

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

MINUTES: OCTOBER 19, 2015  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Guests present: Hap Coman.

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 September 21, 2015 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. 20.9% of the budget has been used.

*Correspondence*

1. Members received via email:
  - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, September 21, 2015.
2. Incoming Mail:
3. Outgoing Mail:
4. Incoming Mail via email:
  - a. The Last Green Valley Small Grant Awards for Historic and Cultural Resources, dated September 23, 2015.
  - b. The agenda for the September 29, 2015 meeting of the Windham County Conservation Consortium.
5. Outgoing Mail via email:

*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 is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will address the conservation easements on these open space parcels, acceptance of three open space parcels and ordinances.
    - 2) The application the Commission submitted to the Last Green Valley Historic and Cultural Resources Small Grants Program was not successful.
    - 3) Carolyn Werge contacted Sharon Wakely with the Last Green Valley to inquire if TLGV included the volunteer hours that were spent on the roadside and river clean up. They did capture those hours from the reports they received after the clean up.
    - 4) Carolyn Werge requested additional information for the 1925 copy of gravestone inscriptions at Quaddick Cemetery from Norma O'Leary in order to post it to the website.
    - 5) Norma O'Leary had asked Carolyn Werge to look into the access rights for the Quaddick and Porter Cemeteries. Carolyn found the deeded rights to access both and will keep the documents in the cemetery files for future reference.
    - 6) Carolyn Werge reported on the Windham County Conservation Consortium. The Commission discussed the meaning of "perpetuity" as the Wyndham Land Trust's main goal.
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 the North Grosvenordale Pond is tied up with Shawn Donahoe. Carolyn Werge explained that Mr. Donahoe sold the land and it was then lost to the bank and is now owned by the bank.

*Members' Forum*

1. Ron Tillen discussed the cairns on Starr Road. Though the historical value of the cairns is unknown, they are to remain undisturbed.
2. Norma O'Leary reported on the River Mill Village Playground. A playscape for the playground has been ordered. Norma O'Leary hosted a yard sale over the weekend and raised \$2,395 to put towards the playscape.
3. Norma O'Leary reported that the volunteer work at Quaddick Cemetery is almost complete. Carolyn Werge showed the commission the deeded rights to access the cemetery. Norma O'Leary also reports that the trees around Bates Cemetery have been trimmed back.

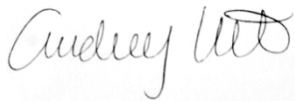
*Announcements*

*Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

*Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.



Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary