

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **October 25, 2018**

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6 **Date:** October 25, 2018

7 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

8 **Members Present:** Paul Carey- Chair, Brian Butler- Vice Chair, Jillian
9 Winmill, Mark Traeger, Tom Sands, Pamela Gaudreau

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11 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Katie Palladino, Melyssa Tapley-
12 Administrative Assistant, Terry Knuuttunen, Bruce Gilday- Environmental
13 Consultant

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15 **Selectmen’s Liaison:** Mr. Darren Hudgins: Present

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17 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
18 Mr. Carey appoints Mr. Traeger in place for Mr. Knuuttunen

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20 **Review of 9/25/2018 Minutes**

21 **Motion**

22 Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 9/25/2018 minutes as written. Ms.
23 Winmill second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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25 **Correspondence**

- 26 • **Letter from NHACC about their workshop coming up on**
27 **November 3rd.**

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29 **Lynne Blaisdell, Discussion regarding the sale of Town Owned Property**

30 Lynne Blaisdell present. Ms. Blaisdell came before the Commission to go
31 over the sale of Town Owned Property. The voters back in March of 2015
32 granted the Selectman authority to sell town owned properties under the
33 provisions of RSA 41:14-a. One of the provisions is for both the Planning
34 board and the Conservation Commission to review and make a
35 recommendation on the sale. The property is 10 and 12 Birch Drive,
36 Sandown Tax Map/ Lot NOS. 28-057&28-058. Ms. Blaisdell has already
37 gone before the Planning Board to get their recommendations. One of the
38 recommendations the Planning Board had for the property was to merge the
39 two together. The Board of Selectman could do the lot merger or have the
40 future owner merge them. The Board of Selectman have decided to merge
41 the two lots together before the final sale of the properties.

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43 Motion

44 Mr. Butler made a motion that the Conservation Commission has no
45 objections with the sale of 10 and 12 Birch Drive two town owned
46 properties. Ms. Winmill second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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48 Daisey Scouts Event at the Wells Village Trails on 11/28/18

49 Ms. Gaudreau is speaking on the behalf of Ann Lombard Leader of Daisey
50 Scout Troop 58214. Ms. Lombard has been looking for places to take her
51 troop to and explore and learn new things. Ms. Lombard reached out to Ms.
52 Gaudreau to get permission from the Conservation Commission to place
53 labels around some of the trees on the Wells Village Trail to teach the
54 children what kind of trees they are looking at any other information on the
55 trees Ms. Lombard will remove the labels. The Commission does not have a
56 problem with Ms. Lombard labeling the trees.

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58 Walktober update

59 The Mushroom Walk on October 7th with Ross Huntington went well. The
60 group that participated in the walk learned about different mushrooms and
61 what ones are edible and poisonous. On October 13th was the Champion
62 Trees of New Hampshire hike with Bruce Gilday. That Walktober event was
63 awesome even though the hike got rained out but they were still able to meet
64 downstairs of the Town Hall and learn more about the Champion trees of
65 New Hampshire. On October 21st was the Historical Walk with Arlene
66 Bassett. There where about 10 or so people in attendance. They started out
67 with a tour of the Old Meeting House lead by Arlene Bassett and then
68 walked through the trails that come out by the Train Depot where they heard
69 from Anthony LaConte about the Train Depot and the history there. The
70 Walktober event scheduled for October 27th, Wells Village Trail Planning
71 with Mark Traeger was cancelled due to the rain and will be rescheduled
72 some time in November. Mr. Knuuttunen mentioned that he would like to do
73 a Sight and Sounds of the Forest at Night Hike.

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75 Spooky Walk

76 Mr. Trager was the gate keeper at Spooky Walk and meet over 1,650 people.
77 This year's Spooky Walk was the most attended one. There where about 250
78 more people there this year than last year. The Boy Scouts raised about
79 \$10,457 dollars. Mr. Trager was approached by Mr. Gerhard the leader of
80 Sandown Boy Scout 268 about Eagle Scout Projects and any other projects
81 to help the Conservation Commission and the town.

82 Ms. Winmill brought up that the picnic tables in the Fremont Road Town
83 Forest have been destroyed and need to be replaced. Ms. Winmill asked if
84 the Commission was fine with her removing the broken tables as she is
85 concerned for safety.

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87 **Budget Review**

88 There was some confusion regarding the payroll line of the budget. That had
89 gotten all straighten out and the budget is ready to go before the Board of
90 Selectman and the Budget Committee.

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92 **Old Business**

93 **Natural Resource Inventory**

94 Nothing new to discuss.

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96 Mr. Butler mentioned that he brought up at the last meeting about having
97 survey work done on the Ross Property. Mr. Butler is starting the work that
98 needs to be done to get the Ross Property surveyed. Mr. Butler drew up the
99 RFP Proposal to be sent in.

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101 **Motion**

102 Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to send in the RFP Proposal as written. Mr.
103 Trager seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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105 **New Business**

106 **Sandown Dog Park**

107 Chris Longchamps- 3 Hunt Pond Road came before the Commission.
108 The intent of the Sandown Dog Park is to utilize 2 acres from town owned
109 Reed Road Parcel for a non-profit dog park. The mission of the Sandown
110 Dog Park is to establish an enclosed, safe and secure, off leash park where
111 people and their well-behaved dogs can play, exercise and socialize without
112 endangering themselves, other people, pets, property, wildlife or the
113 environment. Friends of the Sandown Dog Park have been meeting for the
114 last year to develop an implementation plan and to start a non-profit
115 organization. The effort introduced a Warrant Article on the March 13, 2018
116 ballot. The article asked if the town was interested in using town land, for
117 creating a dog park in Sandown. The voters said yes. After looking at several
118 candidates, the committee agreed that the Reed Road Parcel would be a great
119 match. The parcel has frontage on Reed Road and borders Isaac Foss Road
120 in Chester, also Reed and Elizabeth Roads in Sandown. The approximately
121 8.5-acre lot is level and wooded. The proposed two-acre fenced in area, for
122 the dogs to run off leash, this would ideally be in the center of the lot. The

123 dog park would only utilize about 25% of the lot, leaving plenty of green
124 space and potential for other uses, such as trails. Mr. Traeger mentioned that
125 he would like to see a spot for disable people, moms walking with a stroller.
126 There are not very many trails in town that wheelchairs and stroller can use
127 easily.

128 Mr. Traeger mentioned the property boards Chester and the Committee
129 should talk to the Town. Peter Koester- 16 Phillipswoods Road came
130 forward to talk to the Commission. Mr. Loester mentioned that he has been
131 talking to one of the members of the Chester Fire Department that the people
132 of Chester would love to have a spot for them to bring their dogs too.

133 Mr. Traeger mentioned the next step for the Committee would be coming up
134 with the money for the project. Mr. Traeger mentioned that there are grants
135 the Committee can investigate.

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137 **Motion**

138 Mr. Traeger made a motion that the Sandown Conservation Commission has
139 no issues with the Sandown Dog Park Committee using the property on Tax
140 Map 21, Lot 83, Reed Road to build a dog park. Mr. Butler second the
141 motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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143 **2019 Outreach Programs**

144 Ms. Winmill brought this up after reviewing the budget. She would like to
145 start doing more outreach programs to help bring in more revenue and to
146 reach more people.

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148 **Motion**

149 Mr. Gaudreau made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91I-A:3 II
150 (A) Employee matters. Mr. Butler second the motion. All in favor. The
151 motion passed.

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153 **Adjournment**

154 Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler second the motion. All in
155 favor. The motion passed. Meeting ADJOURNED at 9:24 p.m.

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157 Respectfully Submitted

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159 Melyssa Tapley