



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Conservation
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Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2022

2nd Floor Conference Room at the THOMPSON TOWN HALL:

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Judith Rondeau at 7:04 PM.

Present: Judith Rondeau (Chair), Norma O'Leary, Dave Clark, Sue Wheeler.

Staff: Dan Malo (Conservation Agent)

Guests:

2. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2022

Norma O'Leary moved to approve the minutes as presented, Dave Clark seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the January 17 regular meeting. The motion approved 4-0-0.

3. Financial Matters

There was no financial report to review. There was an expense for Dan Malo to attend a Conservation and Housing Summit; expense was \$45.00. The membership renewal for the CT Audubon Society.

4. Correspondence

a. Members received via email:

- January 17, 2023 – Meeting Minutes
- Conservation Agent Report

b. Incoming Mail: Regular publications for CT Audubon Society and CT Land Conservation Council.

c. Outgoing Mail: None

d. Incoming Mail via email: Marla Butts submitted a set of plans for review.

e. Outgoing Mail via email: None

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

- Last Green Valley: They have a special machine to quantify trail accessibility for towns. They will place placards to show the trail details for assisting disabled people along the trail. This is a free program.
- Neglected Cemetery Grant: Dan Malo and Norma O'Leary submitted the application. The decision should be released in mid-March.
- CT Eastern Regional Tourism District Grant: A grant was applied for in partnership with the Thompson Historical Society for \$3,000 to update the visitor's guide to town cemeteries. There is high probability that Thompson will receive this grant. The visitor's guide has not been update in almost 30 years. Norma O'Leary suggested that the signs should be updated at the cemeteries.
- Hartford Audubon Society Mini-Grant: Dan Malo applied for \$300 to assist with the Bluebird Box program.
- CT Ornithological Society (COA Mini-Grant): This grant was applied for in the amount of \$300 for Bluebird Boxes. This would allow us to branch out to other species (Bat, Wood Ducks).
- Shared Storage Cabinet: The cabinet was order, received and built.
- Housing & Conservation Summit (at time stamp 10:27): This was presented by LISC (Local Initiative Strategic Corporation). This is a seed planting initiative for affordable housing in dense populations. Dan Malo assisted the program years ago at the capital level. This was a lengthy discussion that led into the Reardon Road Wetlands Application.

- Reardon Road: The commission previously discussed and provided recommendations to the wetlands agent for this area. Those with concerns should bring them to the Planning and Zoning and Selectman meeting.
- CT Soil Scientists of CT: They have an upcoming training in March.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business

a. **Wetlands Application WA23002 Lavallee, Azud Road & Riverside Drive**: Discussed at time stamp 27:30

This is a 3-phased construction application to add apartments to the area. There are several conservation easements in this area. The soil tests are 15 years old and should be redone. The wetlands commission will be reviewing this application in March. Conservation terms are listed in the plans page 3.

A site walk is being planned by the Wetlands Commission.

8. Citizens' Comments: None

9. Members' Forum

- Dan Malo – He will have some schedule changes while he scales back his work for the Town of Woodstock. Marla Butts is looking to step down; Dan Malo hopes to interview for this position.

10. Announcements: There are in person and online trainings available to members. Dan Malo will send out the information for the trainings.

11. Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7pm (hybrid).

12. Meeting adjourned by Judith Rondeau at 8:42 PM.

Submitted 03/19/2023

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.*

*****This meeting was recorded via MP4*****