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ORDINANCE NO. 10-011

February 26, 1973 (H)
May 20, 1974 (H)
April 27, 2005 (H)
July 27, 2005 (H)
August 17, 2011 (H)

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinance enacted February 26, 1973 creating a Conservation Commission, as amended May 20, 1974, April 27, 2005, July 27, 2005 and August 17, 2011 is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following is substituted therefore:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-011-A

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

History: On February 26, 1973 a five (5) member Conservation Commission was established by ordinance, pursuant to the terms of Section 7-131(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, (revision of 1958), as amended. On May 20, 1974 the establishing ordinance was amended to increase the membership of the Conservation Commission to nine (9) members and to designate it as the Inland Wetlands Agency for the Town of Thompson and authorize it to appropriate regulations to govern the use of inland wetlands. On April 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was amended to establish a separate inland wetlands commission with members of the Conservation Commission initially continuing to serve as members of the Inland Wetlands Commission with the same terms as the existing Conservation Commission, and that it was not a condition for appointment or reappointment to either agency in the future that the individual is a member of the other agency. This amendment was effective June 1, 2005. On July 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was again amended reducing the membership of the Conservation Commission from nine (9) members to seven (7) members. On August 17, 2011 the establishing ordinance and its amendments were codified into town Ordinance No. 10-011.

Membership: The Conservation Commission shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the First Selectman for staggered terms of five (5) years, members who shall be electors of Thompson, residing in said Town. The First Selectman shall fill all vacancies in the membership of the Conservation Commission and may remove any member for cause.

Powers and Duties: The Conservation Commission shall have all powers and duties identified in Section 7-131(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-015

ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

February 10, 1998

September 24, 2998

June 18, 2007

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinance enacted October 24, 1960 creating a Municipal Development and Industrial Commission as amended by the Amendments adopted February 10, 1981 and June 18, 2007, is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The Town of Thompson hereby adopts and accepts the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-136 authorizing the creation of a Municipal Economic Development Commission to be known as the Thompson Economic Development Commission.

The members shall have all the power and duties as set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes for municipal economic development commissions and any vacancy in membership of the commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the chief executive authority as provided for in Section 7-136 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson that the ordinance establishing an Economic Development Commission dated February 10, 1998 be amended by ~~increasing~~ **decreasing** the authorized number of members from ~~five (5) to seven (7)~~ **seven (7) to five (5)** members and two (2) alternate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the two (2) year terms of the members shall be staggered every other year.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 10-011-B
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, that the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

History: on May 20, 1974 the establishing ordinance for the Conservation Commission was, among other things, amended to designate it as the Inland Wetlands Commission for the Town of Thompson, and authorized it to issue appropriate regulations to govern the use of inland wetlands. On April 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was amended to establish a separate Inland Wetlands Commission with members of the Conservation Commission initially continuing to serve as members of the Inland Wetlands Commission with the same terms as the existing Conservation Commission, and that it was not a condition for appointment or reappointment to either agency in the future that the individual is a member of the other agency. This amendment was effective June 1, 2005. on July 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was again amended reducing the membership of the Inland Wetlands Commission from nine (9) members to seven (7) members. On August 17, 2011 the establishing ordinance and its amendments were codified into Town Ordinance 10-011.

Membership and Appointment: The Inland Wetlands Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be electors of Thompson, residing in said town, to be appointed by the Thompson Board of Selectmen for staggered terms of five (5) years beginning on March 15th wherein no more than two (2) terms expire in the same calendar year.

The Thompson Board of Selectmen shall fill all vacancies in the membership of the Inland Wetlands Commission and may remove any members for just cause. The absence of an Inland Wetlands Commission member for four (4) consecutive meetings shall be one of the causes for removal from the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Powers and Duties: The Inland Wetlands Commission shall adopt regulations in conformity with the regulations promulgated (made known) by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for the protection of wetlands and watercourses and shall serve as the sole agent for licensing of regulated activities pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes (the Act) and shall provide for the manner in which boundaries of inland wetland areas of Thompson shall be established and amended, changed, or proposed in accordance with the Act as amended.

The Inland Wetlands Commission has the authority to:

1. Promulgate (make known) such regulations as are necessary to protect the inland wetlands and watercourses or any of them individually or collectively;

- 2. Consult and retain various professionals for the purposes of rendering legal, financial, technical, or other assistance and advice in furtherance of any of its purposes, specifically including but not limited to, soil scientists of the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service for the purpose of making on site interpretations, evaluations, and findings as to soil types and/or utilize the services of such other Town officials and employees as it may deem appropriate, in conformance with established budget processes.;**
- 3. Advise, consult, and cooperate with agencies of the municipality, region, state, and federal government, other states, and with persons and municipalities in the furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance; to this end, all applications for building permits, subdivision plans, or other permits which involve or may involve regulated activities in an inland wetland or watercourse made to any other Thompson Board or Commission shall be subject to review of by the Thompson Inland Wetlands Commission.;**
- 4. Encourage, participate in, or conduct studies, investigations, research and demonstrations, and collect and disseminate information relating to the purposes of this ordinance;**
- 5. Inventory or index the inland wetlands and watercourses in such forms, including pictorial representations, and lists of plant species, as the Inland Wetlands Commission deems best suited to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance;**
- 6. Develop comprehensive programs in furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance; and**
- 7. Exercise all incidental powers necessary to enforce the regulations and to carry out the purposes of this ordinance.**

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ORDINANCE NO. 10-038

THE PLANNING AND THE ZONING COMMISSION

April 19, 1967
December 3, 1973
March 18, 1980

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The ordinance initially adopted by the Town of Thompson April 29, 1967 regarding the Planning Commission as amended regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission at Town Meeting December 3, 1973 and March 8, 1980 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The Town of Thompson hereby amends its ordinance adopted December 3, 1973 creating a Zoning Commission and its ordinance adopted April 19, 1967 creating a Planning Commission, to combine the two commissions.

Section 1: The Town of Thompson hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 124 **and Chapter 126** of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 2: The combined Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of ~~ten (10)~~ **nine (9)** members and three (3) alternate members. At each biennial election **three (3 full)** members and **one (1) alternates member** shall be elected to the commission for terms of six (6) years to replace those whose terms are due to expire. Vacancies occurring on the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be filled from the alternate membership by majority vote of the remaining commission members. Vacancies occurring among the alternate members shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of such alternate's term. Alternate replacement members shall be made on a party basis.

Section 3: The Planning and Zoning Commission is authorized to adopt by-laws and such other procedures as it may deem necessary for the efficient management of its business. A copy of any such by-laws shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Nothing in this amendment shall be construed to affect the validity of regulations previously adopted by the Planning Commission or by the Zoning Commission or in any way affect the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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ORDINANCE NO. 10-012

**THOMPSON CONSTABLES ~
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

June 18, 2007

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Meeting of the Town of Thompson, that the following ordinance is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-185 and 9-200 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Constables shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson ~~in the office of elected Constables of the own of Thompson shall cease upon the expiration of the term of the current elected Constables.~~
- B. The number of Constables, to a maximum of ~~seven (7)~~ ***twelve (12)*** to be appointed. Their qualifications ***and*** duties and terms of office shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thompson ~~from time to time.~~ ***The Constables will report to and take direction from the First Selectman. The Emergency Management Team personnel will report to and take direction from the Emergency Management Director.*** At least three (3) Constables shall be appointed from each political party which is a major political party as defined in paragraph b of Section 5 of Section 9-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. ~~No appointment of a constable shall be made for a term which will extend beyond the term of the Office of the Board of Selectmen appointing such Constable, but anyone serving as a Constable may be appointed for successive terms by succeeding Boards of Selectmen.~~ ***The appointment of a Constable shall be for a six (6) year term.***
- C. The Board of Selectmen ***and/or the Emergency Management Director*** of the Town of Thompson shall have the right with or without cause to terminate the term of office of any Constable should they deem it in the best interest of the Town of Thompson.
- D. All appointed Constables shall be electors of the Town of Thompson ~~and the term of any Constable no longer an elector shall cease~~ ***residing in said Town.***
- E. ***The Emergency Management Director shall have the authority to appoint additional Emergency Management Personnel during a case of emergency for a temporary period of time only on an "as needed basis".***
- F. ***The Constables shall attend the State Traffic School for training & other traffic related duties. The Emergency Management Director shall provide the training for emergency management operations.***