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Website information and creating links out to the new Conservation Commission Website.

Beacon Article on Pond Dredging: Alan is working on this.

Co-Occurrence Map: Harvey Pine has not yet been in touch. We will continue to try to reach Harvey.

Swearing in of CC members: Tina, Alan, and Jesse have been sworn in. The others still need to be sworn in. Nan has stepped down but plans to continue to attend meetings. We now have a vacancy to fill. We are very grateful to Nan for her work on the Conservation Commission.

Pollinator Meadow: Jon Champagne and the UNH Extension continue the process of planning a pollinator meadow on Jon Champagne's land (after soil disturbance is finished).

Site Visit for Eversource Pole Replacement Work: Jesse & Alan visited the site of Eversource planned work and took photos in the vicinity of Kearsarge Mountain Rd. and Bridge Rd.

Elbow Pond Road Culvert Repair Work: The Conservation Commission will be invited to a meeting with the Select Board and the firm responsible for the design of a replacement culvert.

Intent to cut: The CC request to receive copies of Intents to Cut has been denied. We hope we can develop a useful notification system.

October 3, 2018

(Condensed from Approved Minutes)

Members present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Alan McIntyre, Jerry Hersey, Jesse Schust

Andover Select Board: Vicky Mishcon

Residents and Landowners: Betty and Bill Bardsley, Andy Prokosch, Joanne Edgar, Greg Walsh

Hoyle, Tanner and Associates Environmental Consultants: Kimberly Peace, Josef Bicja (Engineer)

Purpose of this meeting: The select board wishes to proceed with repairs to the Culvert on Elbow Pond Road. Because the area of impact will include an area of designated Prime Wetland, Hoyle, Tanner & Associates consultants must get the Conservation Commission to provide a letter of approval before the design and wetlands application can be submitted to the state for review.

Presentation by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates (HTA):

Kimberly explained the process by which the culvert was damaged during last October's storm. The foundation of the culvert was undermined (the blocks were set on the streambed). The size of the culvert was correct, but the footing and abutment were impacted because the foundation was not deep enough.

The culvert repair will have temporary impacts on the wetlands (a few weeks). Once the repair is complete, the stream bed and culvert size will be the same as it was previously, but the culvert will be much better protected against storm events. The functions of the wetland will not change as a result

of this temporary impact.

There is a copy of the wetland evaluation by a wetland scientist in the application. The culvert will be set up as a flat level one - just like before. The blocks that are there will be reused (the old blocks will make up 1/3 of the materials used in the repaired culvert). Another 2/3 of materials used to repair the culvert will be brought in from elsewhere. The bottom of the whole structure will be clean firm stone gravel fill, and then the blocks will be set on top of that.

The dewatering process will allow time for the wetland creatures to escape before the work begins. The process of sandbagging both sides in order to de-water will allow the work to take place in a dry location. The projected time scale is just a few weeks.

The beaver deceivers will be left intact (little or no movement of the equipment will be required).

The intention of HTA is to submit this application tomorrow (October 4th) if the Conservation Commission will approve of this project tonight. Because this is a Prime Wetland, the process requires this. There is a different process if a repair takes place in wetland that is not a Prime Wetland.

HTA has asked DES for a waiver of a public hearing. The Select Board felt this was appropriate.

John Thompson will be obligated to use the stamped design provided by the engineer. HTA will be involved and will look at the implementation and approve the final result.

HTA checked about whether or not to remove the gravel bar that came from the culvert into the Prime Wetland downstream. There is a design proposal of planting live speckled alder to help to stabilize this gravel bar.

The plan keeps the width of the culvert the same in order to avoid focusing the water through that location because of the scour pool that would result. This is a dynamic system with three different locations that water passes under the road (the bridge, the western culvert

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Next Senior Luncheon for Kearsarge Region Scheduled

Press release

The second fun-filled luncheons serving seniors in the Kearsarge Region will take place at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) Red Barn at 11:30 AM on Thursday, November 15.

Reservations are required for each luncheon. First time attendees wanting to enjoy a hot lunch, the camaraderie of other seniors and an occasional short program are requested to call the New London Council on Aging at (603) 526-6368 by November 5.

Door prizes and books will be given out and fun entertainment will follow the meal.

A \$2 donation is suggested for the meal and a \$3 donation for the WCA for providing the space and kitchen for a total of \$5. For those aged 60 years and under, the charge is \$6 for CAP and a suggested donation of \$3 for the WCA.

If the weather is frightful, please use your best judgement about venturing out. As a guide, however, the luncheons will be "on" if the Kearsarge Schools are open or delayed. If school is cancelled, the luncheon will also be cancelled.

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