

**TOWN OF POMFRET**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2008 7:00 PM**  
**POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)**

Members present: Ann Hennen, Chairman; Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman; Lisette Rimer, Liz Cartier, William Lewis, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Murray Buttner, Carole Buttner, Robert Lussier, Leigh Grossman, Alternate, and Eric Johnson, Alternate. Members Absent: Linda Rich, Alternate. Pamela Cartledge, and James Robbins.

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

**II. Seat Alternate as needed –** Not needed.

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

**IV. Approve Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2008.** There were some changes to the minutes. Liz Cartier made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Leigh Grossman seconded. Approved unanimously.

**V. Citizen Participation –** None.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

1. Solar Project Up-date – Hennen stated that she did a letter for the Woodstock Villager which will be in the paper tomorrow to support the project. John Dilorio was concerned that there should be many of us at the meeting on 12-18-08 to approve the project.
2. Easement Program Report - Hennen reported that she and Liz have been working on the project. We have found the easements. We will need more folks to help with the work. We don't have stewards. Eric Johnson stated he was interested, Murray and Leigh are interested. We will get Ruth Cutler to do a workshop with the stewards on how and what to do. Andy Rzeznikiewicz and John Folsom were mentioned. We need to bring the names to Mr. Rivers for suggested stewards.
3. Cemetery/Stonewall Protection – There was a report of other town's cemetery ordinance/protection plan. We need to establish a subcommittee to go into the details of what we would like to recommend as a plan of protection. Eric Johnson stated he was interested in being on the committee. We need to go to the town attorney to come up with something that seems sensible. Selectman have a public hearing. The

committee consists of Lizette Rimer, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Eric Johnson, and James Robbins.

4. Farm Program Subcommittee report – Hennen stated that the thrust of this is to get farmers to do other things to help them make their living. Come up with meeting time after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. There is a workshop on this issue on 12-16-08 from 10:00 – 12:00 in Danielson.

## **VII. New Business**

1. Election of Officers – Liz Cartier nominated Cheryl Kapelner-Champ for Chairman, Walter McGinn for Vice Chairman, and Pamela Cartledge for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. Murray Buttner made the motion to close the nominations. William Lewis seconded. Hennen called for a vote of the new slate. The vote was unanimous.
2. P & Z Site Review Form – A form was passed out for consideration of Planning and Zoning use for property inspections. Do we want to simply send a copy of this to P & Z with a letter or do we want to reactivate the subcommittee to make recommendations. We did that many, many months ago. This seems to be an excellent tool. The old committee was Cheryl, Liz and Ray and they looked over the applications and recommended fee-in-lieu of or conservation easement. Kapelner-Champ explained the process. The P & Z leans toward the fee-in-lieu of but we can recommend conservation easement for abutting properties of interest. The committee for this project is Liz Cartier, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Leigh Grossman and Carole Buttner.

## **VIII. Report of Subcommittees**

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report. Cartier reported the there is a zba meeting on Monday, Board of Education on Wednesday and Trustees on Tuesday.

- ## **IX. Communication and Mail**
- Mail was passed around and read. Kapelner-Champ to work on budget and we will renew Connecticut Wildlife. Hennen read the letter about the solar panels going to the editor of Woodstock Villager. Annual Report was read into the record. Lois Orswell will be on the website. Mr. Rivers presented the facts about the proposed expansion of the powerline that will expand within their easement. We have only a little section in our town. AT&T wants the towns to promote their first choice of site. The Selectmen voted to support it. Mansfield is planning to argue about it. Canterbury, Hampton and Sterling are involved. There was discussion about the Consortium.

- X. Citizen Participation – None**
- XI. Quarterly Discussion – October, January, April, July**
  - a. Pick up trash at Canoe Launch – Just a reminder.
  - b. Pomfret/Putnam Airline Trail
- XII. Adjournment.** Murray Buttner made the motion to adjourn. Bill Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk