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Sandown Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 28, 2024

Date: March 28, 2024

Place: Sandown Town Hall- Land Use Office

Members Present: Brian Butler-Chairman, Terry Knuuttunen, Kala Parisi, Kristin McClary, Pam Gaudreau, Tim Robinson, Eric Olsen (Selectman liaison)

Members Absent: Jillian Winmill, George Grivas

Opening: Mr. Butler opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Review of minutes

Motion Mr. Knuuttunen made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/14 as amended on line 64. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Vote of 6-0-0 motion approved.

Fishing Derby Update

Mr. Butler advised that the mailer went out today to fish & game. Also Ms. Olsen appeared before the Selectboard and got permission for the Derby. Mr. Butler asked about a waiver. Ms. Gaudreau advised that she'll coordinate the dropping off of the sound system. Ms. Parisi to coordinate with Becky from Recreation. Mr. Olsen will get Derby posted at Town Hall sign.

Ms. Gaudreau thanked everyone who aided and participated in the coyote presentation. Approximately 30 people attended the successful event. The Wildlife Presentation for September 28th with a fee of \$430 is

35 tentatively scheduled but the fee may be a factor. Mr.
36 Knuuttunen suggested working with the library.

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38 Mr. Butler explained bottom line budgeting and the ability
39 to move funds from certain lines to deficient lines as
40 necessary.

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42 Mr. Olsen recommended creating a list with costs for
43 presentation to the Budget Committee.

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45 Mr. Butler and Mr. Olsen explained the results of the
46 default budget.

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48 Ms. Gaudreau continued to present that she was able to get
49 NHACC webinars. Asking what Commission would like
50 to see for presentation. Bobcat & Bear seemed to be the
51 consensus.

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53 ARM funds originally slated to be used in individual towns
54 are no longer being spent town specific. Instead, they are
55 being spent at the state level on state specific agendas.

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57 Ms. Gaudreau related that she did express the frustration to
58 the State about a small towns ability to get the programs
59 and grants funds.

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61 Mr. Butler advised that \$210,000 went into the mitigation
62 and impact fund from the Busby Pit with none of it being
63 directed to Sandown.

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65 Ms. Gaudreau reminded of Jennes Way and the delays and
66 no improvements for over a year.

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68 Mr. Butler asked the Commission for project suggestions.
69 The Consensus was NHACC to assist with a water
70 crossing.

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72 Ms. Gaudreau thought that mapping endangered species
73 may be a viable project. Mr. Butler pointed out that
74 unfortunately, it has not helped with a single project to
75 date.

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77 **Community Garden**

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79 Mr. Butler spoke about issues last year closing out the
80 garden. He inquired about changing the clean out date to
81 October 16th to aid with wrapping up the year. After some
82 questions and answers with the Commission, the request
83 was approved.

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85 Recording device indicated “end of file” and stopped
86 recording.

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88 Mr. Perkins entered the meeting just prior to the
89 Community Garden being discussed.

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91 Mr. Butler reviewed the Grant Reimbursement sheet that
92 Mr. Perkins submitted to RCCD for approval.

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94 Ms. McClary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr.
95 Knuuttunen. Vote 6-0-0 meeting adjourned.

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99 Respectfully Submitted,

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101 Thomas C. Perkins