

Sandown Conservation Commission
Minutes
August 10, 2017

Date: August 10, 2017

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Paul Carey – *Chair*, Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Jill Winmill,
Mark Traeger, Katie Palladino, Terry Knuuttenen, Tom Sands

Members Absent: Pam Gaudreau, Kevin Major

Selectmen’s Liaison: Mr. Jon Goldman: Absent

Environmental Consultant: Bruce Gilday: Present

Mr. Traeger was seated for Ms. Gaudreau.

Review of 7/27/17 Minutes

Change “waddles” to “wattles” throughout

L49 change to “inspect the site at...”

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 7/27/17 minutes as amended. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Sands abstained. The motion carried.

Review of 7/27/17 Non-Public Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 7/27/17 non-public minutes as written. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Sands abstained. The motion carried.

Correspondence

- The Board reviewed the most current budget figures

Old Home Days

The Board discussed reprinting magnets of the conservation properties. They reviewed the costs from the last time they were printed.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to print magnets of the conservation properties not to exceed \$150. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

The Board discussed printing t-shirts and reviewed the costs from last year. The board agreed to print 50 t-shirts again with a mix of M, L and XL adult, but no children’s sizes this year. The color should be a heathery olive or another earth tone.

The Board discussed what should go on the shirts and agreed on “I believe in forest therapy. Sandown Town Forests.”

45 The Board will also have pictures of past events at the booth, a flyer with what they've
46 been up to and other free materials.

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48 **Scavenger Hunt**

49 Ms. Winmill noted they have 11 teams (65 people) signed up so far. Some details for the
50 event include:

- 51 • Abandoned campsite
- 52 • Bigfoot cutout to take pictures with
- 53 • Checkpoints to solve puzzles
- 54 • Visit from an "expert"
- 55 • Various prizes for 1st place, most creative photo, etc.
- 56 • Many raffle prizes from Walmart, Leave No Trace, Rockingham Teamwear,
57 Bre's Ice Cream
- 58 • They will do raffle tickets for prizes
- 59 • Coffee/snacks

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61 Set up will be at 6 a.m. on August 26th.

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63 The field will need to be cut, which Mr. Butler will take care of.

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65 **Library Program**

66 Ms. Winmill is doing a program at the Library about endangered animals. She has a book
67 to read and a craft to do. It will be Wednesday, August 16th at 10am.

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69 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to reimburse Ms. Winmill \$62.10 for the
70 materials for the endangered animal event at the Library. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.
71 Members voted in favor. Ms. Winmill abstained. The motion carried.

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73 **Kindness Rocks**

74 Ms. Winmill noted they will be placed at the main kiosk at the Fremont Road Town
75 Forest. She did a poster with the details for the project that will be hung up at the kiosk.

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77 **Fixing Kiosk**

78 Ms. Winmill noted the Fremont Town Forest kiosk is in need of serious repair. The glass
79 is broken, it needs to be sanded and re-stained and she would like to add a corkboard. She
80 also thought they could plant bulbs for native plants around it. Mr. Butler suggested she
81 contact the state nursery for those.

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83 Mr. Traeger suggested once the trail map is redrawn, they print up smaller versions to
84 post around the properties (Fremont and Wells Village), which would eliminate the need
85 to print up small paper maps.

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87 **Milfoil in the Exeter River**

88 Several members of the Board went to the Selectmen's meeting to discuss the milfoil
89 issue. Mr. Traeger noted he gave them some suggestions on who to contact for help. He
90 was told by a member of the Phillips Pond Association that milfoil is starting to spread

91 down the Exeter River and into Lily Pond. Mr. Traeger spoke with Theresa Walker from
92 the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) on how to handle the issue. She
93 suggested they send samples to the State and she will contact NHDES. Mr. Traeger also
94 noted that residents around the ponds need to be educated about the use of fertilizers.
95 They add phosphorus and nitrogen into the water which just encourages the growth.
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97 Ms. Winmill offered to do a workshop for invasive species and how they affect the
98 residents and the pond. The general public may not have a lot of access to the pond, but it
99 is an important natural resource that is worth investing in. She could have an expert come
100 to one of their association meetings.
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102 Mr. Carey noted the Board can support them, but they need to make the case, do a study
103 and maintain the pond.
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105 Mr. Butler added that they've asked residents of the pond to join various committees so
106 they have representation.
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108 Mr. Carey suggested someone from the pond association should join ERLAC.
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110 **Other Business**

111 Mr. Traeger noted he walked the Wells Village Road trails with the intern from Trail
112 Finder. The GPS data he sent was incorrect and needed to be corrected.
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114 **Non-Public Meeting**

115 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to
116 RSA: 91: A: 3 II (d). Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The
117 motion passed.
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119 *Roll Call:* Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Jill Winmill, Mark Traeger, Katie Palladino, Terry
120 Knuuttenen, Tom Sands
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122 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Winmill seconded the
123 motion. Members voted in favor. The motion passed.
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125 **MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion.
126 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
127 at approximately 9:05 p.m.
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129 Respectfully Submitted,



130 Andrea Cairns
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