

Announcement from Friends of Leverett Pond (FLP): On Friday, June 23, 2017 an aquatic herbicide application along selected near-shore areas and the town right-of-way will control invasive milfoil and curly-leaf pond weed in Leverett Pond. A total area of 8 acres out of approximately 100 acres will be treated. Funded by the FLP, the treatment is conducted under permit from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP 200-0166), reviewed by the Leverett Conservation Commission, and licensed by the DEP Bureau of Resource Protection. The application will be conducted by SOLitude, Inc. (formerly Aquatic Control Technology) of Southbridge, MA, a state-licensed applicator. Bright orange signs will be posted well in advance at the right-of-way, lawns and other conspicuous places notifying the public to avoid pond use for swimming, fishing, boating and pet use for a period of 24 hours. This includes livestock consumption for one week. So, avoid use for most activities on Friday and Saturday. In mid-July (tentatively July 19), the treatment will be followed by mechanical root removal using a hydro-rake. These activities are consistent with an ongoing environmental management plan for the pond. Anyone with questions may contact Mitchell Mulholland (548-9161) or by E-Mail: mulhollandmt35cm@gmail.com.