

**TOWN OF POMFRET**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2007 7:00 PM**  
**POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)**

Members present: Ann Hennen, Chairman; Pamela Cartledge, Alternate, William Lewis, Liz Cartier, Lisette Rimer, Murray Buttner, and Carole Buttner. Members Absent: Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman; James Robbins, Jeannett Sullivan, Aren Carpenter, Alternate, Cynthia Kirby, Secretary.

**Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** Ann Hennen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

- I. Seat Alternate as needed** – Not needed.
- II. Items to be added to the Agenda** – Under New Business – Washburn.
- III. Approve Minutes of the Meeting of July 12, 2007.** Liz Cartier made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Bill Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Citizen Participation** – None.
- V. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Vernal Pool Report – Hennen reported that the Vernal Pool has been dealt with. The abbutter cleaned out the sediment and installed rip rap on the hillside. A gravel driveway will also be part of the clean-up. Rabbitt told Hennen to go and look at it. We will write to the Washburns and thank them for their persistence and then when we get the written report, we will send that along to them.
  - b. Airline Trail update – The e-mail from Walter McGinn was read. He stated that Putnam was interested in the project. They will work with us and representatives will be at the September meeting. Rimer reported that she had a friend talk to Mayor Viens and The Last Green Valley Representative Charlene Cutler. We will invite them, John Folsom, Willie Bousquet and Jim Rivers to the meeting.
  - c. Update Conservation Plan report - The commission went over the draft for typos and grammar. We need to change the first and second pages to make the survey response stick out. Andy Rzeznikewicz will help with the protected land map and look over

the rest for necessary changes. We will have a committee meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. and invite Andy.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Cheryl Kapelner-Champ asked about Margaret Washburn's offer to work on the project to protect the aquifer. Hennen stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is doing a series of workshops with 3 possible text zoning changes. 1) Accessories, 2) home business – using an outbuilding for home business and 3) allowing heavy equipment to be parked on property. There are workshops being held for the public to speak out on the issues. Champ asked if the Conservation Commission could make an argument against any issue. We could make a letter on the issues we feel strongly about. We need to stay on top of the issues. Hennen stated that we should talk about it to people who ask, attend meetings, and write letters.

**VII. Report of Subcommittees**

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report. Hennen reported that there was no Selectman's meeting, August 13 at 8:00 a.m. is the next one. Cartier stated that negotiations are continuing for the Board of Education.

**VIII. Communication and Mail** – Mail was read.

**IX. Citizen Participation** – None.

**X. Quarterly Discussion** – October, January, April, July

- a. Pick up trash at Canoe Launch – trash was not bad the last time Hennen picked it up.
- b. 25 Acres or More Conservation Project, Late Fall.
- c. Easement project and oversight – Letter to landowner.

**XI. Adjournment.** Liz Cartier motioned to adjourn. Murray Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk