

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

MINUTES—OCTOBER 17, 2016  
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, Carol Smith, Bernie Davis, Ron Tillen, Norma O'Leary and Kathy Mitchell.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Bernie Davis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. 22.2% of the budget has been used as of September 29, 2016.

*Correspondence*

1. Members received via email:
  - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, September 19, 2016.
  - b. Information on the Burrillville power plant from Carolyn Werge, dated 11 October 2016.
2. Incoming Mail:
  - a. A request from the Burrillville Conservation Commission, dated 2 September 2016.
3. Outgoing Mail: None.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
  - a. A request from Renee King to submit a document to the CSC regarding the Killingly power plant, dated 19 September 2016.
5. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests: None
  - b. Old Requests: None
  - c. Updates:
    - 1) Cemeteries Update:
      - i. Richard Brotbeck has finished clearing the brush out of Wilsonville Cemetery. Norma O'Leary will make arrangements to have her nephew trim back the overhanging tree branches.
      - ii. The State Office of Policy and Management will be announcing the municipalities chosen to receive the Neglected Cemeteries Grant on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
      - iii. The Thompson Historical Society has received one response to the Commission's request for information regarding the North Grosvenordale Pond Cemetery. The individual would like to arrange a site visit.
    - 2) Carol Smith attended the Windham County Conservation Consortium meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The minutes from the meeting were sent via email to the Commission members.
    - 3) The Wyndham Land Trust has obtained a grant for the acquisition of a parcel of land in Thompson.
    - 4) The Commission discussed the ruling of the RI Siting Board regarding the proposed Burrillville power plant. Carolyn Werge shared her concerns regarding the proposal. Bernie Davis suggested submitting Carolyn Werge's concerns to the Burrillville Conservation Commission.
    - 5) Renee King requested the Commission consider submitting a document in opposition to the proposed power plant in Killingly. Ron Tillen spoke about the methane pipeline that would run through the property and its proximity to a Wyndham Land Trust parcel. Ron Tillen suggested Carolyn Werge draft a document and allow the Commission to review it for approval.
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. 2017 meeting dates: No update.
2. Renee Kings request regarding the Killingly power plant proposal: see officer's report.

*Citizens' Comments*

*Members' Forum*

1. Bernie Davis shared a woodworking project he is working on for his home.
2. Ron Tillen discussed Walktober and the Alpaca farm he visited on one of the walks.

*Announcements*

*Future Meeting*

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

*Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary