

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899
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MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020, 7:00 PM
MERRILL SENEY ROOM, TOWN HALL

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

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

Staff present: Carolyn Werge and Audrey Witkowski.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

Approval of Minutes

1. Members received the September 21, 2020 minutes via email.
 - a. **Norma O'Leary moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. See officers report.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, September 21, 2020.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge's letter to submit the the BOS regarding the town owned Bull Hill parcels.
 - 3) The PZC's updates on the 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 annual dues for \$60 CACIWC and the website domain for \$109.45 and name for \$11.59 have been paid.
 - 2) Carolyn Werge attended the PCZs discussion of the agricultural section of the 20-30 Plan of Conservation and Development. Joan Nichols, the executive director of the CT Farm Bureau Association, provided comments for the draft.
 - 3) The 2020 Neglected Cemetery Grant winners have been chosen and Thompson will receive \$3,332. The state will send the contract with the start date of the grant.
 - 4) Carolyn Werge updated the All Permanently Protected Land with some updates to the Wyndham Land Trust parcels and a few errors were corrected.
 - 5) The letter the Commission sent to the Board of Selectmen regarding the consideration of donating the 7 town owned Bull Hill properties was discussed by the BOS at their October 6 meeting. The BOS requested additional information which Carolyn Werge provided. It will be discussed again at their next meeting.
 - 6) Carolyn Werge published the All Permanently Protected Land map to the Commission's website and fixed a broken link as well.
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 Commission discussed the 2021 meeting schedule for the Commission. Meetings will remain on the 3rd Monday of each month unless that Monday is a holiday.

Citizens' Comments

1. Hap Coman is concerned about the land the Commission wants to transfer to the Wyndham Land Trust.

Members' Forum

1. Ron Tillen discussed the Wyndham Land Trust's proposal for parking spots on the Thompson side of Bull Hill Rd for hikers to access the trails. It would cost approximately \$14,000 for two parking spots.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas 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.