1	Sandown Conservation Commission
2	Minutes
3	March 23, 2017
4	Water 23, 2017
5	<b>Date:</b> March 23, 2017
6	Place: Sandown Town Hall
7	<b>Members Present:</b> Paul Carey – <i>Chair</i> , Brian Butler – <i>Vice Chair</i> , Pam Gaudreau, Tom
8	Sands, Jill Winmill
9	Members Absent: Terry Knuuttenen, Kevin Major, Mark Traeger, Katie Palladino
10	Selectmen's Liaison: Mr. Jon Goldman: Absent
11	Environmental Consultant: Bruce Gilday: Present
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13	<b>Opening:</b> Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
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15	Ms. Winmill was seated for Mr. Traeger.
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17	Review 2/23/17 Minutes
18	<b>MOTION:</b> Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 2/23/17 minutes as written. Mr.
19	Sands seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.
20	Annointment of Officers
21	Appointment of Officers  MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to nominate Mr. Carey as Chairman. Mr. Sands
22 23	seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed.
24	seconded the motion. Wembers voted in favor. Wir. Carey abstanted. The motion passed.
25	<b>MOTION:</b> Mr. Carey made a motion to nominate Mr. Butler as Vice Chairman. Mr.
26	Sands seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Butler abstained. The motion
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29	Charlie Moreno, NH Forester – Discussion regarding Wells Village Town Forest
30	Mr. Moreno noted that he is working with Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and the
31	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to do a forestry management plan for
32	the Wells Village Town Forest.
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34	Mr. Moreno noted the property has a lot of big trees and is a beautiful piece of land. The
35	Porter's had a tree farm on the property so he is familiar with one of the parcels. He
36	added the new trail work the Board has done looks great. He was hoping to get a sense of
37	what the town was looking for from the plan.
38 39	The Poord agreed it would be good if he could include the Greenwood Hooks percel in
40	The Board agreed it would be good if he could include the Greenwood Hooke parcel in the plan if possible. They noted there are some existing logging roads on the property, but
41	they have not developed any trails there yet. A good portion of the parcel is wet.
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43	Mr. Butler noted he would like to create wildlife openings with access, and would like
14	Mr. Moreno's guidance on choosing a location.
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Mr. Moreno stated when you have nice old timber, he doesn't recommend wiping it out.

He would recommend looking for an area that is primarily young growth. He will keep an eye out for such a spot.

Mr. Carey noted they created a trail along the Exeter River and at some point would like to build a water crossing. He asked if Mr. Moreno could suggest a location for that crossing. Mr. Moreno noted the river is fairly wide and suggested they could possibly create a drawbridge to rise at high water times. He suggested they could potential find a grant to fund it.

Mr. Moreno noted there is a great overstory of trees; mostly pine, hemlock, sugar maple, red maple, and birches (black and yellow). The understory is very small trees and is primarily hemlock and beech. It's nice to create an opening in the overstory to allow light to foster the growth of other species of trees.

His forestry plans rely on natural regeneration. Management involves leaving the healthiest trees, removing some hemlocks and beech to allow a broader mix of species. It also involves removing small hemlocks and beech.

They need to determine a location for management access and where they could put landings. He would suggest one landing on each side of the river. They could protect the river with erosion control.

Mr. Carey noted they were open to having a plan for the Greenwood Hooke property and requested that Mr. Moreno give them an estimate on how much it would be to include that parcel in the plan.

Ms. Winmill questioned if there could be a landing in the parking area so they could expand the lot. Mr. Moreno stated they could do that, but that area is a nice rustic lot and a landing would change the feel of it. Ms. Winmill suggested maybe making a nice picnic area and Mr. Moreno noted they could do that and it would be a nice use of the landing. He added that creating a wildlife opening out of a landing would be a good way to accomplish creating a wildlife opening without removing too many trees.

Mr. Moreno added that the White Ash and Hemlock trees are under threat by invasive species (Emerald Ash Borer and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid). There are some of those species of trees and they will try and salvage what they can. He doesn't want to wipe that species out. UNH and the forest service are looking into a beetle that is a predator of the Woolly Adelgid to help control the invasion.

Mr. Moreno noticed the mill sites, large stone wall and other structures and wanted to know if there were any other areas they wanted him to avoid. Ms. Gaudreau noted there are stone structures in that area which she is working to catalog.

Mr. Moreno added that the boundaries are not well marked and suggested the Board do that. NRCS would not cover that cost.

93 Mr. Butler questioned the timing. Mr. Moreno was hoping to have the plan completed in 94 the next few months and suggested winter as the time for a cut. 95 96 Joel DeStasio from Trout Unlimited was present. He explained his project to Mr. Moreno 97 and noted if there were specific species of trees Mr. Moreno wanted them to avoid, it

would be great for him to let them know. Mr. Moreno agreed to do a site visit with Mr. 99 DeStasio.

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Mr. DeStasio had the Board sign an updated version of the wetland permit he needed to submit to proceed with their project.

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Carsten Springer from the Danville Forestry Committee was present. The Board discussed forestry and Danville's history of forestry.

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## Correspondence

- SE LandTrust notice of easement monitoring. They will do an aerial inspection in 2017
- FEMA is doing flood risk mapping in the Merrimack Watershed
- Bank statements
  - Saving Special Places postcard
- Town & City Magazine
  - NH Wildlife Guides

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## **Bruce Gilday – Hunt Pond Fields**

- 117 Mr. Gilday received a call from Bob Bogosh to discuss the project. Mr. Gilday did some 118 research looking at aerial photos of the area. He does not believe there was a wetland 119 violation. Hunt Pond is less than 10 acres and the landowner owns the pond. The 120 landowner tried to create a berm along the edge of the wetland, but it isn't stable. Mr.
- 121 Gilday will recommend they clean up the berm and put erosion control wattles between 122 that and Hunt Pond and loam and seed the bare ground.

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Mr. Gilday added that there was no need for an alteration of terrain permit, but he did need an excavation permit.

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## Discussion regarding recreation plan for M20 Lots 10 and 11 located on Fremont Road and owned by Hans Nicolaisen

- 129 Ms. Cairns noted that as a condition of the approval for the minor subdivision located on
- 130 M20 L10 & 11 was to construct trails within the Fremont Road Town Forest. Mr. Nicolaisen 131 is ready to build on those lots and would like to know specifically what he is required to build
- 132 for trails.

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134 The Board was unaware of the plans to construct trails and did not know what the original 135 intent was. They will table the discussion until Mr. Traeger could be present.

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## **Monthly Happenings**

138 Ms. Winmill noted the "Hike off Your Hangover" walk only had one person attend.

139 140 141 The upcoming schedule is as follows: 142 April – fishing derby 143 May – Kayaking Exeter River 144 June – display case at the library (walk photos, tree cuttings, geocaching items, 145 conservation books) 146 147 Ms. Winmill is coordinating with the library to have the "On the Wing" show. The 148 library would connect with the recreation department to see if they would be interested in 149 partnering with them. That event will likely happen in June or July. 150 151 **Other Business** 152 Community Garden 153 Ms. Cairns will connect with Mr. True and see if he would be interested in being Chair 154 for the garden again. She will update registration forms and work with Ms. Winmill to 155 get information on Facebook. 156 157 ---158 159 Ms. Winmill noted she was contacted by Maureen Harkin Adams who was looking for 160 day work opportunities for her son Sean who has high functioning Autism. Ms. Adams 161 was wondering if he could help with trailwork or any other volunteer opportunities the 162 Board may have. Ms. Gaudreau offered to help out when her schedule eased up. 163 164 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. All 165 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 166 approximately 8:47 p.m. 167 168 Respectfully Submitted, Opdres Hains 169 170 Andrea Cairns