

Leverett Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:15pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Commission Chair, Isaiah Robison.

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

Public Attendees: Keith Morris (NECRR), Adam Bauer (106 Jackson Hill Rd), Miho Connolly (Commission Agent)

- Reviewed and approved April 4, 2016 minutes. Unanimously approved (motion made by David Powicki, seconded by Isaiah Robison) with noted corrections.
- 7:25 p.m. Public Meeting for RDA: New England Central Railroad Right-Of-Way - Keith Morris
 - As part of a routine process, the NECRR is seeking confirmation of the sensitive areas in Leverett along the right-of-way. All sites in Leverett are deemed low-spray zones; no-spray zones within 10' of wetland areas.
 - Isaiah Robison made a motion to issue a **Positive 2a** determination to confirm the wetland area delineation. Seconded by David Powicki, vote unanimous.
 - YOP will be posted to the Town Newsletter and Commission website.
- 7:42 p.m. Inquiry: 36 Broad Hill - Elizabeth Scheffey
 - Liz is interested in draining a farm pond in order to remove water milfoil and leaf sediment. Pond (>10,000sqft) has an intermittent stream outlet.
 - The Commission suggested that Liz contact the Friends of Leverett Pond about removing water milfoil, and discuss the issue with an environmental consultant.
- 8:15 p.m. Public Hearing for NOI: 106 Jackson Rd - Adam Bauer
 - Applicant is interested in dredging a farm pond (3~4,000sqft), <95 cubic yards of material.
 - Isaiah Robison, as a contractor for the project, recused himself from the discussion. ***Continued to Wednesday, May 11th at 7:15p.m. due to lack of quorum.***
- 8:30 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing for NOI: 17 Richardson Rd - Terry Kayne
 - Terry Kayne phoned in via Skype to discuss her project
 - The Commission agreed to **approve** the project, *on the condition that* Terry provide a clearer, neater diagram easily comprehensible to those unfamiliar with the project, to be approved by the Commission Chair. Motion made by Andrew Young, seconded by David Powicki, vote unanimous.
 - The Commission expressed an interest in learning more about remote participation in meetings. Agent will look into the topic.
- 8:40 p.m. Old Business:
 - FRCOG Permits:
 - 93 Cave Hill Rd (Thomas Matsuda) - No resource issues

- 1 Juggler Meadow Rd (Sylvia and Daniel Cooley)- No resource issues
 - 8:50 p.m. New Business (Issues around town)
 - Letter from DEP: Site inspection for Highway Department project #200-114
 - The DEP will conduct a site inspection on Rattlesnake Gutter Rd to issue an Order of Conditions for a project completed in 1998.
 - 8:55 p.m. Other New Business not considered as of the date of this notice
 - Mary Alice Wilson is retiring from her position as co-chair of the Leverett Trails Commission, and is asking to transfer administrative duties for the LTC to the job description of the Conservation Commission agent. Agent agrees; vote unanimous.
 - Chris Nelson reported bulldozing on 253 Long Plain Rd.
 - Next Meeting Date(s): June 6, 2016, 7:15 p.m.
 - Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. : Public Hearing for NOI: 106 Jackson Hill Rd
 - Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. (motion made by David Powicki, seconded by Isaiah Robison).
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**Minutes: Public Hearing for NOI - 106 Jackson Hill Rd (Adam Bauer)
Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 7:15pm**

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Isaiah Robison, Commission Chair, recused himself from the hearing due to conflict of interest. Meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. by acting Chair, David Powicki.

Commissioners Present: David Powicki,, Laurie Brown, Carl Siebing, Ralph Tiner

Public Attendees: Adam Bauer (applicant), Isaiah Robison (contractor), Miho Connolly (Commission Agent)

- Applicant is interested in dredging a farm pond (3~4,000sqft), <95 cubic yards of material.
- Commission confirmed that Bauer would drain the pond at a period of naturally low flow. The contractor noted that there is adequate access for the required machinery, and will not need to cut any trees.
- Commission discussed the deposition of the dredged material. The applicant suggested placing the fill into a man-made gully; however, this is within 100' of the pond. The dredged material should be placed 100' away from the resource areas to be out of jurisdiction.
- Commission suggested that when draining, the water should be pumped away from the stream, instead of into it.
- David Powicki made a motion to **approve** the project, *under the condition that* the Commission be notified at least 48 hours before commencement of work. Seconded by Laurie Brown; vote unanimous.