

## 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](http://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