Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission

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MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019, 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, Peter Cummins, Bernie Davis and Kathy Mitchell.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Bernie Davis seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. There is no budget for the year yet.

Correspondence

a. Members received via email:
   1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, May 20, 2019.
b. Incoming Mail:
   1) Thompson Community Day will be Saturday, October 5 from 12-4 at Riverside Park.
   2) The Winter/Spring issue of CACIWC's The Habitat.
   3) An update from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council, dated 24 June 2019.
c. Outgoing Mail: None.
d. Incoming Mail via email:
   1) The email communication between Gail Arsenault, Carolyn Werge, and Cindy Dunne ZEO regarding Ms. Arsenault's request for information pertaining to the aquifer protection discussions at the Conservation Commission meetings, dated 10 June 2019.
   2) A request from Caitlyn Seavey for public records pertaining to 260 Quaddick Road and Carolyn Werge's response to the Town Clerk that Conservation does not have any records, dated 9 July 2019.
   3) An inquiry from Nadine Williams-Edwards, representative of the "Friends of the Robbins Hollow Neighborhood", regarding the Commission's role in land use and PZC Application #19-07 and Carolyn Werge's response, dated 9 July 2019.
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) The parcel identification project with the Thompson Historical Society is still going on.
      2) The Wyndham Land Trust has acquired another parcel in the Bull Hill area. Carolyn Werge has updated the WLT map.
      3) Carolyn Werge has been reviewing updating the 55 parcels in Thompson with Conservation Easements on them as some of them have changed ownership.
      4) Carolyn Werge was asked to produce an Annual Report for the FY 2017-2018. The report lists the mission and activity of the Conservation Commission.
      5) The East Thompson chamber has saplings growing on it. The Historical Society would like permission from the landowners to remove them.
      6) The large format printer and Carolyn Werge's desktop printer both need to be replaced. The Assessor will be ordering a replacement as soon as there is a budget.

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7) The Commission was asked to write a letter for Thompson Together, Inc. to the Last green Valley for a historic and cultural resources small grant program. Carolyn Werge presented the letter for the Commission to review.
8) The Commission has received several emails from the group in East Thompson opposing the gravel mining at 484/486 Quaddick Town Farm Road. The Conservation Commission does not have any of the reports they are requesting as the Commission does not review parcels unless requested. Carolyn Werge has explained to the group that the Conservation Commission is an advisory commission.

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.
5. Neglected Cemetery Grant: Clean up of the Wilsonville Cemetery is continuing. Stones are being reset and repaired.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman shared an FOIA issue he found in the newspaper making some State of CT police reports unavailable to the public.

Members' Forum

1. Norma O'Leary has been organizing tree cutting around Munyan Cemetery in Putnam and is looking to sell the lumber.
2. The CT Land Conservation Council sent a letter for the Commission to renew their contibution.
   a. **Bernie Davis moved and Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion to send the CT Land Conservation Council $35. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary

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