

**Sandown Conservation Commission**

**Minutes**

**December 18, 2014**

**Date:** December 18, 2014

**Place:** Sandown Town Hall

**Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger

**Members Absent:** Pam Gaudreau, Andrea Cairns

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

**Environmental Consultant:** Mr. Bruce Gilday: Absent

**Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Review of the 12/4/14 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept 12/4/14 as written. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Recording of Hersey Road Revised Mylars and Deed**

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate an additional \$155 to pay for the recording of the mylars and the deed from the conservation fund. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**LUCT Warrant**

Members reviewed the proposed language for the warrant article for 100% of the Land Use Change Tax to be deposited into the conservation fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to move forward and propose the language to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

**Vandalism at Great Rock**

Ms. Pamela Merrill sent an email to Ms. Cairns with photos of the vandalism at great rock.

Mr. Butler questioned if they should block off more of the trail to prevent people from going in on four-wheelers.

Mr. Carey doesn’t think there is anything they can do to completely stop it from happening.

Mr. Traeger noted that Matt Rittenhouse was writing an article on the issue.

Mr. Traeger emailed Ms. Merrill and asked for her opinion on what they could do to take it off since they couldn’t use paint thinner, pressure washer or sand blasting. Members

45 noted it would be frustrating to go through the work of cleaning it up to have it  
46 vandalized again.

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48 Mr. Carey suggested putting a hunting camera out there. Mr. Butler noted that when he  
49 spoke with Chief Gordon, the chief suggested doing that. He added that the chief is aware  
50 of the situation. Members agreed it would be helpful to have Chief Gordon come to a  
51 meeting to discuss what they can do to control the issue.

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53 **MOTION:** Mr. Carey made a motion to have Chief Gordon come to a meeting to discuss  
54 options. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion  
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57 Mr. Major questioned if they should notify the landtrust. He thought they would likely  
58 have encountered that situation before and have suggestions.

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60 Mr. Traeger will talk with them and see what their options are. He agreed they should be  
61 in the loop.

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63 Mr. Carey suggested putting up signs.

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65 Members discussed putting up cameras but wanted to talk to the chief first.

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67 Mr. Butler felt they should block the entrance to keep four-wheelers out of the area, or at  
68 least make it harder for them to get in. The Board agreed that was something they should  
69 look into doing. Mr. Butler noted that last time he explored the option he got opposition  
70 from the state. Mr. Major suggested going on-site to see if the entrance in question was  
71 on state property and if it was, they should put together a proposal, and approach the  
72 state. If they have trouble, they can contact their local legislators.

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#### 74 **Old Business**

75 Mr. Major and Mr. Traeger visited the Hersey property to start generating a proposal for  
76 Susan Knight from NRCS. Mr. Major is pretty familiar with the property, and was able to  
77 go out and review the areas that Ms. Knight wanted to address. Ms. Knight will address  
78 the areas on the Drowne's property directly with them.

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80 The items included:

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82 • Proposed parking area – They both felt it is a great location. They feel like  
83 boulders and a gate should be placed there. They also propose a kiosk and some  
84 signage.

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86 • Just beyond that there is a stream there with the corduroy bridge that is  
87 deteriorating. There is no action needed at this time.

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89 • A gate and a couple of boulders and a gate will need to be installed at a woods  
90 road between items marked B-F on the map Ms. Knight provided.

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- 92       • There is another spot that Mr. Major identified that will need access control near  
93       Snow Lane. He needs to walk that area again to determine the exact location.

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95 They couldn't tell if there were access controls needed along Hersey because they had a  
96 hard time determining where they were. There is one spot where you could turn in, drive  
97 in and drive through the property. They think that is on the Drowne's property.

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99 Ms. Knight pointed out an area up on a knob where she thought an observation deck  
100 would be good. Mr. Major will include that in his report.

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102 Mr. Major will do another site walk and bring a proposal to the board for approval.

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104 **Old Business**

105 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to appropriate an additional \$16.20 to come out of  
106 the education and awareness line item for the outreach materials. Mr. Traeger seconded  
107 the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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109 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the \$200 invoice for design work  
110 provided by Ms. Cairns for the outreach poster to come out of the education and  
111 awareness line item. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The  
112 motion passed.

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114 **Non-Public Meeting**

115 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to  
116 RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative.  
117 The motion passed.

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

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

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124 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All  
125 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at  
126 7:57 p.m.

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128 Respectfully Submitted,



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130 Andrea Cairns