

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
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MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Vice-Chairman Norma O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members present: Norma O'Leary, Carol Smith, Ron Tillen and Kathy Mitchell.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Ron Tillen moved and Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. 14% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, August 17, 2015.
2. Incoming Mail:
 - a. The Connecticut Land Conservation Council sent a list of their training and education programs available.
 - b. The membership renewal forms for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.
 - 1) **Ron Tillen moved and Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the of \$55 fee for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions; the motion carried.**
 - c. A notice for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions annual meeting and environmental conference on November 15, 2015.
3. Outgoing Mail:
 - a. The application for the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program to the State Office of Policy and Management.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
5. Outgoing Mail via email:
 - a. Carolyn Werge responded to The Last Green Valley regarding expenses that coincide with the mission of the organization, dated August 25, 2015.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: None
 - b. Old Requests: None
 - c. Updates:
 - 1) The Town Meeting for the five open space parcels acquired in recent years has been delayed until the end of October. This meeting will include the Conservation Easements on the parcels, acceptance of the parcels including the "old spring" parcel and ordinances both revised and new.
 - 2) The application for the Last Green Valley Historic and Cultural Resources Small Grants Program was submitted on August 18, 2015.
 - 3) The application to the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program was submitted on August 21, 2015. Carolyn Werge also sent their contact person an email, requesting the Conservation Commission be placed on their mailing list for future opportunities.
 - 4) Carolyn Werge submitted The Last Green Valley's request for itemizing of expenses, in-kind contributions or volunteer time fulfilling the mission of The Last Green Valley. Carolyn Werge also found out that member's volunteer hours could be included.

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

Citizens' Comments

- 1) Hap Comen asked if roadside clean up could be included in the Last Green Valley's documenting of volunteer hours.

Members' Forum

1. Ron Tillen stated that the Last Green Valley will most likely be seeking accreditation in the near future.
2. Ron Tillen reminded the Commission of the upcoming agricultural celebration at the Woodstock Fair grounds this weekend. The Last Green Valley will be there.
3. Norma O'Leary has been overseeing a man in need of 43 hours of community service. The man has been working to clean up the Quaddick Cemetery. Norma O'Leary requested that Carolyn Werge look for right of way access to the Quaddick Cemetery and to Porter Cemetery as well.
4. Norma O'Leary reported on the progress of the River Mill Village Playground. The seesaw has been installed and a playscape has been ordered. Norma O'Leary will host another yard sale to raise money for the additional costs of the playscape.
5. Ron Tillen discussed the walking options at Walktober 2015.

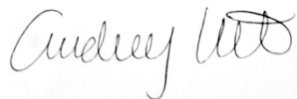
Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary