

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

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5 **Date:** July 27, 2017

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

9 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Tom Sands

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

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

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13 Mr. Traeger was seated for Mr. Sands.

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15 **Review of Minutes**

16 L70 – change to Mr. Butler

17 **MOTION:** Ms. Butler made a motion to approve the 7/13/17 minutes as amended. Ms.
18 Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Knuuttenen and Mr. Traeger
19 abstained. The motion carried.

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21 **Correspondence**

- 22 • Jonathon L’Abbie thank you for attending his Eagle Scout Ceremony
- 23 • Wetland notification – for the 2017 roadway improvement for the culverts on
24 Little Mill Road
- 25 • Shoreland protection permit notification for a 4 bedroom structure for M6 L11
26 within shoreland buffer

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28 **Bruce Gilday – Patchwood Farms**

29 Mr. Gilday did a site visit with Bob Bogosh. Patchwood Farms is expanding the corals
30 and making the bridle paths more usable. The site is graded but the construction of the
31 structure in the front yard has not begun.

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33 Behind the home, there were no impacts to the wetlands. They disturbed soil right up to
34 the edge. They had silt fencing installed but he noted they needed to properly maintain it.
35 Bob and Bruce both suggested extra erosion control measures. They were building a
36 retaining wall and they recommended they install wattles. The wattles are organic and
37 decompose, but stop any sediment from getting into the wetlands. They continued to
38 walk the bridle path, there were no violations. There was one area that looked like it had
39 the potential to flood over the path during rain, but it was upland.

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41 Kathleen Dixon, the owner of Patchwood Farms had a class of children with them. He
42 would like his report sent to both Kathleen and Bob Bogosh. On the way out he noticed
43 some sediment coming down on the front, but said wattles can help alleviate that.

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45 The Board discussed the wattles and different variations of erosion control.

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47 Mr. Butler questioned if Mr. Gilday reinforced that erosion control was necessary and
48 needed to be maintained and kept in place. Mr. Gilday noted the site has to be stabilized
49 and the silt fences need to be maintained. Mr. Gilday noted they should inspect the site at
50 another time in the future to ensure erosion controls are maintained.

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52 Mr. Gilday noted in terms of manure, they have specific criteria that they have to meet
53 for best management practices with the state. Rockingham County offers services to have
54 someone come out and assess the situation to make sure they are meeting BMPs. He
55 reminded Ms. Dixon their storage area was supposed to be 50' from wetlands. She was
56 unsure if it met that criteria. He indicated that Patchwood Farms needed to meet erosion
57 control measures for manure and ensure the wattles are in place to stop any runoff of
58 manure into wetlands. These wattles need to be maintained around the animal pens to
59 prevent runoff until they can be cleaned.

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61 Mr. Gilday noted she was receptive to the information but he would recommend they still
62 check in on a regular basis to make sure erosion controls are being managed.

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64 Ms. Winmill noted that UNH has people that can come out and help with the site.

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66 Mr. Butler questioned if they would be seeding the property. Mr. Gilday noted they
67 would be resuming work soon. Come September they should seed the property. He would
68 like to do a follow-up visit at the end of August and they should follow up with them
69 yearly.

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71 Ms. Gaudreau indicated they are planning to expand their horse rescue business as well
72 as build an indoor arena.

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74 Mr. Butler recommended Mr. Gilday go back to inspect on a schedule that he believes is
75 fair. The board agreed. Mr. Gilday believes Mr. Bogosh should set it up since he has the
76 contact with the property owner.

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78 Ms. Winmill questioned if there was someone dumping manure into a wetland (in
79 reference to a different property), is there a process to go about getting it corrected? Mr.
80 Gilday noted there is a specific process for filing a complaint with the wetland bureau.

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82 Mr. Traeger suggested they contact the *Tri Town Times* about doing an article on best
83 management practices for manure management. Ms. Winmill could also post something
84 in the Facebook page to help make people aware.

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86 **Raptor Show Recap**

87 Ms. Winmill noted there were 87 people in attendance. It was a very successful event and
88 Ms. Kelly would love to do it again. She brought six birds with her. It was taped and will
89 air on Channel 17.

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91 **August Scavenger Hunt**

92 Ms. Winmill noted it will be on August 26th at 9 a.m. and will be Sasquach themed.
93 People will have to go further and visit all the trails. She is going to set up educational
94 stations. She will do environmental riddles and you have to solve the riddles. She will do
95 trophies again.

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97 **Endangered animals kids workshop at the library**

98 Ms. Winmill will host it on August 16th at 10 a.m. at the Library.

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100 They will talk about endangered species, do a craft and read a story. The library is
101 providing juice and cookies.

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103 **Other Business**

104 Ms. Palladino will organize the Walktober event again. She suggested four potential
105 topics: historical, wetlands, endangered in NH, and mobile mapping.

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107 Mr. Traeger suggested they do mill sites on the Exeter river. Ms. Gaudreau also
108 suggested a mushroom/fungi walk.

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110 Ms. Palladino will coordinate with Mr. Traeger and Mr. Gilday on scheduling.

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112 Mr. Traeger noted the Wells Village Road trails are almost done.

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114 Mr. Gilday discussed poison ivy and brought samples of the leaves.

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116 Mr. Traeger discussed an issue with dam management in Brentwood and Fremont.

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118 **Non-Public Meeting**

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

121 The motion passed.

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123 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Pam Gaudreau, Jill Winmill, Mark Traeger, Katie
124 Palladino, Terry Knuuttenen

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126 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the
127 motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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129 **MOTION:** Ms. Palladino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Knuuttenen seconded the
130 motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING
131 ADJOURNED at approximately 8:35 p.m.

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133 Respectfully Submitted,



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Andrea Cairns