

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2011 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)

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

I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. William Lewis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

II. Seat Alternate as needed. None.

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

IV. Approve Minutes of the October 14, meeting and November 4 meeting – McGinn made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.

V. Citizen Participation – None.

VI. Unfinished Business – None.

1. The possibility of an Executive Session segment – None.
2. Breaking into subcommittee work groups as time permits – None.

VII. New Business

1. Wayne Kilpatrick and Lee Wesler from Windham County Conservation Consortium, will speak about accomplishments of the WCCC. They both gave a report on the organization's goals, objectives, what they are doing and what they need help with. Sharing information is the most needed, there are more than 15 towns in the group, foster political clout, work on recycling, Open Space initiatives, and working with the governor and State Reps.
2. Group discussion on goals for the Commission in 2011. Airline Trail expansion. Stone wall is a dead issue. There is a stonewall presentation in Hartford, owner deeds town the stonewall and Town then owns the wall. We need to remind the P & Z about the easements on property in town and ask them to enforce the restriction. James Robbins made the motion to write a letter to the P&Z. Cheryl Kapelner- Champ seconded. Approved unanimously. McGinn stated the airline trail would probably take another \$25K to make passable.

3. Lois Orswell Award for 2010 to be submitted by February 28th. See criteria on website at pomfretct.org.
4. The 2011-2012 budget. Walter McGinn made the motion to submit the level budget as requested. Jim Robbins seconded and Approved unanimously. Everyone can register for training.
5. The possibility of an Executive Session segment. None.
6. Breaking into subcommittee work groups as time permits.

VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops

1. Easement Program Report Up-dates – we need a current list of all easements to prepare the letter to P & Z.
2. Board of Ed is looking for a 6.49% increase.

IX. Communication and Mail – There was no mail.

X. Citizen Participation – None.

XI. Things to Remember – Pick up trash at Canoe Launch and bring food items for the Pomfret Food Pantry.

XII. Adjournment – Walter McGinn made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Kapelner-Champ. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk