

Sandown Conservation Commission

Minutes

June 8, 2017

Date: June 8, 2017

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Paul Carey – *Chair*, Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Pam Gaudreau, Jill Winmill, Tom Sands, Mark Traeger (*alternate*)

Members Absent: Katie Palladino, Kevin Major, Terry Knuuttenen

Selectmen’s Liaison: Mr. Jon Goldman: Absent

Environmental Consultant: Bruce Gilday: Absent

Mr. Traeger was seated for Ms. Palladino.

Emily and Jeff Clifton were present to observe the meeting for a class.

Review of Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 5/11/17 minutes as written. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger abstained. The motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 5/25/17 minutes as written. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger abstained. The motion carried.

Correspondence

- SE Landtrust newsletter
- Invite to RPCs Annual Meeting, June 14, 2017 at Portsmouth Country Club
- Great Bay Matters
- Wetland permit issued to the town for the Fremont Road bridge
- Erosion Control field day held by RCCD on June 14, 2017

The Board reviewed Ms. Palladino’s letter to the Friends of Conservation. The Board approved the letter and was in favor of sending it out.

Minimal Impact Wetland Permit

The Board reviewed the wetland permit application submitted for 31 Main Street on behalf of Barbara Finch. The impact is for a driveway which will cross the wetland at its narrowest point. Mr. Gilday did the wetland identification work before he was a part of the Conservation Commission. The Board approved signing the applications at the last meeting pending a final review letter from Mr. Gilday. They had not yet received that letter.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to sign the permit applications as soon as Mr. Gilday provided a favorable report on the application. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion.

44 *Discussion:* Mr. Carey indicated that at the last meeting, the Board approved having any member
45 sign the applications once they received that letter from Mr. Gilday and could go into the office
46 to do that.

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48 All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

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50 **New Business**

51 *Tick Talk* – Will be held on June 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The topic discussed will
52 be a basic rundown on how to prevent ticks, remove ticks and the different diseases they carry.
53 Ms. Winmill will give the presentation but may get help from Alan Eaton from UNH.

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55 *Library case* – Ms. Winmill and Ms. Palladino filled the case. It will be there all month

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57 The library asked Ms. Winmill to make a handout about the Conservation Commission with
58 some information about how to get involved.

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60 Ms. Gaudreau arrived at 7:29 p.m.

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62 *Subaru Leave no Trace program* – Ms. Winmill noted that currently no one is signed up.
63 Members from the board indicated they would be attending. The workshop was from 1-2:30 p.m.
64 Then there will be a hike up to Great Rock with a trail clean-up.

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66 Originally they were going to stay in the Fremont Road Town Forest Sunday night, but are now
67 staying there Saturday night. Ms. Winmill would pull a fire permit for them.

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69 Mr. Butler mowed part of the field and cleared out some rocks and brush. He mowed about 2/3
70 of it because the other part was still very wet. He raked out the two fire pits that were left from
71 the snowshoe walks. He was hoping after the Leave no Trace program some members could
72 offer help in fixing some of the ruts in the field.

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74 *Blandings Turtle* – Ms. Winmill noted they reported the Blandings Turtle citing to the state. Ms.
75 Palladino also had a citing. When they reviewed the photos, they realized there are two different
76 turtles in that area. Ms. Winmill questioned if they should put up a sign in the area asking people
77 to be aware of them and reminding them not to handle them or move them. Mr. Carey suggested
78 citing the RSA that protects them.

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80 Mr. Traeger suggested doing a write up and posting it on Facebook as well.

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82 Ms. Winmill noted that the trail map at the kiosk was in really bad shape. She questioned if they
83 could redo the sign and where the original map was printed. Mr. Traeger noted it was done at
84 Infinite Imaging in Portsmouth and they should have the files still. Ms. Cairns can rework the
85 map to have it match the Odell Road and Morrison Lane trail maps. Ms. Winmill will get a few
86 quotes to have it printed.

