

1. Sandown Heritage Commission  
2. Minutes  
3. 1 November 2018  
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5. **Date:** 1 November 2018

6. **Place:** Town Hall

7. **Members Present:** Pamela Gaudreau- *Acting Chair*, Sue Dupouy, Peter Koester, Anthony LoConte,  
8. Fran Rosenau

9. **Members Absent:** Jessica Hudgins, Selectman Jon Goldman.  
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11. Meeting was opened at 7:02pm by Acting Chair Pamela Gaudreau, after which the Commission

12. Members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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14. **MOTION:** Mrs. Rosenau made a motion to accept the minutes for 10/4/2018 meeting. Mrs. Dupouy  
15. seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.  
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17. **Correspondence:** There were no correspondence for the Commission, however Acting-Chair  
18. Gaudreau informed the citizens of Sandown that any correspondence for the Commission can be  
19. sent to Sandown Town Hall until more specific arrangements are made. There is also a link available  
20. through the town website at Sandown.us.  
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22. Mrs. Gaudreau also provided a list of NHDHR Resource Contacts to assist in evaluation of town sites  
23. for heritage preservation and/or conservation, including Grant coordinators.  
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25. **Nominate / Elect Officers:** Alternate Board Member Anthony LoConte was appointed as a voting  
26. member of the Commission for the evening in place of the absent Planning Board Member yet to be  
27. appointed, and Alternate Board Member Peter Koester was appointed as a voting member of the  
28. Commission for the evening in place of absent Ex Officio member Jon Goldman.  
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30. The floor was opened for nominations for the Officers of the Sandown Heritage Commission.  
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32. Mr. LoConte nominated Pamela Gaudreau as Chair of the Heritage Commission. Motion was  
33. seconded by Mrs. Rosenau. There were no other nominations for Chair. There was no discussion.  
34. The nomination passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.  
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36. It was noted during the nomination for Commission Officers that, as a Town Commission without a  
37. town-provided budget, the Commission will gladly accept donations to cover the costs of necessary  
38. resources; for example, stationary, printing, and paper.  
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40. Mrs. Gaudreau mentioned she would like to allow other members of the Heritage Commission to  
41. Chair and preside over a meeting as a learning experience, which she learned could be done at a  
42. recent Conservation Convention.  
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44. An inquiry was made by Mrs. Dupouy regarding the addition of a Commission Board Member as a  
45. Regular Member from the Sandown Planning Board. Mrs. Gaudreau reiterated that the meeting  
46. minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting state; should no one volunteer for the position by the  
47. next Heritage Commission meeting (which at the time would be October 2018), then the Board can  
48. appoint an Alternate Member to that Regular Member position.  
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50. Mrs. Rosenau made a motion to appoint Alternate Board Member Anthony LoConte to the open  
51. Regular Member position. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dupouy. The motion passed  
52. unanimously.  
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54. Mr. LoConte nominated Sue Dupouy as Vice-Chair of the Heritage Commission. Motion was

55. seconded by Mrs. Rosenau. There were no other nominations for Vice-Chair. There was no  
56. discussion. The nomination passed unanimously.  
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58. Mrs. Rosenau nominated Anthony LoConte as Secretary of the Heritage Commission. Mr. LoConte  
59. declined the nomination due to work commitments not allowing him to fulfil the duties in the timely  
60. manner required by the By-Laws. Mrs. Dupouy nominated Fran Rosenau as Secretary. Mrs.  
61. Rosenau declined the nomination due to her commitments as Secretary for a number of other  
62. organizations. The board discussed whether an Alternate Member could be nominated to the  
63. position of Secretary. Mr. LoConte recommended the By-Laws be revised to remove the requirement  
64. that the Secretary "...shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman...",  
65. which would allow an Alternate to fill the position of Secretary. The remainder of the Board agreed.  
66. Mr. LoConte nominated Peter Koester as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dupouy.  
67. There were no other nominations for Secretary. There was no other discussion. The nomination  
68. passed unanimously.  
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#### **70. Project Updates:**

71. **Conservation Commission's Red Barn:** Mrs. Rosenau informed the Board she had contacted  
72. Andrew Cushings of the NH Preservation Alliance in regards to the town's Red Barn (owned by the  
73. Conservation Commission), including sending pictures of the structure's current state for assessment.  
74. The Board discussed the possibility of placing the Barn on the Historic Register as a way of helping  
75. Conservation in eventually repairing the structure.  
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77. **Video Journal Interviews:** Mrs. Dupouy updated the Board on tracking down existing interviews with  
78. long-time residents of Sandown to be played on the town's cable channel as historical reminiscence.  
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80. Mrs. Rosenau provided the Board with examples of 13 questions that could be asked of any  
81. Sandown residents that agree to take part in possible future video interviews.  
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83. **Sandown Depot:** Mr. LoConte updated the Board on the status of the Depot, and that the museum is  
84. closed for the winter. He also asked Mrs. Gaudreau to include the Rail Line Loading Dock when a  
85. state assessor come to assess any town stone structures. Mrs. Gaudreau agreed to take pictures of  
86. the Loading Dock to include in a request for prioritization.  
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88. Mrs. Dupouy also mentioned restoration of the town Outhouse, including rebuilding the roof. Mrs.  
89. Gaudreau mentioned that any donations made to the Heritage Commission can be earmarked for  
90. specific projects by the donor. Mr. LoConte also suggested that projects requiring funding could be  
91. done through Town Warrant Articles and voted on by the citizens.  
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93. **Other Business:** Mrs. Gaudreau pointed out that while the Heritage Commission has a web page (as  
94. part of the town website), we do not currently have a Social Media presence in this age when  
95. everything is disseminated through social media, and recommended the Heritage Commission set up  
96. a Facebook Page with links to the official website and news concerning the town heritage. Mr.  
97. LoConte and Mr. Koester volunteered to set up and administer a Town Heritage Commission  
98. Facebook Page.  
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100. Mr. LoConte updated the Board on recent changes with the Sandown Historical Society, including  
101. the election of a new Executive Board, ongoing repairs to the second Flanger car, and the recent  
102. acquisition of numerous items related to model trains and rail road history obtained from the  
103. Amesbury Trolley Museum in Amesbury, MA, and that the Historical Society intends to rotate the  
104. collection inside the Depot museum building to generate ongoing interest in visiting the museum.  
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106. Mr. LoConte also mentioned the intention to donate the Revolutionary-era cannon to the town, to  
107. be rigged for permanent display (similar to the Civil War cannons displayed by the Town of  
108. Chester) possibly near the Old Town Meetinghouse.  
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110. Mrs. Dupouy volunteered to get together with the Conservation Commission to further research

111. the history of the Red Barn.
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113. The Board set the date and time for the next Heritage Commission meeting for Thursday, 6
114. December 2018 at 7:00pm.
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116. **MOTION:** Mr. LoConte made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dupouy.
117. Members voted unanimously. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter J. Koester