

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters: None

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, July 21, 2014.
2. Outgoing Mail: None
3. Incoming Mail: The review report of application #IWA14019 prepared by Carolyn Werge and sent to Marla Butts, Wetlands Agent.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: Application #IWA14019 of Norman Rudzinski for regulated activities on a 60 acre parcel at 0 Labby Rd. Marla Butts and Carolyn Werge visited the site on September 9th. Carolyn Werge submitted her review.
 - b. Old Requests: None
 - c. Carolyn Werge met with the Town Counsel to discuss the liability for volunteers helping with maintenance work in cemeteries. Some additional information is needed from Tonya Park, Personnel Director and Town Counsel is currently awaiting her reply.
 - d. Carolyn Werge also discussed with Town Counsel the Open Space parcels acquired in recent years. He recommended a Conservation Easement be prepared for each parcel and go through the regular process of Planning and Zoning input and then to Town Meeting.
 - e. There is no update on the Conservation Commission ordinance.
 - f. Carolyn Werge has contacted Selectman Shaina Smith for a presentation of the Conservation website but has not set up a date yet.
 - g. There is no update on the land donation in East Thompson.
 - h. Cemeteries Project
 - i. The webpage for the Whittemore Cemetery has new photos and the before and after photos will be added soon.
 - i. 40 posts have been purchased for the Conservation Easement land on New Road. The Conservation Easement markers will be attached and prepared for installation.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: None
2. Blue Bird houses: Bernie Davis has acquired the donated lumber for the bird houses. He is looking into new designs for this year.
3. Fabyan Property "Honor Roll Memorial": None

New Business

1. The Conservation Commission will not have a table at Community Day this year but plan on participating next year.

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman suggested a date be set to revisit the ideas for Community Day for next year.

Members' Forum

1. Ron Tillen approves of the Conservation Easements that will be placed on the open space parcels to give them some protection.
2. Carol Smith had questions on the Open Space Statute and Carolyn Werge explained the statute.
3. Norma O'Leary reports that the Whittemore Cemetery looks good and the grass is being mowed.
4. Norma O'Leary also commented on the "Tot Lot" in River Mill Village. Additional funds were raised at the most recent yard sale and another yard sale is planned. The swing set will be installed as soon as possible.

Announcements: None

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Audrey Witkowski", written in dark ink on a light background.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary