

Leverett Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 20, 2016 7:15pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Commission Chair, Isaiah Robison.

Commissioners Present: Laurie Brown, Chris Nelson, David Powicki, Isaiah Robison, Ralph Tiner, Andrew Young

Public Attendees: Peter LaBarbera (consultant), Miho Connolly (Commission Agent)

- Reviewed and approved May 2, 2016 minutes. Unanimously approved (motion made by David Powicki, seconded by Ralph Tiner). Reviewed and approved May 11, 2016 minutes. Unanimously approved (motion made by Laurie Brown, seconded by Ralph Tiner) with noted corrections for consistent formatting.
- 7:22 p.m. Public Meeting for RDA - 32 Juggler Meadow Rd (Peter LaBarbera for James & Ann Watson)
 - The applicants propose to replace a septic system within the buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The edge of the elevated leach field will be at 96' from the BVW; an unvegetated staging area will be located about 55' from the wetland. All construction takes place on a relatively flat surface, and silt fences will be placed on the slope between the construction and the BVW. As a septic system replacement, this project is exempt from NHESP regulations.
 - Ralph Tiner made a motion to issue a **Negative 3** determination, *under the condition* that the Commission be notified at least 48 hours before construction begins. Seconded by Isaiah Robison, vote unanimous.
- 7:35 p.m. Administrative Matters
 - A new FRCOG account has been issued for David, so that he may sign off on building permits when Isaiah identifies a conflict of interest.
 - MACC membership will be renewed for FY17.
 - Cave Hill Property Monitoring
 - One of the trails in the Cave Hill Conservation Area has gone across the property line. The Commission Agent will accompany Eva Gibavic to mark property boundaries.
 - We need a standard for boundary marking. Isaiah suggested that we follow Cowls' example.
- 7:42 p.m. Old Business

- FRCOG permits:
 - 17 Dudleyville Rd - No resource issues.
 - 257 Montague Rd - Applicant discussed the project with the Chair, and agreed to stay outside of the 100' buffer zone and/or hire a wetlands consultant.
 - 45 Shutesbury Rd - No resource issues.
- The Friends of Leverett Pond will conduct an herbicide treatment on June 22.
 - The application will be conducted by a state licensed applicator, and will target exotic nuisance aquatic vegetation, such as milfoil and curly leaf pondweed. Friends of Leverett Pond will post brightly colored notices around the pond in advance.
 - Agent will schedule a tour of the dam with the FLP
- 7:48 p.m. New Business (Issues around town)
 - 150 Dudleyville Rd - a resident complained about dumping of sawdust onto a woods road near an intermittent stream. Chair went to the site and discussed the problem with the chief forester; the area forester was warned about his practices. Agent contacted the resident and invited him to voice any subsequent concerns.
- 7:55 p.m. Other New Business not considered as of the date of this notice
 - The Kestrel Land Trust has contacted the ConCom with news that Cows is looking to sell CRs on 600 acres of land north of Leverett Pond continuing to Cave Hill. Kestrel has requested that all action for gathering funding be suspended until summer 2017 (FY18).
- Next Meeting Date(s): Monday, July 11th 7:15 p.m.
 - Commission agent will be away June 28 - July 10.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. (motion made by David Powicki, seconded by Laurie Brown).