

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **January 12, 2017**

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5 **Date:** January 12, 2017

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Terry Knuuttenen, 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 seated for Mr. Knuuttenen. Ms. Palladino was seated for Mr. Major.

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17 **Review of the 12/15/16 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 12/15/16 minutes as written. Mr. Sands
19 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau, Ms. Winmill and Ms. Palladino
20 abstained. The motion passed.

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22 **Review of the 12/1/16 Non-Public Minutes**

23 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 12/1/16 non-public minutes as written. Mr.
24 Sands seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau, Ms. Winmill and Ms.
25 Palladino abstained. The motion passed.

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27 **Correspondence**

- 28 • Select Excavating invoice for the Odell Road parking lot
29 • RPC MPO Transportation projects
30 • Great Bay Matters Magazine

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32 **Fred Borman, UNH Cooperative Extension - GRANIT Project**

33 Mr. Borman is working on the GRANIT program with the Northern Forest Center to update
34 town-owned conservation and forestry lands. He was hoping to fill out a survey for every tract
35 greater than 10 acres. The data they have currently is outdated and shows more tracts than they
36 need. He will need assistance filling out the surveys. The survey is five pages, but some of the
37 information may be the same from parcel to parcel.

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39 Mr. Butler noted they could help with identifying those parcels and filling out the surveys. He did
40 not want the work to fall on one person and thought they could do it as a group.

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42 Mr. Borman noted he was retiring in March and was hoping to complete the project before then.
43 He suggested the Board fill out the surveys for the parcels, send them over to him and if needed,
44 he could set up a follow-up meeting in February. The Board agreed that would be appropriate.

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46 **Old Business**

47 Mr. Sands noted the Wells Village Town Forest trail is just about complete. He did a lot of trail
48 maintenance along with Mr. Traeger to clean up the trails. It’s a really nice trail.

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50 The Board discussed the Full Moon Snowshoe walk on February 11, 2017.

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52 Mr. Gilday noted he was taking a wetland evaluation course. He hoped to hear shortly about the
53 updated scientific information for wetland buffers. He is unable to attend the meeting on February
54 9, 2017 but would plan to give an update at the February 23, 2017 meeting.

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56 **New Business**

57 Mr. Gilday suggested the Board become members of the NH Association of Natural Resource
58 Scientists. Part of that membership includes monthly newsletters and workshops.

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60 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to join the NH Association of Natural Resource
61 Scientists for \$20 to be paid out of the dues line item. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All
62 members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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64 Ms. Gaudreau noted she has been working on a citizen's petition warrant article to create a
65 Heritage Commission. It is in collaboration with members from the Historical Society. In order to
66 have more opportunities for funding through private and federal grants they need to be a town-
67 organization to hold more weight. The Commission would have seven members with five
68 alternates.

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70 Mr. Gilday would like to do another vernal pool study in the spring. He asked if Ms. Winmill
71 could post something on Facebook to find areas in town where there were vernal pools close to
72 roads. Ms. Winmill confirmed she would do that.

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74 Ms. Winmill noted that Mr. Traeger was hoping to have a sledding day in February at the Wells
75 Village Road Town Forest to help promote the new trail.

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77 Ms. Winmill added that she would like to do a scavenger hunt on January 28th. She hoped to have
78 12 teams, would give them a list of items to find and could give out prizes. Ms. Palladino offered
79 to help with the event. She also requested that the Board look into getting walkie-talkies to help
80 out during events. Communication seemed to be an issue during their recent Walktober events
81 with lack of cell service. Several members offered to let her use theirs. Mr. Donahue from
82 Rockingham Teamwear offered to donate printed bags for the event.

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84 **Non-Public Meeting**

85 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A:
86 3 II d. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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88 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Pam Gaudreau, Tom Sands, Jill Winmill, Brian Butler, Katie Palladino

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90 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion.
91 Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

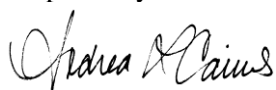
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93 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. All
94 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
95 approximately 9:15 p.m.

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97 Respectfully Submitted,

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Andrea Cairns