

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 27, 2017**

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5 **Date:** April 27, 2017

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Paul Carey – *Chair*, Kevin Major

10 **Selectmen’s Liaison:** Mr. Jon Goldman: Absent

11 **Environmental Consultant:** Bruce Gilday: Present

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13 Mark Traeger was appointed for Terry Knuuttenen.

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15 **Opening:** Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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17 **Review of the 4/13/17 Minutes**

18 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to accept the 4/13/17 minutes as written. Ms.
19 Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger and Ms. Palladino
20 abstained. The motion passed.

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22 **Correspondence**

- 23 • NHDES notification that the wetland permit for Trout Unlimited was
- 24 approved
- 25 • *Town & City* Magazine
- 26 • Invite for Jonathan Labie Eagle Scout Court of Honor for May 21st
- 27 • Welcome letter to the Natural Resources Scientists

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29 **Fishing Derby**

30 Brianna Butler was present. She was looking for help during registration and
31 throughout the day directing traffic. There were about 25 pre-registrations. They
32 received a lot of donations for prizes. She needed help setting up the tents and the
33 tables the evening before. Mr. Traeger and Ms. Gaudreau offered to bring those
34 down and set them up. She suggested members arrive at 6:30 a.m. to start helping
35 with registration since that is the busiest time.

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37 **Community Garden**

38 Mr. Sands will take care of repairing the pump. He will also put in a connection to
39 allow a pump to be attached or the fire department to draw water from it.

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41 The Board approved the resident from Plaistow reserving a plot.

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43 **Monthly Happenings**

44 Ms. Winmill participated in Earth Day at Sandown North and it went great. Ms.
45 Gaudreau helped out as well.

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47 Mr. Traeger, Ms. Palladino and Ms. Winmill cleaned up Great Rock for Earth Day.

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49 Subaru Leave No Trace contacted Ms. Winmill and are planning to come on June 11th
50 from 12-4. They will have their team set up an outreach booth with goodies and
51 outreach materials. Ms. Winmill assumed the field at the Fremont Road Town Forest
52 would be most appropriate. They would also like to lead a clean-up event at the
53 Town Forest. They requested to camp in the Town Forest. They would need a fire
54 permit. Ms. Winmill will pull the permit on behalf of them.

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56 The raptor show will be July 20th at 6:30p.m. at the Town Hall. The \$530 cost will be
57 split with the Library and a check is due the day of the program.

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59 Mr. Traeger noted the kayak event likely won't happen in May because he will be
60 unavailable to lead.

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62 Ms. Winmill noted she ordered materials from the State on ticks and she could
63 possibly put together an educational program for May if needed.

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65 Mr. Traeger will lead a hike on May 7th at the Wells Village Town Forest. Ms. Winmill
66 will put the information on the Facebook page.

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68 Ms. Winmill has a trailer that they could use for the Old Home Day float. It needs a
69 fifth wheel hook up though.

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71 The Board discussed a bee program. Ms. Gaudreau is trying to contact Mr. O'Neal
72 from Danville to do the program. Ms. Palladino found a craft. Mr. Traeger suggested
73 contacting Matt Russell, who also does beekeeping. Ms. Winmill suggested August
74 19th as National Honey Bee Day. Ms. Gaudreau suggested the last two weeks in June.

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76 The Board played the Minute to Win It Game that Ms. Winmill developed for the
77 school Earth Day program. Mr. Traeger suggested they use it for Old Home Days.

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79 **Fremont Road Field**

80 Mr. Butler set up cameras at the Fremont Road Town Forest field to see if they could
81 see who was driving their vehicles into the field and causing damage. The Board
82 reviewed the videos. Mr. Butler installed signs at the entrance stating no vehicles
83 beyond that point.

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85 They need to clean up the debris left over from the fire at the snowshoe walk.

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87 Mr. Butler suggested they put up a gate at the entrance and researched some options.
88 They would likely be about \$1,000.

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90 **Friends of Conservation/Adopt a Trail**

91 Ms. Palladino would like to establish a “friends of conservation” group to utilize
92 those interested in volunteering. They have a list of people that are interested in
93 helping. She would like to form subgroups to adopt trails and take ownership of
94 either keeping them clean or contacting the Board when something needs to be
95 done. The Board discussed having point people to contact for each area. Mr. Traeger
96 would be the contact for Wells Village; Ms. Gaudreau would be the contact for
97 Morrison; and Ms. Winmill would be the contact for the Fremont Road Town Forest.
98 Ms. Palladino would head up the program.

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100 **Other Business**

101 Mr. Gilday is researching areas to do the vernal pool workshop for the Board on May
102 20th.

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104 Ms. Gaudreau would like to do an educational day at the town forest and have
105 stations for various topics (essential oils, vernal pools, etc.)

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107 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All
108 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
109 approximately 8:46 p.m.

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111 Respectfully Submitted,



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113 Andrea Cairns