

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, 7:00 PM  
MERRILL SENEY ROOM, TOWN HALL

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Norma O'Leary, Ron Tillen, Phil Thomas and Peter Cummins.

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Amy St. Onge.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. Members received the August 17, 2020 minutes via email.
  - a. **Norma O'Leary moved and Ron Tillen seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. As of August 27, 14.4% of the budget has been used.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, August 17, 2020.
  - 2) The PZC's draft of the 10 year plan of Conservation and Development.
- 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) The revised PZC regulations and zoning map were approved and became effective on September 15. Carolyn Werge provided the maps for the Commission to review.
    - 2) Carolyn Werge will continue to send the revisions of the 2020-2030 Plan of Conservation and Development from the PZC as they are updated. The plan is expected to be completed by December 2020.
    - 3) The town has been reimbursed for all expenditures related to the 2018 Neglected Cemetery Grant. The Commission has applied for the 2020 Neglected Cemetery Grant to continue work on the Wilsonville Cemetery.
    - 4) Carolyn Werge updated the Parks and Recreation Areas map and provided a print out for the Commission to review. Carolyn Werge also provided the All Permanently Protected Land map, WLT Bull Hill lots maps, All Cemeteries map, and the WLT and Town parcels in the Bull Hill area map for the Commission to view.
    - 5) The town of Thompson currently owns seven parcels in the Bull Hill area that abut Wyndham Land Trust parcels. Carolyn Werge proposed that the Commission recommend to the Thompson Board of Selectmen a transfer of the parcels to the Wyndham Land Trust. Ron Tillen of the WLT discussed the conservation and preservation of the land provided by the WLT. The Commission discussed the advantages of the WLT transfer and agreed to draft a letter to the BOS. The parcels are currently serving no specific need to the town.
    - 6) The Wolf Den Land Trust property off of Lowell Davis Road that was recently sold had nothing in the deed referencing conservation. It was sold to an abutter.
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: No update.

#### *New Business*

1. The \$60 annual fee for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. is due.
  - a. **Ron Tillen moved and Peter Cummins seconded the motion to pay the \$60 renewal fee. All in favor. The motion carried.**

#### *Citizens' Comments*

1. Amy St. Onge asked if the town owned Bull Hill properties included the recreation area and soccer fields. Carolyn Werge showed what properties were included on the map.

#### *Members' Forum*

#### *Announcements*

#### *Future Meeting*

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

#### *Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:53 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.*