

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **February 25, 2016**

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5 **Date:** February 25, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – Chair, Brian Butler – Vice Chair, Tom Sands,
8 Terry Knuuttenen, Sophie Dykeman, Kevin Major, Pam Gaudreau

9 **Members Absent:** Mark Traeger

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

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

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13 Mr. Carey opened the meeting at approximately 7:02 p.m.

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15 Mr. Carey appointed Ms. Dykeman as a voting member in place of Mr. Traeger.

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17 **Review of the 1/28 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 1/28/16 minutes as written. Mr.
19 Major seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau abstained. The
20 motion passed.

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22 **Review of the 1/28 Non-Public Minutes**

23 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 1/28/16 non-public minutes as
24 written. Mr. Major seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau
25 abstained. The motion passed.

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27 **Correspondence**

- 28 • Saving Special Places. Mr. Butler encouraged the board to attend if they haven’t
29 been before. The conference is on April 9th
30 • UNH Cooperative Extension, Fred Borman, sent a letter to inform forest land
31 owners that they can assist them in creating a forestry management plan if the
32 property falls within the watershed.
33 • Notice of acceptance of a Shoreland Protection Permit

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35 **New Business**

36 *Matt Russell*

37 Mr. Russell was there to ask permission if he could pick up some of the wood that had
38 been cut by the utility company on Odell Road and put on the Fremont Road Town Forest
39 property. There is quite a bit of wood that is there between the entrance to the town forest
40 and the railroad bed.

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42 Mr. Gilday questioned how he might get it out. Mr. Russell noted he would have to do it
43 by hand and pull the logs out one-by-one. As long as he can park in there, he will try and
44 get whatever he can. Mr. Gilday suggested he avoid it if there are heavy rains.

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46 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to allow Mr. Russell to remove the trees left by the
47 utility company on the town forest property. Mr. Knuuttenen seconded the motion. All
48 members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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50 **Review of Website**

51 Ms Dykeman and Ms. Cairns had a discussion about the website. Ms. Cairns expressed
52 concern over the commission having their own site and suggested they just try and work
53 within the town site and make the content more user-friendly.

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55 Ms. Dykeman suggested that she could review the content that is there and make
56 suggestions on what should be updated and possibly what they should have for
57 navigation.

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59 Ms. Cairns noted they were able to add in breadcrumbs so that should help users figure
60 out where they are within the site.

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62 Ms. Dykeman suggested they use the website for consistent information and utilize
63 Facebook as their “news” site.

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65 **Discuss Warrant Article**

66 Ms. Gaudreau suggested they continue to post information on all of the community
67 pages. She will put it on the Sandown Community Page and the Speak Out community
68 Page.

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70 Mr. Carey questioned if there were a lot of people that didn’t know what LUCT was
71 when it was posted on the community page. Ms. Gaudreau noted there weren’t but
72 several people thanked her for the reminder and clarification on which way they should
73 vote if they were in favor.

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75 Mr. Butler noted they just have to accept those that don’t support conservation and
76 remind new people of what conservation does and why they should support the warrant
77 article. He added, if we get 100% we will probably never have to do a bond again. If we
78 had 100% all along, we wouldn’t have had to do a bond for the Fremont Road Town
79 Forest.

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81 Ms. Dykeman asked if they should put something in the paper. Mr. Major suggested they
82 call Matt Rittenhouse at the Tri Town Times. Ms. Dykeman also suggested they do a
83 letter to the editor.

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85 **Discussion regarding a potential farmers market**

86 Ms. Gaudreau noted that on the community page, people questioned why we don’t have a
87 farmers market. She questioned if it would be worthwhile to get the commission to
88 sponsor one and get their name out there since they sponsor the community garden. She
89 didn’t know how to go about setting one up.

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91 The board suggested she try and get one of the people from the community Facebook
92 page to spearhead the project. Ms. Gaudreau suggested maybe they just do some kind of
93 produce swap.

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95 **Discussion on medicinal herbs**

96 Ms. Gaudreau noted it was another topic that came up on the community Facebook page.
97 Ms. Dykeman noted that the garden club already did a presentation on that about a month
98 ago.

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100 Mr. Butler suggested to Ms. Dykeman that the garden club take a garden plot and use it
101 as a showcase.

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103 **Old Business**

104 Mr. Carey wanted to thank and recognize those that planned the snowshoe event. Mr.
105 Knuuttenen noted there were a lot of people from Hampstead, Fremont and Kingston.
106 The bonfire was great and the girl scouts had food there. They were there until 11:00. No
107 snowshoes were needed but there were two large groups of people that walked.

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109 Mr. Knuuttenen was wondering if they could do something similar and get kids involved
110 and talk about some of the plants and wetlands, possibly have Mr. Gilday do a discussion.
111 Mr. Gilday noted he would love to do that.

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113 **Brianna Butler – Fishing Derby**

114 Ms. Butler noted she sent out all the donation letters. She hasn't talked to Mr. Genuardo
115 yet to get permission to use his pond. She wanted to set the date before she spoke to him.
116 She confirmed with the board that April 30th would be good. They typically hold it the
117 last Saturday of school vacation. The board confirmed that date was good. Ms. Butler
118 will speak with Sal Genuardo and the Board of Selectmen.

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120 She already spoke to TD Bank and they will do the t-shirts again this year.

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122 All the plans are where they should be at this point in time.

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124 Ms. Cairns will set up the police detail.

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126 They will need a sign crew a few weeks before the event.

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128 Ms. Butler noted last year, they discussed doing an on-line application to save time
129 during registration. She suggested they could set up a google form and put a link to it on
130 the town website. That way she can collect all their information ahead of time. They
131 would get an application number and would use that to check in and pay when they
132 arrived.

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134 Ms. Butler will look into signage directing people to walk the path through the woods
135 from Cotton Farm instead of walking along 121A. Mr. Knuuttenen has a white board
136 sandwich board they could use.

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138 **Old Business**

139 Mr. Major noted that the trail off Odell Road being completed by the eagle scout is
140 coming along. It is very easy to follow. It should be completed soon.

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142 Mr. Knuuttunen remarked the purple trail. He added at least 40 markers. He also added
143 some red markers and will do more when he has a chance.

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145 Mr. Carey was curious about any opportunity in our town forests for maple syrup. He
146 questioned if they should open it up to those in town that have the interest and equipment.

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148 Mr. Gilday noted the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists is trying to put some
149 science behind the setbacks. He gave a handout that lists all the states and their setbacks.
150 They vary wildly.

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152 Mr. Gilday would like to do a vernal pool discussion for the board. He would also like to
153 do a wetland delineation discussion for the board and teach them what determines
154 wetland boundaries. He suggested a Saturday in May when it would be wet. The board
155 agreed to Saturday, May 7, from 9-12. They will meet at the wetland on Snow Lane.

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157 **Non-Public Meeting**

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

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162 *Roll Call:* Mr. Carey, Ms. Gaudreau, Mr. Butler, Mr. Sands, Mr. Knuuttunen,
163 Ms. Dykeman, Mr. Major

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165 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to seal the minutes. Mr. Sands seconded the
166 motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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168 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All
169 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
170 approximately 8:54 p.m.

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172 Respectfully Submitted,

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174 Andrea Cairns