

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **June 21, 2018**

4 **Special Meeting**

5 **Date:** June 21, 2018

6 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

7 **Members Present:** Paul Carey- Chair, Brian Butler- Vice Chair, Mark
8 Traeger, Tom Sands, Terry Knuttenen, Jillian Winmill, Melyssa Tapley-
9 Administrative Assistant

10 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Pamela Gaudraeu, Katie Palladino, Bruce
11 Gilday-Environmental Consultant

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

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14 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Traeger appointed
15 for Ms. Palladino.

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17 **Replacing the Liberty Elm**

18 The Commission held a special meeting on Thursday June 21st to discuss
19 replacing the Liberty Elm in the center of Town. The Liberty Elm was
20 planted back in 2006 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Sandown. The
21 Commission and the Sandown Garden Club have both had arborists come
22 and looked at the tree to see if they can find anything causing the tree to die.
23 The Liberty Elm has been tested for Dutch Elm Disease and the tests came
24 back negative. There are several facts that could have caused the tree to die,
25 the drought we had a few years ago or the amount of snow that gets piled up
26 in the location. The specialists are not sure what is causing the tree to die.

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28 The Commission is looking to replace the Liberty Elm with a Princeton Elm.
29 The Princeton Elm will grow to about 60 to 80 feet tall.

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31 Mr. Carey mentioned that with replacing the Elm with a new one the
32 Commission should look at a maintenance program to care for the new tree.

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34 Fran Rosenau from the Sandown Garden Club mentioned that during the
35 drought they brought in about 10 gallons of water for the tree two to three
36 times a week. Ms. Rosenau mentioned that the collection of snow in that
37 area might have been the cause of the damage. Mr. Rosenau is also not
38 convinced replacing the tree is the best option.

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40 Ms. Rosenau made mention of trying to find another prominent spot in
41 Town to place the new tree. The spot where the Liberty Elm has some
42 historical history. The Triple Elm Hotel was in that general area.

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44 Allison Hartung from the Sandown Garden Club expressed a concern that
45 both organizations don't waste resources. Mr. Butler proposes to replace the
46 tree and wants both organizations to work together to care and maintain that
47 corner of Sandown. Mr. Butler also mentioned that if the Garden Club needs
48 help to remove that plants from around the Liberty Tree the Conservation
49 Commission is willing to help.

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51 **Motion**

52 Ms. Winmill made a motion to purchase the Princeton Elm for \$350.00 from
53 the Conservation fund to replace the Liberty Elm. Mr. Sands second the
54 motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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56 **Adjournment**

57 Ms. Winmill made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sands second the motion. All in
58 favor. The motion passed. Meeting ADJOURNED.

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60 Respectfully Submitted

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