

Town of Leyden Conservation Commission
Meeting 09-15-25
7:00 p.m.

Commission Attendees

Evan Abramson
Andrea Rasmussen
Don Sadowsky (absent for Simon Keets dam discussion)
Karen O'Neil
Janell Howard

Guests:, Robert Snedeker, James O'Keefe, Ms. Perry-O'Keefe

Administrative

- No mail
- Correspondence- updated Perry dam plan from Ward Smith with discussion of repairs and maintenance
- Minutes of previous meetings approved with corrections

NOI for dam on Simon Keets Road

- NOI errors were corrected with help of Mark Stinson at previous meeting
- Ward Smith's narrative describes addition of concrete
- Old OOC will not be used. NOI as revised needs to be submitted with Ward Smith's narrative attached
- Landowner to submit revised NOI and narrative. CC to respond with approval or approval with conditions.
- CC voted to approve

MACC Conference

Andrea collected the course needs of individual members, but let her know individual availability

Next year Con Com should have a budget

Can set up a revolving account – Con Com can spend money that it takes in; needs a town meeting

W Leyden Rd Update

- Bridge has been removed
- Wetland planting supposed to happen this fall (Oct. 15)
- Wetland scientists will then inspect the site for plan compliance, and we will get photos and monitoring reports

Invasives

- Trial of Bill Brooks mowing: 4 times being mowed substantially reduced the growth
- Coordinate with Selectboard on grants so as not to compete with town committees; can Leyden apply for more than one MVP action plan?
- Karen was approached by Tom Luck about Oriental Bittersweet
- Bittersweet doesn't respond to mowing
- Suggest adding bittersweet and other invasives to knotweed mowing