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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 sate can transfer properties, dated 24 September 2018.

b. Incoming Mail:

- 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

- 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

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submitted by the natural Diversity Database in regards to the endangered and threatened wildlife species in area.

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.

b. Old Requests:

- 1) The Commission's comments were submitted to the town planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer for PZC applications #18-17 and 18-18, the re-subdivision for Lots 50J and 50K on Indian Inn Road.
- 2) The Town Counsel made some minor changes to the language of the Conservation Easement for the Shields subdivision of 622 Fabyan Road. The Board of Selectmen accepted it at their October 2 meeting. It is now being reviewed by Nancy Shield's attorney and will be submitted with her signature.
- c. The Commission was informed of a possible Conservation Easement violation on Coman Pond. The Commission submitted letters to the three homeowners on Norman Hill Road whose parcels contain the Coman Pond Conservation Easement. Carolyn Werge and the Wetlands agent made a site visit and found no violations warranting further action.
- d. The Commission has received the authorization to begin work for the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Grant Program. OPM is sending at packet explaining how to submit for reimbursement.
- e. Carolyn Werge updated two maps showing the Wyndham Land Trust parcels and presented copies to the Commission.
- f. Carolyn Werge submitted the requisition to the finance department for the annual website maintenance fee.
- g. Carolyn Werge attended the quarterly Thames River Basin Partnership in Brooklyn and updated the members on current concerns in Thompson.
- h. The Historical Society would like to see the East Thompson Chamber site preserved. They have made attempts to contact the landowners without success. Carolyn Werge is continuing to work on the issue with the Historical Society and the owner's attorney.

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.

New Business

- 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.

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

- 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.

Announcements

Future Meeting

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

Adjournment

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

Audrey Witkowski Recording Secretary

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