

**Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2016**

Commissioners present: Sarah Webb, David Moody, Donna Sabin, Joyce Curll

I. Minutes for March 2016 were accepted as corrected, re: amount of money donated to the Cold River Advisory Committee was corrected from \$27,000 to \$26,000.

II. More money matters – \$300.00 was approved for Butterfly Lab presentation at Vilas School Arbor Day. Also, \$500.00 was approved to pay for two scholarships for Alstead children to attend Orchard School Summer Adventure Camp.

III. New Commissioner – Application to selectmen's office for Joyce Campbell-Counts needs follow up.

IV. Pratt Rock tree clearing – Discussion as to who should be contacted to start the tree clearing process. Sarah will get in touch with Joel McCarty, abutter, and Peter Renzelman, forester.

V. Discussion on proposed warrant articles – These will help rebuild and add to the Conservation Commission (Con Com) funds. Three possibilities include:

1. Raise land use tax through an RSA.
2. Have town reimburse money (\$26,000) that was donated to Cold River Advisory Committee for Warren Brook Restoration.
3. Implement an RSA to have Con Com manage Town Forest and receive proceeds from timber sales.

VI. Pine Cliff Road update – Joyce Curll gave this update. Section 319 Federal Grants - first 50, 000 has been spoken for, which includes the furnished boat landing project and materials for Pine Cliff Road buffer: silt fences, soil building materials, plants, etc.

Also proposed educational projects include:

1. Rain garden/s
2. Fish in Lake Warren
3. Electric boats
4. Also, Group Septic system cleanings are not so educational, but are cost effective for participants.

Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) – Mitch Harrison is a new member at Cold River Local Advisory.

Submitted by Sarah Webb.