

**TOWN OF POMFRET**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2006**  
**POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)**

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

- I. **Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** Ann Hennen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed** – Pamela Cartledge was seated.
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda** – None
- IV. **Approve Minutes of the Meeting of November 2, 2006.** Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Participation** – None.
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Discussion about Land Use Powerpoint Presentation. There was a list of the comments from the Powerpoint passed to all members. Most comments were positive and already in the plan.
  - b. Easement Project and Oversight. Hennen spoke with Jim Rivers about overseeing the conservation easements and he asked for time to think about it. The IWWC would like the Conservation Commission to do the walking of the easements to look for violations, etc. There was discussion about the Zoning Enforcement Officer looking into it as the official and what is the next step. Consensus was for Hennen to attend the IWWC meeting with a presentation and then come up with a proposal.
  - c. Farm Ordinance Update – Pam stated that we know the state's definition of Agriculture and the Statutes concerning the Right to Farm. These two things are incorporated into Woodstock's Right to Farm Ordinance. Pam and Cheryl will be following up with phone calls to farmers and others sources for more information.
  - d. Trailhead behind the town hall update - Murray Buttner or Jim Rivers were not present to discuss the meeting they had.

- e. Reappointments – There was discussion about the reappointment process for members who need to be reappointed. McGinn asked to be reappointed for 2 years, that would be 09. Cynthia Kirby for 4 years, that would be 11. Carole Buttner, same, Jim Robbins, same, William Lewis, same, Jeannett Sullivan, same, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, same, and Lizette Rimer was present and stated she would keep the same term.
- f. Vernal Pool Project Update – The map is ready and in draft form. Clerk will be meeting with Paula Coughlin to go over the accuracy of the map. There was a recommendation that Paula go to wetlands and make a presentation about findings and that presentation should wait to the spring of next year as more documentation will be available. How many vernal pools are there per acre? What is the parcel size? Also recommended was an article in the Pomfret Time soon because the training is in February or March. The article should show the positive aspects of protecting the vernal pools.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Airline Trail Cleanup Project. Jim Robbins was asking for ideas on how to get the airline trail cleaned up for regular use. There are areas that are impassable and when you get to the Putnam line it doesn't exist. There were recommendations about Boy Scouts, John Folsom, DEP, and National Trails Day in June being a good time for a "crew" to work. Robbins to work on the details and get back to the commission.
- b. Land Acquisition Fund – Town Contribution. Hennen stated that now it is time for the Town to put more money into that fund. Cartier stated that the commission should send a thank you letter to the Selectmen and the Board of Finance. We should look at encouraging them to replenish the fund annually.
- c. Election of Officers. Jeannett Sullivan stated that she would like to step down as Secretary. There was discussion. Walter McGinn nominated Ann Hennen as Chairman, Walter McGinn as Vice Chairman and Cynthia Kirby as Secretary. Liz Cartier seconded the nominations. There were no other nominations from the floor. Approved unanimously.
- c. Recreation Park Conservation Commission Trail map. McGinn stated that the Kyosk is ready and installed. The Conservation Commission will be putting information in the Kyosk and our trails map will be
- e. Calendar for 2007 – Jeannett Sullivan motioned to approve the calendar as presented. Seconded by Murray Buttner. Approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Report of Subcommittees**

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report. Hennen reported that on the October 23 P & Z meeting. The P & Z had a public hearing on the Wetherbee Road text change for logging trucks and equipment. Abutter to him is unhappy. He is before the P & Z for another text change on November 27. Commercial vehicles in a residential area text change is the issue. Selectmen meeting was cancelled. There was executive session about land financing and the junk car ordinance was presented. Liz Cartier reported on the Board of Ed – the discussion was about truancy, lateness and security of the building and students. There was discussion about electron technology, constables and locking of the doors. There will be a joint meeting with Eastford who needs space for 6,7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Paul Hennen of the IWWC will receive an award from CACIWC on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Congratulations Paul.

**IX. Communication and Mail** – Please read the habitat article you received about Conservation Easements, it is important to discuss the information in that publication. Mail was passed around and read.

**X. Citizen Participation** – None.

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

- a. Canoe Launch plans – kiosk plans, etc. April 2006
- b. Trails Grant Application, New trails installation and connecting to New England Forestry
- c. Pick up trash at Canoe Launch
- d. 25 Acres or More Conservation Project, August.

**XII. Adjournment.** Jeannett Sullivan motioned to adjourn. Carole Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk