

Leverett Pond Weed Management Proposal

Friends of Leverett Pond have submitted an application to the Leverett Conservation Commission and the MA Dept of Environmental Protection for activities in managing nuisance aquatic vegetation. This is part of an on-going management project that Friends of Leverett Pond have been engaged in for decades. The application is being reviewed by the Conservation Commission for compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act.

Activities proposed are:

- Herbicide use to reduce/retard invasive plants and control spread potential (8 acres)
- Mechanical weed and root removal to control invasive and nuisance vegetation (4 acres)
- Hand removal of invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation
- SCUBA removal of invasive and nuisance aquatic vegetation

Weed removal is proposed for property owner waterfronts, access channels, and in other areas of the pond. The proposed management plan is for a 3-5 year period and subject to review yearly by the Conservation Commission.

We, the Leverett Conservation Commission, invite the public to attend the ongoing hearings (for the time being online video calls), review the publicly available submitted materials (available on the Conservation Commission webpage <https://leverett.ma.us/>), and ask questions and give your feedback. Leverett Pond is “owned” by the people of Massachusetts; we all have a stake in its future.

Meetings are on the first Monday of the month, check the town website calendar for meeting dates, times and video call information.