

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **June 25, 2015**

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5 **Date:** June 25, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

8 **Members Absent:** Tom Sands, Terry Knuuttenen, Pam Gaudreau

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

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

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12 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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14 **Review of the 5/28/15 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 5/28/15 minutes as written. Mr. Butler  
16 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Major abstained. The motion passed.

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18 **Correspondence**

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  - Letter from FEMA regarding the new Risk MAP program
  - 20 • Letter from DES regarding Northern Long-eared Bat tree cutting restrictions
  - 21 • Note regarding the two volunteers who cleaned the Fremont Road Town Forest.

22 The board agreed it would be nice to send them thank you letters.

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24 **Tim Lavelle – Wells Village Estates**

25 Mr. Lavelle gave an overview of the project. He noted the infrastructure is mostly  
26 completed. They are going before the Planning Board for an amended site plan to reduce  
27 the number of units to 25 and make them single family units.

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29 Mr. Lavelle noted the approved CUP has lapsed. They are changing what was originally  
30 approved for the entrance to the subdivision. The state no longer requires critter  
31 crossings. The developer would like the road to be a town road and the bridge  
32 infrastructure would be too costly for the town to maintain. They are proposing a single  
33 pipe culvert with additional fill. The road goes through a break in the watershed and the  
34 water goes in two different directions. It would only be an equalizing culvert. The impact  
35 is 2,350 sq. ft. They also had an emergency access road proposed that would connect to  
36 an abutters driveway. They no longer need to create that access so they are eliminating  
37 2,000 sq. ft of fill. Mr. Lavelle noted there would have been a larger disturbance for  
38 lifting the road and replacing the culverts for that emergency access road than there was  
39 for the main road through the development.

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41 Mr. Lavelle noted that DES realized span bridges don’t work for wildlife crossing, they  
42 end up crossing the road anyway so they are no longer requiring them. It is truly a break  
43 in the wetlands. Most of the year you walk through there and there is no water.

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45 Mr. Lavelle noted the Planning Board suggested a site walk with Conservation. They feel  
46 it would be great to get both boards out to review the site.

47 Mr. Traeger noted at the Planning Board meeting he indicated a wetland that looked close  
48 to the road near lot 23. Mr. Lavelle noted that was a permitted impact that has already  
49 been completed. There is now a slope that has been created and the wetland has been  
50 moved about 40'. Mr. McCarthy noted it was a very small wetland. The road is  
51 completed and has a closed drainage structure with curbing.

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53 Mr. Lavelle noted they are asking to eliminate the largest wetland impact they had on the  
54 Bishop's property for the driveway improvements to create the emergency access road  
55 and to eliminate the bridge at the beginning of the road.

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57 Mr. Traeger noted that the Planning Board discussed a 36" open water box culvert.

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59 Mr. Gilday questioned the length and width of the pipe. Mr. Lavelle noted it was  
60 approximately 75' in length. Mr. Gilday suggested a 48" reinforced concrete pipe. There  
61 is plenty of daylight so the amphibious creatures could see the other side and the concrete  
62 surface is easier for them to slide through. Mr. McCarthy had no issues with installing a  
63 concrete reinforced pipe.

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65 Mr. Traeger felt that Mr. Genuardo should weigh-in on that decision. Mr. Lavelle noted  
66 he would get a set of plans to him.

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68 Mr. Butler requested that the access to the open space be well-defined and marked so  
69 neighbors know they can access it.

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71 The site walk is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m.

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73 The board discussed the recreation obligation and suggested they could put in a parking  
74 lot for the Wells Village Road Town Forest which is directly across the street. Mr.  
75 McCarthy noted there is an ideal space near the cemetery and they could give the town an  
76 easement.

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#### 78 **Old Business**

79 There was an RFP posted to find someone to mow the field. There were no responses.

80 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to have Brian Butler mow the field at the  
81 Fremont Road Town Forest for not to exceed \$200. Mr. Major seconded the motion.  
82 Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler abstained. The motion passed.

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#### 84 **New Business**

85 Mr. Traeger did a site walk of Fremont Road where Mr. Genuardo wants to cut back the  
86 hill when they repave the road. He noted there is some rock wall that will need to be  
87 removed. Mr. Genuardo told Mr. Traeger he could push the stones back about 5'. Mr.  
88 Traeger questioned if the commission wanted to look into hiring someone to restore the  
89 walls after the paving is completed. The board agreed it was worth exploring how much it  
90 would cost to do that. Mr. Traeger will follow up.

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92 Mr. Traeger noted that St. Matthews put out a call for volunteer work around town. He  
93 talked to Frank O'King who had individuals interested in doing trail work this summer.  
94 Mr. Traeger suggested they begin flagging out trails in the Wells Village Road Town  
95 Forest. He had already done the work with Matt Russell to identify where the trails  
96 should go.

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98 **Craig and Brian Beucler –Eagle Scout project**

99 Mr. Craig Beucler presented the commission with funds remaining from Louis Guarino's  
100 Eagle Scout project to construct bridges and benches for the Fremont Road Town Forest.  
101 Mr. Major noted if an Eagle Scout raises funds for a project, any remaining funds have to  
102 go back to that organization; it cannot go into a general fund. Mr. Butler suggested they  
103 use the funds to build new picnic tables for the Fremont Road Town Forest.

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105 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept \$375.56 which is the remaining funds  
106 from Louis Guarino's Eagle Scout project and deposit them into the checking account.

107 Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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109 Mr. C. Beucler noted he would like to map out some trails and make a kiosk for his Eagle  
110 Scout project. Mr. Major suggested he do some trail work at the Hersey Road property.  
111 He noted the board had talked about expanding on the logging road from the parking area  
112 and connecting that to Snow Lane and possibly connecting it to another logging road that  
113 comes in from Hersey Road. He noted it would be about 1.25 miles of trails. It needs  
114 good marking and elevation. Mr. Beucler will need to work with the Selectman to  
115 determine if they can put a trail there on the town-owned land and figure out parking.

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117 Mr. Carey noted the board is always in favor of projects like that.

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119 Mr. Butler noted the trails will need to be marked well since that is always a common  
120 complaint.

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

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125 Respectfully Submitted,



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Andrea Cairns