

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2011 7:00 PM  
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE  
(These minutes have not been approved)**

Members present: William Lewis, Chairman; Pamela Cartledge, Secretary; Elizabeth Cartier, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Ann Hennen, James Robbins and Marcia Lewis, Alternate. Members absent: Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman.

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** William Lewis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Seat Alternate as needed.** Marcia Lewis was seated.
- III. Introduction of new Alternate member.** Marcia Lewis was welcomed to the Commission.
- IV. Items to be added to the Agenda –** Hennen motioned to add under new business stonewall issue with Selectmen and IWWC. Cartier seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. Approve Minutes of May 12, 2011 -** Hennen made the motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011. Cartier seconded. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Citizen Participation –** None.
- VII. Unfinished Business –**
  - a.** Results of Mashamoquet Watershed data study and analysis - Jean Pillo has a final draft, which is going to the DEP. Lewis stated that he did not hear from her about a meeting with the Town of Pomfret, NDDH and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses. There is to be a grant application and the clock is ticking. There are a number of issues in Town that needs to be addressed. Jean Pillo is collecting more data. There are many different ways we can go. It is not clear about what way she wants to go. Kapelner-Champ stated that whatever way she wants to go the purpose is to advocate for clean water. Support is the issue. Hennen stated that we need to support clean water. Lewis stated that we would fully support what she is trying to do.

- b. Aquifer Protection – Murdock property – possible sale to CT Water Co. –Kapelner-Champ reported that the May and August Economic Commission minutes states to table the issue. There was discussion about forming an Agricultural Commission. There was talk about an open space acquisition. There could be an Agro business at Idle Wild/Chef Fresh on Searles Road. They are looking for grants. We should reconsider rewording the Farm Ordinance. Aquifer Protection regulations are part of the Zoning Regulations. Kapelner-Champ stated that she would like to promote Salem’s groundwater protection regulations. Lewis stated that Pillo’s report should show we are not doing well. Hennen stated we should check the P & Z regulations for what they have. Recommend extending the P & Z regulations and incorporate what we get from Salem and Pillo’s findings. Robbins stated that Zoning has different departments, list uses that are OK and list uses, which are not allowed. This is broad and is too restrictive. This is about protecting water. We should write a letter to the P & Z and ask James Rabbit to come up with Aquifer protection regulations. There is a current map of Groundwater and Aquifer for Pomfret. Check P & Z Regs, research regulations, put the plan together and then go to P & Z.
- c. Airline Trail clean up & next steps – McGinn is on vacation and this will be discussed at the next meeting as well as the Charter Oak garden at Town Hall and the Abington Mall property.

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Positively Pomfret Day planning for September 24, 2011 – We will have a booth. Kapelner- Champ stated that we could advertise the Lois Orswell Award, do a membership drive. Last year we did flags. Craft with recycled items. Make skeletons out of milk jugs.
- b. Ford Fay request to create land records library with purchase of development rights provisions. Robbins stated that this would be good information to have as we have been in the front of this process. Town meeting in October. Lewis will discuss with Jim Rivers what he would like. There is a map of all protected properties by their category.
- c. Stonewall issues with the Selectmen and Inland Wetlands Commission. Hennen reported that the Selectmen’s minutes has the issue with stonewalls and the IWWC has issued a cease and desist. Due to these two incidents has the time come to have an ordinance on the books. Robbins made the motion to resubmit the Stonewall Ordinance draft to the P & Z

and Board of Selectmen in light of the recent developments on Cherry Hill Road and Wade Road. Cartier seconded. Approved unanimously.

- IX. Report of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops** - The Board of Ed did not meet. The Canoe Launch Kiosk needs to be repaired by Northeast Utilities or a Boy Scout?
- X. Communication and Mail** – Passed around to the members.
- XI. Citizen Participation** – None.
- XII. Things to remember** – Trash pick up at Canoe Launch and bring canned (or boxed) food items to the Town Hall for the Food Pantry.
- XIII. Adjournment** – Robbins motioned to adjourn. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk