

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2018, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Members present: Ron Tillen, Bernie Davis, Phil Thomas and Kathy Mitchell.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. As of April 30, 74.3% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, April 16, 2018.
 - 1) The agenda for the Windham County Conservation Consortium meeting on April 30, 2018.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) The Thames River Basin Partnership will be hosting “getting to know you” workshops, dated 27 April 2018.
 - 2) The application for permit renewal from the DEEP regarding domestic wastewater treatment.
 - 3) The Connecticut Audobon Society Bird-a-thon brochure, dated May 2018.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
 - 1) The Phase I of the Southern New England Heritage Forest Regional Conservation Partnership Program has been announced, dated 14 May 2018..
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge contacted Margaret Weaver in regards to the preservation of stone walls, dated 17 April 2018.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests:
 - 1) The Commission received a copy of the proposed subdivision plan on Indian Inn Road from J&D Civil Engineers. The Commission agreed this a Planning and Zoning Commission issue and would make recommendations if they were requested.
 - b. Old Requests: None.
 - c. Carolyn Werge updated the agricultural map for the 2018 Agricultural brochure as well as the Parcels conserved by the WLT, Bull Hill parcels, and Permanently Protected Land in Thompson to include all Wyndham Land Trust acquisitions.
 - d. Carolyn Werge and Ron Tillen attended the Windham County Conservation Consortium meeting on April 30th. Executive Director of the CT Forest & Parks Association, Eric Hemmerling, was the guest speaker. Chair of the Killingly Conservation Commission Donna Bronwell presented their conservation project highlighting places of interest in Killingly and provided brochures.
 - e. Carolyn Werge emailed the Commission a program with the Southern New England Heritage Forest Regional Conservation aiming to promote endangered and threatened bird species recovery through forest land conservation.

- f. Carolyn Werge has not received a response about stone wall preservation from Margaret Weaver. The Commission discussed the state and federal laws pertaining to stone wall preservation.

2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: Bernie Davis new shop is being set up. Blue bird boxes should be available next Fall or Spring.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman reported it had been a very interesting meeting.

Members' Forum

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2018 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary