

**Town Of Thompson**  
**Conservation Commission**  
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899  
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MINUTES—FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
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, and Norma O'Leary.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

*Approval of Minutes*

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

*Financial Matters*

1. Carolyn Werge spent \$122 on office supplies.

*Correspondence*

1. Members received via email:
  - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, December 19, 2016.
2. Incoming Mail:
  - a. The Connecticut Audubon Society's Connecticut State of the Birds booklet.
  - b. The Connecticut Land Conservation Conference will be held Saturday March 18, 2017 at Wesleyan University.
  - c. The Aquarion Water Company is accepting nominations for the 2017 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program, dated 30 January 2017.
3. Outgoing Mail:
  - a. Carolyn Werge sent a memo to Lee Post, Building Official, concerning the single family dwelling project on Quaddick Town Farm Road, dated 9 January 2017.
  - b. Carolyn Werge sent a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Scott Hurd concerning tree trimming in the Wilsonville Cemetery, abutting the Hurd's property, dated 9 January 2017.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
  - a. A memo from Janet Blanchett, Chairman of the Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee, to encourage public attendance for the public informational meeting on January 25, dated 27 December 2016.
5. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

**Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to move the election of officers up on the agenda. All in favor. The motion carried.**

**Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to elect the same officers as last year. All in favor. The motion carried.**

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests: None
  - b. Old Requests: None
  - c. Updates:
    - 1) Cemeteries Update:
      - i. Thompson Together has a small fund to be used for the cemeteries. They requested additional details on the conditions of the cemeteries. Carolyn, Carol, Norma and Ida made four site visits and documented their findings for Thompson Together.
      - ii. Carolyn, Norma, Carol and Ida also reviewed Carolyn Werge's research regarding access to the Whittemore and Bates Cemeteries. Deeded access for both cemeteries has been confirmed.

- iii. The abutters to the Wilsonville Cemetery have agreed to the tree trimming along the boundary wall.
- iv. Carolyn Werge has compiled all the cemetery documents into two binders. Bernie Davis suggested copies be made for the library. Carolyn Werge confirmed they already have a copy as does the Town Clerks office.
- 2) Carolyn Werge requested the owner of Building Permit #13329 at 410 Quaddick Town Farm Road place four conservation easement markers along the boundaries. The commission will supply the markers. The owner has agreed to the request.
- 3) Phil Thomas and Norma O'Leary's terms are expiring in March. Both have confirmed their reappointment. The First Selectman has been notified.
- 4) The budget presentation for the commission was presented to the Board of Selectmen on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The budget was presented with the same numbers as last fiscal year's budget. The BOS made a few line items read more precise.
- 5) The Wyndham Land Trust has purchased the former Lukaszek property including Long Pond into Jerry's Swamp.
- 6) The Wyndham Land Trust has acquired the 254 acres on Bull Hill in Thompson.
- 7) The Wetlands Agent requested the map for the smallest local drainage basins to identify land areas with flow into each of the storm drains.
- 8) The Emergency Management Department requested the large scale map of dams, showing the location of the dams.
- 9) Mark Snay with the Thompson Historical Society requested Carolyn Werge's assistance about GIS mapping of historic houses appearing on maps from 1856 and 1869.

## 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.

### *New Business*

### *Citizens' Comments*

### *Members' Forum*

1. Ron Tillen discussed the Wyndham Land Trust's acquisition of the property on Bull Hill in Thompson. Mr. Tillen has spoken with several of the neighbors abutting the property and they are in favor of the acquisition. Mr. Tillen expects the property to serve as a nature preserve and a recreation area.

### *Announcements*

### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

### *Adjournment*

1. Ron Tillen moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. All in favor. The motion carried.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary