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Sandown Conservation Commission
Minutes
May 9,2019

Date: May 9,2019

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Brian Butler- Vice Chair. Paul Carey, Terry Knuuttunen
Christy Ortins, Nick Ortins, Bruce Gilday- Environmental Consultant

Members Absent: Jillian Winmill-Chair, Mark Traeger, Pamela Gaudreau,
Melyssa Tapley-Administrative Assistant

Selectmen’s Liaison: Mr. Darren Hudgins: Present

Opening: Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Butler appoints Terry Knuuttunen as a voting member in the place of
Ms. Winmill

Review of 4/25/2019 Minutes

Motion:
Mr. Ortins made a motion to accept the 4/25/2019 minutes as written. Mr.
Carey second the motion. Mr. Butler calls the vote. All in favor. The motion
passed. Mr. Carey abstains. (4-1-0)

Correspondence

- **Southeast Land Trust Magazine**

Boy Scouts Troop 268

Ben Winter, Justin Silva and Gabriel Gerhard came before the Commission
to discuss a Conservation project that will help the Community out and will
also help the Troop out with their upcoming Ziplining Trip. Troop 268 is
looking into doing improvements on the bridge in the Wells Village Town
Forest. They are looking to put hemlock planks across the bridge to make it
easier for animals and people to cross. The hemlock planks are being
donated by a Mill in Chester. Troop 268 is doing the zipline trip through the
Alpine Adventure Program and by doing a Conservation project the program
will cover 50% of the cost for the trip. The timeframe for this project will be
at the end of summer, For the troop to get the discount for the project they
wrote a letter and had the members of the Commission sign it.

42 **Motion:**

43 Mr. Carey made a motion to accept Troop 268's project for bettering the
44 bridge in the Wells Village Town Forest. Ms. Ortins second the motion. Mr.
45 Butler called the vote. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

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47 **Chuck Crowe- 18 Phillips Road**

48 Chuck Crowe owner of Best Way Wildlife Control came before the
49 Commission. He had spoken to Ms. Winmill at the Fishing Derby about the
50 Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt this year. Ms. Winmill was not sure if the
51 Commission would do one this year as it may not be in the Budget. The cost
52 for the Scavenger Hunt is around 300 dollars. Mr. Crowe mentioned that his
53 company Best Way Wildlife Control would sponsor the Scavenger Hunt this
54 year.

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56 **Motion:**

57 Mr. Ortins made a motion to have Best Way Wildlife Control sponsor the
58 Scavenger Hunt this year. Ms. Ortins second the motion. Mr. Butler called
59 the vote. All in favor. The motion passed. (5-0-0)

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61 **Red Barn Assessment/Report**

62 Awhile back the Commission talked about repairing or restoring the Red
63 Barn. The Conservation Commission had the Heritage Commission
64 investigate different grants. The Heritage Commission found a 300-dollar
65 grant from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for a barn assessment
66 with 100 dollars that came from the Conservation Commission. Mr. Butler
67 meet with Bill Coleman the Barn Whisperer who came out and did the
68 Assessment of the Barn and they go over some work that needed to be done.
69 One of the projects was removing the invasive bittersweet that is around the
70 barn and to clean out and go through all the stuff that is stored in the barn by
71 different groups in town. Mr. Butler held a brushing clean up day at the Red
72 Barn where the bittersweet got pulled and removed from around the Barn
73 and Mr. Butler held a clean out day for all the different groups to come and
74 go through their stuff in the Red Barn and clean it out and make it more
75 organized.

76 Mr. Butler went through Mr. Coleman's report with the rest of the
77 Commission. In Mr. Coleman's report he outlined the work that will need to
78 be done on the Red Barn Mr. Coleman mentioned that the wooden ladder
79 going to the loft of the Barn is not safe and needs to be replaced. Mr. Butler
80 has been talking with Mr. Hudgins about putting stairs up to the loft area of
81 the Barn.

82 Mr. Butler mentioned to the Commission that he would like to bring this
83 Report and a Restoration Plan before the Board of Selectman. The safety of
84 the Barn is the first and main concern.

85 Mr. Carey noted that at the last meeting there was discussion about metal
86 detecting at the Red Barn. Mr. Carey noted that anything found at the Red
87 Barn belongs to the Conservation Commission and if the Heritage
88 Commission is planning on setting up display the Conservation Commission
89 would be willing to loan out any items.

