

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

MINUTES—JUNE 19, 2017
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Vice Chairman Norma O’Leary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. 84.2% of the budget has been used as of May 25.
2. Carolyn Werge used approximately \$70 to order some office supplies.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, April 17, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail: None.
3. Outgoing Mail: Phil Thomas sent a letter on behalf of the Commission advising the Board of Selectmen, Wetlands Commission, and Planning & Zoning Commission to prevent fracking waste in Thompson, dated 26 April 2017.
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) Wyndham Land Trust
 - i. Carolyn Werge updated two maps “Parcels Preserved by Wyndham Land Trust” and “Permanently Protected Parcels” to include the two new acquisitions by the Wyndham Land Trust. The Wyndham Land Trust now owns 903.38 acres in Thompson.
 - ii. The two new Wyndham Land Trust acquisitions have been added to the Conservation Commission’s files.
 - iii. Two Town Clerk’s maps were sent to Jeff Stefanik, a surveyor on the Wyndham Land Trust board to help establish some known points on the Bull Hill acquisition.
 - iv. Carolyn Werge created and forwarded a soils maps for each of the Wyndham Land Trust preserves to Ron Tillen.
 - 2) The Thompson Historical Society is working on a project to match historical map locations to present day parcel data. Carolyn Werge passed on their request for a listing of street addresses to the Assessor’s Office.
 - 3) The Trails Committee requested the updated parcel data to NECCOG for their trails mapping project.
 - 4) Cemeteries
 - i. The Thompson Together Cemeteries Committee requested photos of repairs needed in the Wilsonville Cemetery. Norma O’Leary and Carolyn Werge visited the cemetery to take photos.

- 5) The Fracking Ban Bill was not voted on by the State Legislature at the State Senate.
- 6) The Ordinance Committee increased the penalty for violation for the local Fracking Ban Ordinance and forwarded it on to the Board of Selectmen.
- 7) The CT Siting Council denied the application for the Killingly Power Plant. The applicant was unable to demonstrate a public benefit to balance with the environmental impact.
- 8) There is still no decision on the Burrillville Power Plant application.
- 9) Carolyn Werge received a request from The Thompson Together Cemeteries Committee for a letter of support from the Conservation Commission for their application to the Last Green Valley Cemetery Grant Program. Carolyn Werge drafted a letter and read it to the commission. The commission agreed to forward the letter.

2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: All of the bluebird houses are gone. People were very enthusiastic and appreciative of the program this year. Forty-four boxes were distributed this year.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.
4. Fracking Waste: See Officers Report above.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman is very concerned with the Gypsy Moth infestation.

Members' Forum

1. Kathy Mitchell discussed the defoliation caused by the gypsy moth infestation.
2. Ron Tillen announced the Wetlands Commission has a new member and will be more likely to have a quorum now.
3. Kathy Mitchell discussed the petition circulating to save the mill in North Grosvenordale. There is an online petition as well.
4. Norma O'Leary announced the poison ivy and bittersweet has been removed from Riverside Park.

Announcements

1. The town budget referendum is on June 20, 2017.

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 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 7:38 PM. All in favor. The motion carried.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary