

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **May 11, 2017**

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5 **Date:** May 11, 2017

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Terry Knuuttenen, Mark Traeger

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

11 **Environmental Consultant:** Bruce Gilday: Absent

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

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15 **Review of the 4/27/17 Minutes**

16 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 4/27/17 minutes as written. Ms.
17 Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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19 **Correspondence**

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22 **Matt Russell – Discussion and planning for the Bee event**

23 Mr. Russell was present for the discussion. Ms. Gaudreau suggested hosting the event to
24 educate residents on the state of bees and host a demonstration to those interested in
25 starting their own hives. She was considering the end of June, after school is finished but
26 before summer travel started.

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28 Mr. Russell would hesitate to do a live demonstration if everyone was not in protective
29 gear. He would be able to show a lot of parts of the hives without having live bees. He
30 may also be able to find an observation hive.

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32 Mr. Carey suggested doing a series, the first being “intro to bees,” and if it was well
33 received do more advanced workshops with possible site visits to Mr. Russell’s hive.

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35 Mr. Russell noted beekeeping has been growing in popularity recently. The price of bees
36 and equipment are getting expensive.

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38 Ms. Gaudreau suggested they also do a workshop on the medicinal benefits of honey.

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40 Mr. Russell would do a “beekeeping 101” workshop and would like to push interested
41 residents to the local associations (Pawtuckaway, Seacoast, Merrimack) to further their
42 education.

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44 Mr. Russell will get back to the Board with dates of availability and Ms. Gaudreau would
45 secure the recreation center.

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47 **Fishing Derby**

48 Ms. Brianna Butler was present. She noted they had 83 kids attend and 71 fish were
49 caught. It was a well run and well attended event.

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51 The Board thanked her and Sal Genualdo for their help in running and hosting the event.

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53 **New Business**54 *Coverts Cooperator workshop*

55 Ms. Winmill attended the workshop and found it to be very informative. She reviewed
56 the different workshops she attended. She added she would be attending the “Speaking
57 for Wildlife Training” on June 14th.

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59 *Adding signs to kiosks*

60 Ms. Winmill noted the State publishes many materials that they could put on the kiosks
61 and asked if the Board would be opposed if she posted a few. The Board was amenable as
62 long as they were relevant and the kiosks didn’t become cluttered.

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64 *Fixing "public welcome" sign on Odell Road*

65 The sign has been down since the parking area was constructed. Ms. Winmill will put it
66 back up.

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68 *Getting turtle crossing signs near Hersey Road on Odell*

69 Mr. Genualdo ordered “turtle crossing” signs already and will have them installed.

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71 *Applying for small grants*

72 Ms. Winmill questioned if she needed the Board’s permission to apply for small grants
73 (corporate sponsorships). The Board did not have an issue with that as long as she kept
74 them updated on what she was applying for.

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76 **Monthly Happenings**77 *Library Case*

78 Ms. Winmill reminded the Board they needed to bring in items for the case by May 25th.
79 There will be five shelves ranging in topics: Who we are, Preservation, Protection,
80 Education, Have Fun with Us.

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82 *Tick Talk for May*

83 Ms. Winmill received an abundance of brochures and information from the State. She
84 offered do a “tick talk” during the month of May and develop a presentation for the
85 public and hand out the information. The Board was in favor.

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87 **Other Business**

88 Ms. Gaudreau noted there is a broken sign and bench along the blue trail in the Fremont
89 Road Town Forest.

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91 She also noted there is a tree stand in the Wells Village Town Forest and questioned if
92 anyone knew who the owner was. The Board believed it was quite old, but suggested
93 they put a note on it making the owner aware that they needed to identify themselves or it
94 would be removed.

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96 **MOTION:** Ms. Palladino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All
97 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
98 approximately 8:50 p.m.

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100 Respectfully Submitted,



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Andrea Cairns