

## **Monday, July 11th, 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

Gail Berrigan - Voting member

Adam Kohl, Conservation Agent

Bridget Likely - Kestrel Land Trust

Gregory Murphy - Homeowner at 83 N. Leverett Rd

Samuel Black - FONLS representative

Donald Robinson - FONLS representative

Gordon Green - Citizen of Leverett

Carol Heim - Citizen of Leverett

Thom Masterton - Citizen of Leverett

Barbara Carulli - Citizen of Leverett

### **Meeting started: David starts meeting starts the meeting at 7pm**

#### **1) Heronemus land Conservation Restriction with Kestrel Land Trust**

Bridget provides some background involving the potential purchase of the Heronemus land, a 91-acre property of significant ecological value and recreational opportunity at 38 Depot Rd. A partnership has been proposed between Kestrel Land Trust and the Leverett Conservation Commission to co-hold a Conservation Restriction on the property. Kestrel can make an offer on the property and follow through with the grant application as soon as July 12th, assuming Leverett would like to sign the prewritten letter of support. It is noted last month David, Joan, and Seth had attended a site visit with Bridget to observe the property. Seth mentions the land has excellent features for conservation. Joan agrees the property would make a great addition. A thoughtful location for parking and a kiosk has been observed. A baseline documentation report could be produced by Kestrel or hired out to a contractor. David makes a motion to sign the letter of support, Joan seconds, all in favor.

#### **2) Mosquito and tick spraying at 83 North Leverett Rd**

Gregory Murphy had reached out to the commission via email to see if any permitting was needed to have Gemelli Landscapes spray for ticks around his yard. Gregory supplied a list of 'natural' ingredients that Gemelli uses, presenting a few different mix options. Gregory's property is at least in part within the Riverfront area along the Sawmill River. The commission states they would like an RDA filed with a comprehensive list of ingredients in the spray and any protocols or timing involved in spraying.

**3) Friends of North Leverett Sawmill, Slarrow Sawmill project**

Don Robison of FONLS offers a path forward to work on the dam which he notes is cracking and becoming damaged due to being empty in the Winter. No dredging, or altering of the Resource Area would take place in the proposed work. Currently the dam basin has been dry and is exposed. The commission states that any type of altering of the Resource Area will require an NOI. A natural refilling of the pond could be handled with a negative determination on an RDA as long as there's some moderation to the stream including monitoring of the flow. The commission supports the filing of an RDA that fully describes the work and time frame.

**4) Minutes and Mail**

Seth votes to approve the June minutes. Joan seconds, all in favor, Gail abstains as she was absent from the June meeting.

Next meeting is set for: Mon. Aug. 15th via Zoom

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

**Meeting adjourned: 8:09pm**

Minutes taken by Adam Kohl (Agent) and approved at the Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.