

1                                   **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2   **Minutes**

3   **May 10, 2018**

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5   **Date:** May 10, 2018

6   **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7   **Members Present:** Brian Butler- Vice Chair, Tom Sands, Jillian Winmill,  
8   Katie Palladino, Terry Knuuttenen, Bruce Gilday- Environmental  
9   Consultant, Melyssa Tapley- Administrative Assistant

10 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Mark Traeger, Paul Carey- Chair, Pamela  
11 Gaudreau

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

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14 **Opening:** Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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16 **Review of the 4/26/2018 Minutes**

17 **MOTION:** Ms. Palladino made a motion to accept the 4/26/2018 minutes as  
18 amended. Mr. Sands seconded the motion. All in Favor. Mr. Knuuttenen  
19 abstained. The motion passed.

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21 **Correspondence:**

- 22                   • **Monthly Magazine from Great Bay Matters Spring**  
23                   **Summer issue**

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25 **DES Watershed Bureau**

26 Margaret Foss the TMDL Coordinator from the DES Watershed Bureau  
27 came before the Commission to discuss a water quality project she is  
28 conducting on Phillips Pond. TMDL stands for Total Maximum Daily Load,  
29 Ms. Foss described it as a pollution diet for a lake. Ms. Foss’s job is to check  
30 bodies of water with pollution problems, prioritize problem areas. The area  
31 of concern in Phillips Pond is phosphorus. If the phosphorus levels are  
32 controlled that will help control the algae problem. Every two years DES  
33 reports to the EPA of any pollution problems. Ms. Foss will be making a  
34 report of the water quality on Phillips Pond. The final Report goes to the  
35 EPA. Ms. Foss will also come back before the Commission to go over and  
36 answer and questions the public or Commission has about her report. Ms.  
37 Foss also passed around the report she had done for Captains Pond in Salem  
38 as an idea of what the report would look like for Phillips Pond. Ms. Foss  
39 also passed around a Guide to Storm water Management. The guide is a Do-  
40 it-Yourself Storm water Solutions for your home. The guide has ideas for  
41 homeowners on the lake or pond can control storm water runoff. A few ideas

42 Ms. Foss touched on where doing a Rain Garden and to make sure the  
43 fertilizer that homeowners by the pond or lake does not contain any  
44 phosphorus. Ms. Foss as made mention that a Rain Garden down by the  
45 Town Beach would be a good idea. The Town Beach gets closed almost  
46 every year due to algae pollution problems. Ms. Foss is hoping to have the  
47 report done by the end of June. The Phillips Pond Association has been  
48 working closely with Ms. Foss. The Association also does yearly test for  
49 Milfoil on the pond. They do their testing from May to September. The  
50 Association has been doing testing since 2006.

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### 52 **Sandown Girl Scout Brownie troop 10046**

53 Heather Bogdan and Courtney Landry leaders of Troop 10046 came before  
54 the Commission about ideas for the troop to do to help the Community. The  
55 girls in the Brownie troop are First year Brownies and the ages range from  
56 7-8 years old. Ms. Bogdan and Ms. Landry are working with the girls on a  
57 Take Action Project. The Commission gave them some ideas. Adopting a  
58 Trail to take care of and keep it clean, having a plot at the Community  
59 Garden and donate any food they grow to the Sandown Food Pantry, picking  
60 litter up off the Town Beach, and the Fremont Town Forest Bird Houses  
61 need repair.

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### 63 **Eversource, Line Maintenance Project**

64 Kristopher Wilkes, Senior Environmental Scientist for Eversource came  
65 before the Commission to go more in depth of the Line Maintenance Project  
66 Eversource will be doing in Sandown. Mr. Wilkes is also here asking the  
67 Commission if Eversource will need a Conditional Use Permit to cross  
68 wetlands to get to the lines they are repairing. Eversource is repairing lines  
69 and poles from Chester through Sandown. Sandown has 5 poles that need to  
70 be replaced. There are 2 poles off Main Street and 3 off Fremont Road. They  
71 will be replacing the wooden poles with steel poles. Four of the poles will be  
72 the normal 60 feet high and one will be 70 feet high due to the location of  
73 the pole it needs to be higher then the rest. Because Eversource must put  
74 swamp matting over wetlands to protect the wetlands they will need a  
75 Conditional Use Permit. The Commission also requested that Bruce Gilday  
76 the Environmental Consultant for the town to have access to the areas  
77 Eversource will be working in.

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### 79 **Recap of Fishing Derby**

80 The Fishing Derby had about 99 children sign up and participate, there  
81 where about 70 fish caught that day. The Fishing Derby made \$287.00. Over  
82 all the Fishing Derby went smoothly. The Commission discussed a few ideas

83 to help with registration in the morning. Mr. Butler would like to Thank Mr.  
84 Sands for help with putting the sandwich board sign away and from helping  
85 with some repairs to the sign.

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### 87 **Old Business**

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89 Mr. Gilday handed out some information about NH Town's Wetland Buffer  
90 Requirements. Mr. Gilday mentioned that Sandown is not ready for  
91 setbacks. Mr. Gilday made mention that the Commission revisit the setback  
92 discussion to next year.

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94 Mr. Sands attended the South East Land Trust Workshop on Vernal Pool  
95 Ecology Walk on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sands went to Nottingham and learned and  
96 saw the creatures that make up a vernal pool.

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98 Ms. Winmill asked the Commission if there has been a Natural Resource  
99 Inventory done. Ms. Winmill mentioned that if the Commission has not  
100 done an Inventory yet, then the Commission should start getting information  
101 to compile one together.

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### 103 **New Business**

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105 Ms. Winmill brought up possibly compiling a Handbook/Resource Guide for  
106 new members to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Winmill mention that  
107 using the NHACC Book is a great guideline to follow but having a  
108 handbook focusing on the Conservation Commission in Sandown.

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### 110 **Youth Conservation Corps**

111 The Youth Conservation Corps is a group that goes out and help build  
112 bridges and clean Conservation land. Mr. Butler and Mr. Traeger are  
113 meeting with the group on Monday to see if they will be able to help build  
114 two river crossings and maybe to trail work on the Wells Village Town  
115 Forest. They would be here for five days doing work and the cost would be  
116 around \$5,275.00. The Commission will continue this discussion at the next  
117 meeting and Mr. Butler and Mr. Traeger will have more information to give  
118 to the Commission after their meeting.

119 The Community Garden is going to be tilled next weekend and the cost will  
120 be \$75.00

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### 122 **Motion to go Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 II (d) property**

123 Ms. Winmill made a motion to go in to non-public discussion under RSA  
124 91-A:3 II(d) property. Ms. Palladino second the motion. All members voted  
125 in favor. The motion passed. Board went to Non-public.

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127 *Roll Call: Brian Butler, Jillian Winmill, Tom Sands, Katie Palladino, Terry*  
128 *Knuuttenen, Bruce Gilday, Darren Hudgins, Melyssa Tapley*

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130 **Motion to seal the minutes**

131 Mr. Sands made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Palladino seconded the  
132 motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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134 **Motion to come out of Non-public**

135 Mr. Knuuttenen made a motion to come out of non-public. Mr. Sands  
136 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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138 **Motion to Adjourn**

139 Ms. Winmill made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Palladino seconded the motion.  
140 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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142 Respectfully Submitted

*Melyssa Tapley*

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