

**Town of Leyden Conservation Commission
Meeting 06-18-25**

Commission Attendees

Evan Abramson
Andrea Rasmussen
Don Sadowsky

Guests: Stanley Lewandowski

Administrative matters

Mail:

- NOI for driveway widening, Leyden Rd on the border of Greenfield
 - 60 sq ft, of land underwater 40 ft of bank
 - Site plan and fee included
- MACC bill

Approved minutes with the addition of the referenced attachment

MACC conference in Devins on Oct. 25: Andrea and Don interested in attending

Approved minutes for April and May meetings

Logging on West Leyden Rd

- Insufficient signs showing limit of work and they are falling over; suggest putting signs on trees
- Landowner was not present for planned site visit today
- Send response to landowner and Ward Smith
- Final restoration plan sent on 5/22 but not yet looked at
- Much of the work has already been done, need to finish up
- Was supposed to hire a licensed forester to plant the flags
- Commission approved email to landowner accordingly, signs must be up by July 21
ConCom meeting and indicating site visit immediately before meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Cowan Culvert Widening

- Plan and map look good, map needs to be signed
- Filing fee money goes into Wetlands Protection Act Fund account that only the Commission can access

- Need a public hearing with a legal notification (published by landowner) and a site visit prior to the meeting; probably will be right before the meeting 5:30 pm, right before W Leyden Rd
- Legal notice has to show when and where the public meeting is
- At the meeting we can decide on the Order of Conditions if we're ready to do so. We have 21 days from the hearing to publish the Order
- May add requirement to add vegetation
- Sent email to landowner accordingly

Knotweed

\$4000 additional funds

Town has been cutting

145 Eden Trail: Stanley Lewandowski

- Wants guidance: build garage near spring-fed pond, likely to be a wetland
- Likely to need a 100 ft buffer. If more than 100 ft away, doesn't need to send anything to Commission per se. Would send a plan to a building inspector, cc'ing Commission. Needs a map showing the pond and the 100 ft buffer
- We may want to do a site visit if within the buffer

Hunt Hill Rd (Penfield)

Town getting complaints about water bars put in on abandoned portion of road

Selectboard wants the Commission to have a site visit to assess compliance. The Commission would only be acting in an advisory capacity

376 East Hill Rd

Mamatas and McCloy are the landowners

Cutting plan, has been approved by the state forester

Crosses 3 streams, not in our jurisdiction because of the state approval, unless the cutting plan submitted to the state

52 acres

Potential taking of American bittern, which led state to limit the times of year when cutting can be done

Next meeting July 21 at 7:00 (after site visits)