completed and posts needed to be ordered and signs
109 installed.

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111 Mr. Traeger suggested they see if there are places on the property to attach them.

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113 Mr. Carey asked if the installation could be a potential project for the boy scouts. Mr.
114 Major wasn't sure they would physically be able to do the work.

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116 Mr. Butler suggested just using the pounder to drill them into the ground.

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118 Mr. Traeger suggested getting special fasteners so the signs couldn't be removed.

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120 **Old Business**

121 Mr. Miller questioned if there had been any updated on Odell Road with getting the
122 monuments set. Mr. Major had not had any contact with Tim Peliquin. Mr. Traeger
123 emailed to follow up on that.

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125 Mr. Carey thanked Brianna Butler for running the fishing derby.

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127 **New Business**

128 Mr. Butler questioned if they wanted to cut the field on the Minton Property to help with
129 the tick issue. Mr. Major suggested putting out an RFP to find someone to cut the field.
130 Members agreed it should be posted at the town hall, library and post office and the
131 website.

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133 The text should read "Sandown Conservation Commission is soliciting someone to mow
134 the Fremont Road Town Forest field off Odell Road, approximately 5+/- acres. Must
135 provide own equipment. Please send estimates to the Conservation Commission."

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137 Mr. Traeger questioned if the purpose of the field was to encourage wildlife or keep the
138 ticks out. Members agreed the wildlife they had hoped for wasn't there and that given the
139 amount of use the field will get, they thought tick management was important.

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141 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to post the RFP to find someone to mow the field.
142 Mr. Major seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion
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147 Mr. Miller noted that the Commission needs to think about replacing him. He is retiring
148 and hoping to be done by December at the latest. Members noted their disappointment
149 and that he would be missed.

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151 Mr. Carey questioned how they wanted to advertise the position. Mr. Miller noted they
152 would need a NH Certified Wetlands Scientist. Some surveying experience is a plus.

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154 Mr. Traeger would contact some people to see if they could assist in the search.

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156 Mr. Miller suggested they post the listing with the Land Surveyors Association.

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158 **Non-Public Meeting**

159 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to
160 RSA: 91: A: 3 II (d). Mr. Major seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative.
161 The motion passed.

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163 Members came out of the Non- Public Meeting and stated that they sealed the Non-Public
164 Minutes.

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166 *Roll Call:* Mr. Traeger, Mr. Butler, Mr. Carey, Mr. Major

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168 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Major seconded the motion.
169 Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at
170 8:53 p.m.

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172 Respectfully Submitted,

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174 Andrea Cairns