

Sandown Conservation Commission

Minutes

June 14, 2018

Date: June 14, 2018

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Paul Carey- Chair, Brian Butler- Vice Chair, Pamela Gaudreau, Mark Traeger, Bruce Gilday- Environmental Consultant, Melyssa Tapley- Administrative Assistant

Members Absent: Kevin Major, Jillian Winmill, Katie Palladino, Terry Knuttenen, Tom Sands

Selectmen's Liaison: Mr. Darren Hudgins: Present

Opening: Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Traeger appointed for Ms. Winmill

Review of the 5/10/2018 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 5/10/2018 minutes as written. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion passed. Mr. Traeger, Ms. Gaudreau abstained. The motion passed.

Review of the 5/10/2018 Non-Public Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 5/10/2018 non-public minutes as written. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. All in Favor. The motion passed. Ms. Gaudreau, Mr. Traeger abstained.

Correspondence:

- **Letter from Fremont Boy Scouts Troop 1 thanking the Commission for letting them use the Fremont Town Forest for their campout.**
- **Email from Al Correia a member of the Sandown Garden Club asking the Commission with help for the Liberty Elm**
- **South East Land Trust Conservation Celebration June 28th.**
- **Letter from Department of Environmental Services regarding 38 Holts Road**
- **Notice of Decision from Planning Board for Conditional Use Permit for 68 North Road**
- **Letter from Rockingham County Conservation District regarding Invasive Species**

41 Eversource Line Maintenance Project

42 Matt Flanders, Sherrie Trefry present to go over Eversource's Wetlands
43 Permit Application that was submitted to NHDES.
44 Eversource is replacing 6 wooden poles with steel poles. They will be using
45 100x100 foot timber mating to protect the wetlands they have to cross to
46 access the damaged poles. Eversource has been in contact with NH Fish &
47 Game and the Natural Heritage Bureau. The work being done is not around
48 any or by natural communities or plant species the Natural Heritage Bureau
49 had no concerns with the work being done. NH Fish & Game had some
50 concerns with that there are some rare spotted turtles in the area. VHB will
51 be on the jobsite before the crews arrive in the morning to sweep the area
52 and when the crew is working in the wetlands VHB will also be on the
53 jobsite for the time that the crews are working there. The work will start
54 September 1st to November 1st. If VHB comes across any spotted turtles NH
55 Fish & Game wants them to record and report where the turtles were
56 located. The wetlands impact for this project is 82,652 square feet.

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58 Motion:

59 Mr. Traeger made a motion to grant Eversource a favorable letter to the
60 Planning Board for the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Butler seconded the
61 motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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63 Youth Conservation Corps Project

64 Federal Government run program where they take 18-20 years old's and
65 teach the Conservation Skills. Mr. Traeger and Mr. Butler took a walk
66 through the Wells Village Town Forest and went to two places where there
67 is limited access. One spot is a crossing through the Exeter River where the
68 Youth Conservation Corps would lay giant rocks across so people can jump
69 across the rocks to avoid the wetlands. The next spot is a little further down
70 the Exeter River and would need a bridge to cross over from the Wells
71 Village Town Forest to the Ross Property that the Commission recently
72 purchased.

73 The Youth Conservation Corps would be out in the town Forest for 7 days
74 camping and taking materials from the land to build the rock crossing and to
75 build the bridge that would connect the Wells Village Town Forest to the
76 Ross Property. The cost to have them come out and do both projects for the
77 7 days would be \$10,000. The cost to have them only come out for 5 days
78 and do one project right now would be \$5,275. The Commission decided to
79 have the Youth Conservation Corps to come out for the 5 days and just do
80 one project for now. The Commission decided that the bridge that will
81 connect the two properties would be the first project the do.

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83 Motion:

84 Mr. Traeger made a motion to have the Youth Conservation Corps come out
85 to The Wells Village Town Forest to build the bridge that will connect the
86 Town Forest to the Ross Property for 5 days and not to exceed \$6,000 from
87 the Forestry Fund. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.

88 Mr. Traeger resend his motion.

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90 Mr. Traeger made a motion to not spend no more then \$5,500 out of the
91 Conservation Fund for a half hitch bridge. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.
92 Pending the biding amount. All in favor. The motion passed.

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94 St. Matthew's Community Services June 30th

95 The church contacted Mr. Traeger looking for projects that can be done
96 during the Community Service Day. Mr. Traeger mentioned that there is
97 some clean up that needs to be done in the Fremont Road Town Forest.

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99 Old Business

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101 17 Lakeview Drive

102 Mr. Gilday mentioned that Ms. Winmill was contacted by a neighbor who
103 had some concerns with flooding in that area. Mr. Gilday took a ride out to
104 the area and noted that the DPW put a culvert in to help with drainage. Mr.
105 Gilday stated that there are no public health problems or any issues in that
106 area. That area collects water in the Spring and dries up by Summer.

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108 New Business

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110 NRI Survey

111 The Commission touched on this at the May 10th meeting. Mr. Gilday
112 mentioned that he can have Chris Kane come in and talk to the Commission
113 about what is involved in putting an NRI Survey together.

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115 Liberty Elm

116 The Sandown Garden Club reached out the Commission about what to do
117 with the Liberty Elm. Mr. Carey had a resident arborist look at the tree and
118 said it was more physical damage not disease or insect damage. There are
119 several factors that could have caused damaged to the tree from the drought
120 the Town had a few years ago to the salt that is used to treat the roads during
121 the winter. The Commission will think of ideas to help try and save the
122 Liberty Elm. The Liberty Elm was planted at the Town's 250th Anniversary.

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124 **Bird Houses in the Fremont Road Town Forest Field**

125 Heather Bogdan leader of the Brownie Troop 1006 in Sandown had come
126 before the Commission on May 10th to ask the Commission if there were
127 any projects that the girls can do to help their community. They had decided
128 to replace the birdhouse in the Fremont Road Town Forest Field. Heather
129 had emailed Ms. Tapley questions for the Commission regarding what
130 materials should the houses be made from and what kind of birds live in the
131 houses now and if they were responsible to replace the old birdhouses.

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

134 Mr. Traeger made a motion to go in to non-public discussion under RSA 91-
135 A:3 II(d) property. Ms. Gaudraeu second the motion. All members voted in
136 favor. The motion passed. Board went to Non-public.

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138 *Roll Call: Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Pamela Gaudraeu, Mark Traeger,*
139 *Bruce Gilday, Darren Hudgins, Melyssa Tapley*

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141 **Motion to seal the minutes**

142 Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the minutes. Ms. Gaudraeu seconded the
143 motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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

146 Mr. Butler made a motion to come out of non-public. Ms. Gaudraeu
147 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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149 **Motion to Adjourn**

150 Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudraeu seconded the motion.
151 All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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153 Respectfully Submitted



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155 Melyssa Tapley

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