

**Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2016**

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

I, Minutes from September – Minutes were accepted as corrected.

II, Beavers - Nan Montgomery's research includes the following two points. The beaver is a "keystone" species in wetlands because their activities provide a rich habitat for other animals and plants. Flow devices are available where beavers have made "problem" areas.

Sarah suggests we arrange a beaver presentation for the public at the Alstead Library. Sources for presenters are NH Fish and Game, Voices of Wildlife, and Kurt Valenta (presenter at a VT OLLI program presentation that Sarah and Joyce plan to attend October 11).

More on this topic later.

III, Lake Warren Association (LWA) activities - Joyce Curll reported that lots of volunteer work has been done, and their hours are being tallied. The LWA, along with SWRPC and FB Consulting (hired by SWRPC) examined water flow on the road leading to the boat ramp. The flow path is to be reworked; this will be handled by John Mann. In November at a Selectboard meeting, the LWA will present a watershed maintenance plan to improve lake water quality.

IV, Warrant Article to be submitted - The ACC will present a warrant article regarding Town Forest revenue from timber cuts. That article requests that such funds go into a new Forest Maintenance Fund to be handled by the ACC. Sarah will present this to the Selectboard in mid-October.

Other discussion involved the 'change of use' tax (Land Use Change Tax LUCT information). Sarah will ask Linda in the Town Office about the "practice" of the LUCT's first \$2,000 going into the ACC budget.

V, Budget for next year - remains at \$1,500, based on recent years' spending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts