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2 **Sandown Conservation Commission**
3 **Minutes**
4 **August 23, 2018**
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6 **Date:** August 23, 2018

7 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

8 **Members Present:** Paul Carey- Chair, Brian Butler- Vice Chair, Terry
9 Knuuttunen, Tom Sands, Jillian Winmill, Katie Palladino, Pamela Gaudreau,
10 Melyssa Tapley- Administrative Assistant, Bruce Gilday- Environmental
11 Consultant

12 **Members Absent:** Kevin Major, Mark Traeger

13 **Selectmen's Liaison:** Mr. Darren Hudgins: Present
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15 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
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17 **Correspondence**

- 18 • **Wetlands Permit Application for Gary Barnes subdivision**
19 **Vantage Point located on Wells Village Road Sandown Tax Map**
20 **9, Lot 14. To fill in 4,975 ft of wetland for a proposed roadway to**
21 **access a 14-lot residential subdivision. Application to be put on**
22 **next Agenda for discussion.**
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24 **Review of the August 9th Minutes**

25 Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 8/9/18 minutes as written. Ms.
26 Palladino second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. Ms. Gaudreau
27 abstained.
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29 **Review of the August 16th Minutes**

30 Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 8/16/18 minutes as written. Mr.
31 Knuuttunen second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. Mr. Carey,
32 Ms. Gaudreau and Ms. Palladino abstained.
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34 **Tree Arborist- Joe Davis**

35 Joe Davis from Bartlett Tree Experts came before the Commission to go
36 over the program for the care of the Princeton Elm the Commission planted
37 that replaced the Liberty Elm. Mr. Butler had reached out to Mr. Davis to
38 come and look at the Princeton Elm and give the Commission some help
39 with the best care to keep the Elm healthy and alive. Mr. Davis mentioned
40 that there a few Elm trees that are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. The

41 Princeton Elm is one of those trees. Mr. Davis mentioned that the first 3
42 years of the Elm trees life are the most important to help it get established.
43 Mr. Davis came up with four different programs to help care for the tree.
44 The first program is Pest Management- this program will help suppress pest
45 damage and promote plant health. The second program is Root
46 Invigoration- this program cultivates the soil beneath the crown of the tree.
47 They use an Air-Spade to improve soil health and promote root development
48 and function. The third program is Soil Care and Fertilization- apply
49 fortiphite to the tree and location to help improve plant health following
50 transplant shock. The fourth program is Tree and Shrub Work- pruning the
51 Princeton Elm following the instructions Mr. Davis has suggested to the
52 Commission. Mr. Davis also mentioned to put a silt fence around the tree for
53 the winter to help reduce the sand and salt from the road from getting on the
54 tree and on the soil. Mr. Gilday asked Mr. Davis his opinion on how the tree
55 is looking now. Mr. Davis says the tree is looking good but still has a few
56 more years to go to get it fully established. Mr. Carey asked Mr. Davis how
57 much water a tree that size should get. Mr. Davis said with the rain we have
58 had lately twice a week about 10-12 gallons of water.

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60 **Motion**

61 Mr. Butler made a motion to do the Root Invigoration and Soil Care and
62 Fertilization for the tree this year totaling \$780.00 to come out of the
63 Conservation Fund. Ms. Winmill second the motion. All in favor. The
64 motion passed.

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66 **Culvert on Chase Road**

67 Ms. Tapley had the gentlemen who lives at 38 Rowell Road come in to the
68 office and ask for some advice about a culvert on his neighbors' property
69 that is over grown and has diverted the stream that flows through it now
70 flow into his hay fields. Ms. Tapley talked to Artie Genualdo the Director of
71 Public works regarding the culvert. Mr. Genualdo went throughout the town
72 looking at culverts with Julie LaBranch from the Rockingham Planning
73 Commission and Ms. LaBranch mentioned that the cleanup of that culvert is
74 the homeowner's responsibility. The owner of 38 Rowell Road mentioned to
75 Ms. Tapley that he has spoken to his neighbor about cleaning the culvert out,
76 but nothing has happened. Ms. Tapley is looking for advice for the owner of
77 38 Rowell Road. The Commission mentioned he could fill out a Permit of
78 Notification through the Wetlands Bureau notifying the owner that his
79 culvert needs to be cleaned up. The Commission will also have Mr. Gilday
80 the Environmental Consultant go out and look to see if any wetlands are
81 being damaged.

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83 Old Business

84 **Walktober Topic-** Mr. Gilday suggested for Ms. Palladino's Walktober
85 Event's coming up to have an Audubon Hawk Count Event scheduled.

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87 **OHD T-shirts-** Ms. Winmill took the t-shirt design idea over to John from
88 Rockingham Teamwear and they had to make some changes to the writing
89 to make it transparent. Ms. Winmill didn't have the right program to make
90 the writing transparent, so John must send it out to get the writing
91 transparent. Ms. Winmill mentioned there is an extra charge of \$15.00
92 dollars. The Commission is ordering 90 t-shirts for Old Home Day.

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94 **Squam Lakes Animal Event-** Ms. Winmill had nothing new as she is
95 waiting for them to send an invoice. The Event "Animal with a bad
96 Reputation" is still planned for September 29th at 10 am.

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98 New Business

99 ATV Damage on the Blue Trail at the Fremont Road Town Forest. Mr.
100 Knuuttunen mentioned while he was out walking the Blue Trail there has
101 been significant ATV damage. Ms. Tapley brought the damaged up to Chief
102 Gordan and Chief Gordan mentioned they will be patrolling the area up
103 there more in hopes to catch the ATV's causing the damaged.

104 ATV Damage on the Yellow Trail off Morrison Lane. Ms. Gaudreau would
105 like to put up some Trails Camera to catch the ATVs on the trail. There is a
106 No ATV Sign at the kiosk and the beginning of the trail.

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108 Adjournment

109 Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaudreau second the motion. All
110 in favor. The motion passed. Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:52pm.

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112 Respectfully Submitted

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115 Melyssa Tapley