

# Leverett Conservation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, February 6, 2017, 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: Maggie Kraus (prospective Commission member), Sarah Marcus (LES "Hike-a-thon")

- Reviewed and approved January 9, 2017 minutes. Unanimously approved (motion made by Ralph Tiner, seconded by Isaiah Robison).
- 7:21 p.m. Administrative Matters
  - LES "Hike-a-thon" at Bill Rivers CA (Tentative date: Saturday, June 3)
    - Sarah Marcus (Leverett Elementary PTO member) is interested in holding a "hike-a-thon"-like event at the Bill Rivers property. She is working with the Leverett Trails Committee to construct a new trail for this event. Students will help construct the trail and/or act as trail guides on the day of the event.
    - The Commission grants permission for use of Town land and supports the project.
  - Resignation of Commission members/ Appointment of new Commission member
    - Carl Siebing wrote in via email that he must resign from the Commission due to new responsibilities at work.
      - The Commission is seeking a new Commission member to fill his chair.
    - Chris Nelson announced her resignation after 19 years of service.
      - Chris nominated Maggie Kraus as a new member for the Commission. The nomination was seconded by Ralph Tiner, and unanimously supported by the Commission. Maggie will be referred to the Selectboard for appointment.
  - Town Meeting scheduled for April 29
    - The Commission would like to recognize Chris Nelson for her many years of dedicated service to the Town.
  - King Legacy exhibit in April at the Library
    - The Commission agreed to support the project.
  - Draft Annual Report
    - *The report was submitted on 2/13/17*

- MACC Conference - Saturday, March 4 at College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)
  - The Commission authorized the expenditure of funds to cover registration costs.
- Wetlands Assessment and Field Techniques Course at UMass
  - Ralph Tiner made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$300.00 to cover the cost of this course for the agent as professional development. Seconded by Isaiah Robison, vote unanimous.
- 7:45 p.m. Old Business
  - FRCOG Building Permits
    - 54 Cave Hill Rd (David Pueschel) - No resource issues
  - RDA for Verizon cell tower on Long Plain Rd has been postponed to March.
- 7:47 p.m. New Business (Issues around town)
  - Forest Cutting Plans
  - Mt Toby Friends Meeting House is planning to install a solar tracker. Chris Nelson and the agent met with Roger Conant and advised them to keep installation work outside of 100' of the wetland area.
  - Brush in wetland in Eversource Right-of-Way
    - Peter Derrico reported slash in a wetland in an Eversource ROW parallel to Long Plain Rd. The slash likely originated from ROW clearing that took place in Fall 2016. The incident was reported to DEP, who communicated with Eversource. Agent confirmed that the slash has been cleared by Eversource.
- 8:02 p.m. Other New Business not considered as of the date of this notice
  - Laurel Hill is planning to submit a NOI for dredging a small pond. They filed in 2000 to dredge the pond (#200-128), but this permit has since expired.
- Next Meeting Date(s): March 6, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. (motion made by David Powicki, seconded by Isaiah Robison).