

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
2 **Minutes**
3 **August 24, 2017**

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5 **Date:** August 24, 2017

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

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

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

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

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13 **Review of 8/8/17 Minutes**

14 L55 change “pace” to “place”

15 L85 change “small” to “paper”

16 **MOTION:** Mr. Sands made a motion to approve the 8/8/17 minutes as amended. Ms.
17 Palladino seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau abstained. The
18 motion carried.

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20 **Review of 8/8/17 Non-Public Minutes**

21 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 8/8/17 non-public minutes as
22 written. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Gaudreau
23 abstained. The motion carried.

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25 **Correspondence**

- 26 • Letter from the Northern Lights District Boy Scouts from Plaistow requesting to
27 use the Fremont Road Town Forest for a Camporee on October 21-22, 2017. They
28 would camp overnight in the field. They would supply port-o-potties and get a fire
29 permit. There would be about 100 scouts.

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31 Mr. Butler noted that is generally Spooky Walk weekend and Ms. Palladino added
32 they also have Walktober events happening and wasn’t sure what their schedule
33 would be for that weekend. The Board had no issues with the event unless it
34 conflicted with the Spooky Walk.

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36 • Letter from the NH Sustainable Forest Initiative regarding a workshop
37 • Updated bank statements

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39 **Old Home Days**

40 The Board reviewed the t-shirt designs and chose a direction.

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42 **MOTION:** Ms. Winmill made a motion to appropriate \$410 out of the education and
43 awareness budget line item for the Old Home Day t-shirts. Ms. Palladino seconded the
44 motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

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46 Ms. Winmill is going to have the bigfoot cutout at the booth as well as the fishing game
47 so she increased the booth size to a 10x20.

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49 Mr. Carey, Ms. Winmill and Ms. Gaudreau will bring tables. Ms. Winmill will bring an
50 easy-up and will make another survey.

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52 The Board discussed options for having photos or a video there, but decided against it
53 due to logistics.

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55 **Scavenger Hunt**

56 Ms. Winmill reviewed the various stations that would be there. There were 134
57 participants signed up for the event. She contacted some of the “Friends of Conservation”
58 volunteers and was able to get two additional people to help out.

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60 The Board discussed the logistics of what they would need to bring and who would be
61 on-hand to help set up and work the event.

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63 **Library Program Recap**

64 Ms. Winmill said it was a great event. There were eight children who attended. They
65 made a keychain, read a book and talked about endangered species in NH and around the
66 world.

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68 **Other Business**

69 Mr. Butler noted he cut the Fremont Road Town Forest field.

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71 **MOTION:** Ms. Winmill made a motion to approve \$150 for cutting the field out of the
72 Forestry Management Fund. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion. Mr. Butler abstained.
73 The motion carried.

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75 *Walktober*

76 Ms. Palladino noted that they have a few dates scheduled:

77 October 14 – Mark Traeger will do a walk on abandoned mill sites on the Exeter River

78 October 15 – Ross Huntington will do a mushroom and fungi walk at 9am. She will walk
79 properties with him ahead of time to determine which will be the best location.

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81 Emma Tutein will do a mobile mapping walk with a TBD date.

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83 Bruce Gilday will do a wildlife habitat and endangered species walk with a TBD date.

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85 Ms. Gaudreau noted they need to do some trail maintenance on Morrison Lane if any of
86 the walks are going to be there.

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89 *Trailfinder*

90 Ms. Winmill noted that the information is ready to go up on Trailfinder.com for the trails
91 in the Fremont Road Town Forest and Morrison Lane. Wells Village is not ready yet. The
92 Board reviewed the options for what information they could put on the site.

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94 The Board discussed areas for potential trail maintenance

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96 Mr. Butler noted he would like to put a rope across the entrance to the field to stop people
97 from driving in until they can find a long term solution. He would also like to repair the
98 ruts that were created.

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100 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion.
101 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
102 at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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104 Respectfully Submitted,



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106 Andrea Cairns