

POMFRET CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Pomfret Conservation Commission was formed in 1999 with the mission to inventory and conserve Pomfret's natural resources and open spaces and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and other municipal agencies.

The members are as follows: Raymond F. Liston, Chairman; Walter P. McGinn, Vice Chairman; Ann B. Hennen, Secretary; Aren Carpenter, Elizabeth L. Cartier, Medora Fraga, Sara W. Heminway, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, James Robbins, David Smutnick, Jeannette Sullivan and Mary Patenaude, Alternates.

The Conservation Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Pomfret Town Hall Conference Room.

During the year 2002, the Pomfret Conservation Commission has received and approved the new Plan of Conservation and Development in addition to its normal advisory and investigatory functions. We have applied for (and received) a scenic road designation for Route 244 from Route 97 to the Eastford town line. In addition, we have, in connection with the Town of Brooklyn and the Green Valley Institute, conducted a successful and well-attended workshop on "Protecting Family Lands".

In our advisory capacity, we have consulted with the Town of Pomfret on the following issues:

- Enforcement of existing regulations
- Investigation into the advisability of a tree ordinance for the town
- A new middle school and playing fields
- Fees for land purchase to be applied to the acquisition of open space
- Opposed the issuance of a permit for a vehicle salvage operation at the former Pomfret Antique World on Route 44
- Investigated the feasibility of a proposed transfer station on Route 44

Works in progress include the following:

- Scenic roads
- Acquisition of property from Northeast Utilities to build a small boat landing on the Quinebaug River at Route 44
- The feasibility of a tree ordinance for the town
- Forest stewardship for the maintenance and protection of the town owned "Murdock Property" on Route 44
- Aquifer protection

Various speakers during the year were:

Jefferson Davis, Congressman
Bob Richard, UCONN

Stanley Watson, Northeast Utilities
Maureen Nicholson, Tree Warden

Respectfully submitted, Raymond F. Liston, Chairman