

**Town Of Thompson**  
**Conservation Commission**  
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899  
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MINUTES—JULY 17, 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, Norma O'Leary, Carol Smith, Ron Tillen, Bernie Davis and Kathy Mitchell.

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 June 19, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. No update.

*Correspondence*

1. Members received via email:
  - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, June 19, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail:
  - a. The Connecticut Land Conservations Council is requesting membership renewals, dated 29 June 2017. In the past the Conservation Commission has made a donation in place of a membership. Carolyn Werge suggested increasing the donation amount from \$35 to \$50.
    - 1) **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to increase the donation amount from \$35 to \$50. All in favor. The motion carried.**
3. Outgoing Mail: None.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
  - a. Ken Beausoleil, First Selectman, regarding the interdepartmental coordination requirements land disturbance and development projects, dated 27 June 2017. Carolyn Werge explained this was already a procedure in place.
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) Maps
      - i. Carolyn Werge added the recently updated "Permanently Protected Parcels" to the Conservation Commission website.
      - ii. Carolyn Werge provided the Town Planner with large scale copies of the town zoning map and Locational Guide Maps.
      - iii. The Town Assessor has been informed of an error for two Wyndham Land Trust parcels on Bull Hill.
    - 2) Cemeteries
      - i. Norma O'Leary requested names of the abutters for five cemeteries that need overhanging branches trimmed.
      - ii. The Historical Society received an inquiry as to the right of way to the Quaddick Cemetery from a woman looking to visit the cemetery. The Historical Society asked the Commission for the correct information. Carolyn Werge informed the woman and the historical Society of the

deeded right of way and included a map and copy of the deed. Carolyn Werge also added the deeded right of way information to the Conservation Commission website.

- 3) In reviewing the ordinance banning fracking waste in Thompson, Carolyn Werge corrected a few typos and found the language in Section 2e) Prohibitions: "These prohibitions apply to private property owners" may leave other types of property owners exposed. Carolyn Werge sent these comments to the email group for their considerations.
- 4) The Selectmen requested an update for the Selectmen's Update. Carolyn Werge wrote up a note about the bluebird boxes and submitted it.

## 2. Other

### *Old Business*

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: see Conservation Officers Report above.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: The Fabyan property is now for sale. Phil Thomas would like to make sure there is enough room for the honor roll marker before a new owner moves in.
4. Fracking Waste: See Officers Report above.

### *New Business*

#### *Citizens' Comments*

1. Hap Coman stated it has been an interesting meeting.

#### *Members' Forum*

1. Kathy Mitchell discussed the Killingly Power Plant update. The town council in Killingly now wants to negotiate with the Power Plant.
2. Kathy Mitchell discussed Pomfret's proposal to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding 7 miles of sewage piping that could affect the airline trail.
3. Ron Tillen discussed the Marianapolis sewer project. The drill was stuck under the highway and project is on hold at the moment.
4. Norma O'Leary discussed the Wilsonville Cemetery restoration. A man from Woodstock is working to clean up the cemetery and straighten the stones. The grant from Thompson Together for the Last Green Valley Cemetery Grant Program has been submitted.

### *Announcements*

#### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 21, 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 7:26 PM. All in favor. The motion carried.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary