

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **October 13, 2016**

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5 **Date:** October 13, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Mark Traeger

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

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17 **Review of the 9/22/16 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 9/22/16 minutes as written. Ms.
19 Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Major, Mr. Knuuttenen and
20 Mr. Sands abstained. The motion passed.

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22 **Review of the 9/22/16 Non-Public Minutes**

23 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 9/22/16 non-public minutes as
24 written. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Major, Mr.
25 Knuuttenen and Mr. Sands abstained. The motion passed.

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27 **Correspondence**

- 28 • NHACC Annual Conference postcard
29 • Invoice for \$333 for NHACC dues
30 • SELT Annual Report

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32 **Review Bids for Odell Road Parking Area**

33 The board received bids from Champion Construction, Select Excavation and Busby
34 Construction. The pricing was comparable among all three companies. Mr. Butler noted
35 they worked with Champion Construction to create the wildlife opening at the Fremont
36 Road Town Forest. Mr. Major noted Select Excavation contacted him several times with
37 questions to make sure their bid was accurate. Busby has a good track record with the
38 town.

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40 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to hire Champion Construction to construct a
41 parking area and install access control gates at the Odell road Conservation Property. Mr.
42 Knuuttenen seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously in favor. The motion
43 passed.

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45 Ms. Gaudreau will contact Norma and Richard Drowne for permission to cross their
46 property to gain access to the area where the gate needs to be installed.

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48 Ms. Cairns will contact NRCS to determine next steps. Rockingham County
49 Conservation District will oversee the completion of the project and manage payment.

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51 Walktober

52 Ms. Palladino noted she walked the Odell Road property with Mr. Borman. Ms. Palladino
53 asked if they should invite Craig Beucler to the event. Mr. Major would reach out to him.

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55 Ms. Palladino questioned where they should park and suggested they could park cars at
56 Hersey Road and drive them to the location. The board agreed that would be appropriate,
57 but they could determine what to do that day when they see how many cars they have.

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59 The first event with Bruce Gilday was very successful, about 15 people attended. Ms.
60 Winmill thanked Mr. Gilday for his hard work. Mr. Gilday noted he would love to do it
61 again.

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63 Community Garden

64 Mr. Butler noted the plots needed to be cleaned out by October 16th. Ms. Cairns will
65 contact Mr. Bassett to till it.

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67 NHACC Conference

68 Ms. Winmill and Ms. Palladino will both attend.

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70 New Business

71 Mr. Carey noted the board needed to be careful about corresponding through email when
72 there was a quorum. Any discussion between a quorum of the board needed to be done in
73 a public forum.

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75 Old Business

76 Mr. Gilday noted that he would like to spend some time looking into properties that could
77 apply to the ARM Grants. Any property that contains vernal pools or is adjacent to the
78 Exeter River would be excellent candidates. The applications are public so he could look
79 at those that were awarded grants to get an idea of what the applications should contain.
80 The deadline is July for the applications. He suggested the board work on this over the
81 winter so they are prepared for July.

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83 Spooky Walk

84 Mr. Butler mowed the field. He noted there was metal and fire debris at the field that will
85 need to be cleaned up. Mr. Major would look at it since they are preparing for the spooky
86 walk.

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88 Fremont Road

89 Mr. Carey noted the wall was completely removed and will need to be rebuilt. They will
90 need to put up a fence to block people from accessing the field. Ms. Cairns noted
91 someone saw a pickup truck loading rocks onto it. Mr. Carey will contact Mr. Genuardo
92 to discuss it.

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94 **Non-Public Meeting**

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

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99 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Pam Gaudreau, Terry Knuuttenen, Tom Sands, Kevin
100 Major, Katie Palladino, Jill Winmill

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102 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the minutes. Mr. Knuuttenen seconded the
103 motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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105 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All
106 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED.