

1                                   **Sandown Conservation Commission**  
2   **Minutes**  
3   **April 28, 2016**

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5 **Date:** April 28, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

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 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 4/14/16 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 4/14/16 minutes as written. Ms.  
19 Dykeman seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Sands abstained. The  
20 motion passed.

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22 Ms. Gaudreau rescinded her motion. Ms. Dykeman rescinded her motion.

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24 Change the date to 4/14/16 from 4/4/16.

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26 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 4/14/16 minutes as amended.  
27 Ms. Dykeman seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Sands abstained. The  
28 motion passed.

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30 **Review of the 4/14/16 Non-Public Minutes**

31 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 4/14/16 minutes as written. Mr.  
32 Knuuttenen seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Sands abstained. The  
33 motion passed.

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35 **Correspondence**

- 36       • 4H club looking for a project – town forest trails
- 37       • NHDES letter regarding the property located at 38 Main Street. The letter
- 38       updates the status of the issues.
- 39       • Letter to the NRCS landowner regarding the Northern Long-eared bat and
- 40       restrictions to tree cutting as a between June 1-July 31
- 41       • NH Lakes Association event June 3 in Meredith, NH

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43 **Bruce Gilday – Review findings at 59 Main Street**

44 Mr. Gilday went onsite at 59 Main Street. He used the newest approved driveway  
45 plan. The driveway had already been constructed and appeared to be in the right

46 place according to the plan. Without digging into the riprap, stone and gravel to  
47 view the soil underneath, he had to make an assumption that it was in the correct  
48 place and not in a jurisdictional wetland.

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50 Mr. Gilday reviewed how you identify jurisdiction wetlands.

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52 Mr. Gilday noted his concern is that they installed the silt fence in the wetland. It  
53 should be outside the wetland. The surveyor should have placed erosion control on  
54 the plans. He would be happy to talk to the surveyor to go over his concerns.

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### 56 **Town Forest Patrols**

57 There has been activity in the Town Forest and recently a hiker found a structure  
58 made with a tarp. Chief Gordon noted he has very little funding to do trail patrols  
59 but would go out and take a look. Mr. Carey had suggested that conservation could  
60 possibly fund a few extra patrols. Mr. Butler noted the police department receives  
61 money to patrol the state trails not town property. The problems are on town  
62 property which should be patrolled like they patrol roads. They do have vehicles  
63 that they can get out there with.

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### 65 **Fishing Derby**

66 Mr. Butler noted they were in good shape for the fishing derby. He asked members if  
67 they could be there to help. Mr. Carey and Ms. Dykeman would be there to help.  
68 If anything comes up last minute, Mr. Butler would email everyone and let them  
69 know.

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### 71 **Eversource Grant – Bruce Gilday**

72 Mr. Gilday has been looking into the possibility of applying for this grant. The grant  
73 is for restoration of streams and/or forests. He thought the area where the Wells  
74 Village Road culvert blew out would be good, but when he walked that area, he  
75 didn't see any debris in the river. He also thought they could possibly create a  
76 staging area there that could eventually be made into a parking lot. Mr. Gilday will  
77 speak with Matt Russell to determine how much debris still remains in the river. He  
78 added they would need to get approval from WRP for the staging area since they  
79 hold an easement on the property. Mr. Gilday will continue to do research.

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### 81 **Other Business**

82 Mr. Butler noted that on the front page of the *Eagle Tribune* there was an article  
83 about how NH's growing forest may make NH's winters milder. Researchers at UNH  
84 did a study on how trees impact climate change.

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### 86 **Website**

87 Ms. Dykeman noted the first draft she sent around to the board wasn't the complete  
88 draft. She was hoping to get feedback on the mission and goals section and asked the  
89 board to review the hardcopy supplied.

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91 *Forestry Management Plan* - The board reviewed the section. Mr. Butler will review  
92 the map to determine which parcels are considered "town forest" so that  
93 information could be accurate. The board suggested adding "continue to develop  
94 and implement the forestry management plan."

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96 *Maintain an open space management plan* – the language goes back to 2004. The  
97 board felt it was still relevant and on-going but the dates should just be pulled out.

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99 *Trails Committee* – The board suggested just removing this.

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101 Ms. Dykeman will update the text based on the discussion. The board encouraged  
102 her to update anything she felt was outdated. She requested that, as things get  
103 updated online, the board click around and make sure there aren't any additional  
104 changes to make.

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106 **Old Business**

107 Members discussed open space developments. Mr. Butler feels it's important to have  
108 the land monumented to designate the land so homeowners don't encompass it into  
109 their own property. The board discussed various properties in town.

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111 Ms. Gaudreau noted the kayak event was fabulous and well attended.

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113 **MOTION:** Ms. Dykeman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Knuuttenen seconded the  
114 motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING  
115 ADJOURNED at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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117 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns