

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **February 26, 2015**

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5 **Date:** February 26, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Brian Butler, Kevin Major, Pam Gaudreau, Mark Traeger

8 **Members Absent:** Paul Carey – Chair

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

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

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12 Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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14 **Review of the 1/22/15 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept 1/22/15 minutes as written. Ms. Gaudreau
16 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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18 **Review of the 1/22/15 Non-Public Minutes**

19 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept 1/22/15 non-public minutes as written. Mr.
20 Major seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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22 **Correspondence**

- 23 • Brianna Butler received donations for the fishing derby
24 • Letter from the SE Landtrust informing the board that they did the 2014 monitoring.
25 There were no major changes to the properties.
26 • Rockingham Planning Commission regarding the long-range transportation plan
27 • *Great Bay Magazine*
28 • *Wildlife Journal*

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30 Ms. Gaudreau noted that the Danville Conservation Commission meeting that she had planned to
31 attend was postponed to April.

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33 Mr. Devine joined the meeting.

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35 **7:15 p.m. – Richard and Norma Drowne**

36 Mr. and Mrs. Drowne noted that the original agreement between them and the town left them
37 with a fairly large tract of land which is under the NRCS easement but owned by the Drownes.
38 They feel the entire parcel should belong to the Town of Sandown to ensure it could be fully
39 utilized by the citizens.

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41 **Non-Public Meeting**

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

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

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48 *Roll Call:* Mr. Butler, Mr. Major, Ms. Gaudreau, Mr. Traeger, Mr. Devine
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50 **Bruce Gilday – NHDES Wetland Rule Changes**

51 Mr. Gilday noted that the rule changes won't take effect until 2016. One of NHDESs goals is to
52 have more transparency and more predictable outcomes for applicants. They are trying to
53 streamline the process and concentrate their efforts and personnel on the permits that count.

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55 Mr. Gilday noted we are going to see four different categories for requesting wetland impacts:

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- 57 • Permits that are allowed by rule or law will automatically be approved
- 58 • Permit by notifications will be expanded for low-impact projects that deal with non-
59 sensitive resource areas. The application form will be simplified and an extensive
60 checklist will be applied.
- 61 • Standard applications will require a pre-application meeting with DES where the
62 applicant will need to prove the need for the project.
- 63 • There will be prohibited or not allowed permits

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65 Mr. Butler questioned if local conservation commissions will need to be more involved. Mr.
66 Gilday noted they will still need to be better prepared and consistent in how they review projects,
67 but DES will not rely solely on them. There are town's that don't even have conservation
68 commissions and many don't have the technical knowledge or a wetland scientist on staff.

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70 **Reappointment of Members**

71 Mr. Traeger made a motion to reappoint Mr. Butler and Mr. Carey for a three-year term. Mr.
72 Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Mr. Butler abstained.

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74 **Other Business**

75 Mr. Traeger noted that the community garden coordinator stepped down. He reached out to some
76 of the people that garden there to see if anyone would be interested in stepping up but didn't hear
77 back from anyone.

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80 Ms. Cairns noted that they need to resolve the issue with the deed for the Hersey Road property.
81 Members agreed they would discuss that the next time they meet with Mr. and Mrs. Drowne.

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83 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members
84 voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:37p.m.

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86 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns