

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 14, 2016**

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5 **Date:** April 14, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

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

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. Sands.

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17 **Review of the 3/24/16 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 3/24/16 minutes as written. Ms.
19 Dykeman seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey and Mr. Traeger
20 abstained. The motion passed.

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22 **Correspondence**

- 23 • Discussion regarding pesticides, May 4, Exeter High School
- 24 • Email from Eversource regarding grant opportunities to conserve land and rivers
 - 25 ○ Mr. Gilday will review it and offer input. He will report at the next
 - 26 meeting.
- 27 • Invitation to the RCCD annual meeting
- 28 • UNH Stewardship network offering training guides and workshops on
- 29 conservation topics

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31 Mr. Butler joined the meeting.

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33 **Morrison Lane Trail**

34 Ms. Gaudreau lives near the Morrison Lane trail and walks it frequently. She noticed
35 there has been a lot of dirt bike activity on the trails and someone destroyed two water
36 crossings that were built by the Eagle Scout that created the trail. One you can still cross,
37 but the other you can’t get across without the crossing. She added there was a discussion
38 on the Sandown Community Facebook page regarding ATVs and some people not
39 following speed limit rules and being disrespectful, but that was on the state trails. She
40 wondered if they should post signs, but at the very least, the crossings would need to be
41 repaired. She added there is a sign at the kiosk, but if they enter from Nicole Drive, they
42 wouldn’t see that sign, and maybe they don’t realize motorized vehicles aren’t allowed
43 out there.

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45 Mr. Traeger offered to go out over the weekend and fix the crossing and put up signs if
46 they had any. He would touch base with Mr. Major to see if there were any scouts
47 interested in helping.

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49 Mr. Knuuttenen noted the purple trail in the Fremont Road Town Forest is also torn up
50 and there are signs all over there.

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52 Mr. Butler noted it's a law enforcement issue and the police should be called if you hear
53 them. Mr. Traeger noted they have no funding from the state to do patrols and the state
54 has little incentive to discourage use.

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56 **Old Business**

57 *38 Main Street* – Mr. Gilday has been keeping in contact with DES regarding this
58 property. DES went to the property and determined the issue was with the Dam Bureau.
59 The property owner is in contact with them. Mr. Gilday will continue to bring updates as
60 they get them.

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62 *53 Phillipswood Road* – They submitted a Permit by Notification.

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64 *Fishing Derby*

65 Mr. Butler noted that Brianna created an event link for people to pre-register. She has
66 been advertising the event and they have 10 registered so far. She needs assistance
67 putting up the big sign at Mr. Genuardo's property. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Carey offered to
68 help out with that. They have all their permitting, the fish are ordered and the police
69 detail is scheduled.

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71 *Website Content*

72 Ms. Dykeman asked the board if they had a chance to review the content she sent over
73 and asked if anyone had any changes. The board felt it was good to go. Ms. Cairns will
74 work on making the changes live.

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76 *ARM Grant*

77 Mr. Gilday noted that he has looked into this grant program and found that dams that
78 needed to be removed or areas that needed to be restored were good candidates for
79 funding. The board noted near the Wells Village Road Bridge the original culvert blew
80 out and there is a lot of asphalt that needs to be removed from the river.

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82 Mr. Traeger noted that Hoyt's property where the tractor pull is held was an old sand pit
83 and Showell Pond is an impaired waterway that eventually drains into the Exeter River.

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85 **New Business**

86 *59 Main Street* – Ms. Cairns noted they received a complaint that a driveway was going
87 in and it was going through wetlands. The town received an updated survey and driveway
88 application showing the location of the driveway and it looked to be outside the wetlands.

89 Mr. Gilday offered to go on-site to look at the property.

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91 *Exeter River Kayak Tour*
92 Mr. Traeger noted that Mr. Meisner offered to lead a kayak tour of the Exeter River from
93 Phillips Pond to his property. The board chose April 23rd for the date. It will need to be
94 “bring your own kayak.” He was hoping to get a bunch of trucks so they could bring
95 people back to the library to get to their cards.

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97 You will need to get out at a few spots where it is shallow and drag your kayak so you
98 will get wet. The entire trip takes 3-4 hours.
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100 **Non-Public Meeting**

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

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105 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Mark Traeger, Terry Knuuttenen, Sophie Dykeman,
106 Pam Gaudreau

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108 **MOTION:** Ms. Dykeman made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Gaudreau seconded
109 the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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111 **MOTION:** Ms. Dykeman made a motion to purchase two copies of “Conserving Your
112 Land” for not to exceed \$50. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in
113 favor. The motion passed.

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115 **MOTION:** Mr. Knuuttenen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion.
116 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
117 at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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119 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns