

Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2022

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

Guests: Peter Renzelman, Joseph Cartwright

I, Peter Renzelman - Trees

a, Tree pruning/removal plan for Alstead Center Common - Peter focused on 5 trees, providing a 2-page plan and a sketch of the trees, culverts, and drainage on the Common.

-- A tree service would need to be hired.

-- Fran Makery, owner of Maple Hill Nursery, might provide the trees.

-- A proposal for needed funds for this project will be presented to the Select Board.

b, Logging Pratt Road - Possible relaxed Best Management Practices; muddy beaver pond. Sarah called Tyler Jefferson, new fire warden for Alstead. The fire warden is first contact to report a concern to DES.

II, Prime Wetlands Designation - follow up after discussion following the November 17 public hearing.

a, The ACC is discontinuing the efforts to select wetlands for the Prime designation. This selection is "over the top" for landowners whose properties abut the selected wetlands.

-- Sarah had a discussion with Jeff Littleton, who agreed with this decision.

-- Sarah spoke with Matt Saxton, who will relay this to the Select Board.

b, Peter Renzelman brought a copy for the ACC of the letter sent from Meadowsend, which was read at the November 17 public hearing.

c, David Moody made a motion to withdraw the proposal for designation wetlands a "prime," on the basis of concerns raised by landowners. All members were in favor.

-- The ACC will send a follow-up letter to all landowners and abutters who were informed of the public hearing. It will explain our decision and thank them for their input.

III, The ACC will continue with other ways to protect land and wetlands, such as easements and continuing education.

III, Warrant article for \$5,000 for the Conservation Fund – We propose this amount to occur every year. This is to help landowners pay for conservation easements. We will prepare the warrant article at the January ACC meeting.

IV, Minutes for November 5, 2022 - accepted as read.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts