

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019, 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. Ron Tillen moved and Norma O'Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.

*Financial Matters*

1. 69.3% of the budget has been used.
2. \$313.02 were spent on 10 wildlife signs for Ravenelle Road.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, March 18, 2019.
- b. Incoming Mail:
  - 1) The mandatory training for all Thompson staff on Bloodborne Pathogens on April 25, 2019.
  - 2) The internal requisition form for the "slow wildlife crossing" signs, dated 6 March 2019.
- c. Outgoing Mail:
  - 1) The Commission's recommendation for the Trails Committee grant application to The Last Green Valley, dated 27 March 2019.
- d. Incoming Mail via email: None.
- e. Outgoing Mail via email: None.

*Officer and Committee Reports*

1. Conservation Officer Report
  - a. New Requests: None.
  - b. Old Requests: None.
  - c. Updates:
    - 1) Carolyn Werge was unable to print the large scale map of Aquifers for the ZEO due to a map printer issue and suggested asking John Filchak for a printout.
    - 2) The Director of Public Works was issued two wildlife signs to be installed on Ravenelle Road. He will install them when he has time.
    - 3) No update on the potential land donation on New Road.
    - 4) The Thompson Villager did not print the letter to the editor regarding the Bluebird Boxes. They were advertised on facebook and the town website instead. The Commission received multiple requests and the boxes are all gone.
    - 5) Carolyn Werge is assisting the Historical Society upload historical data from a 1986 survey by the State of CT of historical structures in town. The documents are being scanned in individually and linked to their current addresses. The information will then be transferred to Applied Geographics to be published online.
    - 6) The Commission's letter of support for the Trails Committee grant application to the Last Green Valley was prepared and submitted.
    - 7) Carolyn Werge was asked to prepare a map of participating farm's for a Farm Passport program.
    - 8) Carolyn Werge provided an article for the Selectmen's Update regarding the Commission's assistance to the Historical Society's historic structures data upload.
    - 9) Carolyn Werge received an anonymous complaint about a potential Conservation Easement violation in the area of 12 Fairway Dr. Carolyn Werge and the ZEO both investigated and found trees being cut alongside the CE but no violation on the CE.

2. Other
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### *Old Business*

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: No update.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker
  - a. Phil Thomas reported the homeowners have planted flowers and illuminated the honor roll with a solar light.
4. Groundwater protection: No update.

### *New Business*

### *Citizens' Comments*

### *Members' Forum*

1. Norma O'Leary reported the town river clean up is April 27 from 8am-12pm. Sign up is at Valley Springs and lunch will be provided.
2. Norma O'Leary reported the town roadside clean up is going well. Over 200 bags of trash have been collected so far.
3. Norma O'Leary reported work is beginning on the cemeteries with the help of the OPM Neglected Cemetery Grant. Wilsonville Cemetery has over 60 gravestones that will need attention.
4. Norma O'Leary reported Thompson Together has cut two huge trees in the Jacobs Cemetery on Lowell Davis Road.
5. The town has a new Town Planner. She has been an alternate for PZC and was involved in the town branding committee.

### *Announcements*

### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

### *Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:48PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary