

Leverett Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: August 4, 2025

Start time: 7:08 pm

Board attendance: David Powicki, Bill Corwin, Sarah Manteiga (arrived 7:20pm), voting members

Others in attendance: Bella Yeager, Conservation Agent; Isaiah Robison, former Commissioner

PUBLIC INQUIRIES: none

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Need for 8/2/25 Executive Session to discuss Evans-Marlowe mediation.
 - Bella will make sure of quorum for meeting.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Dudleyville Rd Drainage Improvement Project NOI
 - Recap of 7/21 hearing for Commissioners not present
 - David, Bill would like some clarity on the cleanup and maintenance process over time following the conclusion of the project (especially regarding the sedimentation of dams), as well as the replanting plan.
 - These items can be discussed at the pre-construction meeting
- Isaiah Robison: would like to be able to do a site visit when Eversource is doing upcoming pole installs. Bella will keep him posted on any news of this.
- Bella asks if the Commission would like to authorize digital signatures for permitting, which may still be authorized following COVID; Bella will check.
- Zack Katz Request for Certificate of Compliance
 - David and/or Bill can do site visit, will coordinate
- Open Orders
 - Bella has list of open Orders of Conditions (lacking Certificate of Compliance)
 - Bella will start with 2020 and more recent, then work backward from there: contact landowners, schedule site visits, send COCs to DEP
 - David:
 - We should create better system for preventing so many loose ends (follow-up letter after OOC is issued, continuing to stay in touch until COC issued)
 - Commission used to have standing weekly/biweekly site visit times for ROCs, project proposals; maybe would be good to implement again
- OSRP extension: Opportunity is available to extend OSRP through 2030 with technical assistance from FRCOG, which would prevent OSRP from needing to be updated in 2027. Needs to be done by end of September 2025.
 - Bella will be in touch with FRCOG about next steps
- Budget
 - Donations account (\$91,000) - where is this money held?

- Bill: is it accruing interest?
- David: Ask CPA Committee how much is set aside for acquiring open space

EXECUTIVE SESSION

David moves to enter Exec Session. Bill seconds. Unanimous.
Executive session opens at 8:01.

David moves to adjourn exec session & adjourn meeting.
Bill seconds. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 8:15.
Next meeting scheduling TBD.

Minutes taken by Isabella Yeager.
Approved 9/22/25.