

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

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Members present: Phil Thomas, Norma O’Leary, Carol Smith, Judy Rondeau and Peter Cummins.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski.

Approval of Minutes

1. Members received the October 19, 2020 minutes via email.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Norma O’Leary seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting as presented. Judy Rondeau abstained. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. No update.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email: None.
- 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 town hall is currently accepting applications for the open Conservation Officer position.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses:
 - a. Bernie Davis has the bluebird houses completed. The advertising has been put on hold while the Conservation Office is sorted out.
3. Fabyan Property with “Honor Roll” marker:
 - a. Phil Thomas is going to get the contact information for the homeowners with the marker on their property.

New Business

1. Phil Thomas proposed a cemetery subcommittee. Norma O’Leary, Peter Cummins, Carol Smith and Judy Rondeau volunteered to form a subcommittee.
2. The conservation website has been moved over to the town website. All of the cemeteries have been reworked and linked to the town page. The Commission will no longer pay for an individual webpage.
3. The Wilsonville Cemetery is being worked on with money received from a grant.
4. The CACIWC membership fees are due.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to approve the CACIWC membership fees. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Citizens’ Comments

Members Forum

1. Bernie Davis spoke about how much Carolyn Werge will be missed and how important she was to the Commission and to the town of Thompson. It will be difficult to find a new Conservation Officer who can take her place.
2. Phil Thomas mentioned a few residences in town that are looking run down. The Commission discussed ideas to help these people clean up their properties. Phil Thomas will speak to First Selectwoman Amy St. Onge.
3. A volunteer living near the Joslin Cemetery contacted Norma O'Leary asking permission to mow the cemetery as needed. The volunteer was granted permission.

Announcements

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:32 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.