

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **September 25, 2014**

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5 **Date:** September 25, 2014

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

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

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

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12 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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14 **Review of the 9/11/14 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to accept the 9/11/14 minutes as written. Mr.
16 Traeger seconded the motion.

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18 *Discussion:* Mr. Major suggested changing:
19 L69 add “some” to read “some of the corners with blue tape.”

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21 Ms. Gaudreau and Mr. Traeger rescinded their motion.

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23 Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 9/11/14 minutes as amended. Mr. Devine
24 seconded the motion. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed.

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26 **Discussion regarding Boy Scout Pack 268 Spooky Walk**

27 *Brian Lavoie - Senior Patrol Leader*

28 *Timmy LaPorte – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader*

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30 They were there to formally request permission to use the Fremont Road Town Forest for
31 the 5th annual Spooky Walk on October 25th with a rain date of November 1st.

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33 Mr. Carey questioned if they had a police detail and arranged for port-a-potties.

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35 Mr. Lavoie noted the port-o-potties would be coming the day of the event. They do not
36 typically get a police detail, but they do usually stop by the event to make sure there are
37 no issues. He also indicated they received a permit from the fire chief for the bonfire.

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39 Mr. Butler noted it is hunting season and in the past they have put out signs to close off
40 the area for a certain amount of time for hunting due to the town event. Mr. Carey
41 suggested putting that in their blurb in the Tri Town Times. Ms. LaPorte noted it was
42 already in the papers.

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44 Mr. Carey noted he loves the event and loves the creativity and the crowd that it draws.
45 He’s excited they are back again.

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47 Mr. Traeger questioned how much they have earned over the years. Ms. LaPorte wasn't
48 sure of the exact figure, but noted last year they had almost 900 people come through.
49 She added that she is hoping to have Matt Rittenhouse write an article about the event
50 and will have him add in the information about hunting.

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52 Mr. Lavoie noted that on Monday, October 13th, 9:00 they are going to go and prepare the
53 forest for the spooky walk. They can go in and set up the no hunting signs.

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55 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to officially sanction the Spooky Walk. Mr. Butler
56 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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58 Mr. Butler noted that conservation makes their large sign available to put at the end of
59 Fremont Road. He noted that he usually gets help from one of the scouts.

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61 **Tom Brouillette – Surveyor to discuss potential project**

62 Mr. Traeger noted that Mr. Brouillette was not coming. He added that he spoke to Josh
63 Manning about bidding on the projects that Promised Land bid on. Josh said because he
64 would need to reset everything, he wouldn't be able to beat Promised Land's price.

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66 **Discuss Environmental Consultant Candidates**

67 Mr. Miller suggested making a motion for the candidate they would like.

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69 Mr. Butler reviewed the candidates that he favored. He liked Bruce Gilday, Marc Jacobs
70 and Craig Bailey the best. Ms. Gaudreau agreed.

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72 Mr. Traeger suggested that they make Mr. Gilday an offer.

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74 Mr. Major and Mr. Carey noted they were not present for Mr. Gilday's interview so they
75 would defer to those that met him.

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77 Mr. Miller and Ms. Cairns agreed that Mr. Gilday was their first choice.

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79 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to extend an offer to Bruce Gilday. Mr. Butler
80 seconded the motion.

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82 *Discussion:* Mr. Traeger suggested making the offer contingent on the approval of the
83 budget. Mr. Butler suggested making him an offer based on the proposed budget and see
84 if he would accept it.

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86 Mr. Miller reminded the board that he is finished by the end of the year, well before the
87 budget would be approved.

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89 Mr. Butler suggested they discuss an offer at the next meeting.

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91 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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93 Mr. Major felt they should at least contact the others two top candidates and let them
94 know they consider them good candidates.

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96 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to contact Marc Jacobs and Craig Bailey and
97 notify them an offer has been made and if it should fall through, they would extend an
98 offer to them. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.

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100 *Discussion:* Mr. Traeger felt it would be best to wait and not make them feel like they
101 were second choices.

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103 All members opposed the motion. The motion failed.

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105 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to send a formal letter to the candidates they are
106 not considering and inform them they've gone with another candidate and thank them for
107 their time. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
108 passed.

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110 Members agreed they should send a letter of intent to Mr. Gilday notifying him they will
111 iron out the details for the offer and be back in touch with him.

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113 Mr. Miller noted there shouldn't be much of a transition between him and Mr. Gilday, so
114 he didn't feel like there needed to be any overlap.

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116 Members felt the proposed budget was adequate and noted if they needed to, they could
117 cut the position down to one meeting per month.

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119 **Old Business**

120 *Promised Land Survey Estimate*

121 Mr. Major noted that at the last meeting, the board was of the opinion that they paid for
122 work that wasn't done, but that has since been corrected and they now know they didn't
123 pay for that part of the project.

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125 Mr. Traeger noted that Promised Land could still hold to the October 31st deadline.

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127 Mr. Butler noted that if Promised Land could mark the bounds for the \$1,400 then he
128 would agree to that. Mr. Major questioned if all the bounds were marked properly (per
129 the original \$4,300 agreement), since he is having a hard time finding some of them.

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131 Members agreed to table the discussion to the October 8th meeting when Neil McCarthy
132 from Promised Land Survey could come in.

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134 Mr. Miller didn't feel that the property lines needed to be blazed; he thought flags would
135 be appropriate.

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137 Ms. Cairns noted there is interest in the 10 acre parcel off Snow Lane that was combined
138 with the larger 83 acre parcel for cell tower use. She questioned if that lot was formally
139 combined and if there were any restrictions on the property. Mr. Miller noted that unless
140 they went through the formal process of combining the lots, then they have not been
141 legally combined. He noted there is a form that they would have filled out at the registry
142 to do so; because that hasn't been done, the two lots are not legally combined. He noted
143 to make sure it is clarified, they would need to file a plat for recording purposes only
144 indicating the bounds of the 83 acre lot. He added that the deed should only state 83
145 acres. If the deeds states they were transferring 93 acres, that could be an issue. If it just
146 describes the area that's being transferred (which is what it should say), then it's not an
147 issue.

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149 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating
150 that the 10 acres formally known as M7 L17-18 has no restrictions and the town is free to
151 use it as it sees fit. Mr. Devine seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

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153 Mr. Major noted that NRCS may think it is part of their easement, they have marked the
154 area with blue tape indicating that it is. They will need to clarify that with them.

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156 **New Business**

157 NRCS is coming on October 17th to walk the 83 acre property. Mr. Major, Ms. Gaudreau
158 and Mr. Carey will all be present for the walk.

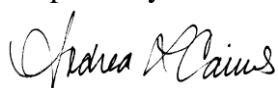
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160 Mr. Traeger noted he would love to see if NRCS could build a parking lot or gates and
161 would like to negotiate with them for those projects.

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163 Ms. Gaudreau noted there are several rock structures that she would like to preserve as
164 well.

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168 Ms. Gaudreau noted that by the town dump, there is an area where people are dumping
169 deer and other animal carcasses near the recreation trail. She noted it is a health hazard.
170 Mr. Traeger and Mr. Carey were wondering if that was the road kill area. Mr. Traeger
171 would send an email to Mr. Genuardo and inquire about it.

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173 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.
174 Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40
175 p.m.

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177 Respectfully Submitted,



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179 Andrea Cairns