

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

MINUTES: DECEMBER 21, 2015

TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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

Staff present: Carolyn Werge.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. As of November, 37% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, October 19, 2015.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) The Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. Fall 2015 edition of The Habitat.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None
- d. Incoming Mail via email: None
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge emailed her comments on the Meehan Subdivision application #15-27, dated December 1, 2015.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests:
 - 1) The Director of Planning for the PZC requested a review of the Jared Meehan 4 lot subdivision on Hill Road. Carolyn Werge prepared the review and asked members via email for approval. It was forwarded on to PZC with no additional comments.
 - b. Old Requests: None
 - c. Updates:
 - 1) The Conservation Commission had 3 items to be resolved at the Town Meeting on October 28, 2015. Two of the items were not approved: the Conservation Ordinance and the two Open Space parcels associated with New Rd. The third item was approved: the five town owned open space parcels are now protected by Conservation Easements.
 - 2) Norma O'Leary and Carolyn Werge toured the three cemeteries recently cleaned of brush and overhanging branches: Bates, Porter and Quaddick Cemeteries.
 - i. Kathy Mitchell had asked about the legal access to Coman Cemetery at the last meeting. Carolyn Werge did some research but her findings were inconclusive. Mountain Hill Road may be the legal means of access.
 - 3) Ron Tillen is working on a project for the Wyndham Land Trust filling in gaps in documentation and resolving issues associated with WLT conservation easements. Carolyn Werge has been assisting on a volunteer basis.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: None.
2. Blue Bird houses: None.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: Phil Thomas is working on getting this easement as soon as possible.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

1. Ron Tillen thinks we need to do more informational opportunities for the public to learn the importance of conservation.
2. Phil Thomas informed the Commission about an article in the Worcester paper about a large farm that was purchased in Princeton by the town for conservation.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary