

**Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2017**

Present: Sarah Webb, David Moody, Donna Sabin, and Joyce Campbell-Counts
Guests: Juliana Stevens, Jeff Littleton

I, Minutes from April (March 29) 2017 - Read and approved.

II, Arbor Day Report - On Friday, April 28, 2017, ACC members Sarah, David, and Joyce CC assisted teachers and students with shrub plantings and attended ceremonies led by Mitch Harrison, in place of Principal Gail Rowe, at Vilas Middle School grounds.

ACC members voted to add \$85 to the initial allotment of \$135, to cover the cost of plants, purchased at Allen Brothers in Vermont.

III, Trees in front of 1st Congregational Church at Alstead Center Commons - Sarah spoke to Peter Rentzelman about trimming branches of trees due to the hazard they pose near the parking area at the church. Juliana pointed out that the Town has budgeted for this in 2017.

IV, Jeff Littleton for Wetlands Inventory for Alstead's Master Plan - He is an environmental consultant and teaches at Antioch College. Using NRI (National Resources Inventory) and many other resources, Jeff described what he does to identify wetlands. He directed ACC members to get information from the website, NHMethod.org, and become familiar with the process. With this method, we will determine reasons why we want an inventory. This includes any "prime wetlands" designation, which must be Town-approved. Then, we'll meet with Jeff again to work out a plan. He works in stages; cost can range from \$10-30K; work can be completed in about one year.

V, Annual bird walk with Mitch Harrison - Possible date in early June.

VI, Transfer Station Info - Juliana Stevens reported on this at the Selectboard's meeting this week. They handed out 350 trifold brochures about the station operation, including dumping and paying for items. A recommendation was made to the board to place the trifolds at the Town Office. Sixty-two cars got transfer station stickers. Also proposed to the board was making a guest pass available for residents' guests or travelers staying locally.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts