

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2010 7:00 PM
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)

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

I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. She asked Ann Hennen to read the Pomfret Conservation Commission's Mission Statement. "The mission of the Pomfret Conservation Commission is 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."

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

III. Items to be added to the Agenda – Ann Hennen made the motion to add a discussion about recharge mapping projects. McGinn seconded. Approved unanimously. Reappointment was discussed and Kapelner-Champ reported that Rivers stated that everything is good and they will be reappointed at the next Selectmen's meeting. Rivers stated that they might melt together the Green Team and the Commission. The Commission will ask for letters of confirmation.

IV. Approve Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2009. Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Pam Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.

V. Citizen Participation –Unfinished Business –

1. Stone Wall Ordinance - Kapelner-Champ reported she has asked James Rabbitt, Town Planner, to speak to us about stonewall protection at the March 2010 meeting. There was more discussion about our Ordinance and ways to proceed. There was discussion about State Roads, Town Roads, boundary line walls, interior walls, historic character of our community, subdivisions, zoning, driveway cuts, restoration, new construction, removal and enforcement as well as an appeal process. An ordinance takes a public vote and town meeting while a zoning change takes a public hearing. We will fine tune our draft. May be ready for the April Annual Town Meeting.

2. Farm Program Update – Phil Chester guest speaker for 2/11/10 meeting finalize preparation needs. Robbins reports that Chester could not come. We have James Rabbitt in March and in April the Forestry group.
3. Aquifer Protection Update – Pam, Bill and Cheryl are the sub-committee. We will order Protecting Connecticut’s Groundwater for the members of the commission. There is a meeting next Friday in Mansfield. Rivers reported that the water company evaluation of Murdock Property is stalled. He reported that the Rectory School, Pomfret School and Loos are interested in a sewer line to Killingly.
4. Lois Orswell Award – To be done for the Pomfret Times.

VI. New Business

1. New subdivisions from 2009 or 2010 - Kapelner-Champ and Cartier looked at the subdivision on 6 Cherry Hill Road. We decided to as for a fee in lieu of.
2. Airline Trail - When Putnam meets Pomfret – What shape is Pomfret in? There was discussion about the Grant and Easement Putnam received to do work on the trail. Rivers reported that it is a massive amount of water to drain on the property, create alternate routes, ATV’s are present and making bumps. We will schedule a day in the spring to start the work.
3. Breaking into subcommittee work groups. There was no discussion.
4. Reappointment of members – A letter will be submitted to the First Selectman on our need for reappointment of members.
5. Main Menu needed for accurate public events happening monthly. There was some discussion about this needing to be done.
6. Recharge Mapping - Hennen stated that the new town recharge water map set needs to be added to our Conservation Plan.

VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops

1. Easement Program Report Up-dates. No new ones have been done due to winter weather.

IX. Communication and Mail – Feedback needed regarding e-agenda/e-minutes. Everything went well this first time. We will continue.

Mail was passed around. Liz Cartier reported that the Board of Education is discussing non-certified ground rules.

X. Citizen Participation – None.

XI. Things to Remember –

- a. Pick up trash at Canoe Launch
- b. Pomfret/Putnam Airline Trail
- c. Bring canned or boxed food items for Food Pantry to Town Hall.

XII. Adjournment – James Robbins made the motion to adjourn. Murray Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk