

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **August 27, 2015**

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5 **Date:** August 27, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:**, Brian Butler – Vice Chair, Kevin Major

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

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

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13 **Review of the 8/13/15 Minutes**

14 L80 change to “across the street on the Porter property”

15 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 8/13/15 minutes as amended. Ms.
16 Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Knuuttenen and Mr. Carey
17 abstained. The motion passed.

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19 **Correspondence**

- 20 • NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) dues invoice for \$333
21 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay the NHACC dues out of the dues line item
22 on the budget. Mr. Knuuttenen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The
23 motion passed.
24 • Notice of decision from the planning board for Autumn Hills. Mr. Carey explained the
25 process and the PREA accounts for newer members

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27 **Outreach Projects**

28 Ms. Gaudreau noted there are a lot of new people in town that have been participating on the
29 Sandown Community facebook page. She thought having a booth at Old Home Days would be
30 great for outreach. Members agreed that would be a great idea.

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32 Mr. Traeger has some materials at home that they could hand out. They could also utilize the
33 flyer that was created with the map.

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35 Ms. Gaudreau suggested having t-shirts made as a giveaway (do a trivia contest to win them). She
36 also suggested doing a slideshow.

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38 Members discussed the importance of having a Wetland Scientist on staff and how fortunate they
39 are to have Mr. Gilday’s expertise.

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41 Mr. Traeger suggested they rotate people to help man the booth. Ms. Gaudreau suggested putting
42 the booth next to hers so she could be there as well.

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44 Mr. Traeger suggested making the map into a magnet to hand out. The board agreed that would
45 be a great idea.

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47 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate not to exceed \$900 from the education and
48 awareness line item for use at Old Home Days for the purposes of outreach. Mr. Sands seconded
49 the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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Mr. Traeger, Ms. Gaudreau, and Mr. Carey all noted they could help man the booth.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to reserve booth space at Old Home Days for the Conservation Commission. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Gilday thinks it's a great idea and wished he could attend the event because he enjoys outreach events like that but will be traveling.

Review of the Budget

Mr. Carey gave a history of what they've done in the past and explained the process for the new members on the committee.

Mr. Traeger identified a project for Mr. Gilday. He thought he could walk some of the trails and identify some plants and trees so the commission could do signs. Mr. Gilday was onboard with the project. He could note special items he finds. He can tell how soils relate to the glaciers. He could put medicinal uses as well. Mr. Gilday suggested he could also collect samples of plants to have on the table at Old Home Days.

The board agreed they should increase the dues line item to \$400.

Mr. Traeger thought they should reduce Mr. Gilday's line item to \$4,800. The board agreed.

The board agreed to keep all other line items as is.

MOTION: Mr. Knuuttenen made a motion to submit the proposed budget numbers to the Selectmen. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Gaudreau could attend the Selectmen's meeting and the budget committee meeting. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Carey could attend the budget committee meeting.


Other Business

Mr. Gilday is attending a soil conference in Concord. They will do a field visit to an interesting site. They will also learn the new regulations for determining where the seasonal high water table is for the requirements for mapping alteration of terrain permits.

Ms. Gaudreau will submit the application for Old Home Days on behalf of the board.

MOTION: Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Andrea Cairns