

Sandown Conservation Commission

Minutes

April 12, 2018

Date: April 12, 2018

Place: Sandown Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Kevin Major, Terry Knuuttenen, Jillian Winmill, Katie Palladino

Selectmen’s Liaison: Mr. Darren Hudgins: Present

Opening: Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Review of the 3/22/2018 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 3/22/2018 minutes as written. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All in Favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed

Review of the 3/22/2018 Non-Public Minutes

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

Correspondence:

- **Leave No Trace Letter. Requesting a donation to become a Community Partner through their organization.**
- **Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire Magazine. They are offering a Vernal Pool Ecology Walk on May 5th from 9am-noon at the Zanard Forest, Nottingham. Mr. Sands will be attending.**

Public Hearing:

Mr. Butler made a motion to go to Public Hearing Pursuant to RSA 36-A:5 II, Regarding acquisition of a property. Identified as Tax Map 13, Lot 21. Ms. Gaudreau seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Traeger- The purchase of 76.6 acres of open- space abuts the Wells Village Town Forest. The purchase is from Ms. Judith Ross. Ms. Ross has agreed to sell the SCC the 76.6 acres of land for \$90,720.00. There is 5 acres of land that the SCC is still interested in and the SCC will be working with

42 Ms. Ross to clear the lot and straighten out the land dispute. Both Mr. Butler
43 and Mr. Gilday have walked and inspected the property. From Mr. Butler
44 and Mr. Gilday's walk and inspection they have found a nice wetland area for
45 turtle breeding. Mr. Butler also made mention that there is a fair amount of
46 upland that was probably logged 20 years ago, and the vegetation is growing
47 back nicely. Mr. Gilday mentioned that the property is clean a few shot gun
48 shells here and there but not much trash.

49 The purchase of this property will bring the Wells Village Town Forest
50 from 116 acres to 192 acres of conservation land. The closing on the
51 property is scheduled for Monday April 30th at 4p.m.

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53 When a developer develops property anywhere in New Hampshire and
54 reduce their acreage to less than 10 acres they must pay a fair market value
55 which is called Land Use Change Tax. That money can go to General Fund or
56 the Conservation Fund for the purchase of conservation land.

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58 With the purchase of the 76.6 acres of land brings the percentage of
59 conservation land in town to over 6 percent. The SCC is working towards
60 getting 10 percent of the Town as conservation land.

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62 **Motion:**

63 Ms. Gaudreau made a motion to come out of Public Hearing under RSA 36-
64 A:5 II. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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66 **Community Garden**

67 The Community Garden is still looking for a Chairperson. The job of a Chair
68 person is to recruit gardeners, make sure they follow the rules, collect
69 money, check water supplies, and come up with any new things they think
70 will be fun and promote the garden and SCC.

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72 Mr. Carey is still looking into the cost of a weed guard for the garden. The
73 Community Garden is an organic garden. Mr. Scott Bassett will be tilling the
74 garden again this year. The garden will be open Memorial Day weekend.

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76 **Earth Day CITO Event**

77 Mr. Sands has put us on the GEO Caching website. New Geocaches have
78 been placed along the Eagle Ridge Trail. The event will be on April 21st. Ms.
79 Winmill is helping Mr. Sands with the event and will have a tent set up with
80 information. Mr. Sands asked the Commission if they know of anything that
81 needs attention to let him know and he can map it.

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83 **Old Business**

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85 **Fishing Derby: April 28th**

86 Ms. Butler came before the Commission to give them an update on the
87 Derby. The selectman approved the Fishing Derby. Ms. Butler has received
88 a lot of donations and we have a new sponsor this year the name will be
89 announced at the derby. TD Bank will be providing T-Shirts again this year.
90 The first 80 children will get T-Shirts. Ms. Butler asked for help putting the
91 sign out next week to inform people that the Derby is coming up. The fish
92 supplier is all set and Ms. Butler is waiting to hear back on when they will
93 deliver the fish. Ms. Butler is also waiting to hear back from Pete's Septic
94 about a porto-potty. Ms. Butler made mention that the online forms were
95 helpful with registration last year and she already has four people signed up.
96 The cost is 3 dollars per child.

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98 **Boy Scouts Camp out in the Fremont Town Forest**

99 Mr. Butler made mention that this weekend April 14th to the 15th the
100 Fremont Boy Scouts will be camping in the Fremont Town Forest. Where
101 will be three Boy Scout Troops camping in the Town Forest. Troop 268
102 Sandown Troop is camping out in the Wells Village Road Town Forest this
103 weekend too.

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105 **Saving Special Places Recap**

106 Ms. Gaudreau attended the Saving Special Places Workshop. She mentions
107 that the Keynote speaker this year touch on How to Talk to the Community
108 about Conservation. Ms. Gaudreau made note that the Keynote speaker
109 made mention that only 3 percent of giving goes to Conservation. As a
110 Commission we are to be Ambassadors of Landscapes. We need to work on
111 connecting people to people and people to the land.

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113 **Earth Day at Playmates Learning Center**

114 Ms. Winmill had contacted Sandown North about doing an Earth Day
115 presentation again up there this year. They had not gotten back to her. Ms.
116 Tapley made mention that she could come do one for the kindergarteners
117 and preschoolers at Playmates Learning Center. Ms. Winmill will be going
118 to Playmates on April 18th to do a presentation on recycling and carbon
119 footprint for the children.

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121 **MS4 Permit Report**

122 They would like Conservation and Planning to look over the report and add
123 anything they may have done in 2017 to help with storm water management.

124 Mr. Traeger asked Ms. Tapley to email him the spreadsheet so he can fill in
125 the areas that concern Conservation. The report needs to be in by Thursday
126 April 26th.

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128 **Fencing at the Fremont Town Forest Entrance**

129 Mr. Butler found some chain and posts to make a gate at the Fremont Town
130 Forest Field entrance to prevent people from tearing up the field with their
131 tires. The Commission has been having issues with people driving on the
132 field and leaving ruts.

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134 **Motion:**

135 Mr. Butler made a motion to not spend over 150 dollars on chain and posts
136 for the Fremont Town forest. Mr. Traeger second the motion. All in favor.
137 The motion passed.

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139 **New Business**

140 **Reappointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission**

141 Mr. Butler made a motion to reappoint Mr. Carey to serve as Chair of the
142 Sandown Conservation Commission. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All in
143 favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed. Mr. Sands made a motion to
144 reappoint Mr. Butler as the Vice Chair of the Sandown Conservation
145 Commission. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Butler
146 abstained. The motion passed.

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148 Mr. Carey and Mr. Butler will serve as the Chair and Vice Chair of the
149 Sandown Conservation Commission.

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151 **Adjournment**

152 Mr. Butler made a motion to ADJOUR. Mr. Sands second the motion. All in
153 favor. The motion passed. Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:30 p.m.

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155 Respectfully Submitted,



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157 Melyssa Tapley