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91 **Old Business**

92 **Grants (Angle Pond)**

93 Mr. Gilday handed out a preproposal application for the ARMS Grant. The
94 deadline to have the application in is May 31st. Several months ago, Mr.
95 Gilday went out to do an inspection of some drainage issues on East Lane.
96 There is a drainage pipe running under East Lane and discharges into Angle
97 Pond the drainage issues on East Lane is also causing problems for the
98 residents down there. Putting in the pre-proposal application will let us know
99 if the project qualifies for the ARMS grant and if it does not qualify for that
100 grant, they will give out names of other grants the project may fall under.

101 Mr. Gilday is looking to put a French drain where the original drainage pipe
102 drains into Angle Pond. Mr. Gilday wants this project to become a
103 restoration, enhancement and an Educational Source for the Residents of
104 Sandown.

105 The qualifications for the pre-proposal application is a thousand-word letter
106 describing what the issue is, and a step by step plan on what kind of project
107 will need to be done to solve the drainage issue along with pictures and cost
108 of materials.

109 Mr. Gilday will have the rest of the pre-proposal application ready for the
110 next meeting for the Commission to review before he submits it.

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112 **Fishing Derby Recap**

113 Ms. Butler came before the Commission to go over how the Fishing Derby
114 went. There were 64 children in attendance considering the weather that
115 day was not the best. 116 fish were caught and more fish were caught this
116 year than in years past. The Fishing Derby made 191 dollars. Mr. Butler has
117 been the Chair of the Fishing Derby since she was 16 and the Commission
118 would like to Thank Ms. Butler for all her hard work in planning this event
119 and to Sal Genualdo for the use of his pond.

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121 **New Business**

122 Mr. Butler announced that the goal of the Conservation Commission is
123 protecting conservation properties in Town. The Conservation Commission
124 will be holding a Public Hearing on May 23rd at seven o'clock announcing
125 the purchase of a property that is identified as Tax Map 13, Lot 4 of Wells
126 Village Road. It is a 54-acre parcel and the Commission has been looking
127 into purchasing this property for the last 13 to 14 years.

128 Mr. Butler has also spent a lot of time getting the details for the purchase of
129 the property along with spending some money on it. Mr. Butler has asked
130 the Commission to reimburse him \$74.99 for the purchase of toner.

131 The Legal Notice will be posted in the Union Leader and will cost \$93.30 to
132 run.

133 **Motion:**

134 Mr. Butler made a motion to pay the \$93.30 for the ad in the Union Leader
135 to come out of the ad's line item of the budget. Mr. Carey second the
136 motion. Mr. Butler called the vote. All in favor. The motion passed. (5-0-0)

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138 **Motion:**

139 Mr. Carey made a motion to reimburse Mr. Butler the \$74.99 dollars for the
140 toner out of the supply line of the budget. Mr. Ortins second the motion. Mr.
141 Butler called the vote. All in favor. The motion passed. Mr. Butler abstains.
142 (4-1-0)

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144 **Picnic Tables for the Fremont Road Town Forest**

145 Mr. Ortins updated the Commission that two new picnic tables have been
146 purchased and delivered to the Fremont Road Town Forest.

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148 **Non-public under RSA 91-A:3(d) property**

149 **Motion:**

150 Mr. Carey made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3(d)
151 property. Ms. Ortins second the motion. Mr. Butler called the vote. All in
152 favor. The motion passed.

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154 *Roll call: Brian Butler, Paul Carey, Nick Ortins, Christy Ortins, Terry*
155 *Knuuttunen, Darren Hudgins, Bruce Gilday*

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157 **Motion to come out of Non-Public**

158 Mr. Carey made a motion to come out of non-public. Ms. Ortins second the
159 motion. Mr. Butler called the vote. All in favor. The motion passed. (5-0-0)

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161 **Motion to seal non-public minutes**

162 Mr. Carey made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Mr. Ortins second
163 the motion. Mr. Butler called the vote. All in favor. The motion passed. (6-0-
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166 **Adjournment**

167 Mr. Carey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ortins second the motion. Mr.
168 Butler called the vote. All in favor. The motion passed. Meeting
169 ADJOURNED.

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171 Respectfully Submitted

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173 Melyssa Tapley