

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2011 7:00 P.M.
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE
(These minutes have not be approved)**

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

I. **Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by William Lewis, Chairman.

II. **Seat Alternate as needed** – McGinn made the motion to seat Marcia Lewis, Alternate. Kapelner-Champ seconded. Approved unanimously.

III. **Discussion 2011 Pomfret land acquisition and town meeting presentation.** Lewis reported that there was a meeting with Jim Rivers, First Selectman about the properties being considered. Lewis, McGinn, Cartier, Hennen, M. Lewis and Robbins were present. Rivers talked about the current properties which were either withdrawn from the process or are being considered to Open Space. There was discussion about the different types of land purchase. Development Rights were discussed and outright purchases were discussed. Participating with other Land Use groups is also available.

The dollars, each property, bonding and the Town Meeting process was discussed and approved by the Conservation Commission members present. Details of present properties in Open Space and the details of the proposed Open Space properties were discussed to give the Commission information they needed to know to help support the proposed acquisitions.

There was discussion at this meeting about asking Andy Rzeznikiewicz, Jean Pillo, and John Filchak for their ideas about doing a power point presentation. We need the information two weeks before the Town Meeting. The information we need is maps, photos, facts about each property, and the Plan of Conservation and Development to grant people access to the property? Lewis will take the complete list to Rivers for discussion and planning.

IV. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Cartier and seconded by Kapelner-Champ. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Morin
Clerk

P. S. Cheryl Kapelner-Champ asked the Commission if they would like to participate in the Tiropoly Game for Pomfret to advertise the Commission. The members felt they would support this project by donating privately for the space on the game. Each member gave the donation to Kapelner-Champ and no funds came from the Budget.