

Pomfret Conservation Commission Minutes

7/8/2010

Present: Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Chair, Murray Buttner, Ann Hennen, Bill Lewis, James Robbins, Pam Cartledge

Not present: Liz Cartier, Leigh Grossman, Walter McGinn, Lisette Rimer, Eric Johnson, Robert Lussier, alternate, Linda Rich, alternate

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM. There were not enough members present to make a quorum. The meeting was an informational meeting only. Agenda items were postponed to the August meeting.
- II. No alternates present
- III. Minutes of 5/13/10 meeting – postponed to August
- IV. Ann Hennen told the members that Planning & Zoning sent a letter to Jim Rivers, First Selectman, supporting the Stone Wall Ordinance proposed by the Conservation Commission. P&Z stated there is no place in the zoning regulations to include stonewall protection. They will add stonewall protection to the subdivision regulations for new subdivisions. The Inland Wetlands Commission also supports stonewall protection and wants to expand the protection to inner stonewalls, which prevent erosion and water run off. The Conservation Commission will revisit the Stonewall Ordinance at the next meeting and plan to present it to the Board of Selectmen. Cheryl Kapelner-Champ will contact Walter Hinchman and John Folsom for support at the Board of Selectmen meeting. Two stonewalls in Pomfret have been lost, one near the Pomfret/Eastford town line and the other on Wade Road.
- V. Jean Pillo, Watershed Conservation Coordinator, Eastern CT Conservation District, spoke with commission members about her investigation of excessive bacteria at Mashamoquet State Park. Ms Pillo is testing for the presence of e-coli in Mashamoquet Brook and tributaries upstream from the public beach and pond. She discussed the sources of bacteria and where she is taking water samples near the public pond and upstream. The beach at Mashamoquet State Park has been closed 3 times this year due to bacteria levels. The source of the e-coli has not been found. She also told the commission that large farms can qualify for assistance to improve prevention of run off but need to develop a manure plan. Ms. Pillo said she welcomed assistance from the Conservation Commission.
- VI. Members discussed the ongoing projects in checking easements, developing an Agricultural Commission and the need to limit the number of projects being worked on at one time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cartledge