

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

MINUTES: MAY 18, 2015
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Members present: Carol Smith, Bernie Davis, Ron Tillen, Phil Thomas and Kathy Mitchell.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. As of April 30, 2015, 80% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, March 16, 2015.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) Mark Creighton with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is requesting a copy of the town regulations concerning the keeping of bees, dated March 23, 2015.
 - 2) Thompson Community Day is September 27 Noon-4pm at Riverside Park in North Grosvenordale.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
 - 1) A letter from the Director of Health at the Northeast District Department of Health with the highlights of their Fiscal Year 2014, dated March 25, 2015.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge emailed Bill St. Onge for an update on the progress of the five town owned parcels needing conservation easements, dated April 14, 2015.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge emailed Marla Butts with the decision of the commission regarding Application DEC15005, dated March 19, 2015.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests
 - 1) Mary Ann Chinatti, Director of planning and Development, requested a review for the PZC application #15-03(a): a proposal for Alternate Open Space Dedication as part of Frog Rock, LLC resubdivision, 0 Sunset Hill Rd.
 - b. Old Requests: None
 - c. Updates:
 - 1) Conservation Easements are being prepared by Attorney St. Onge for the five open space parcels acquired in recent years. They should be completed within two weeks.
 - 2) The Conservation Commission Ordinance is supposed to move to a Town Meeting. There is no update.
 - 3) Land Donation in East Thompson—No update.
 - 4) The Commission has received two more confirmations on Bluebird Nest Box installations, for a total of 6.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: None.
2. Blue Bird houses: None.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: None.

New Business

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission has requested a review of #15-03(a) proposal for Alternate Open Space Dedication as part of Frog Rock, LLC resubdivision, 0 Sunset Hill Rd. The PZC requires a minimum of 20% of the total area of land to be subdivided to be dedicated as Open Space. The parcel is 18.4 acres; 20% equals 3.694 acres. The parcel also does not appear to have high value conservation or recreation land for Open Space dedication. The Commission reviewed the plot plans and the review report drafted regarding the natural resources associated with the application parcels.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to have Carolyn Werge forward the Review as prepared. The motion carried.**

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman noted that he it was an interesting meeting and he was interested in the easement judgment of wetlands.

Members' Forum

2. Ron Tillen provided a paper on the value of Conservation for the Commission to read.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary