

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 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, Murray Buttner, Alternate, Carole Buttner, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, James Robbins, Aren Carpenter, and William Lewis. Members Absent: Jeannett Sullivan, Secretary, Cynthia Kirby, Ray Liston, and Lisette Rimer, Alternate.

- I. **Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** Ann Hennen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed** – not needed.
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda** – None
- IV. **Approve Minutes of the Meeting of August 10, 2006.** Walter McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Bill Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Participation** –
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. P & Z Text Change – Hennen stated that the text change was approved as James Rabbitt submitted. Clerk to get copy of text change for all after October 1, 2006 when it goes into effect.
 - b. Canoe Launch – Hennen stated that the glass in the kiosk is broken and she contacted the necessary people about it. Bill Lewis stated that the map is in limbo and it might be better to wait for spring and not go through the winter with information at the kiosk.
 - c. Land Use Presentation Update - Jamie Robbins did the final run-through of the presentation which incorporated the recommendations of the commission. He will give the clerk a copy and disc of the presentation for the printing and incorporation into the presentation folder. Invites to be sent and a list was given to the clerk. There was discussion about the Farm Bureau open house. There were comments about Pomfret's zoning be tough on farming. There was discussion about this. Our Conservation Plan has "right to farm" language which is positive. Our land use presentation has the same language. The farm bureau program was an excellent program.

- d. Easement Report- Hennen stated that the map is being worked on. A form for notifying each commission about easements, fee-in-lieu of, and open space being placed on a particular property. The form will be used by the P&Z and Wetlands Commission.

VII. New Business

- a. Positively Pomfret Day – 10-7-06. We need people to work at the table on that day to sell tee-shirts.
- b. Access to Airline Trail by the Town Hall. Jamie Robbins and Murray Buttner will work on this with the First Selectman. Clerk to get a plot plan of town hall and so a survey of the area can be done.
- c. Junk Car Ordinance Review and Discussion – a draft ordinance was sent to commission members for review and recommendations. Walter McGinn made the motion to send the junk car ordinance to the Selectmen along with a cover letter for review by the Town Attorney. James Robbins seconded. Approved unanimously.
- d. Cemetery Ordinance Review and Discussion – a draft ordinance was sent to commission members for review and recommendations. They will be passed along to Chuck Boster.
- e. Recreation Park Conservation Commission Trail Map – Walter McGinn stated that he has a hand drawn map of the trail at the park and we will copy and make proper to have as a handout at the kiosk. Eagle Scout project – a kiosk? Clerk to call John Folsom for map of Mashamoquet Park trails?

VIII. Report of Subcommittees

- a. Members who attend the other commission meetings report. Liz Cartier reported on the Board of Education. There was discussion about PreK-2nd grade, PreK-8th grade, no modulars, what are the things we would like to see in a new school, special ed to return to campus without the severely handicapped, costs approximately 27.5 million in Sterling, and they have a program for autistic children. New Superintendent of Schools is Richard Packman. The Registrar of Voters has applied for putting in new equipment, new scanners (they look like shredders). Hennen stated that the Selectmen and Station Enterprises will be meeting in Rockville in October for mediation items. The ordinance committee has a project of the Fining Ordinance.

IX. Communication and Mail – passed around and read.

- X. Citizen Participation** – John Casey was present and was concerned about the cemetery project. He stated that P&Z shouldn't be involved. He stated that all it would take to maintain the cemeteries of Pomfret would be volunteers who are willing to work on the cemeteries. Hennen explained how she, Chuck Boster and Walter Hinchman were looking at and for cemeteries in the town for the purpose of identifying, maintaining (when necessary) and preserving/protecting all cemeteries. Hennen stated that we are in support of the present system of maintaining the major cemeteries. However, the old and unused need protection and identification.
- 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.** James Robbins motioned to adjourn. Walter McGinn seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk