

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Vice-Chairman Norma O’Leary called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Members present: Norma O’Leary, Carol Smith, Peter Cummins and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Bernie Davis moved and Peter Cummins seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 15, 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, July 15, 2019.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) The membership application & renewal form for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.
 - i. **Bernie Davis moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to renew the membership to CACIWC for \$60. All in favor. The motion carried.**
 - 2) A letter from Gail Arsenault and Cathleen Godzik regarding the gravel mining operation approved by the PZC to Selectman Amy St. Onge and Selectman St. Onge’s response, dated 9 August 2019.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
 - 1) An email from Cathleen Godzik regarding the permit for the earth movement activities at 484 and 486 Quaddick Town Farm Road and Carolyn Werge’s response, dated 15 July 2019.
 - 2) A complaint from Gail Arsenault regarding the gravel mining operation at 484 and 486 Quaddick Town Farm Road and Carolyn Werge’s response, dated 15 July 2019.
 - 3) An email from Nadine Williams-Edwards requesting information about the Thompson Natural Diversity Database and Carolyn Werge’s response, dated 24 July 2019.
 - 4) An invitation to the BOE and EDC Branding Implementation Committee’s Portrait of a Graduate initiative, scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30pm at the Thompson Public Library.
- 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 researched the property at 1405 Riverside Dr due to the concern with the failing roof. It is not on the State’s “List of Contaminated or Potentially Contaminated Sites”. Carolyn Werge’s son, a mechanical engineer, was able to look bath the property and believes that if the roof fails it will fold in and won’t pose a hazard to the river. There is some environmental concern with the auto body shop located in the bottom of the storage building. Carolyn Werge will research if it is a registered business.
 - 2) The Thompson Historical Society has completed its data spreadsheet of the 265 historical properties in town and submitted it to Applied Geographics to be uploaded to Map Geo.
 - 3) The Wyndham Land Trust has been officially accredited.

- 4) Carolyn Werge has completed the updated to the Conservation Easement listings with current assessor data. There are eight new owners with conservation restrictions. Carolyn Werge will send an introductory letter and copy of their CE to the eight new owners. Carolyn Werge will also check with the Assessor as to how often they update new transfers.
- 5) We have received no response pertaining to the East Thompson Chamber.
- 6) The new color printer is in. The money for the printer was previously encumbered when the old printer started to go.
- 7) Thompson Together is applying for a second cemetery grant for additional improvements. Carolyn Werge provided Norma O'Leary with photos of the stone walls in need of repair at the Jacobs and Joslin Cemeteries to submit with the grant proposal.
- 8) Carolyn Werge was asked to review and comment on the revised zoning regulations. Along with the ZEO, Town Planner, J&D Civil Engineers, former Town Planner John Guzkowski, and the Wetlands Agent, the first half of the draft was reviewed and improvements to the format and regulatory requirements were suggested.

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.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:28PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary