

# Leverett Conservation Commission

Minutes: Monday, November 4, 2024

Open meeting 7:03PM

Attendance:

Joan Deely

Julia Firl

Seth Heminway

David Powicki

David makes a motion to approve Minutes from 10/10/24. Julia second. All in favor.

No public inquiries/public in attendance.

Review of Conservation Agent Report.

Jim Field. Seth will visit site. Find out which tree company will be used so as to inquire about potential for bank damage by using Spider. ConCom leaning toward RDA w/ condition to make as little impact as possible within the resource area (within 50' of mean AHWL).

112 Shutesbury Rd. David confirmed with the BOH that the email from BOH should read that installation should be completed by January 1, 2025.

Will ask Bella to get copy of plan, share with Commissioners, and confirm if ConCom needs to weigh in, add any conditions, etc.

There was a plan designed about 3 years ago for a septic system behind the house. The most recent plan has the septic system in front of the house, but the BOH would prefer it be behind the house. Email from BOH told owners they'd need the front of house plan fully ready by 11/1/24 (deadline now past!) and complete it by 1/1/25. Since the front plan was not resubmitted to BOH by the 11/1/24 deadline, the plan is not approved.

Landowners want it in the front yard. Lizzie (Chair of BOH) was the lead on this but was not in attendance at 11/4/24 meeting. BOH will follow up and send more info to Bella. Conditions may include construction methods that limit impact to wetlands, remediation work to remove fill that has been added to the wetlands already, etc. BOH (Lizzie) will follow up with applicants and their attorney to let them know the deadline has passed. BOH therefore denies the permit (?). Was it sent via certified mail? Deadline may need to be pushed back if certified mail was not used.

FONSL OOC. Joan will do minor edits.

Ruth McIntyre bike ramp issue. Resolved.

88 Jackson Hill Rd. ConCom will need to review application for drilling a new well. Will meet w/ contractor tomorrow and are meeting with BOH tonight since permits are only valid for 1 year. ConCom recommends RDA w/ conditions. Joan will contact owners and tell them to fill out RDA. ConCom may need to hold a special session before December to approve.

Seth reports on Beaver pond flow device. Not installed yet. Needs culvert, but could cost ~ \$3k. Ask Bella to get some quotes for ~ 2 days of advice/consultation for proper installation. Want to train town highway crew on mechanics of flow devices and how to install them successfully. Seth will talk with Bella to give her some leads on who to contact.

Recruiting new Members. Was ad posted in town newsletter? Cross post on Leverett Connects.

Next Meeting. Scheduled for Monday, 12/2/24. Ask Bella to check to make sure Town Hall is available. Post online and physically post before Thanksgiving.

END 8:47PM

Julia motion to close. Joan 2nd. All in favor.