

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
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MINUTES: FEBRUARY 16, 2016
TOWN HALL 2ND 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, Ron Tillen, Carol Smith and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. As of January 28th, 54% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, January 19, 2016.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) The 2016 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference is March 19, 2016.
 - 2) The Last Green Valley invitation to participate in a new April/May series of walks and talks.
 - 3) The Aquarion Water Company is accepting nominations for their 2016 award program, dated January 20, 2016.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
 - 1) The WCCC Meeting will be Wednesday, March 30, 2016.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge received a questionnaire regarding her duties with the Town of Thompson, dated February 4, 2016.
 - 3) The Finance Director requested a review of the Commission's FY2016 budget, dated January 20, 2016.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: None.
 - b. Old Requests: None.
 - c. Updates:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge updated the Quaddick Cemetery website page to include the historic document that Thelma Barker donated, ***Epitaphs at Quadic, Connecticut, Collected, Arranged and Edited by Mrs. George Washington Tefft and Dr. George Fraser Black 1925.***
 - 2) Carolyn Werge is researching the deeds for cemeteries with access over private property.
 - i. The deed for Bates Cemetery mentions a 20 foot right of way from Thompson Road, though their is access through Bonnet Avenue and Elaine Street.
 - ii. Ross Cemetery is in the middle of a farm field with privilege of passing and re-passing.
 - iii. Whittemore Cemetery is generally accessed from the American Legion parking lot. However, the deed provides a four foot wide strip of land from the public highway, Route 200, for the purpose of passing and re-passing to and from said burying ground.
 - iv. There is still a question of how to access to the Aldrich/Coman Cemetery at the end of Mountain Hill Road.
 - v. The Winter Cemetery still needs to be researched
 - vi. The Junia Joslin Cemetery does not have deeded access and requires permission from one of the landowners to access it.
 - 3) Carolyn Werge met with Michele from Applied Geographics to review the mismatch errors in the digital parcel updates for the Assessor's maps. Michele took all the documents back

for data entry. Carolyn is expecting to receive and updated map layer, a packed of updated assessor maps and a revised list of the historic mismatched remaining.

2. Other
 - a. The budget papers were submitted with the same figures as last year's budget.
 - b. Carolyn Werge is in the process of incorporating the five newest Conservation Easements into the database and GIS map.

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: No update.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.

New Business

1. The members terms who are expiring this year were discussed. Ron Tillen is the only term expiring this year and he would like to continue to serve on the commission.

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

1. Bernie Davis was asked if he the Selectmen had responded to his email about demonstrating the Conservation Commission's website. He says he has not had a response. The Commission discussed having Carolyn Werge write a letter to the selectmen to include the Conservation website as a budget item.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion that the Conservation Commission officially request the Selectmen to approve the Conservation Commissions website as an official budget line item. All in favor. The motion carried.**
2. Norma O'Leary asked about the Land Conservation Conference workshops and if any would be available in the area. None of the workshops will be offered in this area. Ron Tillen is attending the Conference and said he would represent the Conservation Commission and report back on the workshops he attends.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2016 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary