

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

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

Vice-Chairman Norma O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Carol Smith, Norma O'Leary, Ron Tillen, Kathy Mitchell and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Amy St. Onge and Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. Members received the May 18, 2020 minutes via email.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Kathy Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the May 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 May 2020.
 - 2) An article on the final draft of the Zoning Regulations.
- b. Incoming Mail: None.
- a. 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) Carolyn Werge is still working from home. No one has requested appointments with the Conservation Officer. The Town Hall is open only by appointment with protective measures in place.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge encumbered \$200 from last years budget out of office supplies towards the purchase of a storage cabinet. The Wetlands department also contributed \$200 to share the cabinet.
 - 3) Carolyn Werge attended all the weekly P&Z subcommittee meetings and a Q&A forum for the public. The proposed regulations are going to public hearing July 22 at 6pm via Zoom. The regulations and a map are available on the P&Z webpage. The Commission discussed the new proposed changes.
 - 4) An individual working with the Last Green Valley and the CT Land Conservation Council to map open space requested GIS and spreadsheets on Thompsons open space parcels.
 - 5) The Plainfield town planner requested information on uses permitted on town owned open space.
 - 6) Carolyn Werge updated the Permanently Protected Land map. The Wolf Den Land Trust sold the parcel they owned in Thompson. The land is no longer protected.
 - 7) Carolyn Werge updated the map of Conservation Easements on the Conservation website.
 - 8) Carolyn Werge and Marla Butts drafted a map for the proposed lake district.
 - 9) The Commission discussed updating the plan of open space and conservation. There is no state mandate to update them.
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:
 - a. The aquifer protection regulations mandated by the state refer only to the public watershed. The regulations are all in place and adopted by P&Z. It is separate from the proposed regulations.
5. Neglected Cemetery Grant:
 - a. Norma O'Leary has an individual working on the Wilsonville Cemetery. The grant money should last until September.

New Business

1. No update.

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman is interested in seeing how the new proposed zoning regulations will work out.

Members' Forum

1. Ron Tillen asked the status of Starr Road and the right of way issue. Carolyn Werge believes it is still in the courts being appealed.
2. Ron Tillen asked if the proposed zoning regulations still require a 1000ft restriction away from the entrance to a road. Carolyn Werge thinks it will be a subdivision regulation, not a zoning regulation.
3. There are landlocked town owned lots in the Bull Hill area contiguous with Wyndham Land Trust parcels.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

Topic: Conservation

Date: Jul 20, 2020 06:34 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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.