

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **November 16, 2017**

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5 **Date:** November 16, 2017

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

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

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

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

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

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13 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

14 **Review of the 11/02/17 Minutes**

15 **MOTION:** Ms. Winmill made a motion to accept the 11/02/17 minutes as written. Mr. Butler
16 seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Ms. Palladino abstained. The motion passed.

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18 **Correspondence**

19 There was no correspondence due to a problem with the mailbox key.

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21 **Admin Secretary Search and Temporary Task Management**

22 Melyssa Tapley, joined the meeting. Ms. Tapley has submitted her resume for the open
23 Administrative Secretary position and has met with Planning already. The Conservation
24 Commission did not have the opportunity to review her resume prior to the meeting due to the
25 mailbox key malfunction. Ms. Tapley expressed her interest in the position and her willingness to
26 work between all 3 boards – Planning, Zoning, and the Conservation Commission. Mr. Carey
27 briefly explained the job description and permitting processes that the position may require her to
28 learn. Ms. Tapley had no problems with the job description or learning the required processes.

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30 The commission thanked Ms. Tapley for her time.

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32 **Scout Relations**

33 Christof Gerhard, assistant Scout Master of boy scout troop 268 joined the meeting and expressed
34 his interest in keeping informed on the Conservation Commission’s activities. Mr. Gerhard also
35 expressed interest in having the scouts join us for a meeting.

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37 The Commission made note of the great job that the scouts did with Spooky Walk.

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39 **Red Barn History/ Repair**

40 Mr. Carey moved onto the issue of barn repair via the boy scout topic. Mr. Butler made mention
41 that he would like to get all of the different groups who utilize the barn together to clean up and
42 organize their designated storage areas.

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44 Mr. Butler also mentioned that the fence near the red barn was overgrown and in disrepair and
45 was wondering if that would be a good boy/eagle scout project to raise the money and have that
46 repaired. Ms. Winmill noted that there is also some Oriental Bittersweet, and invasive species, on
47 the fence and that the area would benefit from its removal as well.

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49 Mr. Gerhard said he would consider the possibility of scout involvement.

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51 **Odell Road Invasive Species**

52 Mr. Sands mentioned that we have many invasive species in the Odell road area. Mr. Carey
53 mentioned that the recent forestry report gave a detailed list of what invasive plants had taken
54 root in that area and wondered if it would be good for the scouts to learn about invasive species.
55 Mr. Gerhard agreed that it would be beneficial.

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57 **Fremont Road Town Forest Trailhead**

58 Ms. Winmill mentioned that the Kiosk at the Fremont Road Town Forest was in disrepair and that
59 the Commission had previously had the idea of having the boy scouts help with the repairs. Mr.
60 Gerhard agreed that it was a good community service project for the boy scouts. Ms. Winmill
61 noted that the commission would pay for any costs incurred and agreed to send Mr. Gerhard a list
62 of necessary repairs.

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64 The Commission thanked Mr. Gerhard for his time and added him to the Friends of Conservation
65 Email List.

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67 **Turkey Craft**

68 Ms. Winmill mentioned that herself and Ms. Palladino had spent time pre-cutting the turkey craft
69 parts for the children. The turkey craft will be held at the Town Hall on Sunday, November 19th,
70 at 1:30 pm and is open to children ages 3 and older. Ms. Winmill asked if anyone on the
71 Commission would be available to join her for the craft. Several members said that they would
72 look into it.

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74 Ms. Winmill showed off some of the items that she will have at the turkey craft, including some
75 real turkey feathers, a real tail fan, a replica skull, and a replica turkey egg. The craft will be
76 preceded by a turkey show-and-tell.

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78 **Other Business**

79 Mr. Sands brought up the fact that himself, Ms. Palladino, and Ms. Winmill attended the New
80 Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission's annual conference on November 4th in
81 Pembroke, NH. He noted that they took several different classes during the day and gained quite a
82 bit of new knowledge.

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84 Some of the classes that were taken included: Getting Grants, DES Wetlands Protection, Wildlife
85 Corridors, Trail Maintenance, Fundamentals of a Conservation Commission, and Natural
86 Resource Inventories and Community Engagement.

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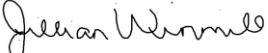
88 Mr. Sands, Ms. Palladino, and Ms. Winmill all said that they enjoyed the conference and would
89 be interested in attending again next year.

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91 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion. All
92 members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at
93 approximately 7:54 p.m.

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95 Respectfully Submitted,

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97 Jillian Winmill