

Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 2, 2019

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

I, Minutes from December 2018: Accepted as read.

II, John Mann's discussion of DES Wetlands Rules hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 2019

- NH ConComs' responses and comments are to be sent to DES before January 18, 2019.
- The Towns need to understand the permitting process. DES makes the rules. They want to "quicken the process for minimum impacts." NHACC is wary of this and solicits responses until January 18.
- John offered to compose a response to DES and NHACC on behalf of us, ACC.

III, Wetlands evaluations - expanded work proposal

- Jeffry Littleton provided an estimate for completing the remaining 7 of 12 wetlands' factors for the 138 wetlands he evaluated in 2018.
- ACC members discussed this proposal and have questions for him. The Conservation Fund has \$36K, which is used to pay for this. We need to keep some funds for conservation easements.
- Sarah will call Jeff and ask him to attend our February 6 meeting to talk about options for completing the evaluation.

IV, Town Report - Sarah has written all sections for the Alstead Town Report and will submit it to the Town Office by January 15, 2019.

V, Other items:

- We need to invite the director of Public Works to our meeting due to continued concerns about road work methods that affect land and water conservation.
- The Town Master Plan needs a section for Water Resources. The full wetlands report will provide a basis for it.
- What is a "Prime Wetlands" designation and how is it used? Does DES get involved in enforcement? We'll research this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts