

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2006
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)**

Members present: Ann Hennen, Chairman; Jeannett Sullivan, Secretary; Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman; Jeannett Sullivan, Secretary, Cynthia Kirby, Alternate, William Lewis, Carole Buttner, Aren Carpenter, Liz Cartier, and James Robbins. Members Absent: Ray Liston, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, and Lisette Rimer, Alternate.

- I. **Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** Ann Hennen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed** – Not needed.
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda** – None
- IV. **Approve Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2006.** Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Participation** – Chuck Boster from the Planning and Zoning Commission was present to discuss a proposal to amend the zoning regulations to include cemeteries that are abandoned and neglected. Boster spoke about locating them by asking Nora, Town Clerk, and working with Betty Morin, GIS Coordinator, and the DEP Topo map. Several were found and some are requiring work in the field. He spoke about Ruth Brown from UCONN who gave a workshop on valuable artifacts and how graveyards and cemeteries were established with landmarks, etc. It is part of our cultural heritage and developers will remove headstones and markers from the site and it will go unnoticed. The Town keeps up the cemeteries it has in town. Boster wants to locate and name the cemeteries and encourage protection of these areas whether they be on town property or private property. Nick Bellatoni, State Archeologist, may help with the project and possibly use Pomfret as a model for other town to do the same. The goal is to properly map, name, maintain and protect all cemeteries in town. There were questions about the Statutes which would govern this activity. Boster reported there were some but they are unclear as to responsibility and enforcement. Liz Cartier made the motion to form a subcommittee to map and study cemeteries in Pomfret. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. It was recommended to work with the Town

Historian and Marshall Eaton to get help with information and location.
Approved unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Land Acquisition Fund and State Statutes Regulating it. Ann stated that she has been to the Board of Finance meeting and she learned there was a town meeting and the town voted to take the \$50,000.00 from the Agricultural Land Fund and from the Open Space Land Acquisition Fund of \$200,000.00. There is a Public Hearing on the town budget on April 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Update of ERT and Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. Ann stated that the ERT report was handed out to everyone on the commission. Mr. Sheldon withdrew his application to extract gravel. The report is a very good tool for the town.
- c. Environmental Award subcommittee report – choosing recipient of the award for 2005 in January 2006. Walter McGinn made the motion to give the award to the nominees as received. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. Approved unanimously. The presentation will be done on June 15, 2006 at a garden party at the Old Town House. Invitations and arrangements will be done. The winners of the Lois Orswell Award are: Matt Desrosiers, and Co recipients are Clifford Buttermark and Johnathan DuPaul. We need a clean up group for the Town house, refreshments & beverage group.
- d. Power Point and Meeting Agenda – James Robbins was present and stated that the preview can be done at the May meeting in the Cafeteria. The official Power Point presentation can be done at the June 8, 2006 meeting. Get invitations ready and reserve cafeteria.
- e. Letter to Conservation People with 25 or more acres. There was discussion about this project. Liz Cartier reported speaking to Ms. Pillo who does this in Woodstock. She stated she would ask Jane Iello to come to our May meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. Pamela Cartledge, new alternate member interest. The letter was reviewed and the recommendation was to have the Selectmen appoint her as a new Alternate to the Commission.

VIII. Report of Subcommittees

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report. James Robbins stated there was no zba because of no applications this month or next. Ann reported on the Selectmen's meeting. The Wade Road sale to the Volwiellers with the easement is done. There was discussion about hazardous waste

collection in June. The Selectmen talked about the new members of the Recreation Park Development Committee, the school parking lot areas and lights, FEMA will be starting work on the bridge on Wolf Den Drive, and Ruckis has a permit to sell guns. Liz Cartier reported that the Indian Tribe has offered to build a golf course on Murdock Property, they want a place for recreation.

IX. Communication and Mail – Was discussed and passed around.

X. Citizen Participation – None.

XI. Quarterly Discussion – October, January, April, July

- a. End of year discussion in January 2006.
- b. Aquifer Protection regulation.
- c. Canoe Launch plans – kiosk plans, etc. April 2006
- d. Repair Brayton Grist Mill
- e. Trails Grant Application

III. Adjournment. Walter McGinn motioned to adjourn. Carole Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin
Clerk