

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
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MINUTES—DECEMBER 19, 2016
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting as presented; the motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. 36% of the budget has been used as of November 23, 2016.

Correspondence

1. Members received via email:
 - a. Minutes: Conservation Commission, November 21, 2016.
2. Incoming Mail:
 - a. The Connecticut Audubon Society's Connecticut State of the Birds booklet.
3. Outgoing Mail: None.
4. Incoming Mail via email:
 - a. Marie Mongeau is looking for information/articles for the Selectmen's Newsletter 2017, the deadline has been extended, dated 13 December 2016.
 - b. Janet Blanchette of the Thompson Mill Sites Redevelopment Advisory Committee has been working with CME engineers to complete a grant funded project. The final public informational meeting will be held during the BOS meeting on February 21.
5. Outgoing Mail via email:
 - a. A letter of support from the Commission for the Wyndham Land Trust's acquisition of 254 acres in the Bull Hill area, dated 12 December 2016.
 - b. A memo to the BOS, Wetlands Commission and Planning and Zoning for the WLT's request for letters of support, dated 12 December 2016.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report
 - a. New Requests: None
 - b. Old Requests: None
 - c. Updates:
 - 1) Cemeteries Update:
 - i. Thompson did not receive the Neglected Cemeteries Grant from the State Office of Policy and Management.
 - ii. Norma O'Leary, Carol Smith and Carolyn Werge attended the Historic Cemetery Presentation in Woodstock on November 29th. Woodstock's Historic Properties Commission received a grant to inventory, evaluate and assess the gravestones in the Bradford-Marcy Cemetery.
 - 2) Invenergy's application for a power plant in Burrillville was suspended for 90 days. They are working on a water supply agreement with the Woonsocket Department of Public Works and have submitted an update to the Rhode Island Siting Board.
 - 3) The Wyndham Land Trust has entered into a purchase and sales agreement for the 254 acres of land located on Bull Hill in Thompson. The BOS, Planning and Zoning, Wetlands and Conservation Commissions were asked for letters of support. Ron Tillen prepared a copy of the WLT's appeal for donations. Ron Tillen reported this would be the largest acquisition in Thompson by the WLT.
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 the Burrillville Conservation Commission request: See Officer Report.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary