

Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2023

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

I, Minutes for December 7, 2022 - accepted as read

II, Recap for Prime Wetlands effort

- Jeff Littleton sent a letter summarizing our efforts. He emphasized the importance of managing resources. Robert Ackerman from TONE (Timber Owners of New England) wrote a letter appreciating our handling of this effort.
- Final payment was made to Moosewood Ecological Ltd.

III, Town Report for 2022 - due in mid-January. Sarah previewed the contents. By Friday, she'll provide text to Joyce who will type and email it to Mary Schoppmeyer at the Town Office. We are including two photos for Orchard School Summer Camp.

IV, Easements - completed this year and future easements

- Kroka Expeditions - completed
- Montgomery-Kingwell - continuing
- Michael Nerrie at Distant Hill Gardens - Need confirmation of status
- New Moody easement - in planning process

V, Warrant Article - complete as soon as possible to replenish funds in the Conservation Fund. Used for:

- \$26,000 donation for Warren Brook restoration
- \$ 5,000 donation for Monadnock Conservancy easement at Kroka
- at least \$ 1,000 for Orchard School summer program scholarships for two Alstead residents (children)

Other/future uses: easements, hazard tree work, education for climate change

NOTE: A public hearing is needed if monies are used to **buy** land/property. We have not so far bought land for conservation easements. We have donated funds toward the easement acquisition process of Monadnock Conservancy or NH Forest Society.

VI, Tafi Brown's photos of two significant Alstead events - how to process her negatives, which photos to crop and where to use them. We will do this at our February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

ACC meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 3 PM in the Town Office.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts