| 1        | Sandown Conservation Commission                                                                      |
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| 2        | Minutes                                                                                              |
| 3        | September 28, 2017                                                                                   |
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| 5        | Date: September 28, 2017                                                                             |
| 6        | Place: Sandown Town Hall                                                                             |
| 7        | <b>Members Present:</b> Paul Carey – <i>Chair</i> , Brian Butler – <i>Vice Chair</i> , Jill Winmill, |
| 8        | Tom Sands                                                                                            |
| 9        | Members Absent: Terry Knuuttenen, Pam Gaudreau, Katie Palladino, Mark Traeger,                       |
| 10       | Kevin Major                                                                                          |
| 11       | Selectmen's Liaison: Mr. Jon Goldman: Absent                                                         |
| 12       | Environmental Consultant: Bruce Gilday: Present                                                      |
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| 14       | Boy Scouts of Troop 268 Regarding Spooky Walk                                                        |
| 15       | Gabriel Gerhard and Justin Silva were present. They were asking for permission to use                |
| 16       | the Fremont Road Town Forest on October 21, 2017 with a rain date of October 28,                     |
| 17       | 2017. They would also like to use the large sign and permission to use the Sasquatch.                |
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| 19       | Ms. Winmill was happy to allow them to use the Sasquatch.                                            |
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| 21       | Mr. Gerhardt also requested the field be mowed prior to the event. Mr. Butler would take             |
| 22       | care of that.                                                                                        |
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| 24       | They also requested no hunting signs be posted. Mr. Butler has them and will provide                 |
| 25       | them. Ms. Winmill will post on Facebook.                                                             |
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| 27       | Mr. Gerhardt noted they will not be having a fire and they will touch base with the Police           |
| 28       | Department about having the Explorers help with parking.                                             |
| 29<br>30 | Ms. Winmill will drop off the Sasquatch Saturday morning around 9:00 a.m.                            |
| 31       | wis. William will drop off the Sasquaten Saturday morning around 9.00 a.m.                           |
| 32       | Mr. Butler made them aware of the ruts that were created noting they will need to be sure            |
| 33       | walking is safe. Make sure they follow specific paths and drive only where it is solid.              |
| 34       | Everything to the right is difficult for parking and driving on because it is generally wet.         |
| 35       | Keep an eye on where the cars are going.                                                             |
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| 37       | MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to allow the Boy Scout Troop 268 to use the                         |
| 38       | Fremont Road Town Forest for the Spooky Walk. Ms. Winmill seconded the motion. All                   |
| 39       | members voted in favor. The motion carried.                                                          |
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| 41       | Review of 9/14/17 Minutes                                                                            |
| 42       | <b>MOTION:</b> Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 9/14/17 minutes as written. Mr.               |
| 43       | Sands seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion carried.                               |
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## 46 Review of 9/14/17 Minutes

**MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 9/14/17 non-public minutes as written. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. The motion carried.

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## Correspondence

- 51 • Letter from the Boy Scout troop from the Northern Lights District questioning 52 which type of fire pit the Board would prefer. The Commission preferred they do 53 a leave no trace fire pit—dig into the ground and cover it back up when the fire is 54 complete.
  - Notification for road improvement work from Keach Nordstrom
  - Forestry Management plans for the Wells Village Road and Odell Road properties
  - Town & City Magazine

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## Walktober

Ms. Winmill did a practice walk with Claire Hendrickson regarding the wildlife habitat walk.

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- 63 Ross Huntington would like to do the mushroom walk in the Fremont Road Town Forest. 64
  - They will do a pre-walk to make sure it is the right location.

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- 66 Bruce Gilday confirmed he would prefer to do a walk on the Wells Village Town Forest.
- Ms. Winmill will post information on Facebook. 68

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## **Other Business**

- 71 Mr. Carey had a receipt for the breakfast items purchased for the scavenger for a total of 72 \$70.88.
- 73 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to reimburse Mr. Carey \$70.88 for items 74 purchased for the scavenger hunt out of the education and awareness line item. Ms.
  - Winmill seconded the motion. 3-0-1. Mr. Carey abstained.

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Mr. Butler reviewed the forestry management plans. He noted they were funded by NRCS. The Odell Road plan states the town is the owner, but the entire parcel is not owned by the town. Some of the recommendations are made for the property owned by the Drowne's property.

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Mr. Moreno recommended cleaning up some of the old home sites on the Wells Village Town Forest. He expressed turning it into a glades area, opening up the area.

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Mr. Moreno suggests cleaning up some of the invasive species. He suggested getting grants to clean up the invasive species. He recommended having someone come and spray for the Buckthorn He wanted to open up the area around the Chestnut trees. He also suggested a cut in the Wells Village Road Town Forest.

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> 90 Mr. Moreno will come to the next meeting to review the plans.

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92 The Board discussed doing a potential cut and what the process is. Wells Village has a lot 93 of high quality pine. 94 95 Mr. Sands, Ms. Winmill and a Planning Board member attended the free site plan 96 seminar in Kingston. It was very informative. 97 98 The Board discussed the procedure for looking at plans and a history of projects they've 99 been involved with. 100 101 Ms. Winmill cut up four downed trees and took down a large tree that was hanging across 102 the trail. The entire trail is passable now. 103 104 Mr. Gilday noted the wetland notification the Board received was for Depot Road. He 105 flagged the wetlands. 106 107 **MOTION:** Ms. Winmill made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All 108 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at 109 approximately 7:57 p.m. 110 111 Respectfully Submitted, 112 113 Andrea Cairns