

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
North Grosvenordale, Connecticut 06255

MINUTES: JANUARY 20, 2015
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members present: Phil Thomas, Norma O'Leary, Ron Tillen and Carol Smith.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Norma O'Leary moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. As of December 31, 2014, 49.2% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, December 15, 2014.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) The Rivers Alliance of Connecticut informed the Commission of their current projects and is asking for donations, dated 11 December 2014.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
 - 1) Gail Livingstone requested she be sent via email the agenda for the Conservation Commission, dated 6 January 2015.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
 - 1) The reappointment of Carol Smith to the Conservation Commission was sent to Selectman Paul Lenky, date 12 January 2015.
 - 2) Selectman Lenky was asked for an update from Attorney St. Onge regarding the Conservation Easement for the five open space parcels and for the written opinion regarding Volunteer Liability issues, dated 16 December 2014.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: None.
 - b. Old Requests: None.
 - c. There is no update on the liability for volunteers helping with maintenance work in cemeteries.
 - d. Selectman Paul Lenky will speak to Bill St. Onge about the Conservation Easements for the five open space parcels acquired in recent years.
 - e. There is no update on the Conservation Commission ordinance.
 - f. A town meeting will most likely be held in February and will include acceptance of the land donation of the two New Road parcels in East Thompson and the Cold Spring parcel on Quaddick Town Farm Road.
 - g. The Cemeteries Project will be placed on the Board of Selectmen agenda and will include a brief presentation by Carolyn Werge. After the binder is presented and a press release goes out, the binder will be delivered to the library.
 - h. The Bluebird Nest Box Project webpage has been updated reflecting the availability of this year's nest boxes. A letter to the editor will be sent to the Thompson Villager informing Thompson residents of the availability.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: None.
2. Blue Bird houses: None.

3. Fabyan Property "Honor Roll Memorial": None.

New Business

1. **Ron Tillen moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to continue with same officers; the motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

2. Norma O'Leary asked about Explore, the yearly publication from the Last Green Valley. The Last Green Valley is requesting information regarding outdoor activities and attractions in the area. The Commission suggested passing on the information to the Trails Committee.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary