

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Phil, Thomas, Norma O’Leary, Kathy Mitchell and Carol Smith.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Guests Present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. No update.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, July 16, 2018.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) A thank you from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council for the Commission’s donation.
 - 2) The Membership Renewal Notice from the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
 - 1) A notice that the Thompson has been awarded the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Grant, dated 8 August 2018.
 - 2) A notice of the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership all-partner meeting on September 28 at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales, MA, dated 2 August 2018.
- d. Incoming Mail via email: None.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: None.
 - b. Old Requests:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge submitted the Commission’s review on the Shields 4 lot subdivision of 622 Fabyan Road, lot 42, assessor’s map 17, block 81 to J & D Civil Engineers, as well as the town planner and ZEO.
 - c. The Conservation Commission has been awarded \$2,000 from the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Grant Program.
 - d. The Connecticut Land Conservation Council thanked the Conservation Commission for renewing their membership.
 - e. The Commission received a notice for membership renewal from the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions.
 - 1) **Kathy Mitchell moved and Norma O’Leary seconded the motion to authorize the \$60 parent to renew the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions membership. All in favor. The motion carried.**
 - f. Wyndham Land Trust
 - 1) The Wyndham Land Trust requested Carolyn Werge’s assistance in gathering documents on land values at the time of their acquisition.
 - 2) The Commission received an invitation to comment on the Wyndham Land Trust’s accreditation application in regards to their compliance with national quality standards. Carolyn Werge drafted a letter from the Commission to submit. The Commission reviewed the letter.

- 3) Norma O'Leary was approached by John Rice in regards to a parcel for sale near the Robins Parcel the Wyndham Land Trust might be interested in. Carolyn Werge will inform the WLT.

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: No update.

New Business

1. Phil Thomas reported the public meeting for the Shields Property is on Monday. Carolyn Werge explained the boundary lines for the part that will be donated as a conservation easement.

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman stated the transactions with the Wyndham Land Trust have really made a difference.

Members' Forum

1. Norma O'Leary reported the clean up in the cemeteries is coming along. The tree work has to be done by September.
2. Norma O'Leary reported Kirstin Forester found the funds to fix the stone walls in the Fayban Cemetery.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:39PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary