

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **November 20, 2014**

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5 **Date:** November 20, 2014

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Mark Traeger, Pam Gaudreau, Brian Butler

8 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major

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

10 **Environmental Consultant:** Gerry Miller, Bruce Gilday: Absent

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

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14 **Review of the 11/6/14 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 11/6/14 minutes as written. Ms.
16 Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler abstained. The
17 motion passed.

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19 **NRCS Recap**

20 Ms. Gaudreau noted it was very nice and really helpful walk/discussion and gave a brief
21 overview. The board agreed to wait until Mr. Gilday and Mr. Major could also be present
22 to have an in-depth discussion. Ms. Susan Knight gave Ms. Gaudreau an archaeologist to
23 contact to discuss the rock structures on the property.

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25 Mr. Traeger noted that he was contacted by Norma Drowne to purchase the remaining
26 acreage. Mr. Traeger informed Ms. Drowne that they weren’t interested in purchasing the
27 property but would accept it as a donation and would be willing to name the property
28 after the family.

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30 Ms. Cairns updated the commission that there is \$290,448.44 in the conservation account,
31 more than they thought. Members agreed it might be time to look into their top 10 list
32 after the first of the year.

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34 **Correspondence**

35 Promised Land Survey invoice for their work on the Hersey property.

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37 **Discussion Regarding Outreach Projects**

38 Mr. Traeger suggested the board do an insert that will go into the Tri Town Times
39 newspaper that would contain a map of Sandown that shows all the conservation
40 properties. They could also include language about the importance of conserving land. He
41 noted they could have Matt Rittenhouse do an article the week before letting people know
42 to look out for it. Ms. Cairns got estimates for printing the piece—for 2500 pieces it
43 would be approximately \$550.

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45 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate not to exceed \$750 for the printing
46 of the outreach materials and insertion of those materials into Tri Town Times. Mr.
47 Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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49 **Potential Warrant Article**

50 Mr. Traeger questioned if they wanted to submit a warrant article from conservation to
51 appropriate 100% of current use penalties into the conservation fund. Members agreed
52 they would like to move forward with that.

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54 Members discussed wording and agreed it should read: Shall the town vote pursuant to
55 RSA 79-A:25, IV to deposit 100% of the Land Use Change Tax Revenue into the Town
56 of Sandown Conservation Fund.

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58 **Community Garden**

59 Mr. Carey doesn't feel they need to mow or till the garden at this point and feels it will
60 keep the ground covered and protected.

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62 Mr. Butler noted he would like to till it now so everything has a change to get worked in,
63 then till it again in the spring.

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65 Mr. Carey feels they could leave it this year, but next year make sure they do it earlier in
66 the fall. Mr. Traeger noted they could hire Scott Bassett and give him a set date to till it.
67 Mr. Butler liked that idea, so the garden would be officially closed on a certain date in
68 October.

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70 **Old Business**

71 Mr. Traeger noted that the Wells Village Road culvert was completed and he received a
72 nice note from the Selectmen for his work in securing the grant. He noted they added a
73 small parking area over there as well.

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75 Mr. Traeger noted that at the Shoreland Advisory Committee meeting he attended, they
76 are recommending implementing regulations on 1st, 2nd and 3rd order streams. The reason
77 being is we have to address the smaller streams because that is where the nitrogen and
78 phosphates gather and go into the bigger streams. Over the next year or so, that will get
79 flushed out.

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81 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.
82 Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55
83 p.m.

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85 Respectfully Submitted,

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87 Andrea Cairns