

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
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REGULAR MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Ron Tillen and Kathy Mitchell.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Norma O'Leary moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. There is no budget yet. So far \$2091.49 has been spent.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, August 21, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail:
 - a. The CACIWC sent a notice for Membership Renewal.
 - b. The Connecticut Land Conservation Council sent a thank you for the Commission's contribution, dated 18 August 2017.
 - c. The Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies sent a copy of their quarterly newsletter.
3. Outgoing Mail: None.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
 - a. The next WCCC meeting will be held on November 29, 2017.
 - b. A workshop on Maintaining and Transferring Farmland will be held on September 27, 2017 at the Woodstock Town Hall by the Woodstock Agricultural Commission.
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) Carolyn Werge provided the Wetlands with a map of the Subregional Drainage Basins with Watercourses and Waterbodies and outlines of Thompson's 10 most significant wetlands for use at Community Day.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge provided the Town Planner with a hard copy and digital copy of the Zoning map. The Town Planner also requested two maps to be generated that are associated with the state's guidance mapping for priority funding areas. The Planner supplied Carolyn Werge with the datasets which were entered into the GIS program.
 - 3) John Rice and Carolyn Werge walked the town owned parcel on Ravenelle Road on August 24th, 2017. There are some legal issues with the deed before the town can negotiate the right of way with the abutting neighbor. Carolyn Werge prepared a letter and sent it to the First Selectman who forwarded it to the Town Counsel. They are still waiting for a reply.
 - 4) Carolyn Werge provided Ron Tillen with deeds for the most recent Wyndam Land Trust acquisitions in the area of Bull Hill. Ron Tillen reports he is about halfway done with his project.
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

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to add partnering the Commission with Thompson Together, Inc. to the agenda under new business. All in favor. The motion carried.**
Thompson Together, Inc. has received a grant from the Last Green Valley for repairs and maintenance to seven cemeteries in town.
 - a. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to partner together with Thompson Together, Inc. on the Thompson Cemetery Restoration Project.**
Phil Thomas—yes; Norma O'Leary—abstain; Carol Smith—yes; Ron Tillen—yes; Kathy Mitchell—yes.
The motion carried.

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman stated it had been a very interesting meeting and mentioned a cemetery in town that may need some large pine trees cut down before they fall and damage the gravestones.

Members' Forum

1. Norma O'Leary discussed the work being done in the Wilsonville Cemetery. The raking and tree work is done and approximately a third of the stones have been reset or repaired.
2. Ron Tillen discussed the Agricultural Celebration at the Woodstock Fairgrounds. The Wyndham Land Trust will have a display.
3. Norma O'Leary mentioned Community Day is on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 16, 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 7:44 PM. All in favor. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary