

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **January 22, 2015**

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5 **Date:** January 22, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

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

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

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12 Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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14 **Review of the 1/8/15 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept 1/8/15 minutes as written. Ms. Gaudreau
16 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed. Mr. Traeger
17 abstained.

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19 **Review of the 1/8/15 Non-Public Minutes**

20 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept 1/8/15 non-public minutes as written.
21 Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed. Mr.
22 Traeger abstained.

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24 **Correspondence**

25 Letter from DES giving an update on 56 North Road. An alteration of terrain permit was
26 required for the work. DES required an after-the-fact alteration of terrain permit be
27 submitted which was not submitted by the deadline provided by DES.

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29 **Old Business**

30 Mr. Carey, Mr. Butler and Mr. Major walked out to great rock where the graffiti was.
31 They posted additional “no motorized vehicles” signs.

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33 Mr. Butler noted they could remind Chief Gordon of the issue and see if he could patrol
34 the area. He is hoping the paint will wear off eventually.

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36 Mr. Traeger spoke with Phil Auger and Brian Hart from SE Landtrust and they suggested
37 doing sandblasting with walnuts or baking soda. They also suggested using a weed
38 whacker with a brush attachment and scrub it. Mr. Butler noted that there is so much
39 graffiti that it would be an enormous job.

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41 Mr. Carey suggested it could be a community project but had concerns that they would
42 come back and paint it again.

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44 All members felt the gate would be a good idea. They noted that the abutter should be
45 notified because it would block his access to the recreation trail. They could give him a
46 key to the chain. Mr. Traeger would notify him.

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48 **Discussion regarding a cooperative plan to work on connecting trails between the**
49 **Hersey Road property and Danville conservation property**

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51 *Present for the discussion was Sean O'Neal (Chairman, Danville Board of Selectmen)*
52 *and Carsten Springer (Chairman, Danville Conservation Commission)*

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54 Mr. Springer discussed a project in Danville on a trail created by the PSNH ROW that
55 ATVs have destroyed which their Forestry Commission has taken on as a project.

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57 Ms. Gaudreau noted she asked for the meeting because she thought they might be able to
58 examine the existing trails in Sandown and Danville and see if they could connect any of
59 the trails to create a giant loop through Sandown and Danville.

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61 Members identified specific parcels that would connect to Sandown property.

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63 Mr. Springer suggested possibly picking one or two areas where they could work on
64 getting trails to connect. He noted he is sensitive to private property rights. His concern is
65 that they don't inadvertently get someone upset.

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67 Mr. Carey noted they are very aware of their actions and how they may impact others.
68 They are very careful.

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70 Ms. Gaudreau knows the trails well but doesn't know what is town-owned or
71 conservation-owned. She is happy to be part of the project and do the foot work.

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73 Mr. Springer noted he is in favor of it and the chair of the Forestry Commission is also
74 on-board.

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76 Mr. Major joined the meeting.

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78 Members discussed the value of the Land Use Change Tax and the important points to
79 remember when talking to members of the community.

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81 Mr. Springer noted they could potentially purchase properties that abut Sandown, but
82 they are trying to work with homeowners to grant easements instead of trying to purchase
83 properties.

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85 Next steps – Ms. Gaudreau will attend the next Danville Conservation Commission
86 meeting. They meet at 7:30 on January 29th.

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88 **Non-Public Meeting**

89 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to

90 RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Major seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The
91 motion passed.

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

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

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98 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All
99 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
100 9:19 p.m.

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102 Respectfully Submitted,



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104 Andrea Cairns