

1                                   **Sandown Conservation Commission**  
2   **Minutes**  
3   **September 22, 2016**

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5 **Date:** September 22, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey – *Chair*, Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Pam Gaudreau,  
8 Jill Winmill, Mark Traeger

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

10 **Selectmen’s Liaison:** Mr. Jon Goldman: Present

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

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

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15 Ms. Winmill was seated for Mr. Major.

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17 **Review of the 9/8/16 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 9/8/16 minutes as written. Mr.

19 Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger abstained. The  
20 motion passed.

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22 **Boy Scout Troop 268**

23 *Gabe Gerhard and Jake Weir were present.*

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25 Mr. Gerhard was representing the troop to request to use the Fremont Road Town Forest  
26 for the spooky walk to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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28 On October 16<sup>th</sup> they will do trail maintenance and clean up and they asked for the fields  
29 to be mowed.

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31 They also requested to post no hunting signs and requested to borrow the commission’s  
32 large sign to advertise the event.

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34 Mr. Carey suggested they check with Mr. Genualdo because they are doing a lot of  
35 construction on Fremont Road. They may want to make sure construction won’t impact  
36 the event and see if he had any concerns.

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38 Mr. Traeger suggested posting the event to the Sandown Community Facebook page.

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40 Ms. Winmill will also post it on the Conservation Facebook page.

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42 Mr. Butler will take care of the mowing. Mr. Butler also suggested contacting the fire  
43 chief to get the permits for the bonfire. He also suggested putting the dates and times for  
44 the event on the no hunting signs and post it on the kiosk a week before the event.

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46 **MOTION:** Ms. Winmill made a motion to accept the requests of Boy Scout Troop 268  
47 for the Spooky Walk. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The  
48 motion passed.

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50 Jon Goldman joined the meeting.

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52 Mr. Goldman was asked to come to the meeting tonight to discuss the need for a water  
53 ban. No one from the public was present to discuss the issue. He noted they will discuss it  
54 at the Selectmen's meeting on Monday if anyone wishes to come to that meeting. He  
55 asked the commission what their thoughts were on whether they should do a water ban.  
56 Mr. Traeger noted their purview was really about protection of natural resources. They  
57 could find information about aquifers and put that on the Facebook page. Mr. Butler  
58 added that if there was danger of pollution they would be concerned about that.

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60 Mr. Goldman noted the town has stopped watering their lawns. They spoke with Ed  
61 Mencis, the health officer, about it and there is information on the town website. If they  
62 do want to talk further about it, they can come to the Selectmen's meeting and discuss it  
63 then.

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#### 65 **Old Home Days**

66 Ms. Winmill noted that Old Home Day was a success. They put a survey on the table and  
67 asked the public to fill it out. There were 46 surveys taken out of 100. The survey asked  
68 what activities they would like to see most. The results were, in order of preference:

- 69 • Guided walks on conservation properties
- 70 • Trail clean up days
- 71 • Education talks about ancient stone structures
- 72 • Geocaching workshops
- 73 • Wildlife discussion
- 74 • Educational workshops
- 75 • Vacation camps for children under 11
- 76 • Sitting in on a meeting

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78 Other activities people wanted to see included: birding, mushroom walks, road or trail  
79 races, foraging class, guided horse or dog walk, animal tracking course, wetland/vernal  
80 pool walk, fall tree identification walk and snowshoe hikes.

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82 *Some things they would like to see improved:*

- 83 • Marking trails in miles on the maps
- 84 • Maps and markers at all locations
- 85 • Getting boys and girl scouts involved
- 86 • Designating horse trails

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88 *Common ways to reach people:*

- 89 • Facebook
- 90 • Posters and community boards
- 91 • Newspaper

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93 Mr. Traeger suggested designating a day each month for a different activity; possibly the  
94 first Saturday or Sunday of each month. Activities could be planned a year ahead of time.

95 Mr. Butler agreed, anytime you can get people out there is great.

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97 Ms. Gaudreau joined the meeting.

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### **Correspondence**

100 • November 12<sup>th</sup> NHACC Annual meeting and conference to be held at Pembroke  
101 Academy. Paul encouraged new members to attend.

102 • Great Bay Matters

103 • Town & City Magazine

104 • Wetland permit for the Fremont Road Bridge

105 • Request to sign a letter for Craig Beucler

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### **Old Business**

108 Ms. Gaudreau would like to coordinate some of the stone structures she is finding. She is  
109 trying to get people out to confirm the legitimacy of them and she has been working on  
110 cataloging her extensive list of structures and photographs. She is hoping to try and get a  
111 grant to help fund some of the work.

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113 Mr. Carey suggested she try and form a town-sanctioned committee. She can do a  
114 petition warrant article to have it accepted. She can have a zero dollar budget. If she is a  
115 town committee it may help in getting grants.

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117 Ms. Gaudreau noted she would also like to do a walk and introduce others to the  
118 structures.

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### **Walktober**

123 The event dates are as follows:

124 • *10/8 –Bruce Gilday, Wetlands* - Ms. Palladino hopes to do a pre-walk so she  
125 would know how to direct people when they arrived.

126 • *10/15 –Fred Bormen, Forestry* – there is a change of location due to the  
127 construction on Fremont Road, they are considering starting from Odell Road.

128 • *10/23 – Fran Rosenau, Historical Society* – Ms. Rosenau can do Sunday 10/23 at  
129 1:00. She would do the historical part and someone else would do the train depot  
130 discussion. They will nail down the exact date and time.

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134 Mr. Butler purchased the game cameras, lock boxes and SD cards. The total cost was  
135 \$387.42 out of the conservation fund. It has already been approved. He will purchase the  
136 locks. Mr. Major said he would help install them.

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140 Mr. Traeger noted H.O.P., a local power washing sales company, contacted him and  
141 offered to clean the graffiti off of Great Rock. Mr. Traeger walked the property with  
142 Matthew Devine to take a look at the situation. They pulled some trash out of there and  
143 the blue tarp. Mr. Devine thinks he can get the water in through the rail trail. Mr. Traeger  
144 contacted Chief Tapley and they will get the tanker truck down the rail trail and assist.  
145 Mr. Traeger noted that Conservation would help in any way, but Mr. Devine noted the  
146 H.O.P. employees would do the bulk of the work. They are going to do a test first to  
147 make sure it can be done.

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151 Mr. Traeger followed up on the Mugar parcel. SE Landtrust is sending their resource  
152 person who looks at properties to go out and check out the property and survey the  
153 damage.

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155 **Non-Public Meeting**

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

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160 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Jillian Winmill, Mark Traeger, Pam Gaudreau

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162 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Winmill seconded the  
163 motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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165 **MOTION:** Mr. Gaudreau made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Winmill seconded the motion.  
166 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING

167 ADJOURNED.