

Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2016

Members present: Sarah Webb, Marilou Blaine, David Moody, Nan Montgomery, Donna Sabin, Joyce Campbell-Counts

December 2015 minutes were approved.

I. Beavers' return at Lake Warren stream feeder - Nan Montgomery researched the problem of beavers returning to the area where a canal was dredged years ago that also borders her property. Nan believes that neighbors want the beavers removed; she wants to protect them. Nan will search the NH DES website for info on beaver dams. Sarah will assist her by contacting Fish and Game about the rights of property ownership that relate to beaver dams.

II. Annual Report on Town Forest – Members will write articles about ACC activities in 2015 that will appear in the 2015 Town Annual Report.

III. Town Forest timber cut - Peter Rhoades's letter to the ACC describes the results of the timber cut and the proceeds to the town.

IV. Earth Day on Friday, April 22, 2016 - Suggested clean-up day is Saturday, April 23.

V. Arbor Day on Friday, April 15 - Sarah will check with the school for appropriate date and program events.

VI. Alstead Shedd-Porter Library events - Sarah will check with Shelli Huntley about inviting Michael Neerie, from Distant Hill Gardens, to make a presentation in March, perhaps "about Gardening for Pollinators."

VII. Septic system digging at "Freddie Mac" renovated property on Lake Warren – Members have concerns about the proper permissions at this property on Lake Warren. Nan and Sarah spoke with workers on the site who said they have the permits. Nan will follow up on this.

VIII. Biosolids application by Casella Organics at Pratt farm property - Sarah received a letter referring to the October 26, 2015, public hearing for this and that the permit was approved. No one on the ACC committee was informed that the hearing was to occur, as promised in July 2015 by Casella's representative.

IX. Spring planting at Pine Cliff buffer zone - Nan reported that square footage at the Pine Cliff buffer zone will have to be measured before ordering plants for the spring. Also noted is that Lake Association members will have to be involved in watering the plants.

X. ACC's visibility on the web - Members discussed how to provide more visibility for the ACC. Suggestions are: use Facebook and/or the Alstead Chronicles web page to announce events such as Earth Day Clean-up, Arbor Day events, and library events. Also, state that ACC meeting minutes are posted as "Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes" on the Alstead Municipal website under "Documents and Forms" - <http://www.alsteadnh.org/documents-and-forms/>

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XI. Easement monitoring online at Forest Society web site - This task can be done by mailing in the monitoring form or completing the online form at:

www.forestsociety.org

Click LOG IN at upper right, and enter these:

User name: Alstead

password: Fs_46

Then, enter the data.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts