

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Vice-Chairman Norma O’Leary called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

Members present: Ron Tillen, Norma O’Leary, Bernie Davis, Kathy Mitchell and Carol Smith.

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 June 18, 2018 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. No update.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, June 18, 2018.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) A request from J & D Civil Engineers for the Conservation Commission’s review of a 4 lot subdivision on Fabyan Road, dated 10 July 2018.
 - 2) A request from the Wetlands Agent for the Conservation Commissions’s comment regarding #IWA18013 Thompson Rail Properties, LLC on Reardon Road, dated 2 July 2018.
 - 3) The Connecticut Land Conservation Council membership renewal form.
 - i. **Ron Tillen moved and Bernie Davis seconded the motion to donated \$35 to the Land Conservation Council. All in favor. The motion carried.**
- c. Outgoing Mail:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge’s response to the Inland Wetlands Agent regarding the IWA18013 on Reardon Road, dated 2 July 2018.
- d. Incoming Mail via email: None.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests:
 - 1) The applicant for the 4 lot subdivision of lot 42 at 622 Fabyan Road, Assessor’s Map 17, Block 81 is requesting the recommendation of the Conservation Commission for a 4.09 acre Conservation Easement. The proposed Conservation Easement abuts the Quinebaug River, one of the 10 most noteworthy wetlands in town. The Commission discussed the benefits of conserving the proposed land. The Commission requests the easement be clearly marked with conservation easement markers. Carolyn Werge will compile the commission’s recommendation to submit to J & D Civil Engineers.
 - i. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to submit the Commission’s response with the incorporation of the Commission’s comments. All in favor. The motion carried.**
 - b. Old Requests: None.
 - c. Carolyn Werge submitted to the Wetlands Agent comments on the Wetlands Application IWA18013. The applicant will be working on the land around the conservation easement on Reardon Road. The Commission requests the applicant install Conservation Easement markers.
 - d. The application for the Neglected Cemetery Grant Program was submitted on June 21st. The Commission is requesting the maximum amount allowed for work on Wilsonville Cemetery.
 - e. Ron Tillen and Carolyn Werge attended the Wyndham Land Trust’s CT Land Conservation Council Regional Conservation Conversations meeting at Bull Hill.

2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: Bernie Davis has finished setting up his shop and will be able to make bluebird houses next year.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman asked what NDDDB stands for. Ron Tillen was able to explain it stands for Natural Diversity Database.

Members' Forum

1. Carol Smith asked if anyone had heard of Poisonous Parsnips. They are an invasive species in Vermont that cause skin irritation.
2. Kathy Mitchell discussed finding bobcat collars in the area. The bobcat collars are set to release after a certain amount of time and to contact CT DEEP if one is found.
3. Ron Tillen discussed possible mountain lion sightings in the area.

Announcements

Future Meeting

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

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary