

TOWN OF LEYDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING 12/18/2023

Attendees

Evan Abramson
Janelle Howard
Karen O'Neil
Don Sadowsky

Celebrated the retirement of Richard DiMatteo and welcomed new Commission member Janelle Howard

11/27/23 minutes approved.

Discussed

- Town of Leyden Open Space and Recreation Plan is being redone: the previous OSRP was created in 2011. The ConCom has been asked for recommendations

- \$99 annual MACC membership due

- Japanese Knotweed proposal
 - Bring to SelectBoard, with discussion of control at a selectboard meeting
 - Knotweed is treated in June and Aug/Sept
 - Need information about the long-term efficacy of herbicidal treatment
 - May need herbicide 2X per year for multiple years, \$3K per application to cover all the knotweed locations
 - Suggestion: try applying herbicide in one area and see how much it needs; start with a small area
 - Rodeo, Export, are possibilities
 - Perhaps adapt the Wendell knotweed fact sheet for town discussion
 - Next steps
 - Read knotweed proposal and look up chemicals
 - Research best management practices
 - Research experience of local communities, including Wendel
 - Contact friends with experience and experts in the field
 - Discuss public outreach