



## TOWN OF THOMPSON

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### Special Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Judith Rondeau.

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

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

Guests: Amy St. Onge (First Selectman)

2. Approval of Minutes -April 17, 2023 & March 22, 2023 (re-vote due to no quorum)

Dave Clark was not a member as of the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was no quorum for that meeting. Meeting Minutes from March 22 could not be approved.

**Carol Smith moved to approve the minutes with the change of quorum status by Dave Clark; Peter Cummins seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was approved 7-0-0.**

**Sue Wheeler moved to approve the minutes from March 22<sup>nd</sup> as presented; Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was approved 7-0-0.**

3. Financial Matters

The available budget is \$4,268.76; we have used 85.3% per report dated May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

4. Correspondence

a. Members received via email: None

b. Incoming Mail:

- Habitat Newsletter

c. Outgoing Mail: None

d. Incoming Mail via email:

- CT APA Training Opportunities (Land Use Law, Community engagement Sessions, Ethics) \$45/per person
- Thames River Partnership - Workshop on June 9<sup>th</sup>; Avery Point Campus in Groton \$10/per person. **Dave Clark moved to approve up to \$20 in registration fees for two people to attend the Thames River Partnership training; Carol Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0-0.**
- Wetlands Development Review IWA 23010 (from Marla Butts, Wetlands agent).

e. Outgoing Mail via email: None

5. Agent Report

- Wetlands Development Review IWA23010:  
To be discussed under "New Business"
- Bluebird Nesting Boxes: Boxes are still being handed out regularly. There are three boxes available. Residents are being limited to one box per request. The follow up program has not been started. Norma O'Leary will check with Bernie Davis to see if he will make more boxes and Dave Eddy for donations of wood.
- Neglected Cemetery Grant: Thompson was awarded \$5,000. Some work has already been done (The Cutting Edge from Thompson, CT cleaned up cemeteries edges; trees cut; cleaned up trash), and the OPM reimbursement form has been completed for the first \$2,500.

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- Eastern Regional Tourism District: Grant Opportunities for marketing. They are working on the updated cemeteries brochure. June 4<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation by the historical society on "Discovering your Thompson Roots."
- Webpage: Update of the cemeteries are live on the webpage.
- Arch/GIS: Town Planner has asked for some map updates. Dan Malo will be updating the maps in the coming months. The program the town uses is a bit older so there are no training courses.
- Building Department: Many employees are out of the department on vacation. Dan Malo and Marla Butts (Wetlands) are directing the resident traffic during this time.
- Dan Malo Schedule: He has reduced his hours to 10 hours a week in Woodstock, CT. He was not in the office last Wednesday.
- MS4: The Town of Thompson is current. Due to budget cuts, there is no construction projects scheduled to help meet the requirements for MS4.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: Wetlands Application IWA 23010, Thompson Business Park LLC, 0 & 0 Reardon Road. Discussed at time stamp 38:12

(Assessor's Map 65, block 100, lot 40 & 40G), self-storage facilities with grading and stormwater discharges in 100-foot upland review area

Drawings were available to members. There are conservation easements on the location. Both properties will be combined into one parcel. There is a multiphase project that abuts US Army Corp and Spicer Plus land.

There is a wetlands site walk scheduled on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am.

Comments from the commission include light pollution, site lines, and easements.

Dan Malo will take comments from commission members for another 1-2 weeks and compile those notes.

8. Citizens' Comments: None.

9. Members' Forum:

- Dan Malo - ATV usage in town. Hope there are regulations on using these vehicles on town and private property. There is destruction of property from ATVs. There needs to be a place for the ATVs to be used.

10. Announcements: Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7pm (hybrid).

11. Meeting adjourned by Judith Rondeau at 8:28 PM.

**View the Zoom Recording**

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*Submitted 06/18/2023*

*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.*