

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020, 7:00 PM
ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

Vice-Chairman Norma O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Members present: Phil Thomas (No Audio), Carol Smith, Norma O'Leary, Ron Tillen and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. Members received the February 18, 2020 minutes via email.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. No update.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, 18 February 2020.
 - 2) The proposed Zoning regulations, 8 April 2020.
- b. Incoming Mail:
 - 1) The Connecticut Audubon Society Spring 2020 Northeast Corner Programs.
 - 2) The ECCD Outlook 2020 edition.
- b. Outgoing Mail: None.
- 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) The Connecticut Land Conservation Conference scheduled for March 21 was cancelled.
 - 2) The Green Valley Estates open space parcels A and B were transferred to the town on February 21.
 - 3) The proposed zoning regulations have been reviewed by Town Counsel and feedback submitted to the Planner. Town Counsel had some concerns with items needing further clarification or inclusion. The proposed regulations have also been distributed to the necessary town departments for review. Bernie Davis voiced his concerns with the Commission and also sent a list of concerns to the Planner and the First Selectman.
 - 4) Due to Covid-19 concerns, the town hall is closed and Carolyn Werge is now working from home.
 - 5) Phil Thomas and Carolyn Werge attended the "Ask Me Anything" workshop and answered questions on how often the Conservation plan is updated. There was also a citizen wanting to clean up the Winter Cemetery on Mountain Hill Road but it is on private property.
 - 6) There have been 3 requests for blue bird boxes this year. Bernie Davis will be unable to make them this year.
 - 7) The Thompson Historical Society has prepared the final documents for their historical structures in Thompson project. Carolyn Werge will be contacting Applied Geographics to complete the project.
 - 8) Carolyn Werge added historical information provided by Norma O'Leary on the Dike Cemetery to the website. Also, the map for the Winter Cemetery is not accurate. Carolyn Werge will correct it and add it to the website.
 - 9) Carolyn Werge is working on mapping three projects. The Winter Cemetery map, a map of all the cemeteries due to a glitch in the file and a proposed zoning map. NECCOG

began producing the Zoning Map for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Carolyn Werge has been asked to take over so future amendments can be added as they are approved.

2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses:
 - a. Bernie Davis will not be making blue bird houses this year.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.
4. Groundwater protection: No update.
5. Neglected Cemetery Grant: No update.

New Business

Citizens' Comments

Members' Forum

1. Members discussed the proposed Planning and Zoning regulation rewrites. The proposed regulations are available for public comment until May 15. The Commission will review and forward any concerns to the PZC regarding historical and ecological matters in Thompson.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Audrey Witkowski
Recording Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.