

Monday, August 15th, 2022 - Leverett Conservation Commission meeting minutes FINAL

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

Gregory Murphy - Homeowner and Applicant at 83 N. Leverett Rd

Samuel Black - FONLS representative

Donald Robinson - FONLS representative

Bob Leet - Professional engineer

Meeting started: David starts meeting at 7:02pm

1) RDA - Friends of North Leverett Sawmill dam maintenance

David opens the hearing at 7:03pm. Mr. Robinson states that the RDA contains all the information the Con Com had requested at the previous meeting, and he proceeds to describe the contents and procedure spelled out in the RDA application for maintaining and refilling the dam. David suggests approving the project with a negative determination with one condition: 1) Before any refill process is started, 48 hours before the sluice gate is closed, notify the Conservation Agent to inspect the site. David makes a motion to make a negative determination with the one condition, Joan seconds, all in favor, Unanimous 5-0.

2) RDA - Tick spraying at 83 North Leverett Rd

David opens the hearing at 7:21pm. Ralph makes a motion to approve the project with a negative determination with 2 conditions: 1) Do not apply spray if rain is predicted within 24 hours and 2) Do not spray while winds are above 5mph. Seth seconds, Julia opposes, all others in favor. 4 in favor 1 opposed.

3) Discussion on anti-harassment policies for board members

Joan says it would make sense for the town to develop an anti-harassment policy for volunteer board members, policy and procedures. Ralph suggests we raise the issue with the town administrator and the town council. David will draft a message and send it to the town administrator.

4) Draft letter on Leverett Pond for website

David will share the letter that Ralph drafted for the town website concerning a response the Leverett Pond herbicide application. The commission will review the draft ahead of the next meeting. The letter will be voted on at the next meeting.

5) Minutes and Mail

Joan makes a motion to approve the July draft min, Seth seconds, all in favor.

Next meeting is set for: Mon. Sept. 12th via Zoom

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

Meeting adjourned: 8:23pm

Minutes taken by Adam Kohl - Leverett Conservation Agent