

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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REGULAR MINUTES—FEBRUARY 20, 2018
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Vice-Chairman Norma O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 January 16, 2018 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. 52.4% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, January 16, 2018.
2. Incoming Mail: None.
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:
 - 1) The First Selectman requested the Conservation Commission submit their comments on a parcel of land the Boy Scouts would like to donate to the town on Pompeo Road. Carolyn Werge prepared the natural resources information and maps for the Commission to review. A dam on the property is designated as a moderate hazard potential and needs inspection every 7 years and occasionally floods the road. There is also an infestation of phragmites that will need to be removed. Accepting the parcel will also mean accepting responsibility for the dam and phragmites. Carolyn Werge will prepare the Commission's comments and submit them to the First Selectman.
 - b. Old Requests: None.
 - c. Updates:
 - 1) Cemeteries
 - i. Thomas Lamb requested information on a cemetery deed belonging to his late wife, Barbara. Carolyn Werge and the Town Clerk were able to find a typed copy of the cemetery deed, which is a 20x20 lot now part of the West Thompson Cemetery. Thomas Lamb provided Carolyn Werge with a copy of the original deed and Carolyn Werge provided Thomas Lamb with a list of gravestone inscriptions from the Hale Collection.
 - 2) Wyndham Land Trust
 - i. Ron Tillen requested Carolyn Werge review and comment on drafts for the LeClair preserve in Thompson and the Hayden preserve in Putnam.
 - ii. Carolyn Werge provided Ron Tillen with a requested copy of the right of way access from Webster, Massachusetts to the Long Pond Preserve granted to the Wyndham Land Trust by Frank Lukaszek.
 - 3) Bernie Davis and Kathy Mitchell's commission terms are expiring. Bernie Davis proposed changing the meeting day and time to earlier in the day.

- 4) Carolyn Werge presented the Conservation Commission budget proposal for 2018-2019 to the Board of Selectmen on February 7, 2018. There were questions with the commissions website but no issues with the overall budget. The selectmen would like to know how often the website is visited. Carolyn Werge will research it.
- 5) The \$35 membership to the Audobon Society has been paid.
- 6) Carolyn Werge ordered several office supplies and would like to use the supplies to print out the Conservation and Open Space Plan and organize in binders.
- 7) Carolyn Werge attended a staff meeting by the selectman informing the staff of future changes at the town hall.

2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: Bernie Davis is still in the process of making a workshop to make the blue bird houses in.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

1. Norma O'Leary requested maps of the town roads for the town wide clean up. The maps will be posted in the town hall and completed roads will be highlighted.
2. Norma O'Leary asked about the recent flooding on Route 12. The commission discussed who was responsible for repairing the old stone culvert under the railroad bed so that the road does not flood again.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary