

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

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 August 20, 2018 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. 18.3% of the budget has been used as of July 1.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, August 20, 2018.
- b. Incoming Mail:
  - 1) A confirmation of the comments the Commission submitted for the Wyndham Land Trust accreditation, dated 29 August 2018.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
  - 1) Important information for contract submittal documents for the Neglected Cemetery Account Grants, dated 31 August 2018.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests:
    - 1) The commission has been requested by the town planner to submit comments on two Re-Subdivision plans, PZC applications #18-17 and 18-18, lots 50J, 50K and 50F, on Indian Inn Road. The Commission has concerns pertaining to groundwater contamination as well as protection of the aquifer in northeast Thompson. Carolyn Werge will submit the Commissions concerns to the town planner. The commission also requested Carolyn Werge visit the open space in East Thompson.
  - b. Old Requests:
    - 1) The application for the Shields 4 lot subdivision of Lot 42, Assessor’s Map 17, Block 18 at 622 Fabyan Road was approved by the PZC on August 27. Carolyn Werge attended the meeting to provide additional information during the presentation. Carolyn Werge has since drafted the Conservation Easement and forwarded it to Dan Blanchette for approval from the clients and then forwarded it to the First Selectman for the Town Counsel.
  - c. Carolyn Werge has been informed of a potential Conservation Easement agreement violation in the area of Norman Hill Road. The Commission discussed sending out a notice to the homeowners of site visits as well as a questionnaire regarding the Conservation Easements.
  - d. The Commission has been awarded \$2,500 and received a packet of forms from the Office of Policy and Management to submit for the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Grant Program Award. Carolyn Werge has completed the forms and they have been signed by the First Selectman and notarized by the Town Clerk.
  - e. The annual dues of \$60 have been paid to the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions.
  - f. The CACIWC 41st annual meeting will be held on November 17th in Cromwell, CT.
  - g. Wyndham Land Trust

- 1) The Commission received an acknowledgement from the Accreditation Board for their comments on the Wyndham Land Trust accreditation application.
- h. Carolyn Werge submitted her concerns to Cindy Dunne, ZEO, regarding the language of the motion made at the PZC meeting to approve the Shields subdivision. A motion is a legal contract and should contain all conditions and references required.

## 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. None.

### *Citizens' Comments*

1. Hap Coman is interested in the aquifer in the northeast corner of the town and its protection for the future.
2. Hap Coman provided photographs of balancing rocks in the woods of Thompson.

### *Members' Forum*

1. Norma O'Leary has been working with volunteers to clean up the Fabyan Cemetery. Some gravestones were found hidden under the brush. The brush was cleared out and the stones reset. Norma O'Leary collected from the neighbors of the cemetery the funds to trim the overhanging trees. A volunteer looking for work in the fall has contacted Norma to help clean the cemeteries.

### *Announcements*

### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

### *Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary