

1 **Sandown Conservation Commission**

2 **Minutes**

3 **February 28, 2019**

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6 **Date:** February 28, 2019

7 **Place:** Sandown Town Hall

8 **Members Present:** Paul Carey- Chair, Brian Butler- Vice Chair, Terry  
9 Knuuttunen, Jillian Winmill, Tom Sands, Nick Ortins, Christy Ducharme-  
10 Alternate, Pamela Gaudreau, Bruce Gilday- Environmental Consultant

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12 **Members Absent:** Mark Traeger, Melyssa Tapley-Administrative Assistant

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14 **Selectmen's Liaison:** Mr. Darren Hudgins: Present

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16 **Opening:** Mr. Carey opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

17 Mr. Carey appoints Christy Ducharme in Pamela Gaudreau  
18 place as a voting member.

19 Ms. Gaudreau joins the meeting. Ms. Ducharme goes back to be an alternate  
20 member.

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22 **Review of 1/24/2019 Minutes**

23 **Motion**

24 Ms. Winmill made a motion to accept the 1/24/2019 minutes as written. Mr.  
25 Ortins second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. (6-1-0) Ms.  
26 Winmill abstains.

27 **Correspondence**

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29 **Red Barn Assessment/ Fran Rosenau from the Heritage Commission**

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31 Fran Rosenau from the Heritage Commission present.

32 Bill Coleman (The Barn Whisper) came out 3 weeks ago to do an  
33 assessment of the Red Barn. He mentioned that the barn is a 30 30 English  
34 Barn and he could tell that by the various types of wood used and the  
35 different cuts. He mentioned that the foundation and loft were added to the  
36 barn around the 1880's.

37 Mr. Coleman has 3 months to complete his report and has many other  
38 suggestions for repair on the Red Barn. He did mention 3 important areas of  
39 the barn that will need to be fixed first.

- 40 1. The Roof is in disparate need of repair.

41 2. The removal of anything animals or insects can feed on. Storing stuff  
42 in the Red Barn is fine but avoided storing stuff in paper and instead  
43 use plastic containers.

44 3. Remove the vegetation at least 2 feet away from the barn and put in a  
45 trench or French drain to help drain the water away from the barn.

46 Mr. Coleman also stated he would like to come back and look at the Old  
47 Meeting House and Old Outhouse up there.

48 The Red Barn has a large Bittersweet bush growing around it and Ms.  
49 Rosenau stated that the Sandown Garden Club will help the SCC remove it  
50 and she also had the neighbor offer his help and to add the Bittersweet to his  
51 burn pile.

52 6 or 7 groups in Town use the Red Barn as storage and the Commission  
53 would like to get the groups together and do a clean out day at the Barn.

54 Ms. Winnill asked if they restore the Red Barn and put it on the Historical  
55 Registry would it affect how the barn is being used? Ms. Rosenau didn't ask  
56 that question but will contact Andrew Cushing about that.

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58 **Discussion regarding Eversource Amended Conditional Use Permit**

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60 Vicki Chase from TRC Environmental and Jeremy Fennel from Eversource  
61 present to discuss Eversource's Amended Conditional Use Permit.

62 A Conditional Use Permit was issued on July 17,2018 for 51,787 square feet  
63 of temporary impact for replacement of structures on the H141 pole  
64 replacement work for Eversource, some of the accesses in wetland (totaling  
65 11,867 square feet) for the H141 line have been left in place in anticipation  
66 of the upcoming replacements. 16,460 additional square feet of wetlands  
67 will be impacted by the pole replacement project. Eversource proposes to  
68 replace three existing 115 kV transmission poles on the R 193 line in  
69 Sandown. All three of the poles being replaced have been damaged by  
70 woodpeckers and steel poles will be put up to replace them. Mr. Butler asked  
71 under the new wetland impact what kind of vegetation is there. Ms. Chase  
72 said the usual power line vegetation will be cleared to put the matting down.  
73 Vegetation like blueberry bushes, willows and other berry bushes.

