

**Town Of Thompson**  
**Conservation Commission**  
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MINUTES—MARCH 20, 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, Kathy Mitchell and Norma O'Leary.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. **Ron Tillen moved and Bernie Davis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting with the following correction; the motion carried.**
  - a. Under members forum: In the second sentence, change Mr. Tillen to one of the Wyndham Land Trust board members.

*Financial Matters*

1. 60.5% of the budget has been used.

*Correspondence*

1. Members received via email:
  - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, February 20, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail: None.
3. Outgoing Mail: None.
4. Incoming Mail via email: None.
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: None.
  - d. The Planning and Zoning Commission is working on revisions to their regulations and the planner has requested an updated zoning map. Carolyn Werge completed the GIS for the updated map. They also requested a listing of the parcels encumbered by APA Level A mapping, which Carolyn Werge provided.
  - e. Carolyn Werge has been working with Mark Snay and the Thompson Historical Society on importing old maps into GIS. The THS are discussing how to make historical information available to the public.
  - f. Wyndham Land Trust
    - 1) Carolyn Werge provided a WLT Board Member with shapefiles for the Long Pond property.
    - 2) The WLT will not be requesting financial support from the Open Space fund. They received funds from elsewhere.
  - g. Bernie Davis has another batch of blue bird nest boxes ready for distribution. Carolyn Werge has added information to the commission's website and emailed the editor of the Thompson Villager. Bernie Davis gave two boxes to David Eddy as a thank you and gave two boxes to the Army Corps for the West Thompson Dam property.
  - h. Lynn Landry emailed the commission a draft of Woodstock's proposed ordinance regarding oil and gas extraction activities. The commission agreed to invite Lynn Landry to attend the next Conservation meeting.
2. Other

*Old Business*

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

#### *New Business*

#### *Citizens' Comments*

1. Hap Coman commented on the Dooley Property.

#### *Members' Forum*

1. Ron Tillen reported the Wydham Land Trust is requesting the state archaeologist visit the newest properties acquired by the WLT.
2. Norma O'Leary had questions regarding solar farms and regulations.
3. Kathy Mitchell had questions regarding land tax sales and discussed the control of gypsy moths.

#### *Announcements*

1. The Town wide roadside clean up begins April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The French River clean up Day is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Join by signing in at the pavilion at Valley Spring Sportsman facility.

#### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

#### *Adjournment*

1. Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. All in favor. The motion carried.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary