

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **May 28, 2015**

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5 **Date:** May 28, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Tom Sands

10 **Selectmen’s Liaison:** Jon Goldman: Absent

11 **Environmental Consultant:** Bruce Gilday: Present

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

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15 **Review of the 4/23 Minutes**

16 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 4/23/15 minutes as written. Mr. Butler
17 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger abstained. The motion passed.

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19 **Review of the Non Public**

20 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 4/23/15 non-public minutes as
21 written. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger abstained.
22 The motion passed.

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24 **Correspondence**

- 25 • RPC invitation to their Annual Meeting on June 10, 2015. There is a speaker
26 discussing solar energy. The event is at Zorvino’s. Mr. Butler expressed interest in
27 attending.
- 28 • Invoice for the police detail at the fishing derby.
29 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to pay the invoice for \$232 for the police detail
30 for the fishing derby out of the education and awareness line item. Ms. Gaudreau
31 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.
- 32 • Letter from DES regarding David Hoyt, which was a completed minimum impact
33 wetlands forestry notification.
- 34 • Letter from DES regarding the deficiency at 56 North Road and the response from the
35 property owner.
- 36 • The project overview from NRCS regarding the forestry management plan for Wells
37 Village Road. Members discussed whether they were going to do the actual cut or
38 just plan for it. They were unsure who would pay for the project and who would get
39 the revenue.
- 40 • Invitation to the SE Landtrust meeting
- 41 • NH Wildlife Journal

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43 **Fishing Derby Recap**

44 *Brianna Butler was present to give an overview.*

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46 Ms. Butler noted it was a very good year, they had 93 children attend; last year there were
47 only 70.

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49 There were 98 fish caught, the pond was stocked with 200.

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51 Ms. Butler sent thank you letters to Sal Genualdo and the businesses that donated raffle
52 prizes.

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54 Ms. Butler thanked those that helped out with the planning and the event.

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56 She noted they had some ideas for next year. Specifically, there is a long driveway where
57 people can park but she doesn't think many know that. She suggested they post signage for
58 parking and also put signage for walking, directing people to paths.

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60 Mr. Traeger questioned if they should appropriate money now for those. Ms. Butler thought
61 they could wait and she would look into options.

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63 Ms. Butler noted they needed more volunteers in the early morning for set up and
64 registration. She got there half-hour early and there were already two families set up. She
65 also suggested having the TD Bank people there earlier—probably by 6:15. Mr. Traeger
66 suggested getting some of the attendees to help out, possibly getting email addresses to
67 contact them.

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69 Mr. Butler noted they've tried doing pre-registration but it doesn't always help. Mr. Carey
70 suggested having someone walk around with a clipboard and get emails to email the
71 registration form so they could fill it out ahead of time the following year.

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73 Mr. Butler noted after the first hour of registration it got manageable.

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75 Ms. Butler noted they only had one scout volunteer.

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77 Ms. Gaudreau noted the Sandown Community Facebook page has become a great resource
78 page and is really growing. They could use that to spread the word.

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80 Ms. Butler volunteered to head up the derby next year. Everyone thanked her for all her hard
81 work.

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83 Ms. Butler noted they made \$274, which needed to be deposited. Mark suggested having
84 Brianna buy supplies out of that money. The board thought it should be deposited as a
85 revenue line item.

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87 The board thanked Pete's septic for donating the port-o-potty.

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89 **Community Garden**

90 Mr. Butler spent Memorial Day weekend digging rocks in the community garden. He noted
91 there are a lot of plots that are open, so help spread the word to gardeners that are interested.

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93 Mr. Butler will speak to Mr. Major about getting the water pump back in.

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95 He did a quick overview of how the garden works for the newer members.

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97 Mr. Butler noted that Scott Bassett was contacted and will till the garden.

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99 The \$20 donation goes right back to paying for the garden.

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101 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to appropriate not to exceed \$150 to pay Scott Bassett
102 to till the garden once in the spring and once in the fall, to be paid out of the checking
103 account. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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105 Mr. Butler will put up the flags to delineate the plots.

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107 Mr. Traeger has a big conservation sign that he would help put up.

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109 **Bruce Gilday**

110 *DES Violation Protocol*

111 Mr. Gilday reviewed the process. He noted there was a letter of deficiency that came through
112 for Aaron Atherton. It was an administrative order. There was also a restoration plan required
113 of Raymond Kane on Pillsbury Road that was sent to the board.

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115 Mr. Gilday noted that previously if someone wanted to report a potential violation, they could
116 do it anonymously. Now you need to give more information and go on record. It makes the
117 wetlands bureau come out and take a look. He contacted DES directly (Eban and Jeffrey) to
118 introduce himself and discuss the complaints.

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120 Mr. Gilday outlined the process:

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- Someone files a complaint

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- DES does a site inspection

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- DES contacts the person in violation to do a site walk and will try and mediate and
124 work out what the property owner will need to do in terms of permitting or
125 restoration

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- A letter of deficiency goes to the property owner to spell out what needs to be done

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- The property owner can appeal the administrative order and request a hearing

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- If it goes to the wetlands council you will have a mediator from the wetlands council
129 to work out an agreement

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131 Mr. Carey noted in the past, Conservation would try and help people out if they suspected a
132 violation and try and educate them on what they could and couldn't do. That was not always
133 well received.

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135 Mr. Traeger noted that in the case of Nordic Lincoln Trust, 56 North Road, a resident of
136 Sandown filed the complaint. The board wasn't aware there was a violation until DES
137 notified them.

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139 Bruce offered to check in with Eban Lewis monthly and see if the Atherton case has been
140 resolved.

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142 *MS4*

143 Mr. Gilday gave an overview of the history of the MS4 permit and how it evolved. Mr.

144 Traeger noted for the board that the planning board is meeting with various people in town to

145 work on the MS4 permit and they are applying for two grants to help prepare for the
146 upcoming changes.

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148 *House Bill 349*

149 Mr. Gilday noted there is legislation that is coming in 2015 to create state mandated buffers
150 to wetlands. He doesn't feel it is clearly defined yet; it may be 50' or 100'. He feels it might
151 be a way to charge additional fees and make additional revenue. He feels they will have great
152 difficulty passing a state buffer when municipalities already have their own buffers that vary
153 greatly.

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155 Ms. Gaudreau questioned if the state buffer would trump the municipalities. Mr. Traeger
156 noted buffers vary greatly from town to town. Our regulation is a 50' buffer for buildings, but
157 some towns include no cut buffers as well. He feels it would be beneficial for the towns that
158 have nothing. Mr. Gilday is part of an organization that will make recommendations.

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160 The Board felt it would be good for Ms. Cairns to post something on the website introducing
161 Mr. Gilday to the public.

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163 The non-public session has been postponed to the next meeting.

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165 **Old Business**

166 Ms. Gaudreau met Brooke Smart and Charlie Moreno at Hersey Road to discuss the forestry
167 management efforts of NRCS. Ms. Smart and Mr. Moreno were really helpful and were very
168 excited about the project. Charlie Moreno is also starting to get into stone structures and
169 might be a good resource to help map some of the structures. Mr. Carey suggested mapping
170 the structures could be a good Eagle Scout project.

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172 **New Business**

173 Mr. Butler suggested they should look into cutting the field to keep the ticks down. The board
174 would like Ms. Cairns to put out an RFP to get people to cut the field.

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176 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All
177 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

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179 Respectfully Submitted,

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181 Andrea Cairns