

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019, 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

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

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

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. Norma O'Leary moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.

*Financial Matters*

1. 64% of the budget has been used.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, February 19, 2019.
- b. Incoming Mail:
  - 1) The Spring 2019 edition of the Connecticut Audubon Society newsletter.
  - 2) Aquarion Water Company is accepting nominations for the 2019 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program, dated 8 February 2019.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
  - 1) A request for the First Selectman to reappoint Peter Cummins Jr. to the Commission, dated 19 February 2019.
  - 2) Peter Cummins Jr's notification of reappointment expiring 15 March 2024, dated 27 February 2019.
    - i. Peter Cummins has been sworn in by the First Selectman.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
  - 1) The updated guidelines and responsibilities for recording secretaries, dated 7 March 2019.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email:
  - 1) A letter to the editor of the Village Newspapers regarding the availability of the blue bird nest boxes, dated 12 March 2019.

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests: None.
  - b. Old Requests: None.
  - c. Updates:
    - 1) Carolyn Werge met with Cindy Dunne, ZEO, to discuss the aquifer protection regulations and provided some maps of the public water supply. Carolyn Werge will attend some of the subcommittee meetings on the zoning regulations to share the commissions concerns.
    - 2) Carolyn Werge ordered 10 wildlife crossing signs at \$28.34 each to be installed on Ravenelle Road. The Public Works Director has been provided with a map of where they should be installed.
    - 3) Allan and Jeff Rawson are again offering land donations on New Road that were originally rejected by the town in 2015. Carolyn Werge was asked to review the parcels. The parcel boundaries have been adjusted, originally 24.5 acres but now only 16.8 acres. The commission agreed since the boundaries and size has changed, this is not the same parcel originally approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The parcels would need to be walked.

- 4) The Commission has received five requests for bluebird boxes from the town volunteers. Carolyn Werge sent a letter to the editor of the Thompson Villager to be published in their next publication regarding the availability of bluebird boxes.
- 5) The Commission has been discussing the beaver activity on Quinebaug Road. Carolyn Werge found a complaint from August of 2017 from Mrs. Fream of 92 Quinebaug Road regarding the flooding in her basement from the beaver activity. The wetlands agent contacted the owner of the neighboring property, Eric Kapitulik, advising him to remove the obstructions. Mr. Kapitulik claimed he had removed the debris and had the beaver removed. The town has done all they can to resolve the issue.
- 6) The Planning and Zoning Commission is discussing their regulation changes in subcommittee meetings with John Filchak from NECCOG. Carolyn Werge is attending the meetings and will keep the Commission informed of their decisions.
- 7) Carolyn Werge has been working with the Historical Society to make their town maps available to the public on Map Geo. Carolyn Werge is working on scanning historical inventories of structures from 1986 and providing it to Applied Geographics.

## 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. Groundwater protection: No update.

### *New Business*

### *Citizens' Comments*

### *Members' Forum*

1. Phil Thomas discussed the regulations for gravel mining in town. The town does not currently have an issue but, Mr. Thomas is concerned of the potential in the future. Bernie Davis reported the Planning and Zoning Commission has the regulations for gravel mining in town.

### *Announcements*

### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

### *Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:13PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary