

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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REGULAR MINUTES—OCTOBER 16, 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, Norma O'Leary, Bernie Davis, Ron Tillen 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 September 18, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. There is no budget yet. Expenditures have been spent on staff and memberships.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, September 18, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail:
 - a. The Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. sent the Summer 2017 issue of the Habitat.
 - b. A memo to encourage public attendance to the Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee special meeting, dated 18 September 2017.
 - c. The Thompson Housing authority sent an invite for their 45th anniversary rededication of Gladys Green and Pineview Courts.
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
 - i. Last month, the Conservation Commission agreed to partner with Thompson Together, Inc. on a grant for cemetery maintenance and repairs. The Last Green Valley awarded Thompson Together, Inc. with the grant.
 - ii. Carolyn Werge provided Norma O'Leary with a survey map of the Porter Cemetery for guidance with pine tree removal.
 - iii. Mark Snay, the Curator for the Thompson Historical Society, emailed Carolyn Werge in regards to two neglected cemeteries in Putnam, Day Cemetery and Bowen Cemetery. Mr. Snay believes the cemeteries may have been in Thompson prior to the incorporation of Putnam and would therefore interest Carolyn Werge. He is currently researching the cemeteries.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge updated the zoning map to include a notation of the date of adoption of the official map of the towns Aquifer Protection Area as requested by the Town Planner.
 - 3) The Town Planner requested Carolyn Werge research the land between New Rd and East Thompson Rd to determine if it had ever been subdivided. Carolyn Werge's researched determined it had not been subdivided.

- 4) Carolyn Werge is still waiting for a reply from Bill St. Onge regarding the town owned parcel on Ravenelle Road.
- 5) Ron Tillen requested Carolyn Werge review the draft management plans for the preserves in Thompson for the Wyndham Land Trust. The Wyndham Land Trust is currently under review for accreditation. Ron Tillen reported he has completed the management plans for all of the WLT parcels.

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 asked Ron Tillen why the Wyndham Land Trust does not allow logging. Ron Tillen reported the WLT does not want the habitats disturbed unless there is a good reason. The WLT goal is to preserve the land.

Members' Forum

1. Norma O'Leary received a phone call from a man in Putnam who would like to meet with Norma to discuss two possible cemeteries in the Putnam/Rhode Island area. The man previously lived in the area and requested maps of the area.

Announcements

1. The budget referendum is Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 16, 2017 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary