

**Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes June 8, 2017**

Present: Sarah Webb, Joyce Curll, Donna Sabin, and Joyce Campbell-Counts
Guests: Juliana Stevens, Anne McBride

I, Distant Hill Gardens Easement – Monadnock Conservancy's Anne McBride explained the situation and the Nerrie's request for funding assistance with the easement. ACC members agreed to assist with the cost and will vote on an amount at a future meeting, depending on progress on the application.

II, Minutes for May – read and accepted.

III, Orchard School Scholarships – Sarah received thank you notes from Elinor at the school. The ACC donated \$500 from our Conservation Fund for two Alstead children to attend summer camp.

IV, Wetlands Inventory – Members will examine information about the process called, NH Method, to prepare for this project.

See: <https://nhmethod.org/>

V, Trees at Alstead Center – Sarah spoke with David Crosby about trimming tree limbs that endanger people and their cars parked near the 1st Congregational Church. David said that money (allotted in this year's budget) has almost run out; all but \$1,000 has been used. No resolution was made.

VI, Two items were discussed that Juliana Stevens brought to the ACC.

1, Chase's Mill needs a new footing in the mill to be placed in the water for a beam that will support the structure. She asked if this work needs a permit since it is done in the waterway under the mill. Joyce Curll and Sarah Webb said that if it is done with hand tools, no permit is needed.

2, John Morgan's place on Walpole Valley Road is being sold by Carrie Smith, the widow of the owner. This property has an easement on it that is part of the Patton Trust that doesn't exist anymore. The easement remains in place but needs an easement holder. The easement's status remains uncertain.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts