

TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2007
POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
(THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED)

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

- I. **Call to order at 7:30 p.m.** Ann Hennen, Chairman opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Lisette Rimer did a slide show of the trail as she had walked it. She began at the bridge, showed a steep hill, the Town Farm Road crossing, moguls are high, huge washout, definitely used by 4-wheelers, another washout, CL&P right of way, no signs, 4-wheeler access, Gas line right of way across trail, Town Farm Road and gate, Town Farm road has access, River Road is steep, many cars were parked there to get access on River Road, Modock Road is just as bad, access is bad with guard rail, and it is steep to get down to Putnam side.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed** – No one was seated for the meeting.
- III. **Citizen Participation** – None.
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Meeting with Selectmen and Town of Putnam Representatives for Airline Trail Discussion – Willie Bousquet and Doug Cutler were there to discuss Putnam's part in the project. Jim Rivers was there to discuss Pomfret's part in the project. Doug reported he spoke to Laurie Giannoti. He discussed work on the trail to extend to Thompson and Killingly. There are 3 components to the project. Funding to buy is \$70,000.00. Cutler stated there was cooperation from the landowner for the right of way. Robbins stated that while we have cooperation we should get this out of the way. Cutler stated that we can connect to Thompson over the dam, go to Rt. 171 in Woodstock. Rick Dewey is available. The appraisal is a must. The survey is done. Rivers asked how to go about it. Clearing the trail, will Putnam want to clear part of the trail. Rimer stated that the Army Corp made a gradual access with fill. Cutler stated they were looking to put a pond down here. The trail will be going from Killingly to Pomfret to Putnam to Thompson and from Killingly to Putnam to Thompson.

Rivers stated it can be both historical and recreational to work with Putnam and Pomfret to get monies for projects.

Walter McGinn made the motion to cooperate with the Town of Putnam to secure ownership of the Sylvia Hankin portion of the airline trail for improvement to allow access to Putnam and Killingly. Murray Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously. We will write a letter of support to the Selectmen and they will help Putnam secure funds. The STEEP grant is usually for improvements not purchase.

V. Citizen Participation – None.

VI. Mail and Correspondence - James Robbins made the motion to cancel the November 8, 2007 meeting. Carole Buttner seconded. Approved unanimously. Planning and Zoning had a workshop meeting on Monday about text changes for apartments and home businesses. Copies are available. Definition of family was discussed and size of vehicle for home business. There are going to be some minor changes. On Monday, October 22 another workshop here at 7:00 p.m. Floating zone and cemeteries to be discussed. Floating zone will be part of the vehicle storage and Walt Hinchman was making it clear that he was not in favor of this and Bob Blackmer too. This is a good workshop to attend.

VII. Adjournment. Murray Buttner motioned to adjourn and Carole Buttner seconded. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin
Clerk