

Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Present: Sarah Webb, Joyce Curll, Donna Sabin, and Joyce Campbell-Counts
Guests: Jeffry Littleton and Peter Renzelman

I, Minutes - no meeting in February 2019; minutes for January 2019 accepted as read.

II, Jeffry Littleton, Wetlands Final Report of 1st phase evaluation (conducted in 2018) - For 2019 in a second phase evaluation, Jeff and his assistant, Laura, will again examine Alstead's wetlands.

- They will start with the first two tasks in this year's proposal: Task I, study the other 5 functions of the twelve identified in the NH Method, and Task II, provide a full report.
- For Task III, Community Outreach, in Jeff's proposal, ACC members will prepare a warrant article for next year to fund this portion of the second phase in the Wetlands Study.

III, Peter Renzelman, forester - representing Cheshire County Conservation District for community forestry. Peter presented plans for a community forestry effort and referred to similar efforts occurring in Northwood, NH.

- This is a matter of stewardship and allows people to get involved, in addition to becoming aware of the resources. He described the area identified for this effort as the highlands off Pratt Road where water runs off into three watersheds. More than 700 landowners live in this area!
- On Wednesday, May 29, 2019, a meeting in Walpole's Town Hall will introduce the project.

IV, Shedd-Porter Library presentation on Thursday, March 28, State of the Connecticut River - by Kathy Urferr with Connecticut River Conservancy. ACC members will provide refreshments.

V, Arbor Day at Vilas School activities - A poster contest for 5th graders has this theme, "Trees & Bees - Tree & Shrub Pollinators."

- Sarah is working with 5th grade teacher, Dori Ferreira, and principal, Gail Rowe, to organize the day's activities.
- Plans are: to purchase a fruit tree or shrub for the school grounds, set up displays for trees and pollinators, and provide fruit as "giveaways" for students.

VI, Other business – we still need to meet with public works director, Preston Grafton, about road crew and conservation practices.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.
Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts