

Alstead Conservation Committee

Minutes for September 2, 2015

Present: Sarah Webb, Marilou Blaine, David Moody, Donna Sabin, Joyce Campbell-Counts and Nan Montgomery.

Alstead Town Forest Update: Peter Rhoades presented an update on the proposed cut for the Town Forest. North Woodlands Inc. came in with a bid on June 8, 2015, which Peter strongly recommended the Conservation Committee approve. He plans to schedule a cut for this coming Fall; after Labor Day or early winter. It was proposed that the Conservation Committee write a letter to the abutters of the Town Forest notifying them of the cutting schedule. An updated letter of October 14, 2013 approving the cut by the Conservation Committee will be presented to the Board of Selectmen by David Moody on September 8, 2015.

Minutes of August 5, 2015: The minutes were read and accepted as written.

Palmer Property on Lake Warren: A site walk of the property with Joyce Curll, Marilou Blaine and Sarah Webb was conducted. Extensive wetland for the proposed building site was found not suitable for building. The Conservation Committee will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen notifying them of their recommendation not to build on the wetland site.

Pine Cliff Road: It was suggested by the Selectman Mr. Rietman that the Conservation Commission write a letter to the Selectmen with the LWA recommendations for dealing with runoff to the lake from Pine Cliff Road. A letter written by Marilou Blaine, dated on August 30, 2013 was written and approved by the Conservation Committee. It was recommended that the ACC, the LWA and the Selectboard should meet to come up with a sequential plan and commitment to fix the road.

Dennis Molesky Proposal: Marilou is waiting to hear from Dennis to see if he has a survey of the property abutting Wellman Pond.

Tree Cutting at Pratt Rock: Sarah will talk with Joel McCarty about cutting trees at Pratt Rock. She will offer the price of gasoline be paid for by the Conservation Committee.

Casella/Pratt biosolid treatment: DES must approve the application of biosolids before application. Sarah Webb will write a letter to DES stating that the Conservation Committee does not approve of biosolids. Darby Brook is a concern. It was recommended that Darby Brook be tested before and after the first year of application. A Riparian Buffer of 50 – 100 feet is needed for protection of Darby Brook and it's tributaries. Other concerns were the effects of biosolids in the soil, aquifers and aquatic plant life. A public hearing will be announced by DES before the application of biosolids.

Writing of the Minutes: The Conservation Committee discussed the idea of hiring someone to attend the meetings once a month and write the minutes. There were many ideas and suggestions but no consensus. This idea will be continued.

Respectfully submitted: Nan Montgomery September 10, 2015