**TOWN OF LEYDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING 4/30/24**

**Commission Attendees**

Evan Abramson

Janell Howard

Karen O’Neil

Don Sadowsky

**Other Participants**

Chris Ergill [check spelling]]

David Lablanc [check spelling]

**Discussion**

**W. Leyden Road logging**

Owner was supposed to be at meeting, did not attend

Stream is 200’ away from cutting

Cut for view and for logging

Evan saw a tree felled over the stream

Will probably ask owner to have a wetlands scientist flag the wetlands and write a report

Then, either commit to staying more than 100’ of wetland or to have ConCom look at the property

Evan explained the approval process, including having an aquatic biologist do an analysis

Evan suggests giving a couple aquatic biologist names to owner: Ward Smith in Wendell, Wendell Wetlands Services, or (2) contact Associations of Massachusetts Wetlands Scientists, (3) Maryanne Dipinto in Hubbardston, MA (Three Oaks Environmental LLC)

Only flag the jurisdictional wetlands under WPA

If trees in wetland are inadvertently felled, will require replanting

Email RDA to Commission

**Permit for mechanical control of beaver dam**

Bill Brooks called David, who has to fill out the beaver permit as the landowner

Supposed to install a pipe or culvert that will release water from the dam

Mike from Beaver Solutions is supposed to come

Commission fine with non-lethal, non-trapping, voted to accept a permit on these terms

**Knotweed**

Evan met with Bill Brooks, who will come to the May 6 mtg

Bill will bring a FRCOG map showing all populations

15-minute presentation

Recommendations for spraying in August, w/o having cut first. Should be right before or during flowering, $3000 proposal from Vegetationcontrolservice.com

Mowing will be costly, would have to hire out the mowing, maybe costs much, much more, has to be done every few months, uses special equipment

**Misc.**

Open Space and Recreation Plan: ConCom has to be represented

Meetings once a month for 6 months, Janell will be the representative