

Conservation Commission Meeting
Town Offices
Monday April 14, 2025 at 7pm

Members: Evan Abramson, Karen O'Neil, Janell Howard, Don Sadowsky

Other attendees: Andrea Rasmussen: (soon to be new ConCom member), Mark Stinson, DEP, Arnold Ealoff and Katherine Stefans

Mail:

- Facey Conservation 2820 N County Road, Mt. Grace request that the SelectBoard approve Conservation Restriction
 - ConCom voted to request SelectBoard approval
- MACC form with roster of ConCom, email form back

Minutes from March approved

45 Coates Rd.

- WPA Form 1 RDA, Arnold Ealoff, 45 Coates Rd
- Application for construction of barn, WPA Form 1
- In a cliff 35 ft above trench, right next to the wetland
- It's forested where they want to build the barn
- Wetland is already flagged
- Mark: Can't be an agriculturally approved activity because w/i 100 ft of wetland and barn is over 4000 sq ft, but not considered agriculturally approved
- Existing access road (farm road) crosses wetland
- Evan: Would moving barn 50 ft further south work? AJ: no
- Pond is not agricultural, and owned by a trust
- Did a site visit during today's meeting. W/i 100 ft of wetland on one side, 200 ft of river on the other side.
- No wetlands bylaws in Leyden
- Commission doing a WPA Form 2
- Area is within buffer Zone

Conditions:

- Regrade and stabilize slope on both sides of parking area/barn area
- Seed non-forested slope with a slope stabilization seed mix of native plants; send proposed mix to ConCom. It should be an upland seed mix, best to include rye as a nurse crop. Best to plant a spring mix within the next couple weeks

- Plant live stakes on slope (3 trays of 50 whips) of willows, native dogwood, or highbush blueberry, elderberry, arrowwood, viburnum, especially on the lower side, where it's wetter

West Leyden Road Logging (Dunphy)

We haven't received a plan, perhaps waiting for Ward Smith; Mark will talk to Ward
Ask for update via email, say send progress everything previously requested via email by April 18. All tasks must be completed with email documentation provided to the Commission by Friday, May 16 and discussed at next Commission meeting on 5/19 and a site visit scheduled

Next meeting scheduled for May 18 @ 7:00p