

Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2020

Present: Sarah Webb, Donna Sabin, David Moody, Joyce Campbell-Counts

I, Minutes for February 2020 - accepted as read.

II, Wetlands Celebration on February 29, 2020 - This event at the Orchard School Community Center wrapped up the 2-year study of Alstead's wetlands.

- At the celebration, Jeff Littleton requested feedback from attendees who used orange dots to mark their **ranking of wetlands functions** in the study. Results are:
 - 17 - wildlife
 - 11 - water quality
 - 2 - flood control
 - 2 - recreation
 - 5 - groundwater recharge
 - 7 - education
- Jeff's final evaluation report is due in April.
- Next step is inclusion of this report in the Alstead Master Plan.

III, Arbor Day and Earth Day events for 2020

- Arbor Day - For Friday April 17, Sarah will talk to the principal (Gail) and 5th grade teacher (Dore) to arrange this event. Fall Mountain school spring break is week of April 19-25.
- Earth Day - For Saturday April 25, cleanup will occur as usual with blue bags available at the Town Office and Transfer Station.
 - NOTE: This year, 2020, is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.
 - Sarah contacted Michael Nerrie about a 5th grade tour of wetlands at Distant Gardens.
 - Instead of a contest this year, ACC members propose a cooperative activity. Sarah will check with school members for their input. Tentative theme for Earth Day posters for the 5th grade is, "The Earth is Terrific! What are ways to help it out? Celebrate Earth Day at 50 years!"

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.