Alstead Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2023

Present: Sarah Webb, Donna Sabin, David Moody, and Joyce Campbell-Counts Guests: Bill Blaiklock

I, Minutes for September 6, 2023 accepted read.

II, Easement discussion, Q&A with Nancy Fitz-Rapalje and Sarah Webb Sarah referred Nancy to the Monadnock Conservancy contact, Pete Throop, to learn about options.

III, Town Report - not due until January 2024. Sarah will gather notes for 2023.

IV, Budget 2024 - Appointment scheduled early November; attend the Selectboard hearing for small agencies.

V, Bill Blaiklock and Bragg Lane trail – in late September, Bill and Joyce CC walked the trail that he has cleared from Route 12A into the woods as far as Vilas Pool private property. He described the plans for 3 trails - one yet to be cleared. These allow walkers to vary their route into and out of this town-owned property along the Cold River.

- In early spring, he met with the Selectboard who agreed to mowing the main lane into the woods. Bill will maintain the trail, keeping it cleared and managed.
- Bill developed a Facebook page called, Friends of Alstead NH Trails. It already has 300 members, and lots of photos.
- He talked with us about trail work on other town owned properties.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

ACC meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 3 pm in the Town Office. Sarah Webb, Chairperson, can be reached at this number – 603.835.2890

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts