

**Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission**

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MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Guests Present: Peter Cummins.

Approval of Minutes

1. Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.

Financial Matters

1. 28.9% of the budget has been used.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, September 17, 2018.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge sent a link regarding a 2018 ballot question for the November elections regarding a constitutional amendment that will require a public hearing before the state can transfer properties, dated 24 September 2018.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) A request from the Inland Wetlands Commission to review Application #IWA18027 Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. 0 Quaddick Town Farm Rd, Map 145, Block 14, Lot 14, dated 12 October 2018.
 - 2) The Connecticut Audubon Society invitation to their 2018 Annual Meeting of Members on October 20 at 3 PM out of New London.
 - 3) The New Roxbury Land Trust invitation to their presentation "Birds of Prey" on November 18, at 2 PM at the Town Hall.
 - 4) An FOIA request and Carolyn Werge's reply for Conservation matters regarding 720 Thompson Road, and 0 Thompson Road (Map 120, Block 38, Lot 13), dated 13 November 2018.
 - 5) The Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. Fall 2018 edition of The Habitat.
 - 6) Information from Town Clerk Renee Waldron regarding 2019 meeting schedules, dated 25 September 2018.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
 - 1) Carolyn Werge submitted an update from the Commission for the Selectmen's Update, dated 25 September 2018.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
 - 1) A follow up from the Office of Policy and Management advising that the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Grant has been fully executed, dated 2 November 2018.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

Officer and Committee Reports

1. Conservation Officer Report

- a. New Requests:
 - 1) The Inland Wetlands Commission has requested the Commission review Permit Application #IWA18027 of Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. for 0 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Assessor's Map 145, Block 14, Lot 14. Carolyn Werge attended a site walk with the Wetlands Commission. The Commission submitted that applicant be cautious when refueling and of leaking equipment and use of petroleum products due to the deep reserves of groundwater. The Commission also advises the applicant follow the advisories

i. Bernie Davis moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to submit Carolyn Werge's comments to the Inland Wetlands Commission. All in favor. The motion carried.

- ## 2. Other

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: No update.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.

1. Members were provided with the 2019 Meeting Schedule.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to approve the 2019 dates. All in favor. The motion carried.**

1. Norma O'Leary discussed the possible cemetery on Sayles Road in Putnam. The cemetery may have once been in Thompson. Carolyn Werge will research the property and try to contact the homeowner.
2. The Commission discussed a possible Nipmuc Burial Ground on Wagher Road.

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:12PM.

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