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75 **Motion**

76 Mr. Butler made a motion to write a favorable letter to the Sandown  
77 Planning Board for Eversource's Amended Conditional Use Permit. Ms.  
78 Winnill second the motion. All in Favor. The motion Passed. (7-0-0)

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80 **Old Business**

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82 **Recap of Full Moon Snowshoe Hike**

83 Great night, great turn out considering there was no snow. Mr. Knuuttunen  
84 and Mr. Traeger did a walk through the trails in the morning and noticed  
85 more ATV damage on the trails.

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87 **Natural Resource Inventory**

88 Ms. Winmill has nothing new to discuss. Mr. Gilday brought in some maps  
89 for the Commission to look over as an idea of what the maps should look  
90 like when they get added to the Natural Resource Inventory. The maps in the  
91 Natural Resource Inventory would be a great tool for builders and  
92 developers who are looking to build but need to know what wetlands and  
93 other impacts are on or around the area they are building. Mr. Gilday had  
94 these maps made specifically for the Town.

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96 **Motion**

97 Ms. Winmill made a motion to reimburse Mr. Gilday the 120 dollars he  
98 spent on the maps he handed out to the Commission. Mr. Ortins second the  
99 motion. All in favor. The Motion passed.

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101 **Patchwoods Farm**

102 Ms. Gaudreau mentioned she has had several neighbors approach her with  
103 questions and concerns about the new indoor riding arena under construction  
104 at Patchwood Farm, in terms of how it may impact the wetlands. Mr. Carey  
105 suggested that they come to a meeting to discuss their concerns. Mrs.  
106 Gaudreau noted that the commission had asked Mr. Gilday visit the farm  
107 when the land was first cleared, to discuss the commission's concerns about  
108 the possible wetland impact and best practices for manure management. The  
109 farm has been making good efforts to minimize wetland impact and  
110 commission agreed to follow up periodically as the project progresses. Now  
111 that the indoor arena has been raised, it might be a good time to follow up.

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113 **New Business**

114 Ms. Gaudreau mentioned that the New Hampshire Fish and Game will be  
115 holding a Wildlife Control Operator course on April 18<sup>th</sup> to get your license  
116 to trap and control wildlife.

117 Heritage Commission is looking for someone to come out with some gear  
118 and do so stone hunting on some of the Town Owned Land. They would  
119 come out with ground penetrating radar and Lidar.

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121 **Fishing Derby**

122 Ms. Butler sent out all the notices for prizes and have already received some  
123 responses.

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125 **Planking of the Bridge on the Wells Village Road Town Forest**

126 Mr. Butler and Mr. Traeger have been talking with the Boy Scouts about  
127 them doing some of the work. They will use 36-inch-long, 2 and half inches  
128 thick, 10-inches-wide boards using 6-inch timber nails to keep the boards  
129 from moving.

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131 Mr. Gilday handed out a pamphlet about a workshop coming up that he will  
132 be attending. The workshop is on Finding Mitigation Opportunities in Your  
133 Community and will be held on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:15 p.m.  
134 UNH Manchester, room 368, Manchester, NH. Mr. Gilday noted that if any  
135 Commission members attending the workshop to all meet up for dinner  
136 after.

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

139 Mr. Sands made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3 II (d).  
140 Ms. Winmill second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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142 *Roll Call:*

143 *Paul Carey, Brian Butler, Tom Sands, Terry Knuuttunen, Nick Ortins,*  
144 *Christy Ducharme, Jillian Winmill, Pamela Gaudreau, Bruce Gilday,*  
145 *Darren Hudgins*

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147 **Motion:** Mr. Butler made a motion to come out of non-public. Mr. Sands  
148 second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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150 **Motion:** Mr. Butler made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Ms.  
151 Winmill second the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

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153 **Adjournment**

154 Mr. Ortins made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Winmill second the motion. All in  
155 favor. The motion passed. Meeting ADJOURNED at 9:00 p.m.

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157 Respectfully Submitted

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159 Melyssa Tapley