

Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 3, 2018

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

I, Minutes for September 2018 – minutes were accepted as read.

II, Jeff Littleton's Wetlands Inventory – Final presentation, October 18, 2018, 7:00pm at the Shedd-Porter Library

- ACC members will provide refreshments.
- Jeff Littleton provided a news release and flyer for area distribution prior to this presentation.
- We will ask Jeff for a digital copy of his presentation. His report will be made available, such as at the Town Office and Shedd-Porter library. He also will be providing information and maps.

III, ACC budget for 2019 – The ACC Conservation Commission (ConCom) fund is separate from the ACC Operating Budget.

- Income this year from the Town Map is \$58.
- Expenditures from the Conservation Fund this year went to landowner mailings for the wetlands inventory project and Orchard School Summer Camp.
- Expenditures from the Operating Budget will be:
 - final payment to Jeff Littleton, and
 - membership and fees for the NHACC Conference on November 3, 2018.
- Sarah will schedule a meeting with the Selectboard to review the ACC budget.

IV, Lake Warren Association, ConCom, and Selectboard

- A collaborative session of these three groups could be held to discuss issues such as lake use guidelines, methods of handling roadside drainage, and paving Pine Cliff Road with permeable material (better for lake and its buffers).
- DOT and DES could be involved to get support for remedies and answers to these issues.
- Margaret Perry has expressed willingness to cede some of her land for an improved road layout.

V, Wellman Pond condition – The members agreed to just let it be natural. More water this year means levels are higher. Private clubs monitor their own trails. A logging plan was not pursued.

VI, Announcements

- NHAAA Conference/Annual Meeting is on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Pembroke Academy near Concord, NH. Some ACC members plan to attend. Also, NHACC Spring Training will be scheduled at a later date.
- Orchard School Summer Camp Scholarships – Eleanor Elbers sent us thank you letters with drawings from the students for this opportunity in Summer 2018.
- Easement Monitoring for 2018 – SPNHF (<https://forestsociety.org/about-us>) encourages involvement. We will again walk our three conservation easement properties, and when possible, with owners.

VII, Later this year, we will invite Prescott Trafton, the new Alstead director of Department of Public Works, to our meeting to discuss current practices and standards for road maintenance, particularly in respect to water management.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts