

**Town of Leyden Conservation Commission
Meeting 12/16/24**

Commission Attendees

Janell Howard
Don Sadowsky
Evan Abramson

Other Participants

John Dunphy, Chris Urgiel

General Items

- Previous 2 minutes approved 10/21 and 10/24
- MACC dues due in 6 months
- FRCOG unpaved roads stormwater management toolkit

West Leyden Rd logging

- Oct 24 email asked for maps from professional surveyor, details in email per DEP advice
- Need a survey to map out flags that wetlands professional found, but were not all located during site visit
- We need to locate each flag to determine where logging must stop
- It needs to be included with the application - WPA Form 1
- Plus other requirements set in email
- Once the Commission has the updated map and application we can move forward
- Evan forwarded email to Chris (logger) and John (owned)
- If owner decides not to log, we need to deal with the bridge and the trees that were improperly knocked down
- If logging plan approved they can't sell for residential use (state forester won't approve the logging plan). Logging plans are not for areas with residential use
- Per Dunphy, other towns have their wetlands mapped
 - Evan -- only 50% of Mass. wetlands are mapped

Knotweed

- We don't know where all the wells are, which would influence spraying
- Spraying may not be optimal, for safety and public opposition reasons
- Mowing \$150K for seven years, but maybe try to get a grant for one year in one location as a trial
- Ask Bill Brooks about how to make the best use of the \$7K that we have

Next meeting Jan. 27 because of MLK Day on 1/20