



## TOWN OF THOMPSON

Conservation  
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### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at the THOMPSON TOWN HALL:

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Judith Rondeau at 7:02 PM.

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

Staff: Dan Malo (Conservation Agent)

Guests:

2. Approval of Minutes - February 21, 2022

**Norma O'Leary moved to approve the minutes as with the notation under the tourism grant, that there are currently no signs at the cemeteries; Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the February 21 regular meeting. The motion approved 7-0-0.**

3. Financial Matters

The available budget is \$8,789.00; we have used 69.7%.

4. Correspondence

a. Members received via email:

- February 21, 2023 - Meeting Minutes
- Agent Report - March 2023

b. Incoming Mail: None

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 (Report Provided)

- Bluebird Nesting Boxes: There are 7 boxes at the Conservation Office; There were 55 boxes handed out last year. Boxes should be cleaned out after the birds have nested or at least yearly. More boxes need to be had; there is a plan for building the boxes. Pictures of birds and boxes are needed. Over the years there has been about 500 boxes handed out. In lieu of advertising, there should be follow up information gathered from those who have received the boxes.
- CT Bar Association Land Use Law Training: This was a Saturday training webinar. Dan Malo attended this on March 11<sup>th</sup> representing the Town of Woodstock. Many presenters were land use attorneys regarding legal issues and new laws in land use rules. Link - [2023 CT Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, Commissions](#)
- 2023 CT Land Conservation Council Annual Conference: Dan Malo is scheduled to attend this training on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Wesleyan University. Link - [2023 Land Conservation Council Annual Conference](#)
- CT Association of Wetlands Scientist Annual Meeting: Dan Malo attended this meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> representing the Town of Woodstock. Marla Butts was in attendance representing the Town of Thompson. There is an agricultural school in Massachusetts (Bristol County) that raises turtles and does shoreline agriculture/aqua-amphibian training. Some presentations can be viewed on the link - [Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Wetlands Scientists](#)

- Eastern Regional Tourism District Grant: This grant has been awarded to Thompson to update the visitor's guide to town cemeteries. This grant is awarded for \$1,500. The formalized contract is due April 7<sup>th</sup>. Dan Malo is researching a regional Z-Card idea for area cemeteries.
- Hartford Audubon Society Mini-Grant: The \$300 grant was not awarded due to being outside of the Hartford area. We are invited to re-apply in the future with some grant language being updated.
- CT Ornithological Society (COA Mini-Grant): The grant deadline has passed (January) but we can apply and the application will be held for future consideration.
- The River Network Rain Barrel Project & Pollinator Grants: The website is not working now, but the grant application program should be opening soon. Thompson was not awarded the grant in 2022. The kits cost about \$45 each.
- Neglected Cemetery Grant: Submitted the application in January. The decision should be released by the end of March. Another goal for this grant would be for the North Grosvenordale Pond suspected burial site.
- Azud Road/Riverside Drive Application: Discussed at time stamp 48:44  
The Jason Lavallee property owner requested a 65-day extension. Dan Malo did a site walk which he noticed there is a suspected vernal pool and items in the conservation easement areas. There will be another site walk.
- 423 Pasay Road: Discussed at time stamp 28:28.  
This property is for sale. There are large wetlands concerns on this property and it is marketed to be sold for the stone wall, subdivided, and tearing down of the historic buildings.  
Motorized Vehicles (ATV, Dirt Bikes, etc.). This is an ongoing issue as vehicles are being ridden on private property, the airline trail, or roads all of which is illegal. There is no place in the area for bike to be ridden legally.
- Commission Membership: The Board of Selectmen has voted to renew Susan Wheeler & Dave Clark's membership. They need to be sworn in at the Town Hall (if they have not already done so).

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: None

8. Citizens' Comments: No Citizens Present.

9. Members' Forum

10. Announcements: Annual CT Land Conservation Council Annual Conference will be March 25<sup>th</sup>.

11. Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2023, at 7pm (hybrid).

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

#### View the Zoom Recording

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*Submitted 03/26/2023*

*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.*