

Town Of Thompson
Conservation Commission
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MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021, 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL

Vice-Chairman Norma O’Leary called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Members present: Norma O’Leary, Carol Smith, Judy Rondeau, and Bernie Davis.

Staff present: Dan Malo, Conservation Office and Audrey Witkowski, Recording Secretary.

Guests present: Amy St. Onge, First Selectman.

Approval of Minutes

1. Members received the July 19, 2021 minutes via email.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

Financial Matters

1. No update.

Correspondence

- a. Members received via email:
 - 1) June 21, 2021 minutes.
- 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) Dan Malo will be working on updating maps an organizing the Conservation office. His office hours will be Monday and Wednesday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-2pm.
2. Other

Old Business

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses:
 - a. Bernie Davis still has 20-30 bluebird houses available. Amy St. Onge will have it posted on the website and facebook page that they are available.
3. Fabyan Property with “Honor Roll” marker: No update.

New Business

1. The Commission was offered two gallon jugs of D2 Biocide for gravestone cleaning for \$120. The Commission discussed the stones needing to be reset and repaired first and trees trimmed before they are ready to clean the stones.
 - a. **Bernie Davis moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to decline the purchase of the D2 Biocide. All in favor. The motion carried.**
2. FEMA is rewriting the flood plain maps raising the plain 3-4 feet. This may impact the River Mill project.

Citizens’ Comments

1. First Selectman Amy St. Onge reported there will be a public engagement meeting on Wednesday night to determine eligible projects for the ARPA funds.

Members Forum

1. Dan Malo is looking for priority items the Commission would like him to work on.

2. The Commission's laptop is very slow. Carolyn Werge was working on moving files over from version 9 to version 10 of GIS Mapping. The two programs do not work together smoothly. Bernie Davis suggested having the IT department upgrade the laptop to a solid state drive to improve speeds.

Announcements

1. The next meeting will either be on Zoom or a hybrid meeting in person and on Zoom.

Future Meeting

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7 PM.

Adjournment

1. Vice-Chairman O'Leary 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.