

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **September 8, 2016**

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5 **Date:** September 8, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – *Chair*, Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Katie Palladino, Tom
8 Sands, Kevin Major, Pam Gaudreau, Jill Winmill

9 **Members Absent:** Mark Traeger, Terry Knuuttenen

10 **Selectmen’s Liaison:** Mr. Jim Devine: Absent

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

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

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15 Ms. Palladino was seated for Mark Traeger and Ms. Winmill was seated for Mr. Knuuttenen.

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17 **Review of the 8/11/16 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 8/11/16 minutes as written. Mr.
19 Sands seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau abstained. The
20 motion passed.

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22 **Review of the 8/25/16 Minutes**

23 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 8/25/16 minutes as written. Ms.
24 Palladino seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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26 **Chuck Crowe, 18 Phillips Road**

27 Mr. Crowe was fishing with his family and from the pond saw graffiti on a rock along the
28 shore of the Mugar property. There was a smoldering campfire that had burned into the
29 ground about 6”. He called the fire department. Chief Tapley tried to put it out with a
30 fire extinguisher, but had to get the forestry truck out there to put it out. Mr. Butler
31 noted that the Mugar property isn’t town property, but is in a conservation easement.
32 Mr. Traeger emailed previously that he contacted the South East Landtrust to inform
33 them since they hold the easement on the property. Mr. Crowe noted that Chief Tapley
34 would inform Chief Gordon about the activity.

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36 Mr. Crowe noted he saw the article in the paper about Great Rock. He has also been
37 there several times and is quite upset about the destruction. He agreed it should be
38 posted with surveillance cameras. He suggested they be put up high and would gladly
39 donate one of his cameras to be used.

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41 Mr. Butler researched cameras and recommended that they purchase two cameras. He
42 also suggested purchasing bear boxes to secure them.

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44 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to purchase two game cameras and two lock boxes
45 not to exceed \$400 to be paid out of the Conservation Fund. Ms. Palladino seconded the
46 motion.

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48 *Discussion:* Ms. Palladino had concerns about the quality of the cameras and questioned
49 if they will get quality photographs.

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51 Mr. Butler noted the cameras have 80' range infrared, and take 12 megapixel video and
52 stills. They are Bushnell cameras. He has similar cameras and has had good luck with
53 them.

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55 The board discussed whether they should purchase cameras that send data to phones.
56 Mr. Butler expressed concern with that because he didn't want anyone to feel they
57 should go out and confront anyone.

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59 The board further discussed locations for the cameras and whether they should
60 purchase more to get better coverage.

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62 Mr. Major did not feel there was any benefit to putting cameras out there. The offenders
63 would likely return.

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65 Members voted in favor. Mr. Major opposed. The motion passed.

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69 Mr. Crowe expressed concern over the drought and questioned if there was anything
70 they could do to promote water conservation and educate those who are watering their
71 lawns.

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73 Mr. Carey noted there are several products on the market that people can use on their
74 lawns to reduce the necessity of watering. H3O is a product that cuts down watering
75 and there are several types of drought-tolerant seeds people can use.

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77 The board suggested posting information on the Conservation and Community
78 Facebook pages.

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80 **Old Home Days**

81 Several members would be present all day and they had all everything they needed.

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83 **RFP for Odell Road Parking Lot**

84 The board discussed the bid process. Ms. Cairns noted she received a template from
85 Lynne Blaisdell that they could use. They can send the RFPs directly to companies they
86 want to bid on the project.

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88 Mr. Major would write the bid proposal. Ms. Cairns would mail the proposals out. They
89 were asking for bids to be in by October 6th at noon. They would be reviewed at the
90 October 13th meeting.

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92 **Walktober Events**

93 Ms. Palladino is making progress on the events. They walked the property next to the red
94 barn and flagged a trail. Mr. Butler suggested they show the location of the trail to the
95 landowner to make sure they are comfortable with where it will go. Ms. Palladino noted there

96 was some clean-up that would need to happen for the trail. She spoke with Arlene Bassett
97 who would be willing to give tours of the Old Meetinghouse and will connect with Bob
98 Driscoll to see if they can also include tours of the Depot.
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100 *They will keep to three events:*

101 October 15th – Fred Borman, forestry – Fremont Road Town Forest

102 October 1st or 22nd – Arelene Bassett and Bob Driscoll, Old Meetinghouse and Depot

103 October 8th – Bruce Gilday, wetlands – Morrison Lane

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105 **New Business**

106 Ms. Winmill would like to help out with the Facebook page. She had several ideas for
107 content and would like to post on a regular basis. She reviewed several of the ideas she had
108 for helping the conservation commission gain a bigger presence in town. She will put
109 together a list of her ideas and email it to the board. Mr. Carey noted all ideas are welcomed.
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111 Mr. Major proposed planning another Full Moon Snowshoe Event on February 11th. The
112 board agreed they would like to do that.
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114 **MOTION:** Mr. Major made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All
115 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.
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Respectfully Submitted,



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119 Andrea Cairns