

Alstead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2021

Present: Sarah Webb, David Moody, and Joyce Campbell-Counts

I, Minutes from August 4, 2021 - accepted as read

II, Planning Board meeting September 13 request for hearing on Wetlands Evaluation as part of Town Master Plan - hearing scheduled for 7:00 pm, Monday, October 11, 2021. Planning Board members were given 2 copies of the Wetlands Evaluation Report to review before the hearing. Sarah Webb will contact Jeff Littleton about attending.

III, Cold River Minimum Flow presentation, held on September 27, 2021, was preliminary to a hearing scheduled for October 18, at 7pm in the Town Hall. Wayne Ives sent the Executive Summary with chart to Sarah Webb, via Joyce Campbell-Counts' email. "Minimum flow" is described as the minimum water flow at which fish can survive. Joyce will forward this document to Charlotte Comeau at the Town Office for posting on the Announcements or Calendar prior to the hearing.

Description of "minimum flow" from DES NH document, "Method for Estimating Instream Flow Requirements for Protection of Aquatic Life" on page 1, Summary: "In order to comply with surface water quality standards, withdrawals or diversions of water from surface waters must be operated so that sufficient water remains to fully support aquatic life. "

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/wd-11-3.pdf>

IV, Kroka easement - Pete Throop from Monadnock Conservancy and someone from Kroka will meet (Thursday, October 7) with ACC members for a site walk on the 17-acre property on Rogers Road. Peter and a Kroka person will present the easement on December 1, 2021.

V, Easement Monitoring - Sarah and Joyce will visit these properties in late October.

VI, Budget for 2022 - includes NH state ConCom dues, Prime Wetlands study, map updates, Earth Day & Arbor Day activities, and outstanding bills not paid in 2021.

Other discussion: prime wetlands study effort with Jeff Littleton (develop a strategy for Town parcels), brochure for landowners on why they should conserve land, ATV laws and BMPs.

Next meeting will be December 1, 2021.

Meeting adjourned: 4:30