

**Sandown Conservation Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 22, 2018**

**Date:** March 22, 2018

**Place:** Sandown Town Hall

**Members Present:** Brian Butler – *Vice Chair*, Jillian Winmill, Mark Traeger, Tom Sands, Pamela Gaudreau. Bruce Gilday- Environmental Consultant

**Members Absent:** Paul Carey- Chair, Kevin Major, Terry Knuuttenen,

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

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

**Review of the 2/22/2018 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 2/22/2018 minutes as amended. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion passed.

**Review of the 2/22/2018 Non-Public Minutes**

**Motion:** Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to accept the non-public minutes of 2/22/2018 as amended. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

- **Saving Special Places April 7<sup>th</sup> is the date for the workshop.**
- **Letter from Southeast Land Trust. SELT staff is gearing up to begin the annual monitoring of our conservation easements. The SELT will monitor the Town Forest Conservation easement land by conducting a site visit.**
- **Letter from The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Wetlands Permit Application for Wells Village Road, Tax Map 9, Lot 14.**

**Wetlands Permit Application for Vantage Point Subdivision, Tax Map 9, Lot 14**

The Commission reviewed the Wetlands Permit Application for Vantage Point Subdivision located on Wells Village Road identified as Tax Map 9, Lot 14. The permit is to fill in 4,975 ft. of wetland for a proposed roadway to access a 14-lot residential subdivision. This was the best alternative way to get to the property. The Commission reviews the Wetland Permits DES approves the permits.

42 **Community Garden**

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44 Sandown Community Garden will be opened on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Blank  
45 applications and the garden map and rules are up to date and posted on the  
46 Town website. It is Twenty dollars per plot to help maintain the garden. The  
47 Community Garden is an Organic Garden no pesticides!

48 Mr. True has stepped down as Chair of the Community Garden. The  
49 Community Garden is looking for a new Chair person. Mr. Butler would like  
50 Ms. Winmill to integrate the Community Garden Facebook page with the  
51 SCC Facebook page.

52 Mr. Butler mentioned that Mr. Carey made mention about getting a  
53 weed guard for the whole garden.

54 **The Community Garden is looking for a new Chair Person.**

55 The responsibilities of the Chair Person are to know the rules of the  
56 garden, send information out to all the gardeners, approach any rule breakers  
57 before SCC needs to talk to them. Coordinate any contests, or if anything  
58 like the pump needs to be fixed.

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60 **Invasive Species Workshop**

61 Will be held Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandown  
62 Recreation Building. Ethan Blair a Forester from UNH CE from  
63 Hillsborough is the guest speaker. The SCC is responsible for the  
64 refreshments. The Invasive Species Workshop will be covering invasive  
65 plants that are not native to New Hampshire, what to look for and how to  
66 manage them.

67 Ms. Winmill, Mr. Traeger, Mr. Hudgins, Mr. Sands, Ms. Gaudreau, and Mr.  
68 Butler all plan on attending.

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70 **Motion:**

71 Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate no more than Fifty dollars  
72 for refreshment for the Invasive Species Workshop at the Recreation  
73 Building. Ms. Gaudreau second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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75 **Old Business: Fishing Derby**

76 Ms. Brianna Butler came before the Commission to discuss the  
77 Fishing Derby. Ms. Butler has been the Chair person of the Fishing Derby  
78 for the last 6 years. The Fishing Derby has been going on for about 19 years  
79 now.

80 The ages for the Fishing Derby is for 2- 15-year old's. It will be held  
81 on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Sal Genuardo is all set to host the Fishing Derby again this  
82 year.

83 Ms. Butler has sent out letters for donations to several different  
84 vendors. Pete Septic will be donating Porta-Potty again this year. Ms. Butler  
85 has been in contact with TD Bank about donating shirts again this year. Mr.  
86 Butler made mention that the SCC should start looking into a new big sign.  
87 Possibly get other groups in town involved in the purchase of a new sign.

88 Ms. Butler has requested help with getting the sign up and help with  
89 setting up the tents and tables the night before the Derby. Ms. Butler will  
90 need to go before the BOS to get approval to host the Fishing Derby. Ms.  
91 Butler asked Ms. Tapley to get in contact with Police Chief Gordan about  
92 having a police detail during the event.

93 One rule of the event is any other species of fish that may be caught other  
94 than the trout in the pond need to be released.

95 **Motion:**

96 Mr. Traeger made a motion to appropriate no more than seven  
97 hundred dollars for fish from the out-reach line item. Ms. Winmill second  
98 the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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100 **Earth Day Events**

101 Geocaching Event will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Trash in Trash out Event  
102 and to do a Town Wide Cleanup that day.

103 Mr. Sands made mention that we need to inform the transfer station  
104 about the Earth Day Events. We have people from all over come and help  
105 cleanup and they have gotten turned away at the transfer station. Mr. Butler  
106 made mention that we have Mr. Hudgins our selectman liaison talks to Artie  
107 Genualdo about the event and that we will have people from different areas  
108 come to the dump.

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110 **Maple Syrup Event**

111 The Maple Syrup Event was cancelled due to not enough parking  
112 from the snow storm. Ms. Winmill and a few others did go over and she  
113 mentioned that it was a good day and they learned a lot about the process of  
114 making Maple Syrup.

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117 **DES Wetland Revisions**

118 Mr. Gilday the SCC Environmental Consultant handed out some draft  
119 rules from DES. The rules have not been updated in over 20 years.

120 DES is looking for ways to speed up the Wetland Approval  
121 Applications instead of having the developers wait months to get approval.  
122 Developers should have a preapplication meeting with DES to review the

123 plans. This will give the developers feedback of what they need to fix and  
124 update before they submitted their application to speed up the approval.

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126 **New Business**

127 Ms. Gaudreau mentioned that the Heritage Commission passed during  
128 the Town Elections. Ms. Gaudreau requested permission to have some one  
129 come in and do a LYDAR of the Town Forest. Mr. Traeger made mention  
130 that if Ms. Gaudreau contacts the Rockingham Planning Commission they  
131 have LYDAR Maps the Town Forest.

132 Ms. Gaudreau also mention that people on the Sandown Community  
133 Facebook page have noticed arsenic in their water. Ms. Winmill made  
134 mention about water testing kits. Ms. Winmill thought that the town offered  
135 free water testing kits once a year.

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137 **Motion**

138 Ms. Winmill made a motion to go into Non-Public Discussion under  
139 RSA 91-A:3 II (D) property. Mr. Sands second the motion. All in favor. The  
140 motion passed.

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142 *Roll Call: Brian Butler, Mark Traeger, Tom Sands, Jillian Winmill, Pamela*  
143 *Gaudreau, Darren Hudgins, Melyssa Tapley*

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145 **Motion:** Mr. Traeger made motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Winmill  
146 seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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148 **Motion:** Mr. Traeger made motion to come out of non-public. Ms. Gaudreau  
149 seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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151 **Motion:** Ms. Winmill made motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the  
152 motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

153 Meeting ADJOURNED at 9:21 PM

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155 Respectfully Submitted,

*Melyssa Tapley*

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