

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **January 8, 2015**

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5 **Date:** January 8, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler, Kevin Major, Pam Gaudreau

8 **Members Absent:** Mark Traeger

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

10 **Environmental Consultant:** Mr. Bruce Gilday: Present

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12 **Review of the 12/18/14 Minutes**

13 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept 12/18/14 minutes as written. Mr. Major
14 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed. Ms. Gaudreau
15 abstained.

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17 **Review of the 12/18/14 Non-Public Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept 12/18/14 non-public minutes as written.
19 Mr. Major seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed. Ms.
20 Gaudreau abstained.

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22 **Great Rock Graffiti**

23 Mr. Major walked the area where the graffiti was. He noted if you go in from the
24 recreation trail and walk in approximately 300’, the first part of great rock is untouched,
25 but the backside, where there isn’t much of a trail has a lot of graffiti. He noted some of it
26 looks as though it has been there a long time.

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28 He doesn’t feel they should do anything about it. He noted there was a spot that would be
29 perfect for a gate, but it would need to be far enough back so it wasn’t on state property.
30 He noted the opening and trail as it is now, is drivable. He didn’t see any sign saying no
31 motorized vehicles at that particular point.

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33 Ms. Cairns will contact Mr. Meisner to see if they could use his gates. Mr. Major, Mr.
34 Butler and Mr. Carey will walk out there over the weekend and post no motorized vehicle
35 signs.

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37 **Hersey Woods NRCS Work**

38 Mr. Major walked the property again. He found all the corner markers and noted the
39 blazing is really good. He has created a map of the property.

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41 Mr. Major contacted Susan Knight from NRCS to let her know some of the points she
42 marked as being on town property are actually on the Drowne’s property. Because of
43 that, he feels the only real work they should do is the parking area, a gate, kiosk and
44 signage.

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46 Mr. Gilday thought the old crossing near the parking area should be removed because it
47 will get slippery. He added that they could install stepping stones instead. Mr. Major
48 agreed moving it out of the stream area would be good. Mr. Butler agreed and thought
49 they should see if NRCS would take care of the crossing. Mr. Gilday noted that they
50 would need to do a Permit by Notification for that crossing, but it would be a blanket
51 permit for all the trails.

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53 **Discussion regarding LUCT Warrant Article**

54 Ms. Cairns noted that Paula Gulla gave her revised language for the LUCT Warrant
55 Article that was recommended by DRA. Ms. Gulla wanted the board to know that she
56 would present that to the Board of Selectmen to see if they would prefer to use that
57 language instead of what was proposed by the Conservation Commission.

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59 The board reviewed the revised language. Mr. Carey was comfortable with how it was
60 written. Mr. Butler was uncomfortable with the line “and shall remain in effect until
61 altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.” He felt it separated the
62 Conservation Commission since that language isn’t in every warrant article. He wants
63 everyone to be on equal footing. Mr. Carey felt that line helped to clarify the process for
64 inexperienced voters.

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66 Mr. Carey suggested they add in “Town of Sandown Conservation Fund” instead of just
67 “Conservation Fund.” All members agreed.

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69 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to accept the revised DRA language for the
70 proposed LUCT Warrant Article with the change of inserting “Town of Sandown.” Mr.
71 Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

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73 **Old Business**

74 Mr. Butler is going to contact Charlie Moreno and get information to him in terms of
75 getting a forestry management plan for Wells Village Road.

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77 **New Business**

78 Mr. Gilday noted he was going to contact Steve Keach to introduce himself. He
79 questioned if the board wanted him to attend both meetings each month. Mr. Carey
80 explained how it worked in the past when they were reviewing a lot of applications. He
81 noted in recent years, applications have slowed, but Mr. Miller attended both meetings
82 and offered really valuable insight on the work they were doing locally and insight into
83 what was happening on the state level. Mr. Carey added that it would be great if Mr.
84 Gilday could always plan to come to the first meeting of each month and if they wanted
85 him to attend the second meeting, they would let him know.

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87 Mr. Gilday noted he would like to discuss changes in the wetlands program at the
88 February 12th meeting and would plan to do more discussions on invasive species, vernal
89 pools and possibly do some site visits in the spring.

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92 *Danville Conservation Commission*

93 Ms. Gaudreau contacted the Danville Conservation Commission to explore working
94 together. Danville has conservation land that abuts the Hersey property, so she thought it
95 would be great to try and connect trails. She wanted to see if the board would be open to
96 having Danville come to the next meeting to discuss the possibilities. The board felt that
97 was a great idea. Ms. Gaudreau will move forward with trying to schedule that for the
98 January 22nd meeting.

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100 Mr. Major wanted to get a copy of the Hersey property maps that were in the property
101 folder. Ms. Cairns noted that he would need to take it somewhere to get a full size copy
102 since the town didn't have a copy machine large enough.

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104 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to authorize Mr. Major to spend not to exceed \$50
105 from the Conservation Fund to make copies of the Hersey property maps. Ms. Gaudreau
106 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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108 **Non-Public Meeting**

109 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to
110 RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Major seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The
111 motion passed.

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

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116 *Roll Call:* Mr. Butler, Mr. Carey, Mr. Major, Ms. Gaudreau

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118 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion.
119 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
120 at 8:41 p.m.

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122 Respectfully Submitted,



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124 Andrea Cairns