

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 14, 2009 7:00 PM
POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)

Members present: Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Chairman; Pamela Cartledge, Secretary; James Robbins, Lisette Rimer, Murray Buttner, Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman; Ann Hennen, William Lewis, and Liz Cartier. Members Absent: Carole Buttner, Robert Lussier, Leigh Grossman, Linda Rich, Alternate, and Eric Johnson, Alternate

I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. Seat Alternate as needed – No one was seated.

III. Items to be added to the Agenda – None.

IV. Approve Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2009. Pam Cartledge made the motion to approve the minutes of March 5. Ann Hennen seconded. Approved unanimously. Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the April 9 minutes as amended. Bill Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.

V. Citizen Participation – None.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. **Lois Orswell Award Announcement.** There was much discussion about the award nominees. The nominations were read and the James Robbins made the motion that there would be one person per category this year. Pam Cartledge seconded. Unanimously approved. Lisette Rimer made the motion that there would be 4 categories. They are business, group which included non-profits and volunteers, under 17 and at large. Ann Hennen seconded. Five members were for the motion, one against and three abstained. Motion is moved. James Robbins made the motion for William MacLaren to fill the slot for business for 2009. Murray Buttner seconded. Seven voted for and one abstained. Ann Hennen made the motion for Paula Coughlin to receive the group award. Walter McGinn seconded. Approved unanimously. Liz Cartier made the motion to have two receive the same category award. Ann Hennen seconded. This motion was out of order by a three yes vote and four no vote. Walter McGinn made the motion for Mary Anthony to receive the award as an individual. Murray Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously. The last candidate will be

kept until next year's award. The Lois Orswell award night will be held at the Audubon, 189 Pomfret Street on June 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. along with the State of the Birds 2009 Report.

2. Pomfret Conservation Commission decision regarding how it chooses to resolve clerk's position. Kapelner-Champ stated that at the last meeting we discussed what we would do as the clerk will not be getting paid. James Robbins made the motion to have the clerk continue to serve as a volunteer if she so desires. Ann Hennen seconded. Approved unanimously. We will continue to push for a paid position. In the meantime, this is a solution to our problem. The clerk stated she would be happy to continue as a volunteer.
3. Oil Spill follow—up – clean up, water testing. Kapelner-Champ stated that the oil spill on Railroad Street seems to be cleaned up. The NDDH was there. I don't know the status of the drinking water. The dumpsters are gone.

VII. New Business

1. Outreach on the part of the Pomfret Conservation Commission on how to best inform Pomfret Town residents of what the Commission has done over the years and is continuing to work on. Pam Cartledge has done articles for the Pomfret Times in the past and will continue to write articles for Public Relations.

VIII. Report of Other Town Committees, Subcommittees, and Workshops.

1. Solar Project Update – Jim Rivers stated that we are not totally out of the project. The State of CT is not putting monies into the project. Northeast Utilities does. There is almost enough money to make it happen in the fall or the new year.
2. Easement Program Report – Hennen stated that the forms are ready and they will need to copy the reports for the Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. We need to write thank yous to Rut Cutler and friend and letters to the commissions about the reports being copied to them.
3. Stonewall Protection Committee – Put on July Agenda.
4. Farm Program Subcommittee Up-date. Put on July Agenda.
5. Cemetery Protection Committee – Kapelner-Champ stated that this can come off the agenda because the Stewards will be going to look at the cemeteries.

- IX. Communication and Mail** – The mail was gone through. Jim Rivers has invited the Conservation Commission to march in the parade. The Pomfret/Putnam Airline Trail – the 4 wheelers are doing damage. The trail by NELTA too. We need to bring tablecloth, napkins, food,

and beverage to the June 11 Lois Orswell Award night. There will be no June meeting because of the award night.

X. Citizen Participation – None.

XI. Quarterly Discussion – October, January, April, July

- a. Pick up trash at Canoe Launch – Just a reminder.
- b. Pomfret/Putnam Airline Trail

XII. Adjournment. Walter McGinn made the motion to adjourn. Bill Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk