10/3/2021 Conservation Commission In-Person Meeting, Mon., 9/27/2021 - Town of Leverett, MA

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Conservation Commission In- Person Meeting

**Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:20 pm until 8:37 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Meeting of Conservation Commission

Members: (Quorum)

Absent: **Gail Berrigan**

Present: **David Powicki**, at 7:15 PM

Present: **Isaiah Robison**, Chair, at 7:13 PM

Present: **Ralph Tiner**, at 7:13 PM

Present: **Jono Neiger**, at 7:13 PM

Remote: **Joan Deely**, at 7:15 PM

Also Present:

Ralph Ferrigno

Alexandra Fink

\* \* \* DRAFT Meeting Minutes \* \* \*

Meeting opened: 7:20 PM

Meeting closed: 8:30 PM

0. Meeting Preliminaries

Meeting Opened / Attendance Taken (see above).

1. Interview for Conservation Agent for LCC

Robison opens the meeting by introducing Ralph Ferrigno, applicant for Conservation Agent position with the LCC.

Ferrigno stated that he was unsure of the nature of the position. Then he described his undergraduate experience – he has a degree from UMass/Amherst with emphasis on environmental courses. Worked in the soil lab prepping samples for researchers. Main interest is in soils.

Tiner inquired about his familiarity with the Mass. WPA – has read a portion of the regs., is not familiar with the Riverfront Act.

Deely listed out some of the job responsibilities to give him idea of expectations.

Ferrigno elaborated on his experience working at an Athletic Club to illustrate his potentially relevant experience working with public and being organized and timely.

He is familiar with this area, has no experience with OLIVER mapping resource, has no plant ID experience

Robison requested that Ferrigno send transcripts to Margie at Town Hall.

8:00 Robison introduces Alexandra Fink, applicant for Conservation Agent position with the LCC. Neiger left the meeting.

Fink lists experiences in college. Has field experience with water issues – primarily FL estuaries, Chesapeake Bay and Hudson River. ocean. Some familiarity with policy issues, especially in NYS.

Enjoys engaging with the public – worked at Hudson River Park teaching about river.

She is working on her master’s in water, wetlands, and watersheds.

Tiner asked questions about these topics.

Deely and Robison outlined some of job responsibilities, and the hours per week.

Powicki also elaborated on job, adding in the possibility of working with the trails committee. Fink offered that she has trail building and maintenance experience in FL and the Caribbean.

She also stated that she is on Nantucket from May-August conducting research.

8:30 - Concluded this interview.

Discussion about the candidates. Agreement that neither seemed to be a good fit. Ferrigno lacks experience and familiarity with the job, Fink would be gone for several months at a time.

Discussion about possibility of offering more $/hour, and if there is any way we could do so until we make our next budget request at Town Meeting.

Possible shared position with Hadley won’t be an option. Need to see what Shutesbury is doing.

Tiner will contact someone he thought might be a good fit.

Agreed to present our thoughts to the LCC at the 10/4/2021 meeting.

2. Administrative Matters

3. Old Business

4. New Business

5. Other New Business not considered as of the date of this notice

6. Meeting Wrap-up

Next Meeting:

1. **Mon, Oct. 4, at 7:00 PM** "Conservation Commission Remote Meeting" -- Call-in virtual meeting (Go-to-Meeting)

Meeting Closed at 8:37 PM.

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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