

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2006
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)

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

- I. **Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** Ann Hennen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed** – Lisette Rimer was seated for the meeting.
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda** – Report of Tufts and Environmental Review Team Request for Sheldon property. Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. Approved unanimously.
- IV. **Approve Minutes of the Meeting of December 8, 2005.** Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Participation** – None.
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Conservation Easement Project. Still on-going.
 - b. New England Forestry Trail extension. Still on-going.
 - c. Maintenance of Trail for budget costs. \$500.00 for trail maintenance and David to check on Murdock Property trails.
 - d. Vernal Pool letter from the Commission for residents of Pomfret. James Robbins submitted his letter to the Pomfret Residents about the vernal pool project. Clerk to follow up with Paula Coughlin. Paula Coughlin reviewed the letter and submitted a draft for our approval. David Smutnick made the motion to accept the revised letter. Jeannett Sullivan seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - e. Land Acquisition Fund and State Statutes Regulating it. Ann presented our request to the Board of Finance and Selectmen. Neither group was enthusiastic. This is in limbo. Ann will still attend meetings about the issue.

- f. Joint Commission workshop. The Conservation Commission will do a power point presentation which is 30 minutes.
- g. Junk Car Ordinance. P&Z does not want to do it.

VII. New Business

- a. Report on Quinebaug Shetucket Corridor Grant – Vernal Pool Study. Paula Coughlin has mapping to be done. She will have a spring program recruiting volunteers and training them.
- b. Report of Fund Raising. Putnam Savings Bank sold \$75.00 between calendars and t-shirts. Sales to go to the end of January then give the calendars away.
- c. Mashamoquet Road Bridge Project. We need to contact Mr. Hurle. Covell Road will be a much nicer plan. Clerk will compose a letter to Hurle and cc Rivers.
- d. Enforcement Officer. Ann stated that we would need to petition to the Selectmen for an increase in enforcement time. WEO should walk easements once a year with the owner. Ann will discuss with the Chairmen of the Wetlands Commission and P & Z.
- e. Environmental Award subcommittee report – choosing recipient of the award for 2005 in January 2006. Matt Desrosiers is an eagle scout who did a project at the Audubon. Mary Patenaude nominated Clifford Buttermark and Jonathan DuPaul for cemetery project.
- f. Environmental Review Team Request for Sheldon property. Letter read into the record to request this. Ann stated that the ERT is a free service to towns. They can do an environmental review.

VIII. Report of Subcommittees

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report. Ann reported that there was no zba, Board of Education has met and are starting the budget, they have school space issues and Liz is now on the Board of Directors for Woodstock Academy and David is on the Board of EastConn, there was a transportation issue with the buses at PCS. Bill Lewis said there was a meeting with Holly Drinkruth on the River Project and they are going to map to Norwich. Stan Watson called Ann and there is a Kiosk to go up in the spring and maintenance will be done by NU. Ann attended the Selectmen meeting and they are down 3 members on the Economic Commission. The Volweillers did agree to the easement, Butts Property to get \$10,000.00, there was discussion about moving bulky waste, the Tufts proposal, town hall renovations, STEEP Grants for various purposes, not using the speed monitor, the town needs a civil defense director and expansion of the parking area at the town hall.

- b. Conservation Plan Text Review subcommittee report PREVIEW OF PROJECT – 20 minutes. Liz Cartier, Lisette Rimer and Jim Robbins will be on this subcommittee. The draft of the power point was given to the people present to review and comment.
- c. Conservation Plan Map Review subcommittee report. The map was presented and any changes need to be brought forward.

IX. Communication and Mail – Mail was passed around. The next meeting in February will be in the Cafeteria.

X. Citizen Participation – None.

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

- a. October 05 – letter to conservation people.
- b. End of year discussion in January 2006.
- c. Aquifer Protection regulation.
- d. Canoe Launch plans – kiosk plans, etc. April 2006
- e. Repair Brayton Mill

IV. Adjournment. Walter McGinn motioned to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. David Smutnick seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin
Clerk