

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

REGULAR MINUTES—JANUARY 16, 2018
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Vice-Chairman Norma O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members present: Carol Smith, Norma O'Leary, Ron Tillen, and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. \$8,331.03 has been spent as of January.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, November 20, 2017.
2. Incoming Mail:
 - a. The Connecticut Audubon Society membership application and State of the Birds report.
 - 1) **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to expend the funds for the Audubon Society membership. All in favor. The motion carried.**
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) Carolyn Werge researched the history of Baker Road on the Town Road Lists. The road does not appear from 1948-1973 on the lists. Carolyn Werge could not find the record of Baker Road being formally accepted by the town. This may be because some of the road runs through State Forest Land.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge researched the land transfers of defunct railroads such as the one in Quinebaug. One record from 1901 appears to be a transfer of private ownership directly to the railroad.
 - 3) The Fabyan property with the Honor Roll marker was transferred to new owners in October 2017. The Assessors records have yet to be updated to show the transfer. Carolyn Werge will pass the contact information to Phil Thomas once the Assessors records are updated.
 - 4) The foreclosure sale for the Deojay Property on Thompson Road was cancelled by court order. The defendant requested legal aid to help her retain the house.
 - 5) Cemeteries:
 - i. A man from North Smithfield, RI contacted Carolyn Werge regarding his Great Great Grandfather's gravestone in North Grosvenordale Cemetery The gravestone is lying on the ground and he wanted to know if the town could reset the stone. Carolyn Werge explained limited funds prevent the town from anything other than maintenance work in cemeteries. The man would like to repair the stone himself this Spring.

- 6) Wyndham Land Trust
 - i. Carolyn Werge provided Ron Tillen with Quaternary Maps for management plans.
 - ii. Ron Tillen requested Carolyn Werge review the management plans for the Bull Hill preserve and Lower Pond preserve. Carolyn Werge completed her reviews and added comments.
 - iii. Carolyn Werge provided Andy Rezeznikiewicz with information on a parcel in the Long Pond area that he had requested.
- 7) Mapping
 - i. Carolyn Werge updated the maps for Wyndham Land Trust Lots in Bull Hill Area, Parcels Conserved by WLT and Permanently Protected Parcels.
 - ii. Carolyn Werge is reviewing land records and Assessor's records since 2014 to update the Town Owned Parcels map to make it as accurate as possible.
- 8) The Thompson Hill Fire District requested statistical data of the district for a grant they are applying for. Carolyn Werge was able to create the map of the district boundaries and calculate the percentages of wetlands and watercourses, open space and agricultural land.
- 9) John Rice requested a map showing parcel boundaries of the school property, TEEG building and adjacent land owned by the town which Carolyn Werge was able to provide.

2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: Bernie Davis is working on a new workshop to build birdhouses in. It should be completed by Spring and the first of the bluebird houses should be ready by March or April.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: See Officers Report for update.

New Business

1. Norma O'Leary is interested in another term on the Conservation Commission. Phil Thomas was not present.

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

1. Ron Tillen explained to the Commission the library project he is currently working on.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 20, 2018 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary