

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 7:00 PM
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE
(These minutes have not been approved)

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

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** William Lewis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Seat Alternate as needed.** None.
- III. Items to be added to the Agenda –** None.
- IV. Approve Minutes of August 11, 2011 -** Hennen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cartier seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. Citizen Participation –** None.
- VI. Unfinished Business –**
 - a. Results of Mashamoquet Watershed data study and analysis -** There is going to be a meeting tomorrow, September 9th at the Audubon on Day Road at 10:00 a.m. Pillo stated that she still wants to apply for the Grant by September 15th.
 - b. Aquifer protection – Murdock property – possible sale to CT Water Co. –** The committee was unable to meet because of Tropical Storm Irene. A meeting will be rescheduled the week after next. Eastford is considering Zoning with a water protection zone. Steve Broderick will be sharing information with us.
 - c. Airline Trail clean up & next steps –** Nothing new at this time. McGinn stated that the Recreation Grant Funding Office may be closing for budget issues.
 - d. Charter Oak garden at Town Hall –** There was discussion about a Senior doing the project – no one is able to do it. There could be a Rain Forest garden and/or parking area.
 - e. Abington Mall property –Nothing new.**
 - f. Positively Pomfret Day planning for September 24, 2011 -** The Conservation Commission will be having a presence at the Event. Lois Orswell award and nomination process will be presented.

g. Stonewall Ordinance and Letter - The letter to the Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission were signed and will be presented to the two groups on Monday along with a copy of the proposed Ordinance.

VII. New Business

a. Ford Fay's request to create land records library with purchase of development rights provisions. There was discussion about this request. There are records that exist at the Town Hall which can be used by citizens, etc. McGinn made the motion for the Commission to thank Ford Fay for the willingness to do the compendium. The Commission wants to wait for a volunteer before the project commences. Cartledge seconded the motion. The motion was not approved.

b. CL&P proposed construction of a high-voltage electric transmission line. There was discussion about this subject. The Conservation Consortium and several towns would be impacted. Public Hearings were held in the past. At the time Pomfret was not particularly interested. Mansfield wanted us to support their opposition. Wayne Kirkpatrick will be contacted for his group's opinion on this topic.

VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops – There will be a Selectmen's meeting on September 19 at P.C.S. There will be open forum about the hurricane and thank you to all who volunteered at 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed is discussing the masterly test and problems on the first day of school. Meal cards to be charged fee and use fee. Call list to be charged fees and use fee. Initiated the pay to play of \$25.00 for sports. No music or art cuts. Auditing Special Ed costs. We have 12 outplacements. There was positive feedback for Jim Rivers during Tropical Storm Irene.

IX. Communication and Mail – None.

X. Citizen Participation – None.

XI. Things to remember – Trash pick up at Canoe Launch and bring canned (or boxed) food items to the Town Hall for the Food Pantry.

XII. Adjournment – McGinn motioned to adjourn. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk