

Alstead Conservation Commission Agenda
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Present: Sarah Webb, John Mann, Nan Montgomery, Joyce Curll, Donna Sabin,
and Joyce Campbell-Counts

I, Minutes for October 2018 - accepted as read.

II, Knotweed - John Mann reported on findings that knotweed is present in an areas north of Lake Warren. It is invasive and has potential for invading the lake. AN area of concern is near Corbin Road, where Hale Brook flows south toward the lake.

- John knows a Department of Agriculture member who is licensed to apply poison if needed.
- Sarah Webb said that several cuttings close to the ground can cause stress on such a plant, and could make it die.
- Members agreed to keep watch on this area.

III, Easement Report - Nan Montgomery and Sarah inspected the Pine Cliff and Camp Brook properties, and Sarah and Joyce Campbell-Counts walked with Wyatt Fox on his Anderson Road property. No violations were found. Joyce entered the results at the Forest Society online website.

IV, NHACC Annual Meeting & Conference held November 3, 2019 - Joyce Campbell-Counts went to this event. See agenda at:

<http://www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting47/workshops/>

Joyce reported on three sessions she attended:

1. Town & Community Forests Inventory Project - NHCC members will soon have access to a NH database about town-owned land, how much is forest, and what is the level of management.
2. Land Trusts and Conservation Commissions Serving Our Communities - in an open discussion, attendees described ways to attract people to outdoor resources, drawing on committee members, employees, and volunteers.
3. Forest Fragmentation: Connecting the Dots - This presentation revealed the trials and foils encountered when working on the long-term health of a community's natural resources.

All these sessions were full with about 30 attendees each. The first session was lecture by three members; the second was discussion by Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust director, Gal Potashnick; the third was lecture by a spirited, passionate neighbor of ours, Geoffrey T. Jones in Stoddard!

V, ACC Budget 2019 - Members agreed to request more money for certain categories in the budget, for example, to the NRI (Natural Resources Inventory) for printing and reproduction costs of maps of Alstead wetlands from Jeffry Littleton's Wetlands Inventory results.

VI, Wetlands Inventory Presentation on October 18, 2018 - Only a few members of the public attended. Jeff presented a summary of his findings in a lively talk about Alstead's resources, accompanied by numerous photos of our citizens' lands, with the varied combinations of wetlands, including aquatic and land-based animals.

He will attend the December ACC meeting to discuss the results with us. We plan to reproduce the documents and maps that he will provide.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.
Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts