

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **December 1, 2016**

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5 **Date:** December 1, 2016

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, 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 7:00 p.m.

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15 Ms. Winmill was appointed for Mr. Traeger.

16 Ms. Palladino was appointed for Mr. Major.

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

19 **MOTION:** Mr. Knuuttenen made a motion to accept the 11/17/16 minutes as written. Mr.
20 Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler and Ms. Palladino
21 abstained. The motion passed.

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23 **Review of the 11/17/16 Non-Public Minutes**

24 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 11/17/16 non-public minutes as
25 amended. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler and Ms.
26 Palladino abstained. The motion passed.

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28 **Correspondence**

- 29 • ESRLAC dues. Mr. Carey noted there is a spot for an additional member to be part of
30 that committee. **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to approve the ESRLAC
31 dues of \$200.00. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr.
32 Butler abstained.
- 33 • Correspondence from GRANIT regarding doing an inventory of conservation
34 properties and putting them on a map. Mr. Butler suggested they go through the
35 properties as a group and use it as a learning opportunity for everyone. Ms. Winmill
36 noted that the woman who is spearheading the Trail Finder project is also doing this
37 project.
- 38 • Town & City Magazine

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40 **Wells Village Trail Construction**

41 Ms. Cairns noted Mr. Traeger was interested in constructing a trail in the Wells Village Town
42 Forest. He suggested that everyone try and walk it to give him feedback. He was hoping to
43 put together a work crew to begin construction.

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45 Ms. Winmill noted the water crossing is challenging. Mr. Sands agreed it will be especially
46 difficult during high water season and any boulders they placed would be covered. Mr. Butler
47 noted they wouldn’t be able to get a tractor in there to move the boulders. His concern about
48 building a bridge was it getting washed out during a large storm and any bridge that could

49 withstand the water that area receives would be close to \$25,000 to construct. They could
50 potentially apply for grants to pay for that.

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52 Ms. Gaudreau noted that there were several areas that would be great wildlife openings. Mr.
53 Butler noted that Charlie Moreno could help identify them when he did the forestry
54 management plan.

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56 Mr. Carey asked for an update on the status of Mr. Moreno's work. Mr. Butler noted he could
57 follow up. He suggested they could potentially turn the skidder trails the forester creates,
58 when doing the cut, into hiking trails. Mr. Moreno could help them identify the trails.

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60 The board felt it might be best to wait and talk with Mr. Moreno before moving forward with
61 any trails.

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63 Ms. Winmill noted the parking area needed additional work. Ms. Cairns noted that Mr.
64 Traeger spoke with Mr. McCarthy at the Planning Board meeting. The two are set to have a
65 site visit so Mr. Traeger can explain what further work they would like to see. Ms. Winmill
66 requested in the future, the entire board be notified when meetings like that happened so they
67 could all be informed.

68 69 **Reed Road Trail**

70 Ms. Cairns noted that Mr. Traeger also wants to construct a handicapped and stroller
71 accessible trail on the town-owned property on Reed Road. It is a fairly flat parcel. The
72 surface would need to be hard-packed but porous.

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74 Ms. Winmill noted that Mr. Traeger looked into grants and contacted RPC to see if there
75 were other funding options available to them.

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77 Mr. Gilday added they would need to submit a permit by notification to NHDES for the trail.

78 79 **Minimalist Campout**

80 Ms. Cairns noted that Mr. Major would like to do a minimalist campout in one of the town
81 forests with the boy scouts on December 9-11. They would need to cut boughs to create
82 shelters and wanted permission to do so and see if anyone had any concerns.

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84 Mr. Butler noted concern about opening up wildlife shelters by cutting a lot of boughs from
85 the trees, but will trust in the scout leadership to follow best management practices for the
86 forest and wildlife.

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88 No one else on the board had a concern.

89 90 **New Business**

91 Mr. Carey purchased the winter rye for the community garden.

92 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to reimburse Mr. Carey \$25 out of the Conservation
93 checking account. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey
94 abstained.

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96 Mr. Carey will spread it in the garden.

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98 **Old Business**

99 Ms. Winmill and Ms. Gaudreau attended the Trail Finder workshop. It gives them the ability
100 to have our trails mapped on the site, but they need the GIS data of our trails to incorporate
101 them. The town has the option to highlight whatever they want on each trail (e.g.; stone
102 structures, water bodies, plant species). They can give them access to be administrators so
103 they can set up alerts, add or subtract details, or pull trails off the site if they generate too
104 much traffic. It is a very useful, easy to use program. Ms. Gaudreau has all the trails mapped
105 on Map My Hike. She will send the information to them. Ms. Winmill and Ms. Gaudreau
106 would be happy to be the administrators.

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110 Mr. Butler will connect with Mr. Major about installing the trail cameras.

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114 Mr. Gilday wrote a report regarding his site visit to Patch Wood Farms. He did not find any
115 violations with jurisdictional wetlands. In his report he included information about best
116 management practices for manure management. He will send that report to Mr. Bogosh to
117 follow up with the homeowner.

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121 Mr. Knuuttenen looked at the field to determine where they could put parking spots. He felt
122 keeping cars off to the left would be best, but didn't think they should put logs to block the
123 area. He thought putting signs might be more effective. Mr. Butler thought they should just
124 gate if off and didn't want anyone parking there. The board agreed when the gate was open, it
125 would help block off the right side where it gets very wet, then they would add a sign to stop
126 people from driving all the way into the field.

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128 **Non-Public Meeting**

129 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA:
130 91: A: 3 II d. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
131 passed.

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133 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Pam Gaudreau, Terry Knuuttenen, Tom Sands, Jill Winmill, Brian
134 Butler, Katie Palladino

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

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139 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All
140 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
141 approximately 9:00 p.m.

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143 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns