

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 Peter Cummins.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Amy St. Onge and Hap Coman.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. Members received the July 20, 2020 minutes via email.
  - a. Ron Tillen moved and Peter Cummins seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.

*Financial Matters*

1. \$17,930 is still available in the budget. The commission has used 8.2%

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, 20 July 2020.
  - 2) Carolyn Werge's Selectmen's Update draft for Commission comments.
- 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. The Town Hall is now open to the public with face masks required.
    - 2) Carolyn Werge attended the proposed zoning regulations meetings on July 22nd and 27th. There was a public discussion on parcels falling between two different districts. The proposed zoning map will be amended to correct this. Carolyn Werge also found that the groundwater protection in the proposed zoning regulations was placed at the end of another section and not included in the table of contents. Carolyn Werge suggested it be given its own section and drafted explanatory text for the section. The Planning and Zoning Commission agreed.
    - 3) Carolyn Werge had emailed a draft of the Selectmen's Update for comments. Bernie Davis suggested one grammatical change.
    - 4) The Planning and Zoning Commission are now working on their 10 year plan of Conservation and Development. Carolyn Werge is working on the Agricultural Section and the Open Space and Conservation Section. Carolyn Werge is also reviewing the Conservation Commission's open space plan for information useful to the PZCs updates. The Commission discussed the future of the town.
    - 5) Carolyn Werge has been using the new GIS software.
    - 6) Norma O'Leary asked about the map for the proposed lake district. The map is based on the areas that could adversely impact the lake and the lake front properties.
    - 7) Norma O'Leary asked about the legality of the Wolf Den Land Trust selling their Thompson parcel. It is legal depending on how the deed is written. Carolyn Werge will look up the deed.
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:
  - a. Norma O’Leary put in the last amount for reimbursement. The grant is almost used up.

#### *New Business*

#### *Citizens’ Comments*

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

#### *Members’ Forum*

#### *Announcements*

#### *Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7 PM.

#### *Adjournment*

1. Vice-Chairman O’Leary adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Topic: Conservation

Date: Aug 17, 2020 06:49 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.*