

Monday, June 13th, 2022 - Leverett Conservation Commission meeting FINAL minutes

In Attendance:

David Powicki, Chair
Joan Deely, Voting member
Ralph Tiner, Voting member
Seth Heminway, Voting member
Julia Firl - Voting member
Adam Kohl, Conservation Agent
Samuel Black - FONLS representative
Don Robinson - FONLS representative
Cynthia Baldwin - FONLS representative
Sam Lovejoy - representing 138 North Leverett Rd
Elizabeth Willson - representing 7 Cushman Rd project
Chris Volante - of Kestrel Land Trust
Grace Goodwin-Boyd - of Kestrel Land Trust
Kathryn Stoddard - neighbor to Slarrow Sawmill

Meeting started: David starts meeting starts the meeting at 7:02pm

- 1) RDA submitted by Kestrel Land Trust for trail work at Ruth McIntire Conservation Area** Chris and Grace present the project which involves routine trail maintenance at Ruth McIntire Conservation Area. At a narrow stream crossing a couple stones will be added for people to travel over. David moves to make a negative 3 determination with no conditions. Seth seconds. All in favor.

- 2) RDA submitted by Friends of North Leverett Sawmill for dam maintenance at Slarrow sawmill** Samuel Black presents the proposal to the commission which involves routine maintenance of the dam including removing silt on the face of the dam and repairing boards. Don Robinson speaks on the project and agrees the dam is non-jurisdictional, and says it doesn't require a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. Samuel mentions the work will be done when it's most dry. The Agent will research work done on the dam historically; the commission would like to find a prescriptive method for pond filling (when and how it should be filled). The commission requests additional information such as how the silt will be removed and where it will be placed, and

requests the RDA be refiled as an NOI so abutters will be notified. FONLS withdraws the RDA with the goal of sending in an NOI for the July meeting.

- 3) **Driveway repair work at 7 Cushman Rd under DEP file# 200-0197** Elizabeth presents the proposed repairs to the driveway which involve removing 6" of gravel from the driveway, improving water flow through the culvert, and eliminating ponding at the culvert outflow by using perforated drainage pipe. The commission approves the proposed work unanimously.
- 4) **Enforcement order at 138 North Leverett Rd** Adam completed a site visit and reports everything looks as it should. Ralph makes a motion to withdraw the enforcement order. Joan seconds. All in favor. Adam will send a letter acknowledging the appreciation of the resolution, as well as stating the commission has withdrawn the Enforcement Order.
- 5) **Reissue of Certificate of Compliance for 50 Montague Rd** The commission decided to reissue the RCOC, updated to show the erosion controls have been properly removed. The commission wishes to continue to use the electronic signatures as it has been for the past 2 years.
- 6) **Native Plant Trust seed collection request** Adam presents the request for Native Plant Trust to collect seed from town-owned properties. Adam states that he has collected seed professionally for Native Plant Trust for the past few years and assures that their techniques and protocols are in the spirit of conservation. Seth moves to approve, David seconds. All approve.
- 7) **Review of FRCOG scope of work for shared Conservation Agent study** Adam informs the commission of the scope of work and mentions the deadline for submitting comments. Adam will send around the scope of work again via email to the commission.
- 8) **Minutes and Mail** Dave makes a motion to approve both sets of May minutes, Ralph seconds, all in favor

Items not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours

The commission discusses a message from the town administrator and town counsel who had recommended regular trail checks on all public town land to avoid any dangers. The

commission wonders if we need better trail signage to avoid possible litigation. Signs could include a hazard report hotline (Con Com phone number). Seth suggests we make sure to collaborate with the other other land trusts and landowners.

Next meeting is set for: July 11th, Monday via Zoom

Motion to close the meeting: Joan makes a motion to adjourn, Ralph seconds. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31pm

Minutes by Adam Kohl – Conservation Agent