



## TOWN OF THOMPSON

Conservation  
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### Regular Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at the THOMPSON TOWN HALL Hybrid meeting via ZOOM:

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Judith Rondeau at 7:06 PM.

Present: Judith Rondeau (Chair), Norma O'Leary, Carol Smith, Dave Clark, Patricia Cheever, Peter Cummins, Sue Wheeler.

Staff: Dan Malo (Conservation Agent), Heather Gauthier (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Amy St. Onge (First Selectman)

2. Approval of Minutes - November 17, 2022

**Norma O'Leary moved with the correction to Peter Cummins name (There is no "g" in Cummins), and Dave Clark seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the November 17th regular meeting. The motion approved 6-0-0.**

3. Financial Matters

We have used 43.7% of our yearly budget. To date we have spent \$12,481.35.

4. Correspondence

a. Members received via email:

- December 19, 2022 - Meeting Agenda
- November 21, 2022 - Meeting Minutes
- Request for review and comment from Wetlands Agent

b. Incoming Mail:

- Audubon Society - Membership request. Commission has decided to decline membership.

c. Outgoing Mail: None

d. Incoming Mail via email: None

e. Outgoing Mail via email: None

5. Officer and Committee Report (light month, no formal agent report submitted)

- **Working on year end items:** Marla and I are working on budget, wetlands issues, office organization and digital organization.
- **Marla Butts Retirement:** There is some talk about Marla Butts (Wetlands) retiring in the 2023 year.
- **Spicer Gas Plan:** There is a plan prepared by J&D Civil Engineers. The current drawings were available to members at the meeting. Marla Butts has asked that the Conservation Commission provide comments by mid-January; the plan will be going to the Wetlands Commission in January. There was a long discussion regarding the site location and conservation concerns. More information under "New Business".
- **Sustainable CT:** Handout was provided to members. The town planner provided this information to see if the Conservation Commission wanted to become a participating community. This could provide some assistance with grants. The town is registered but there is no sustainable team. Commission members should review the website to be able to discuss this matter at the January meeting. Website: <https://sustainablect.org/>
- **Shared Cabinet:** The cabinet has not been purchased.

- **Quaddick Town Farm Road Fire:** Dan Malo and Marla Butts intend to go walk around the site of the fire for an internal investigation. No official report of the fire has been provided by the fire marshal or the State of CT. CT DEEP was handling this investigation.
- **AppGeo Easement Discrepancies:** Dan Malo will be meeting with the town assessor, Paul Hopkins, to rectify the easement discrepancies.

6. Old Business:

a. **Goals for Conservation Commission in 2023**

Commission members should review goals suggested at the November meeting and the MS4 plan to discuss at the January meeting.

7. New Business

a. **Wetlands Application WA22033 Spicer Plus Inc. Reardon Road** (at time stamp 15:08)

This is a proposed gas site which is outside of the wetlands. Drawings were presented to commission members for review. There is a Planning & Zoning meeting tonight which will be discussing this matter. Marla Butts would like any comments from the Conservation Commission by mid-January. This was an extensive discussion, please refer to the zoom meeting for full details.

Conservation Committee recommendations: 1. Conservation easements should be clearly marked with medallions prior to construction; 2. Rainfall erosion controls prior to and after construction; 3. Infiltration basin stabilized before construction; 4. Construction sequence clearly marked on plans; 5. Final as-built drawings with conservation markers identified every 10 feet; 5. Landscape monitoring to protect the area from trash; 6. Town designated contact to review/inspect the property.

8. Citizens' Comments: None

9. Members' Forum

- Norma O'Leary. There has been some unusual activity in town; please lock your doors and watch out for activity at neighborhood vacant homes.
- Patricia Cheever. Asked about the status of having a resident trooper. (Amy St. Onge) This ultimately will be the decision of the town people to decide if they would like this service.

10. Announcements: None

11. Next Meeting is Monday, January 17, 2023, at 7pm (hybrid).

12. Meeting adjourned by Judith Rondeau at 8:20 PM.

**View the Zoom Recording**

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*Submitted 01/03/2023*

*Heather J. Gauthier*

*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.*