

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

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5 **Date:** July 14, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Terry Knuuttenen

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

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

12 **Also Present:** Andrea Cairns, Katie Palladino, Jill Whitmill

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14 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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16 **Review of the 6/23/16 Minutes**

17 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 6/23/16 minutes as written. Mr. Butler
18 seconded the motion. Mr. Carey, Mr. Traeger and Mr. Major abstained. The motion passed.

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20 **Correspondence**

21 *Town & City Magazine*

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23 **Eagle Scout Candidate, Craig Beucler**

24 Mr. Beucler needed to interview the board for the Community Service Merit Badge.

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26 *Describe what the Conservation Commission does.*

- 27 • Acquire open space
28 • Manage acquisition of properties
29 • Maintain conservation properties
30 • Provide activities like the snowshoe walk, vernal pool workshop
31 • Review permits for developments
32 • Manage town forests by doing timber cuts, hiring and managing a consultant to
33 establish forestry management plans, creating and improving trails

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35 *Are there any projects that are currently in development?*

- 36 • There is a 50-unit apartment complex
37 • Proposed 38-unit apartment complex next to the recreation building
38 • 26 single-family homes on Odell Road

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40 *Do you have the ability to stop certain projects from being developed?*

41 As long as they are within our zoning regulations and subdivision regulations, state statutes
42 don’t allow the board to prevent development of property.

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44 *What is being done to purchase or conserve land?*

45 The town voted to allocate 100% of the LUCT funds back to the conservation fund giving the
46 town greater opportunity to acquire the money to conserve more land.

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48 *How can young people get involved and help the commission?*

- 49 • Build trails
50 • Manage events (e.g.; the fishing derby)
51 • Come in and talk to the board, there are always projects

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53 Mr. Beucler is also building a trail on the property off Odell Road to earn his Eagle Scout
54 rank. He noted he is very close to completing the project. He has some trimming to do along
55 the trail. He brought in rocks to use as stepping stones through the wetland. He walked the
56 trail with a GPS and needs to create the signage. He is anticipating it will be complete by
57 October. Mr. Major noted that Craig's trail will help people enjoy a new parcel.

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59 **Old Home Days**

60 The board reviewed the slogans Ms. Gaudreau created for the t-shirts. "It's Alive" and "I'm
61 in2 the woods" were the top two choices. Ms. Cairns will create designs for both options so
62 the board can decide which they prefer. She will also find out the costs for printing two
63 designs. Mr. Traeger noted they had 19 shirts left from last year, and they are all youth. The
64 board thought it would be better to print all adult shirts this year.

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66 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to print 50 shirts not to exceed \$400 out of the
67 education and awareness line item. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted
68 in favor. The motion passed.

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70 Mr. Sands looked at the site and determined he could hook containers along the fence for the
71 scavenger hunt. They could spell out the word "wetland" and have other stamps like frogs
72 and other amphibians. His expense will be the stamps.

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74 He also noted he could hide a geocache near the police station and thought he would do a
75 gadget-cache which means they will need to complete a puzzle before opening it.

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77 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion not to exceed \$25 for Mr. Sands to purchase supplies
78 for the scavenger hunt out of the education and awareness line item. Ms. Gaudreau seconded
79 the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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81 Ms. Cairns found items to purchase for prizes for the scavenger hunt. The board liked the
82 reptile tattoos and the neon compasses.

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84 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion not to exceed \$50 for prizes for the Old Home Days
85 scavenger hunt out of the education and awareness line item. Mr. Butler seconded the
86 motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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88 Mr. Traeger suggested they leverage facebook and do a photo scavenger hunt. They could
89 post locations and anyone that found all of them could come to the booth and get a prize. Ms.
90 Dykeman thought it might be intimidating for someone that wasn't familiar with the
91 properties. She thought they would need to make it easy. She also had concerns that they
92 wouldn't know how many people completed the challenge so it would be hard to estimate
93 how many prizes to have on hand. She suggested they do a weekly challenge and encourage
94 them to interact back by posting their photos. They could host a photo contest by displaying
95 4-5 semi-final photos chosen by the board and have the public vote for the winner.

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97 **Non-Public Meeting**

98 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA:
99 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
100 passed.

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102 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Mark Traeger, Kevin Major, Brian Butler, Sophie Dykeman, Pam
103 Gaudreau, Tom Sands

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105 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the
106 motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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108 **Community Garden Sign**

109 Ms. Dykeman updated the letter to send to the bank for the sign sponsorship. Mr. Butler
110 noted the budget should be \$1,500. Mr. Butler and Mr. Carey should be the names on the
111 letter. Ms. Cairns is in the process of getting estimates.

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113 **New Business**

114 Mr. Sands noted that Great Rock was in really bad shape. There is no rock showing anymore,
115 it is all spray-painted. They have cut down trees and made a shelter.

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117 The board would like to have Chief Gordon in to discuss what their options are. Mr. Carey
118 suggested they contact the game warden to see if they could also get involved. He suggested
119 they see if they can move some rocks to block the trails so they can't access it on four
120 wheelers.

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122 Mr. Butler thanked Mr. Genualdo for mowing the field at the community garden. He used the
123 brush hog.

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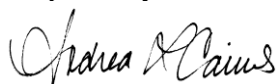
125 Mr. Major noted that on the Odell Road parcel, there is an access road off of Hersey next to a
126 lot that was for sale. Someone cut trees on the town-owned portion of that parcel so you can
127 drive in. NRCS had asked them to block that access, but the trees were sufficient. Now that
128 the trees are gone, they will need to put boulders there, but they will need to go through
129 private land to access the property. Mr. Traeger has "no motorized vehicles" signs and posts
130 that they can put in the middle of the road. Mr. Major will install those.

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132 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion.
133 Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at
134 8:36 p.m.

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136 Respectfully Submitted,



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138 Andrea Cairns