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88 Ms. Winmill informed the board that the UNH interns would be available soon to do GIS
89 mapping of all the town's trails to get them up on Trailfinder. She will find out their exact

90 schedule and connect with the board to see who could help guide them through the different
91 properties.

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93 Mr. Butler noted there are still people pulling into the field and driving all the way to the back.
94 He has spoken to some of them. He suggested if they are going to allow people to use the front
95 of the field to park, they should do some work on the trail that leads out of it (red trail). It would
96 need a work party since there is a significant amount of work to be done.

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98 Mr. Butler is still looking at pricing for gates. The original prices he received were very high.
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100 Mr. Butler also received a quote for clearing the brush along the length of the wall along Main
101 Street at the Community Garden. The estimate was \$1,500. There is a lot of poison ivy there so
102 they would need to find someone with an applicators license to spray the poison ivy before the
103 brush could be cleared. Mr. Carey knew someone in town that could do that and would follow up
104 with him.

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106 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to hire a landscaping company to remove the brush along
107 the length of the wall fronting the Community Garden for a price of \$1,500 to be paid out of the
108 Conservation Fund to aid in safety when cars are entering and exiting the property. Mr. Sands
109 seconded the motion. The board voted in favor. The motion carried.

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111 **Morrison Lane Wetland Issue**

112 Ms. Gaudreau provided photos of the site work being done at Patchwood Farm. When Mr.
113 Gilday and Mr. Bogosh last inspected the property, there were drought conditions and there was
114 no water in the area. Now that we are back up to normal water levels, the wetlands have filled in
115 and there is noticeable work done within the wet areas.

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117 Ms. Gaudreau believed the adjacent property was conservation property, but the Board
118 determined that SE Landtrust had an easement on the property.

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120 The Board suggested having Bob Bogosh and Bruce Gilday go back and re-inspect the property.

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122 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to have Bruce Gilday perform a follow-up site walk to
123 make sure they are implementing proper erosion control measures and there are no wetland
124 violations. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion.

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126 *Discussion:* Ms. Gaudreau would like to do the site walk with them so she could take them to the
127 back of the property.

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129 The board voted in favor. The motion carried.

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131 Ms. Gaudreau would connect with Mr. Gilday.

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133 **Other Business Continued**

134 Ms. Winmill noted that Artie Genuardo ordered several sets of the turtle crossing signs. They did
135 a drive to scout other locations for them. They found a spot on Hampstead Road that Artie

136 identified, so they installed signs there. They will hold onto the other set until another good
137 location could be identified.

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139 Ms. Winmill handed out “kindness rocks.” It is an initiative that distributes rocks painted in non-
140 toxic paints with positive messages on them. The library is having a rock making event and
141 asked if they could put the rocks on town trails. More information can be found at
142 www.thekindnessrocksproject.com. The board did not object.

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144 Ms. Winmill had free magnets made up with the conservation logo. She asked if the Board
145 objected to her running a contest on Facebook and giving them out as prizes. The board did not
146 object.

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148 **Non-Public Meeting**

149 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A:
150 3 II d. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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152 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Pam Gaudreau, Jill Winmill, Tom Sands, Mark Traeger

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154 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the minutes. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion.
155 Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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157 **Other Business Continued**

158 Ms. Gaudreau questioned if anyone had followed up with Matt Russell regarding the “bee talk.”
159 Shawn O’Neil contacted her because she had originally scheduled him for June 28th. Ms.
160 Winmill noted the “tick talk” was scheduled for that night. Ms. Gaudreau noted she could move
161 the “bee talk” to June 27th instead. Mr. Butler would follow up with Mr. Russell. Ms. Gaudreau
162 could promote the event, but needed to know as soon as possible if Mr. Russell could do that
163 date, otherwise she would have Mr. O’Neil do the initial workshop.

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165 **MOTION:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All
166 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
167 approximately 8:44 p.m.

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169 Respectfully Submitted,



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171 Andrea Cairns