

Alstead Conservation Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2022

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

I, Minutes for July 6, 2022 - accepted as read.

II, Prime Wetlands effort with Jeff Littleton - we paid Jeff a first installment toward his work on this project; funds were drawn from the Conservation budget. He will attend our September meeting.

- We will meet the deadline for the warrant article about establishing specific Prime Wetlands.
- We will set an Information Session date for the public to attend.
- Maps and displays for the Shedd-Porter Library are OK'd.

III, Trees at Alstead Center Common - in the section between the Renzelman driveway and Pratt Road. Decision: ask Peter Renzelman for a consult, to walk it and draw maps. The ConComm will write a letter of recommendation for tree pruning/removal, as suggested by Joel McCarty. The Town will do the tree work.

IV, Visit from DES Wetlands' Marianne Tilton - the State does not fund visits (such as to our ConComm), but Marianne called Sarah during our meeting today. They talked at length; Sarah got info about Winter meetings that we could attend.

- An alternative to using NH State rules about wetlands is a Town Ordinance, which is more flexible with buffers, for example.
- ConComm could meet with the Planning and Zoning Commissions to review the Town Plan regarding wetlands.

Information about Zoning Ordinances to manage Natural Resource Inventories (NRIs) online is here:

<https://extension.unh.edu/nhnriguide/about-nri/using-nri/review-zoning-ordinances>

V, Monadnock Conservancy easement - Sarah read the letter of appreciation from Pete Throop at the conservancy; he has worked with Kroka Expeditions on this easement. Sarah will submit an invoice for \$5,000 to the Town Treasurer, Hans Waldemann, for our contribution to this easement.

Continued

VI, Sales of Town map - we received \$42 from sales of this map, "A Guide to the Natural and Cultural Resources of Alstead, New Hampshire."

VII, Orchard Hill Summer Camp Scholarships - we received thank you notes. At David's suggestion, we will send them a Town Map.

VIII, Easement monitoring 2022 for the NH Forest Society - we will set a date at the September meeting for the two Burroughs properties and the Fox property. Part of Wellman Pond also has an easement. We anticipate having a NH steward for this activity.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM
Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts