Leverett Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes Monday, August 1, 2016 7:15pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Commission Chair, Isaiah Robison.

Commissioners Present: Chris Nelson, Isaiah Robison, David Powicki, Carl Siebing, Ralph Tiner,

Andrew Young

Commissioners Absent: Laurie Brown

Public Attendees: Jonathan Gere (RDA applicant for 92 Juggler Meadow Rd), Miho Connolly

(Commission Agent)

- Reviewed and approved July 11, 2016 minutes. Unanimously approved (motion made by David Powicki, seconded by Isaiah Robison).
- 7:20 p.m. Enforcement Order for Culvert Replacement on N. Leverett Rd
 - The Highway Department replaced a culvert on N. Leverett Rd just south of Sprinkle Rd without notifying the Commission. MassDEP Mark Stinson advised that the Commission issue an Enforcement Order.
 - The culvert pipe is 2' in diameter and improperly embedded. The gravel around the site has not been properly stabilized, and spreads widely from the road.
 - E.O. was signed unanimously by the Commission to require submission of a NOI for a new culvert replacement.
- 7:29 p.m. Discussion concerning Request for Determination of Applicability for 92 Juggler Meadow Rd
 - Jon Gere described his project for a septic system replacement on his late father's property. Since there are wetlands on the property, he was directed to submit an RDA by the Board of Health.
 - Gere was advised to hire a consultant to delineate the wetlands and to provide a map detailing distances between the construction site and wetlands.
- Administrative Matters
 - Cave Hill Property Monitoring
 - Agent is working with Eva Gibavic to schedule a date
 - Hole in the floor of covered bridge at Gordon King
 - Rocky Adriance has patched the hole.
 - Rocky will be asked if he could assess the bridge and repair it as needed. (Funds from ConCom and Gordon King accounts)
 - Community Development Strategy

- The CDS already includes a comprehensive conservation and forestry plan, the OSRP update, and open space acquisition. We have added the construction of the Beaver Dam Bridge between Doolittle Brook beaver pond to Teawaddle Hill Farm as a potential project.
- The potential for harvesting timber on town land (e.g. Gordon King property) was discussed. Perhaps this timber could be used for bridge construction?
- CPA Funds Proposal
 - We will ask Laurie Brown to report back on any updates with this idea.
- 8:08 p.m. Other New Business not considered as of the date of this notice
 - Certificate of Compliance for 62 Depot Rd (Melissa Lafond for Julia Chartier)
 - Agent was contacted about issuing a COC for an Order of Conditions issued in 1999. Agent and Chris Nelson conducted a site visit and did not identify any issues.
 - COC was signed unanimously by the Commission.
 - 106 Jackson Hill Rd (Adam Bauer)
 - Order of Conditions was not recorded at the registry prior to work. Agent will contact the applicant to require recording.
 - Updates and publications from MACC
 - Membership cards for FY17 were received
 - Wetlands Protection Act brochures will be placed in the Town Hall
 - MACC Forest Management Conference: Sat, 10/29/16 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Holyoke Community College, Kittredge Center, Holyoke, MA
- Next Meeting Date(s): August 29, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. (motion made by Isaiah Robison, seconded by Ralph Tiner).