

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2006
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)

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

- 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** – Murray and Pamela were seated for the meeting.
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda** – Change of Venue under new business.
- IV. **Approve Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 2006.** Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Carole Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Participation** – None.
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Conservation Easement Project Update. Ann reported that the project continues. We have enough to start mapping and making a list of the easements. We then need to decide how to proceed – list of easements, present day owners, map location, and how to do the legend.
 - b. Vernal Pool Update. Hennen reported that a new grant was applied for and received. We received \$2500.00 to proceed. Ann is working with the Audubon and Paula will give us an update.
 - c. Chuck Boster Cemetery Project – Subcommittee report. Hennen reported there was a meeting with everyone. There was a draft ordinance given out for review and consideration by the members of the subcommittee. Those who participated are asked for opinions. The sample was from Ledyard and they added a lot of other things to the ordinance. We need to consider that. Chuck Boster will put up pictures and answer questions for the Lois Orswell Award ceremony.

- d. \$10,000.00 trails grant fund. Walter McGinn stated that there is money left in this fund. The money was used for our trails grant and the trails are complete on the recreation site. McGinn recommended that the money could be used on the recreation site for other things as Jim Rivers, First Selectman has recommended. Liz Cartier made the motion to graciously give the money to the Recreation Site Development Committee. This was seconded by Carole Buttner. McGinn abstained. Approved unanimously.
- e. Environmental Award plans – Hennen reported that she and Liz will be doing cleanup at 10:00 on the 15th. We have offers of finger food, cheese and crackers, and backed goods along with punch.

VII. New Business

- a. The Connecticut Environmental Review Team's Survey - Hennen reported that we need to respond to the survey because they did an excellent job. She went through each question to help the other members get a feel for the ERT report.
- b. Change of venue for meetings. There was discussion about the possible change from the library to the town hall conference room. We will be having our July and August meeting there and we will evaluate the change then.

VIII. Report of Subcommittees

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report.
There was no zba meeting this month. Cartier reported that we are getting one (1) new voting machine in November. Board of Ed discussed wellness and diets, timeouts, and home schooled children. One child wanted to become involved in school sports and this was not allowed. Hennen reported that the Selectman's meeting was held and there was discussion about Nora Johnson's resignation. Cheryl Grist was appointed Town Clerk and Town Treasurer as of July 1. Nora will stay on as assistant. The Butts' property is almost purchased. Keeping an eye on Frankfurter property. Hazardous Waste is coming up. Tufts is not interested in Pomfret. Wolf Den Drive road and bridge project was discussed and the cost of Town Engineer. The Ordinance committee is alive again with Ford Fay, Chuck Boster and Paul Hennen as members. Covell Road status was discussed as well as 4 pistol permits were issued.
Reminder about the P & Z meeting for Mashamoquet Pequot Tribal text amendment request at 7:00 at P.C.S. Also on June 16, 2006 the Land Use Presentation will be done for the Selectmen at the town hall at 2:00 p.m.

- IX. Communication and Mail** – Was discussed and passed around. The Audubon sent a letter requesting support from the Commission for purchasing land on Wrights Crossing Road abutting the bird/duck sanctuary. Murray Buttner made the motion to send a letter of support. Walter McGinn seconded. Approved unanimously. The letter to Stan Watson about the canoe launch was read into the record. Liz reported that the Townsend property is at a standstill. He has closed the lost village.
- X. Citizen Participation** – None.
- XI. Quarterly Discussion – October, January, April, July**
- a. Canoe Launch plans – kiosk plans, etc. April 2006
 - b. Trails Grant Application
 - c. Pick up trash at Canoe Launch
 - d. New trails installation and connecting to New England Forestry
 - e. 25 Acres or More Conservation Project, August.
- III. Adjournment.** Walter McGinn motioned to adjourn. Carole Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk