

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

MINUTES— AUGUST 15, 2016  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Staff present: Carolyn Werge.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. **Norma O’Leary moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. 6% of the budget has been used.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, July 18, 2016.
- b. Incoming Mail:
  - 1) The application package for the Robbins Preserve from the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, dated 9 August 2016.
  - 2) The declaratory ruling from the C-TEC Solar LLC attorney for the solar engird project on Ballard Road, dated 15 July 2016.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
  - 1) The grant application for the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program, dated 8 August 2016.
- d. Incoming Mail via email: None.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
  - 1) Carolyn Werge requested information for potential funding for cemetery repairs, dated 5 August 2016.

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests: None.
  - b. Old Requests: None.
  - c. Updates:
    - 1) Cemeteries Updates:
      - i. The possible cemetery near North Grosvenordale Pond was added to the Commission’s list of cemeteries as an undocumented cemetery. The Thompson Historical Society newsletter asking for information about the cemetery has not come out yet.
      - ii. Richard Brobeck has contacted Norma O’Leary about doing some volunteer work in the cemeteries. Carolyn Werge and Norma O’Leary met with Mr. Brobeck to discuss possible projects for him to undertake.
      - iii. The application for the Neglected Cemeteries Grant Program has been submitted. The request is for \$2,000. Another potential funding source may be through the State Historical Preservation Office.
    - 2) The Wyndham Land Trust is applying for accreditation. Carolyn Werge is assisting Ron Tillen, a board member on the WLT, with documentation for the Robbins Preserve. Carolyn Werge has been able to provide a list of abutters, soils map and request a species list from the NDDB.
    - 3) The Wyndham Land Trust is working on an acquisition in Thompson. Carolyn Werge provided Andy Rzeznikiewicz with some deed research and mapping.
2. Other

*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.
4. Discussion of site visit to Heritage Way Park: No update.

#### *New Business*

1. Norma O'Leary received a report that there is a dump near the airline trail south of Rt. 193. Norma plans to visit the site and see what can be done to clean it up.

#### *Citizens' Comments*

#### *Members' Forum*

1. Norma O'Leary reported on the French River clean up on Saturday. It was a small turnout and a huge truckload of trash was picked up. Ron Tillen suggested the Commission will write a letter of thanks to the villager, the commission agreed.
- 2.

#### *Announcements*

#### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

#### *Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary