

## Oct 16, 2023 | [Conservation Commission monthly meeting](#)

Attendees: Evan Abramson Don Sadowsky Karen O'Neil

### Notes

Beaver Dam flooding under W Leyden Rd

Dam in culvert, water cannot flow because of other dam

Beaver Deceiver can't be installed because can't get equipment there

Bill Brooks (in attendance) wants to trap and kill beavers. Mass. doesn't relocate

Bill worried about flooding onto the blacktop. Right now two feet below the road

22 acres of wetland there

Core problem is that the road needs to be raised

Dam removal: where will the water go?

2020 winter, beavers were trapped

So if beavers are trapped now, some will reoccupy in a few years

Partly on Spirit Fire land

FRCOG Board of Health would issue an emergency permit

No other workable site for a culvert, because they can sink

Evan: need MVP grant to upgrade road so that this doesn't need to happen, don't want to keep killing beavers and flooding a wetland

Permits only good for 10 days, so can't work in stages

Nov 15 to April 15 is legal beaver trapping in Mass

Evan -- what if we did nothing for 12 months

Listed by Mass as deep marsh and open water

If landowners installed and maintained a beaver diverter that would help but maintenance would have to be done every day

Commission approved 10-day permit but stating that we won't approve it next time,

Evan believes we will be able to get the grant to raise the road

Harriet Payne, re Butler Property

We have signed the COC, but we need the DEP file number, which may be 202-0014; we need a copy of the registered certificate of compliance (registry of deeds)

Knotweed

Bill still getting estimates for removal

Road crew can apply pesticides w/i right of way

Give people notice and opportunity to take it away physically, or we will spray

Sugg have Hwy Dept pick up knotweed privately removed

Will need a public meeting

Next ConCom mtg switched to Nov. 27 because Nov. 20 is Thanksgiving week, assuming room is available