

Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2022

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

Guest: Steven Lamonde with Moosewood Ecological

I, Minutes for August 24, 2022 - accepted as corrected

II, Letter with two Alstead "Guide to Natural and Cultural Resources" maps to be sent to Eleanor, responding to the thank you note received from the Orchard School Summer scholarship recipients. Sarah read the letter she composed, and we approved.

III, Easement monitoring date set - Thursday, Sept. 15 at 11 am with Sarah, Donna, and Joyce. We'll visit, walk/or drive by three properties.

IV, Alstead Center hazard trees

a, Sarah talked to Peter Renzelman about the section between his driveway and Pratt Road. He will give us an assessment, as Select Board member Joel McCarty asked.

b, Lilly Pond - logging is extensive there with only a 20-30 foot buffer.

- Sarah will check into NH best practices.
- See RSA-482-A and RSA485-A for specific resource types of buffers.
- On NH DES website, see info in RSA482-A:15. Setbacks and buffers seem to apply only to Prime Wetlands.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/water/wetlands/faqs/wetlands-and-stream-crossings#faq34651>

V, Kroka Expeditions and Monadnock Conservancy easement contribution - Sarah requested a check be drawn from the Conservation Budget for \$5,000 to be sent to the Conservancy.

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VI, Prime Wetlands selection process - Using the initial 9 wetlands we selected from table data in Jeff Littleton's Wetlands Evaluation report, Steven Lamonde streamlined the process for identifying these wetlands for Prime designation. He correlated the report's wetlands to the Alstead map locations. We added three more wetlands (2 draining into Alstead, one into Lake Warren) for a total of 12 potential Prime wetlands designations.

- Using Jeff's report, these are (sort of from north to south):
96, 114, 89, 84, 54, 43, 44, 36, 7, 11, 14, and 78.
- For these 12, Steven will extract parcel numbers and email them to Joyce for ACC members to obtain landowner information. This might involve meeting with the Town Clerk to confirm the owners of these parcels.
- Following this step, we will contact property owners and abutters about these wetlands, to discuss their interest in the Prime Wetland designation.
- Note: On Alstead's municipal website, a link to parcels in GIS data format is available.
<https://www.axisgis.com/alsteadnh/>

The data resources that Steven and Jeff are providing are time savers and make this process feasible at all.

We selected a tentative date for the public hearing that is required prior to proposing this Prime Wetland designation - using a Warrant Article - to the Voters in March 2023. The tentative date is Wednesday or Thursday, November 9 or 10, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm
Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts