

**Town Of Thompson**  
**Conservation Commission**  
815 Riverside Drive, PO Box 899  
North Grosvenordale, Connecticut 06255

MINUTES—REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Chairman Phil Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Phil Thomas, Ron Tillen, Peter Cummins, Kathy Mitchell, Norma O’Leary and Carol Smith.

Staff present: Audrey Witkowski and Carolyn Werge.

Guests present: Hap Coman.

*Approval of Minutes*

1. **Kathy Mitchell moved and Carol Smith seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting as presented. All in favor. The motion carried.**

*Financial Matters*

1. There is no budget for the year yet.

*Correspondence*

- a. Members received via email:
  - 1) Minutes: Conservation Commission, August 19, 2019.
- b. Incoming Mail:
  - 1) A copy of the tentative approval from DEEP for the Raceway Golf Club and Restaurant, LLC to divert waters of the state for golf course irrigation, dated 3 Sept 2019.
  - 2) The Fall 2019 issue of the Connecticut Audubon Society Northeast Corner Programs.
- c. Outgoing Mail: None.
- d. Incoming Mail via email:
  - 1) Carolyn Werge mailed the 7 new landowners with CE on their properties a copy of their CE deed and a map, dated 9 Sept 2019.
  - 2) The WCCC October meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019.
- 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) The town clerk has no record of an auto repair business at 1405 Riverside Drive. Carolyn Werge forwarded the information to the ZEO for her to investigate.
    - 2) The historic properties data from the Historical Society will be available to the public shortly.
    - 3) Thompson Together Inc. has been awarded the Historic and Cultural Grant by The Last Green Valley for continued repairs to the cemeteries.
    - 4) The property at 112 Thompson Ave that the Commission has been monitoring due to a possible small Thompson cemetery on the parcel was in foreclosure. The homeowner then filed for bankruptcy which prevented the sale of the parcel. The current homeowners have been unwilling to allow the Commission to investigate the possible cemetery.
    - 5) Carolyn Werge sent introductory letters and information regarding CEs to the seven new landowners with CEs on their properties. One of the homeowners on Hill Road is upset because he was unaware of the CE on his property. After researching the CE, Carolyn Werge found the CE on Hill Road was filed without the town’s knowledge and the language is vague. Carolyn Werge will work with the current homeowner to update the CE and file it properly.
    - 6) Carolyn Werge attended the PZC subcommittee regarding zoning regulations to answer questions relating to Conservation matters. Carolyn Werge also attended the Agriculture

Commission's special meeting to review the zoning regulations as the relate to agriculture. The Executive Director of CT Farm Bureau, Joan Nichols, is assisting the agriculture commission and providing examples from other towns as to how to address the agriculture and agritourism regulations.

2. Other

*Old Business*

1. Update on previous Conservation reviews: No update.
2. Blue Bird houses: No update.
3. Fabyan Property with "Honor Roll" marker: No update.
4. Groundwater protection: No update.
5. Neglected Cemetery Grant: No update.

*New Business*

*Citizens' Comments*

*Members' Forum*

*Announcements*

*Future Meeting*

1. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7 PM in the Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room.

*Adjournment*

1. Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:29PM.

Audrey Witkowski  
Recording Secretary