

Sandown Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 26, 2017

Date: January 26, 2017

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger, Jill Winmill, Katie Palladino

Members Absent: Paul Carey – *Chair*, Terry Knuuttenen, Pam Gaudreau, Tom Sands

Selectmen's Liaison: Mr. Jon Goldman: Present

Environmental Consultant: Bruce Gilday: Present

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

Ms. Winmill was seated for Mr. Knuuttenen. Ms. Palladino was seated for Ms. Gaudreau.

Review of the 1/12/17 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 1/12/17 minutes as written. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Major abstained. The motion passed.

Review of the 1/12/17 Non-Public Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 1/12/17 non-public minutes as amended. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Major abstained. The motion passed.

Correspondence

- Select Excavating estimate for removing the large boulder in the Odell Road parking area and an email from Brook Smart from NRCS approving the expense. Mr. Major noted the gates were installed and the fire chief will get the locks. Conservation will reimburse the Fire Department for the expense. There will only be one lock and both Conservation and the Fire Department will have a key. Members discussed numbering gates so if someone was lost, they could give the number of the gate they are near and make it easier to find them. Members agreed numbering them by location (Odell, Wells Village, Fremont) in sequential order by location would make the most sense.

Jon Goldman - Regarding a potential sale of town-owned property

Mr. Goldman noted the town was approached by someone interested in purchasing a lot on Birch Road. In order for the Town to sell the parcel, they need to get favorable recommendations from both Conservation and the Planning Board. The parcel is at 21 Birch Drive and identified on Map 28 as Lot 92. The Town has owned it since 1991. The purchase price, after some negotiations is \$45,000. They didn't obtain an appraisal but relied on the expertise of the assessor for a fair ballpark number. The property is undersized so they will need to obtain a variance from the Zoning Board to build. The sale of the property will be contingent upon receipt of that variance. There will be a public hearing where abutters are notified as part of the process.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to favorably recommend the sale of the property located at 21 Birch Drive and identified on Map 28 as Lot 92. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Monthly Programs

Ms. Winmill noted she would like the Commission to host monthly programs.

She received several leads on potential vernal pools from residents through her Facebook post. She passed those on to Mr. Gilday to further investigate.

Scavenger Hunt – Ms. Winmill had three teams already set up. John Donahue from Rockingham Teamwear donated printed bags, Bre's Ice Cream donated gift cards and Ms. Winmill made trophies for the three winning teams. Members of the Board would be there to help out.

Full Moon Snowshoe Night – Will be held February 11th at 7:00. Ms. Cairns will update the poster and Ms. Winmill will post the event on Facebook. Mr. Major will take care of the bonfire. The Boy Scouts will sell hot chocolate and refreshments.

On the Wing Rapture Show – the woman who does these contacted Ms. Winmill. She does indoor educational programs; for \$200 she will bring 2 birds, \$300 she will bring 3 birds and \$400 she will bring 4 birds. Ms. Winmill wanted to see if the Board would be interested in having her come to town. Ms. Cairns suggested she contact the Library or Recreation Department to see if they might be interested in splitting the cost of the event and sponsoring it together.

Arbor Day – Ms. Winmill spoke with Scott Rolph the head of the Arbor Day program for the state. They do free programs and can donate tree or shrub seedlings. The Board would need to supply pots and soil. They could also provide a tree to plant on municipal property. Arbor Day is April 28th.

Ms. Winmill also suggested they do another tick discussion. She will contact Mr. Carey to find out who the presenter was last time.

Granite Project

The Board filled out one survey and discussed the surveys but felt it might be better to have one person do the surveys and have the Board review. Ms. Cairns will do that and bring to a subsequent meeting when complete.

New Business

Mr. Traeger testified at the statehouse on new proposed legislation effecting wetland buffers around wetlands of a high value.

Ms. Winmill and Ms. Palladino are applying to the Coverts Project, which is a one year commitment to do 40 hours of service. They need two references with their application and asked if anyone on the Board would be willing to provide a recommendation. Mr. Gilday and Mr. Traeger both offered to do that for them.

Non-Public Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Major seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Roll Call: Brian Butler, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger, Jill Winmill, Katie Palladino

MOTION: Mr. Major made a motion to seal the minutes. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

MOTION: Ms. Winmill made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Cairns