

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

MINUTES— JULY 18, 2016  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> 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, Kathy Mitchell, Carol Smith and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. Only salary has been used out of the new budget.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, June 20, 2016.
- b. Incoming Mail:
  - 1) The Connecticut Land Conservation Council sent a thank you for the Commission's contribution, dated 27 June 2016.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None.
- d. Incoming Mail via email: None.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
  - 1) Carolyn Werge emailed Joe Iamartino at the Thompson Historical Society regarding the possible cemetery at North Grosvenordale Pond, dated 22 June 2016.

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests: None.
  - b. Old Requests: None.
  - c. Updates:
    - 1) Cemeteries Updates:
      - i. Joe Iamartino placed a request in the Historical Society newsletter for information regarding the possible cemetery on North Grosvenordale Pond. Carolyn Werge spoke with John Rice, who remembers it being referred to as an Indian cemetery when he was younger. Carolyn Werge found two articles addressing cemeteries with field stone grave markers that might pertain to the possible cemetery.
    - 2) Prior to the closing of the 2014-2015 budget, the \$35 membership fee to the Connecticut Land Council and \$300 for a new printer were debited.
    - 3) The Assessor is not going to change the inaccurate boundaries of the land donated by Mrs. LeClair to the Wyndham Land Trust unless a surveyed map with the correct boundaries is done. Ron Tillen explained the WLT's acceptance of donated land even with loosely defined boundaries.
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.
4. Discussion of site visit to Heritage Way Park— Kathy Mitchell checked maps from the 1943 Army Corps of Engineers for the possible cemetery. It does not appear on the map. Kathy Mitchell also plans to donate these maps to the Conservation Commission.

## *New Business*

## *Citizens' Comments*

## *Members' Forum*

1. Norma O'Leary feels that the possible cemetery on North Grosvenordale Pond should be documented as a cemetery to protect it. Bernie Davis suggested adding it to the cemetery list and marking it as undocumented.
2. Phil Thomas spoke about the recent news article pertaining to illegal dumping of contaminated soil in Uxbridge. The state does not appear to be doing anything to stop it. Mr. Thomas was concerned if the laws in Connecticut could prevent it from happening here.
3. Phil Thomas spoke about the gravel operation near the Dudley/Webster area. Mr. Thomas believes they are dumping ash into the hole.
4. Bernie Davis spoke about the gravel operations and the laws that prevent them from digging below the water table. Mr. Davis was recently informed that gravel companies often dig below the water table and backfill with sand. Carolyn Werge said this would be something for the Planning and Zoning Commission to look into.

## *Announcements*

## *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

## *Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary