

Sandown Conservation Commission

Minutes

December 15, 2016

Date: December 15, 2016

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Paul Carey – *Chair*, Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Tom Sands, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger

Members Absent: Pam Gaudreau, Katie Palladino, Terry Knuuttenen, Jill Winmill

Selectmen’s Liaison: Mr. Jon Goldman: Absent

Environmental Consultant: Bruce Gilday: Present

Opening: Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review of the 12/1/16 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 12/1/16 minutes as written. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Major abstained. The motion passed.

Construction of additional stone walls

Members noted the new wall constructed along Fremont Road is spectacular. Mr. Traeger questioned if the board wanted to do the other half of the field so both sides matched. There isn’t enough stone to make it quite as wide, but it could be made more symmetrical. He could get a price from Solomon Stoneworks to do the work if the board is interested.

Mr. Carey thought it was a good idea, pending costs and suggested they could incorporate the gate into the wall, possibly with granite posts.

Mr. Butler had concerns about putting the gate right on the road. He would prefer to have it set back 25’ to allow a car to pull off the road to safely open the gate.

Mr. Carey suggested they create a corner along the wall and inset the gate 25’. Mr. Major suggested the opening be wide enough for two cars to pass. It can become a bottleneck during events. Mr. Butler disagreed and wouldn’t want the opening that big.

Mr. Traeger will move forward with getting an estimate from Solomon Stoneworks.

They received an invoice from Solomon Stoneworks for the completion of the original portion.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to pay the invoice for Solomon Stoneworks for \$5,450.00 out of the Conservation LUCT account. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. The board voted in favor. The motion passed.

Correspondence

- Bank statements
- SELT newsletter

49 **Odell Road Parking Lot and Access Gates**

50 Mr. Major noted that the parking area should be close to completion. Ms. Smart reduced the
51 number of gates needed from four to three. He met with John Ferreira last week to identify
52 the exact areas where the gates should go. The board discussed the locking mechanism for
53 the gates and determined it would be appropriate to have one lock with both conservation and
54 the fire department having keys. Mr. Major will talk with Chief Tapley to discuss what type
55 of lock would be appropriate.

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57 **Boy Scout Minimalist Campout**

58 Mr. Major noted they had seven scouts and three adults. They camped near the Odell Road
59 gate in the Fremont Road Town Forest. They built five different shelters with natural and
60 some manmade materials. It was very successful.

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62 **Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**

63 Mr. Major would like to have the snowshoe walk on February 11, 2017 at 7:00; a pre-
64 valentine's day event. They will have a bonfire, music and refreshments. Members will be
65 needed to guide hikes along the trails. Snowshoes can be rented at EMS.

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67 **Old Business**

68 Mr. Traeger noted the trail in the Wells Village Road Town Forest is completed. The work to
69 the parking lot and kiosk is also finished.

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71 Mr. Traeger did some more research on funding the trail on the Reed Road parcel. There are
72 DOT funds available for such projects. They would need to create a parking lot. They will
73 need to get on an agenda for the Selectmen.

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75 Ms. Cairns noted that Fred Borman will come to their January 12, 2017 meeting to discuss
76 the GRANITE project.

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78 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All
79 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
80 approximately 7:46 p.m.

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82 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns