

Leverett Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2015 7:30pm

Leverett Town Hall - First Floor Meeting Room
9 Montague Road, Leverett, MA

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Commission Chair, Isaiah Robison.

Commissioners Present: Laurie Brown, Chris Nelson, David Powicki, Isaiah Robison, Andrew Young

Absent: Ralph Tiner

Public Attendees: Mark Stinson (MassDEP), Dan Williams

- Reviewed and approved October 5, 2015 minutes: unanimously approved (motion made by Laurie Brown and seconded by David Powicki) with note to fix typographical errors. There was discussion about scheduling executive sessions under the Open Meeting Law; Chris Nelson will look into the matter and report next meeting.

- Administrative Matters
 - Conservation Commission Vacancy left by Victoria Cliché: commission members approached residents but no candidates were found. The commission will continue the search for a new member.
 - Conservation Commission Representation on Community Preservation Committee: Laurie Brown will attend the November 4 CPA meeting as representative for the conservation commission. The possibility to share the responsibility was also discussed.

- Old Business
 - FRCOG Building Permits
 - 35 Montague Rd (Christopher Kilham) - No resource issues
 - 93 Cave Hill Rd (Toshi Kashima for Thomas Matsuda) - No resource issues
 - 124 Depot Rd - Vista Pruning
 - Owner Olivia Bernard is interested in having vista pruned to view of Leverett Pond. Per LCC recommendation, a plan was submitted by CL Frank, certified arborist.
 - Under the WPA, pruning within 50' of a resource area requires the filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability. The town will have to file this RDA for town land. David Powicki will attend the November 10 Selectboard meeting to discuss the matter and the issue of setting a precedent for activity on town land.
 - 2 Dudleyville Rd Construction Progress

- An inquiry was made about construction structures in a resource area. The construction structure in question was considered not to be a disturbance to the resource area.
- New Business (Issues around Town)
 - Lead Mine Rd - Existing resident considering purchase. The Board of Health is reviewing a 2011 approved plan for a septic system.
 - Dan Williams was present to discuss the permitting process related to building on this property.
 - Even if the plan for a septic system has been approved, an RDA will need to be filed before a septic system can be constructed for the property. Williams may file this RDA before purchase so long as the owner is notified and receives a copy of the form.
 - Williams was advised that erosion and sediment controls would likely be required for the site.
- Other New Business not considered as of the date of the posting of this meeting notice
 - 2015 Brush hogging of G King invoice received - \$350
 - Payment of this invoice was voted on and authorized during the October meeting.
 - Selling of the abandoned VW bus on the property was discussed as a means to raise funds for the ConCom.
 - MA Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals (MSMCP) Membership Renewal (\$20)
 - Benefits of membership considered non-essential.
 - Approved spending of \$60 for MACC Membership for Conservation Commission Agent (\$60). Motion made by David Powicki and seconded by Laurie Brown.
- Next Meeting date: Monday, December 7 at 7:30 pm
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm (motion made by Laurie Brown, seconded by Andrew Young).