

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **May 12, 2016**

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5 **Date:** May 12, 2016

6 **Place:** *Site Walk:* Fremont Road Town Forest Parking; *Meeting:* Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major

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

11 **Environmental Consultant:** Bruce Gilday: Absent

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13 **Site Walk at Fremont Road – 7:00 p.m.**

14 The board met at the Fremont Road Town Forest Parking area for a site walk with Public
15 Works Director Artie Genualdo to discuss the paving of Fremont Road. Mr. Genualdo
16 noted areas where he would need to dig into the sidewall and remove some rock walls to
17 create additional drainage. They will create additional culverts along the entrance to the
18 field to help with drainage there as well. He will also open up around the parking area.
19 Mr. Carey asked if he could also place a load of gravel along the entrance to the field and
20 the parking area to help grade it better.

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22 **Meeting at Sandown Town Hall**

23 Mr. Carey opened the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

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25 Mr. Traeger was at the site walk but had to leave. Mr. Carey appointed Ms. Dykeman as
26 a voting member in place of Mr. Traeger.

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28 **Review of the 4/28/16 Minutes**

29 **L111** change “even” to “event”

30 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the 4/28/16 minutes as amended.
31 Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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33 **Correspondence**

- 34 • Town & City Magazine
- 35 • NHDES letter regarding the property located at 38 Main Street. The letter
36 updated the status of the issues.
- 37 • Correspondence between Ms. Gaudreau and Tricia Thomas from the Library.
38 They would like conservation to sponsor an event they are hosting. The
39 board requested that Ms. Thomas come to a meeting to find out exactly what
40 they want.

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42 **Old Business**

43 Mr. Butler noted the fishing derby was very successful. They had 99 kids and 75 fish
44 were caught.

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46 *Follow up items:*

- 47 • They need to pick up the sign. Mr. Carey offered to help
- 48 • They should purchase a sandwich board for next year to help direct traffic
- 49 • The big sign needs some repairs and new letters, possibly purchase a new
- 50 one

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52 The board extended a huge thank you to Brianna for running the event and to Sal

53 Genuardo for allowing them to host the event at his home.

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55 **New Business**

56 Mr. Butler discussed the possibility of planting trees in the wildlife opening again.

57 They tried planting Dunstan Chestnut trees (bare root) and then had a very dry

58 summer, so the trees didn't survive. He thought they should try larger trees this

59 time.

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61 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to purchase 3-4 trees and amendments, not to

62 exceed \$250, out of the conservation fund. Mr. Knuuttenen seconded the motion.

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64 *Discussion:* The board questioned why he prefers chestnut trees. Mr. Butler

65 explained that they are a good high-protein food source for wildlife. He was thinking

66 apple trees would also be good, but they require more maintenance and aren't as

67 natural in the forest setting.

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69 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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71 Mr. Carey questioned how successful the wildlife opening has been since they cut

72 the Christmas trees. Mr. Butler noted it has been very successful. He has seen deer

73 and turkey. When he was mowing the field, he also found concord grapes growing.

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75 **Community Garden – Chris True, Community Garden Chairman**

76 Mr. True noted there was only one plot left which is great. He sent applications to the

77 food pantry and the garden club and it has been advertised on the signs at the town hall

78 and All Japanese Auto. He added that he was hoping they could still be ready to open the

79 last Saturday of the month. They still needed to till and stake the plots.

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81 Mr. Butler noted Scott Bassett usually tills the garden, but he likes to get out there and

82 pick rocks before Mr. Bassett tills so there is less impact to his machinery. There will be

83 a rock picking day on Saturday, May 21st at 9:00. Ms. Cairns would contact Mr. Bassett

84 and have him till between the 23-26th. They would stake on the 27th and the garden could

85 open on the 28th.

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87 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to hire Scott Bassett to till the garden once in the

88 spring and once in the fall, not to exceed \$150, to be paid out of the checking account.

89 Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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92 **New Business Continued**

93 Ms. Gaudreau noted there has been some discussion on the community page about
94 creating a dog park. She wondered what she would need to do in order to create one on
95 town property. The board noted she would need Board of Selectmen approval. She noted
96 that Mitch Mencis offered a piece of land that they could use. The board thought they
97 would need some kind of easement to allow the use on private land.

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99 **MOTION:** Ms. Dykeman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion.
100 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
101 at approximately 8:11 p.m.

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103 Respectfully Submitted,



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105 Andrea Cairns