

**Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2017**

Present: Sarah Webb, Joyce Curll, David Moody, Donna Sabin, Joyce Campbell-Counts
Guest: Jeff Littleton

I, Minutes for November 2017 were read and accepted as written.

II, Jeff Littleton's proposal update for wetlands inventory - Jeff added a timeline to his contract and, with the ACC members, set dates for public meetings, including a presentation at Shedd-Porter Library in late February 2018. Funding will come from NRI and ACC funds. One outcome of this inventory will be a publishable product, a map. The ACC voted unanimously to fund this project.

III, Budget - On December 5, 2017, Sarah presented to the Selectboard an explanation of the 2017 expenditures of the ACC. We will deplete the ACC 2017 operating budget by paying Jeff Littleton an initial amount for the wetlands inventory project.

IV, Town Report for 2017 - Sarah will write the ACC's annual report, covering these activities:

- a. Educational Programs, including Town Library Beaver Talk
- b. Arbor Day
- c. Shrub & Stream Bank Stabilization assisted by 5th graders
- d. Field trip to Langdon Ledges for old growth pine tree identification with Antioch students
- e. Earth Day Road Cleanup
- f. Easements - working with Distant Hill Gardens on Alstead portion
- g. Need to build ACC reserves to buy land for conservation
- h. Permitting

V, Preliminary plans on 2018 Arbor Day activities -

- 1, Cold River plantings
- 2, wetlands theme
- 3, tours of wetlands:
 - possibly by Michael Nerrie, Sarah Webb, and/or Jeff Littleton
 - to Town locations, such as Wellman Pond, Morning Sun property
 - if by bus, only one grade level

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Submitted by Joyce Campbell-Counts