

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **August 28, 2014**

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5 **Date:** August 28, 2014

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Brian Butler, Mark Traeger, Pam Gaudreau, Andrea Cairns

8 **Members Absent:** Paul Carey – Chair, Kevin Major

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

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

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12 **Review of the 8/14/14 Minutes**

13 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 8/14/14 minutes as written. Ms. Gaudreau
14 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Cairns abstained. The motion passed.

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16 Mr. Traeger has not followed up on the 91 Main Street since they haven’t put any additional chips into
17 the area.

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19 **Meet with Environmental Consultant Applicants**

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21 **7:15 – Bruce Gilday**

- 22 • Interested in the position because he’s had experience sitting on conservation commissions
- 23 (Concord for 5 years). He strongly believes giving back to the community.
- 24 • He was a Civil engineer for 4 years then went back and got certified as a soil scientist.
- 25 • He has worked for 25 years in his own business in almost all of the southern counties of NH.
- 26 • He reviewed some of his projects
- 27 • He has helped certify and identify vernal pools. He’s never been questioned on any judgments
- 28 he’s made.
- 29 • He feels he could be the technical person to substantiate any issues that they may find and
- 30 why they want something delineated again
- 31 • Is very familiar with site plans and reading them.
- 32 • Lives in concord
- 33 • He has an excellent relationship with DES and a lot of contacts there
- 34 • Gerry noted that he and Bruce have known each other for a long time and worked on many
- 35 projects together. He has nothing but good things to say about him.
- 36 • When asked why he wanted the job: He would love to be the on-the-ground eyes and ears for
- 37 Sandown.
- 38 • His rate is negotiable. Members explained how the budget and payment would work
- 39 • He’s worked with towns to get major trails approved
- 40 • He is not a licensed land surveyor or an engineer and generally wouldn’t cross that line
- 41 • He’s done shoreland permits and standard dredge and fills
- 42 • He’s done species inventories
- 43 • He’s done reports on invasive species

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45 **7:45 - Tim Winings**

- 46 • He’s worked with developers, homeowners and towns. He’s done quite a bit of utility work
- 47 • He’s a licensed land surveyor and septic designer as well as a soil and wetland scientist in the
- 48 state
- 49 • He’s had a lot of experience presenting to conservation commissions and is comfortable being
- 50 on the other side of the table

- 51 • He's never worked as a volunteer for a conservation commission or planning board. He did
52 help out with the town of Weare creating ball fields.
53 • He's comfortable evaluating other people's work. He usually welcomes input from other
54 people so he can do the best work possible. He feels it's a great two-way path
55 • His rate is negotiable. What he noted on his application is what he would typically charge a
56 developer.
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8:15 – Nancy Rendall

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59 • She's been working in NH since 1983
60 • She's had her own business for a long time
61 • Volunteer time working on behalf of the natural resources as opposed to the engineering side.
62 She is actively involved in promoting conservation.
63 • She has served on a lot of environmental committees, the benefit of having presented to
64 boards, is that she knows what is there and what might not be being said. She's done a lot of
65 wetland and natural resource inventories for a lot of towns in the state. She has done some
66 project reviews.
67 • She has done a lot of dredge and fill permits. She feels she does a very thorough and fair job
68 on her projects
69 • She feels she could offer a lot of input on plans and various impacts
70 • She could help put together applications to make them competitive for grants
71 • She has GIS experience and is very good at wetland functional analysis
72 • She could help identify the parcel that has the right resources
73 • Stormwater is not her best suit. She has some knowledge, but it isn't her expertise
74 • She had dealt with bad guys before and is comfortable and resourceful enough. She is
75 assertive but not adversarial.
76 • She believes very much in consistency
77 • Interested in the position because she has always wanted to do project review for towns. She's
78 been doing a lot of consulting. She has a lot of knowledge and expertise that she could help
79 boards with. It's an extension of her interest in the wise use of natural resources as opposed to
80 just preservation.
81 • She is a licensed septic designer and works with surveyors all the time. She can do surveying
82 if she needs to
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8:45 - Chris Albert

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85 • Has been in the business for over 30 years
86 • He started as a surveyor and then switched over to civil engineering and has been doing that
87 for the last 20 years
88 • Very involved in legislative work at the state house with the wetlands bureau. Knows a lot of
89 people over at DES
90 • He doesn't do any work in Sandown and felt that was important as a consultant. Jones &
91 Beach could do a no clause that they wouldn't do any private work in town
92 • He can take projects all the way through construction
93 • He is comfortable doing peer reviews of other plans
94 • He was the building inspector in Nottingham for 9 years. He was the former chairman of the
95 planning board there as well. He has done a lot of reviews. His approach is middle of the
96 ground. He wants to make sure the plans are sound and protecting the environment but not
97 getting too carried away.
98 • He is the consultant for the town of Epping
99 • He would take this on through Jones & Beach
100 • As a consultant he is here to help all sides. They don't do any work in Sandown so there is no
101 conflict. He does a lot of work for towns so it makes sense.
102 • He would have to do work through the company. He has a staff at his disposal, so that could
103 be in addition to the fees.

- 104 • He doesn't charge for travel time
- 105 • He looks at the broad picture from construction, life safety, etc.
- 106 • He would be very comfortable pointing residents in the right direction on applications, etc.
- 107 • He can help value pieces of property for open space and wildlife corridors
- 108 • Mr. Miller noted in terms of qualifications, he is as close to Gerry's qualifications as possible.
- 109 He is well placed, has a lot of experience and has been around as much as Gerry.

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Old Business

112 Mr. Miller got the surveys for the Wells Village Road Town Forest. Mr. Butler will get them to
113 Charlie Moreno to begin discussions on the forestry management plan. Mr. Traeger suggested having
114 Charlie come in for a meeting.

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PBN for Phillips Pond Estates Dry Hydrant

119 Ms. Cairns presented the application for the dry hydrant the fire department will install at 66 Phillips
120 Pond Drive.

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MOTION: Mr. Traeger make a motion to sign the application based on completion of the package.
124 Ms. Gaudreau seconded.

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Discussion: Mr. Miller noted the application appears to be complete. He suggested Ms. Cairns include
a picture from the edge going into the water. He also added that NHDES may require topographic
survey showing the pipe going into the water

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Mr. Traeger added to the motion that Ms. Cairns add a picture from the edge of the pond to the
application. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the condition. Members voted in favor. Ms. Cairns abstained.
The motion passed.

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Mr. Butler signed the application.

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Members agreed Mr. Devine should join the committee as an alternate.

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MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to recommend Mr. Devine as an alternate member for a term
to expire in March 2015. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
passed.


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MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members
voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns