



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Conservation Commission

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING: Monday, March 18th, 2024 - 7 PM

Merrill Seney Room at the THOMPSON TOWN HALL and via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Judy Rondeau.

Members present: Norma O'Leary, Dave Clark, Pat Cheever, Judy Rondeau, Carol Smith, Staff Present: Amy St. Onge, (First Selectman), Gloria Harvey (Recording Secretary). Absent, Pete Cummins, Susan Wheeler.

2. Review of Minutes

a. February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

Tabled to April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

3. Financial Matters – None

4. Correspondence – None

5. Agent Report - None

6. Old Business

a. Discussion – Commission Bylaws

Judy Rondeau commented that the Commission Bylaws were discussed at the February meeting, Dan took a lot of notes and said he was going to incorporate the Commission's comments into it and draft the bylaws. Judy will research the status of the bylaws for next month's meeting.

7. New Business

- Amy St. Onge reported that there are six applicants for the Inland Wetland/Conservation position and she is looking forward to the interviews taking place with hopes of finding a great candidate. Several applicants were just out of college and people who are applying know what the salary is going to be. Posting closes the first week in April.
- Norma O'Leary asked who was making the decisions for Conservation now, and Amy St. Onge replied for Wetlands, which is regulatory, Cindy Dunne who is filling this role for things that are of urgent necessity. She further stated that the Town Planner, Cindy Dunne and Judy Rondeau

will consult as needed with Conservation.

8. Citizens' Comments - None

9. Members' Forum

- Norma O'Leary commented on roadside and graveside cleanups and the large amount of debris in the cemeteries. In response to a question about the Grant, she said it was used up and she will see if she can get another one. She stated that graveyard cleanup bags are now available from her and in the Recreation Department. She also asked who maintains the plants in front of the restaurant in town and the reply was it is the restaurant's responsibility.
- Judy Rondeau mentioned the rebuilding and redesigning of garden boxes at the dog compound. Amy St. Onge stated that two companies have stepped forward and are going to rebuild and redesign the boxes. The Commission discussed the need for pollinating native shade plants for the new boxes and would gladly accept any donations.
- Dave Clark suggested finding someone to sponsor the garden in front of the town hall and putting the name of the sponsor on it.
- Amy St. Onge commented on the garden in front of the town hall and said it should be neat and clean and manageable without a full-time gardener.
- Pat Cheever stated she would look up and make a list of native plants.

10. Announcements

- a. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 15th, 2024 - 7 PM.

11. Adjournment

After completion of the agenda and with no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Harvey, Recording Secretary