

Leverett Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2016, 7:30pm

Leverett Town Hall - First Floor Meeting Room

9 Montague Road, Leverett, MA

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Commission Chair, Isaiah Robison.

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

Commissioners Absent: Laurie Brown, Andrew Young

Public Attendees: Carl Siebing, Terry Kayne, Mitchell Mulholland

- Reviewed and approved February 1, 2016 minutes. Unanimously approved (motion made by Ralph Tiner, seconded by Isaiah Robison).
- 7:34 p.m. Public Hearing for NOI: 17 Richardson Rd (Terry Kayne)
 - Terry is interested in cutting down around 12 hemlock trees in the riverfront area in order to decrease shading on her driveway. The Commission determined that the trees immediately adjacent to the stream would be kept to maintain shade over the Coldwater Fisheries Resource (Williams Brook). Isaiah suggested that Terry plant 3 - 7 hardwood trees (saplings or whips) as a mitigation measure. The Commission will review the marked trees to confirm which trees may or may not be cut.
 - The Commission asked Terry Kayne to bring in an updated plan and narrative reflecting the Commission's suggestions. David Powicki made a motion to **continue** the hearing until the next meeting; seconded by Isaiah Robison. Vote unanimous.
- 7:53 p.m. Review of Friends of Leverett Pond Annual Proposal (200-0166)
 - FLP reports continued success in invasive plant management, with last year showing particularly good results. FLP will begin treatment in early May to remove milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. Signage will be posted around the pond before herbicide treatment commences. Mitch assured the Commission that he monitors all work on the pond, and ensures that all debris from weed removal is moved >100' away from the pond. The Commission discussed the effectiveness of new geo-textile benthic barriers. The "Beaver Deceiver," a device for deterring beaver damage, was destroyed last year; FLP has erected signs to better inform the public. The FLP is planning to form an organization to take ownership of the dam in order to repair and maintain it.
 - Isaiah Robison suggested that the FLP annual proposal be posted to the Conservation Commission site.
 - Motion made by Ralph Tiner to approve the proposed plan for invasives treatment. Seconded by David Powicki; vote unanimous.
- 8:13 p.m. Administrative Matters
 - Conservation Commission vacancy left by Victoria Cliché

