

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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REGULAR MINUTES—AUGUST 21, 2017
TOWN HALL 2ND 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 and Kathy Mitchell.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Norma O'Leary moved and Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. No update.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, July 17, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail: None.
3. Outgoing Mail: Carolyn Werge sent a letter to Ashley & Joseph Makowski of Quaddick Town Farm Road concerning the installation of Conservation Easement markers abutting their property, dated 7 August 2017.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
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) The Commission was asked for comments on the proposed transfer of three parcels from Hometown Bank to the Town of Thompson. Their comments were delivered to the town planner of August 7.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge has been informed of development of the subdivision lot located at 410 Quaddick Town Farm Road. A Conservation Easement for this property did not require the owner to install CE markers at the boundaries. Carolyn Werge met with the builder on site and provided four CE markers and requested their cooperation in installing the markers. The builder agreed and he and Carolyn Werge decided where to install the markers on the property.
 - 3) Carolyn Werge is currently working with John Rice on a town owned parcel on Ravenelle Road. There is currently no deeded access to the lot but the adjacent property is recently for sale. Carolyn Werge and John Rice are assessing the usefulness of this property and whether the town should purchase the piece of the adjacent property that would allow access to the town owned parcel.
 - 4) Carolyn Werge provided the Trails Committee with Conservation Easement information regarding an access point to the Airline Trail just north of the entrance ramp to I395 at exit 98.
 - 5) The Thompson Historical Society has requested Carolyn Werge's assistance with digitizing the town's 1987 inventory of historic buildings and structures. THS would like this information available to the public through their website. Norma O'Leary suggested talking to other towns in the area to see if they have done something similar.
 - 6) The new owner of the property at 60 Chase Road met with Carolyn Werge in regards to a stone mound located in his backyard. Carolyn Werge believes the mound is a cairn and provided him

with some information regarding its preservation. Carolyn Werge also spoke with a previous owner of the property who stated they used to throw stones in a large pile in the backyard. Carolyn Werge believes they are not the same piles.

- 7) The Wyndham Land Trust requested Carolyn Werge's assistance on locating the owner of a lot abutting a recent WLT acquisition. Carolyn Werge was unable discover the owner.

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

1. Hap Coman stated it has been a nice, quiet meeting and very enjoyable.

Members' Forum

1. Kathy Mitchell asked if anyone else had witnessed the eclipse.
2. Norma O'Leary discussed the man working on the Wilsonville Cemetery. He has been digging up stones and resetting them. Kathy Mitchell discussed having a stone reset in the Coman Cemetery. Norma O'Leary asked if the Coman Cemetery needed branches trimmed. Kathy Mitchell said they do need trimming.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Kathy Mitchell moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. All in favor. The motion carried.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary