

**Town of Leyden Conservation Commission
Meeting 01-17-25**

Commission Attendees

Janell Howard
Karen O'Neil
Evan Abramson
Don Sadowsky

Other Attendees: Owners of parcel subject to Request for Determination of Applicability below:
Jeffery Cowan and wife

Mail

- Forest cutting plan East Hill Rd 52 acres, already started in November
 - Tell forester we didn't receive it until 2 months after proposed starting date
- Request for Determination of Applicability
 - Greenfield-Leyden line, 30.95 acres
 - Culvert addition plus driveway widening
 - Trucks cannot access property because of sharp turn and small culvert
 - Says that Bill Brooks says that it's in the town's interest to allow the widening
 - Had a survey in 2019, intermittent stream that is a wetland, requiring a 100' buffer
 - We will respond with Form 2: Determination of Applicability. We will consider and vote, and email respond.
 - We have owner's permission to inspect if necessary (that will be after they send us a plan)
 - Forest cutting is for harvesting, not for development. Can't build a house in the area that was allowed under the logging plan
 - Concom would review the construction plan because of the wetlands
 - Boundaries of wetland are not confirmed; ask to get them flagged. We need to know the boundaries of the buffer zone
 - ConCom unanimous vote to respond that it is subject to the Act and we need the wetlands delineated

West Leyden Rd logging

Ask Mark Stinson: looks like the project will be abandoned. What should the ConCom put on the record?

MACC Workshops

They have scholarships for free admissions for up to 2 fundamental units. Evan will attend the unit presentation on enforcement of Wetlands Act

Janell's draft open space paper

No comments because no actions items in paper

Knotweed

- Bill Brooks will mow several times this year for free. Evan will work out the details.

Deerfield River Wild and Scenic Designation

Agreed that ConCom sees no interest in participating.

Next meeting Feb. 10 because of Presidents Day