

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **November 5, 2015**

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5 **Date:** November 5, 2015

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler – Vice Chair, Pam Gaudreau,
8 Tom Sands, Terry Knuuttunen

9 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Mark Traeger

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

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

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13 **Review of the 10/22/15 Minutes**

14 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 10/22/15 minutes as written.
15 Mr. Knuuttunen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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17 **Review of the 10/22/15 Non-Public Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 10/22/15 non-public minutes as
19 written. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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21 **Correspondence**

- 22 • Notification of the RPC legislative forum regarding coastal risk hazards.
23 Wednesday, Nov. 18th
- 24 • Gwen Grotenhuis – Historian of the Daughters of the American Revolution

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26 **Warrant Article**

27 The board discussed whether or not to move forward with a warrant article to adjust the
28 LUCT percentage. The board reviewed the language from last year. The following
29 language is what the board agreed on:

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31 Shall the town vote pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to deposit 100% of the Land Use Change
32 Tax Revenue into the Town of Sandown Conservation Fund to allow the town to preserve
33 open space for public use.

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35 The board agreed education will be an important component; they need to educate people
36 on why conserving is going to help our taxes.

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38 Ms. Gaudreau noted they need to utilize the power of social media and use facebook to
39 get the word out. They need to get people to come to deliberative to support getting the
40 warrant as is, on the ballot. Mr. Butler and Mr. Carey felt they need to make sure to get
41 supporters to deliberative then utilize social media to help educate the voters.

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43 Members discussed a possible warrant article to determine where the 2015 current use
44 money would go, questioning if it should be retroactive and go to conservation but
45 decided they wouldn’t move forward with that.

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Members explained what the current use and land use change tax is for newer members.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to move forward with a citizen’s petition for the following warrant article:

Shall the town vote pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to deposit 100% of the Land Use Change Tax Revenue into the Town of Sandown Conservation Fund to allow the town to preserve open space for public use.

Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Gaudreau will get the forms for the petition and distribute them so all board members could get signatures.

Bruce Gilday – Discussion regarding shoreline permits

Mr. Gilday handed out a brochure that explained the different shoreland zones.

0-50’ - they want you to be very careful about what you disturb and remove. You are only allowed certain point quotas as to what can be removed. They want to keep the shoreline stabilized and minimize erosion.

50-150’ – this is where you see foundations, porches and garages. This zone adds impervious surfaces. No greater than 50% impervious surface coverage. You can do a lot in this range.

150-250’ – impervious surface can go up to 75% coverage. You can store chemicals, sand, etc.

There are going to be some changes at the state level to rewrite some of the regulations. There is a workshop to discuss setting statewide setbacks. Some towns don’t have any setbacks and others have very restrictive setbacks. Bruce will follow the progress of that and keep the board informed.

Non-Public Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Members came out of the non- public meeting and stated that they sealed the non-public minutes.

Roll Call: Mr. Carey, Ms. Gaudreau, Mr. Butler, Mr. Sands, Mr. Knuuttunen

92 **Old Business**

93 Mr. Butler asked the board if they should consider locking the gate on Odell Road. The
94 board didn't feel it was necessary since they have never had an issue.

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96 **MOTION:** Mr. Knuuttunen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion.

97 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
98 at 8:28 p.m.

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100 Respectfully Submitted,



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102 Andrea Cairns