

Monday, May 2nd, 2022 - Leverett Conservation Commission meeting Final minutes

In Attendance:

Gail Berrigan, Voting member

Jono Neiger, Voting member

Joan Deely, Voting member

Ralph Tiner, Voting member

Seth Heminway, Voting member

Adam Kohl, Conservation Agent

Mitch Mulholland - FLP representative

Tom Hankinson - FLP representative

Terry Allen - abutter to 102 Shutesbury Rd

Samuel Black - FONLS representative

Sidney Poritz - FONLS representative

Town Folks: Carol Heim, Kip and Judi Fonsh, Tanya Cushman, 'DC', Gene Stamell, Stephen Freedman, Clarie Hopley, Susan Walker, Brian Emond, John Anderson, and Sarah Roberson

Meeting started: Seth starts the meeting at 7:03pm

Appoint Vice Chair for the evening: Joan is willing

1) NOI for 102 Shutesbury Rd, applicant Jesse Springer

Adam explains that DEP advised filing this as an RDA instead of an NOI. Gail made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting, Ralph seconded. Unanimous

2) Request to meet from FONLS (Friends of North Leverett Sawmill)

FONLS would like to add trails and signage on Con Com property adjacent to the Slarrow sawmill and stated it would be useful for Con Com to advise on trails. The Commission advises FONLS submit a map of proposed trails. One small piece of private land may be involved in the plan. The Commission will choose a date for a site visit.

FONLS would like to resume routine maintenance on the dam and would like to know what the process is for permitting. Tom Hankinson advises speaking with Jim Field, who is familiar with engineering and dam regulations. Gail suggests consulting with the new Western Wetland Circuit Rider at DEP. Jono suggests speaking with the Office of Dam Safety. Ralph says ACOE should be contacted in any major refiguration of the dam.

3) Friends of Leverett Pond Annual Management Plan

Mitch and Tom present an overview of the work which involves managing aquatic invasive species with a focus on Eurasian milfoil. There is a discrepancy over the methods of the 2021 SWCA survey; Jono believes the survey was extensive while FLP representatives suggest it was a sampling. Mitch continues to present an overview of the work, and public comments are heard. Ralph makes a motion to accept the management plan proposal, Gail seconds. Jono opposes, Seth abstains, everyone else is in favor. 3-1 the vote passes with one abstaining.

4) Meeting with Julia Firl, Con. Com. candidate

Julia moved to Leverett recently, works for USFWS, and is interested in joining the commission. She has submitted her resume and a letter of interest which was reviewed by the commission. Seth makes a motion to recommend Julia Firth to the selectboard for appointment to the conservation commission, all in favor.

5) Minutes and Mail

An RCOC for DEP file #200-0173 was received by the commission. A site visit was set for Monday May 9th at 8:30am and Adam will contact the applicant to give notice.

Next meeting is set for: June 6th unless another meeting is needed to make a determination on the RCOC.

Motion to close the meeting: Seth makes a motion to adjourn, Joan seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 8:53pm

Minutes taken by Adam Kohl - Conservation Agent