

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

REGULAR MINUTES—NOVEMBER 20, 2017  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Members present: Phil Thomas, Carol Smith, Norma O’Leary, and Ron Tillen.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. **Ron Tillen moved and Norma O’Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. There is no budget yet. \$5,900 has been spent on staff and memberships so far.

*Correspondence*

1. Members received via email:
  - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, October 16, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail: None.
3. Outgoing Mail:
  - a. The internal requisition for a 2 year renewal fee of the website domain name, dated 2 October 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) Cemeteries
      - i. Norma O’Leary has been unable to contact the abutter to the Joslin Cemetery to inform them of the restoration project that would be going on. Carolyn Werge assisted in drafting a letter to explain and a contact number if they have questions. Norma O’Leary has not received a response. Carolyn Werge also assisted in a press release for volunteers for the restoration project.
      - ii. A resident of Middlebury, Connecticut contacted Carolyn Werge regarding the Dike Cemetery in Thompson. The individual will be visiting the cemetery over the weekend and asked if the gate would be locked. Carolyn Werge drove out to the cemetery to confirm it would not be locked and confirmed with the individual that it would not be locked.
    - 2) Wyndham Land Trust
      - i. Carolyn Werge Provided a WLT board member with digital copies of some town maps he had requested for surveying purposes.
      - ii. Carolyn Werge has mapped 478 acres of the Bull Hill acquisitions and started a folder for each acquisition. Ron Tillen informed the Commission that the total is now 511 acres following an acquisition in November.
      - iii. Carolyn Werge continues to provide ongoing requests from the WLT for deed and maps, etc.

- 3) The town recently acquired several properties due to unpaid taxes. The town also recently acquired three parcels from Hometown Bank. Once the transfers have been completed and filed, Carolyn Werge will be able to update the town owned properties map.

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: Phil Thomas believes the property has been sold. Carolyn Werge will look into this.

*New Business*

1. The Commission reviewed the 2018 meeting schedule.
  - a. **Norma O'Leary moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the dates of the 2018 meeting schedule. All in favor. The motion carried.**

*Citizens' Comments*

*Members' Forum*

1. Norma O'Leary reported the cemetery clean up is at a standstill due to the recent weather

*Announcements*

*Future Meeting*

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

*Adjournment*

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary