

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
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MINUTES: JUNE 16, 2014

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Approval of Minutes

1. Correct the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting to add Hap Coman as being a guest present. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting as corrected; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters:

1. \$425 has been encumbered to be applied to mapping software updates.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, May 19, 2014.
 - b. Special Meeting Agenda: Boat Launch site walk, June 18, 2014 at 10:30 am.
2. Outgoing Mail: None
3. Incoming Mail:
 - a. The Recreation Commission is seeking material donations for their Summer Adventure Camp for a "Go Green! Recycle!" theme week. Donations include: cardboard (cracker or cereal boxes), empty toilet paper/ paper towel rolls, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and newspaper. Donations can be dropped off in the Recreation office at the town hall or at the Thompson Senior Café through July 18th. Dated June 6.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: None
 - b. Old Requests: None
 - c. Carolyn Werge has spoken to First Selectman Paul Lenky about the liability of volunteers for cemetery maintenance and he has said he would prefer to make the request for a written opinion from Attorney St. Onge the next time he meets with him.
 - d. The Selectmen have sent the Conservation Commission Ordinance as well as the Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Ordinances back to the Ordinance Committee.
 - e. Phil Thomas, Bernie Davis and Carolyn Werge met with Selectman Paul Lenky on May 21st and gave a demonstration of the Conservation website. Selectman Lenky agreed the website has a lot to offer and should be continued. The other Town Selectmen have requested a demonstration of the website as well.
 - f. Carolyn Werge met with Allan Rawson and Bob Messier to review the mapping for the New Road parcel. Surveyed maps for two other parcels were also submitted. The parcels will expand on the 34.5 acre parcel donated in 2007. They would also like to make improvements to Starr Road. The Conservation Commission approves of the land donation. This item is going to the Board of Selectmen meeting.
 - g. Cemeteries Project: No update.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: None
2. Blue Birdhouses: No progress

3. Fabyan Property "Honor Roll Memorial": The Commission would like to request maintenance by the town on the property.

New Business

1. Requests for Review of Potential Development Proposals: None

Citizen's Comments

1. Hap Coman agrees that the landowners on Starr Road should be taken into consideration when accepting the land donation on New Road.

Members' Forum:

1. Norma O'Leary reported on the progress of the Whittemore and Bates Cemeteries. The woodchips have been laid around Whittemore Cemetery property and the stone wall is in progress. Norma O'Leary spoke with the descendants of the family buried in the Bates Cemetery who have showed interest in being involved in any improvements made to the cemetery.
2. Norma O'Leary also reported on the progress of the "Tot Lot" in River Mill Village. The site has been excavated and the woodchips and grass seed has been laid. Fencing is expected to set up within the week. TEEG has donated playground equipment which will be washed and delivered to the site for installation.


Announcements: None

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 21, 2014 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.



Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary