

## TOWN OF LEYDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING 7/15/24

### Commission Attendees

Evan Abramson  
Janell Howard  
Karen O'Neil  
Don Sadowsky

### Other Participants

Chris Urgiel

### Preliminaries

Reviewed correspondence

- MACC bill due: \$99; corrected to include Janell instead of Rich; signed
- Beth Kuzeba wrote about logging in Bernardston -- not in our jurisdiction. State Circuit Rider said they have a logging plan

### Discussion

#### Penfield Conservation Restriction

- Under a recreation/open space restriction, can't build a house or make a commercial use
  - Will probably build a storage shed
- Temporary bridge under jurisdiction of ConCom
- Pennfields want to build a new, permanent bridge, that we need to approve
  - Over a wetland, extra requirements
  - Want a culvert, but can't interrupt flow or destroy the streambed
    - May be easier to have a trussed bridge, needs to be stabilized
  - We may need to inspect the wetland, would advise them to get a wetlands specialist

#### 184 West Leyden Rd RDA

- Landowner John Duffy

- Not all the wetlands were flagged. Need to know where the 100 and 200 foot buffers (the latter for a perennial stream)
- Naturalist ID'ed a "known wetland" that does not appear on state site
- Can't complete until we have a map with all wetlands identified; attach photos
  - Also must be physically flagged
- Our response will be an Order of Conditions
- Can either do a logging plan or work through ConCom
- We will do a site visit
- Chris drove through wetland, we may require remediation via planting
- We're allowing piled logs to be removed; they weren't in the wetlands

### **Solar bylaw**

- State has comments that we haven't seen
- Approved by Attorney General, deleting provisions on battery storage facility prohibitions and prohibition on the use of herbicides,

### **FRCOG project to map Green River corridor**

- Email from FRCOG
- FRCOG applying for planning grant
- Asked whether ConCom wants to participate
- Unclear whether ConCom would get any benefit out of attending; deferring decision

### **Knotweed Grants**

- Are there any grants available?
- Try for mowing grant

### **Other business**

- N. County Road logging w/o a permit?
  - Contact DEP?
  - Personal and not in a wetlands resource area can harvest any amount
  - If in a wetlands resource area, different requirements for different amounts, may require approval
  - No action for now

Next mtg moved to Aug. 5