

**INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

OPEN SPECIAL MEETING: J. Folsom opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

ROLLCALL: Present – John Folsom; Chairman; James Rowley, Secretary; Marshall Eaton, Member; Nancy McMerriman, Member; John Bergendahl, Alternate; and James Rabbitt, Designated Agent. Absent: David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; Paul Safin, Member; Joseph Stoddard, Member; William Gould, Alternate; and Ryan Brais, WEO.

SEAT AN ALTERNATE AS NEEDED – John Bergendahl was seated.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBL DECISION:

1. **Pomfret Recreation Park Development Committee, c/o Walter McGinn**, addition of basketball courts, tennis courts and parking for the courts at the existing recreation park. Updated plans were at the meeting, but they could not be accepted because the public hearing had been closed. J. Rabbitt said that these new plans should still be kept on file, though. He then distributed a draft letter attached to a recommended list of conditions of approval for this application. He mentioned that the restoration/mitigation information will need to be on the plans. He then read his letter and the recommended conditions of approval for this application. The list of conditions follows: (1) The Town's Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency is contacted one week in advance of any planned activity on the site relating to the application. A preconstruction meeting shall be held with town staff (i.e., Planner, Engineer) prior to any construction, tree clearing, grading and/or excavation activity on the site; (2) all erosion and sediment control is installed on site and inspected prior to any grading and/or excavation activities and maintained per the plans; (3) limits of ground disturbance are clearly shown on the plans; (4) DEP best management practices are followed; (5) all loam/topsoil shall remain on the site until a final as-built for the site is approved by staff with regards to compliance with the approved plans; (6) a note shall be added stating that all planting shown on this plan shall be maintained in healthy growing conditions, shall be maintained in good physical and aesthetic condition throughout the life of the use. Vegetation not so maintained shall be replaced with new materials no later than the beginning of the following growing season; (7) any deviations from the approved plans shall be submitted to the Inland Wetlands Commission to be reviewed and approved by the Town Planner in consult with the Town' consulting engineer prior to the construction of the proposed deviations. Staff may approve such deviation where Inland Wetlands Commission's staff concludes, at their sole discretion, that the aesthetics and/or structural integrity of the approved layout and associated drainage do not compromise the original design; and (8) final as-built shall be submitted to the Town to determine compliance with the approved plans. As-built shall include final grades and drainage. As built shall be reviewed for conformance to approved site plan before any surety is released. As-built may include additional information deemed necessary by town staff to determine compliance with approvals. J. Folsom then asked if there were any question, and if so, to address them to Jamie. J. Rivers mentioned that he did not see any construction sequence and asked if it was necessary. Jamie said that would be done during the P&Z application process. J. Rivers then

mentioned that the basketball and tennis courts are going to be done first. Jamie then asked the commission members if they had any changes or input regarding the conditions of approval he read. There were no questions. M. Eaton made a motion based upon the presentation of the applicant at our previous meeting to approve the application as it had been presented on 4/7/10 with the eight (8) recommended conditions of approval as outlined on Attachment A to the letter dated 4/21/20 written by James D. Rabbitt. J. Bergendahl seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

2. **Pomfret School, Inc., 398 Pomfret Street**, turf field. J. Folsom read into record a letter from Terry Chambers of KWP Associates stating that they would not be in attendance tonight, but that they will attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of May 5, 2010.
3. **Grosvenor Road**, additional culvert which shows a lot of erosion (photos submitted by W. Gould). J. Rivers spoke regarding this issue and said that the foreman, G. Postemski, will be adding rip rap to this area, and that it might already be done. It is being taken care of. Syl Pauley then spoke regarding the original culvert work issue on Grosvenor Road. The original plan was not followed and the 24' pipe was relocated to the east side of the road. He mentioned that the tree area seems to have stabilized and he doesn't suggest cutting the roots. He distributed a plan which is a solution to minimize erosion. He said that he would be at the project site when the work is done. He said that at the slope they will place fabric over compacted gravel with intermediate rip rap placed on the fabric for bank protection. The eroded area is 24-30" wide. The objective is to get the water to ride on top and cascade over, like a waterfall effect. In conjunction with this, they will fix the plunge pool at the bottom of the 48" pipe to channel the water back into the stream. J. Bergendahl asked how wide this was along the bank. S. Pauley said it is approximately 4' in width and swaled. J. Bergendahl then asked the width at the bottom. Syl said it is not much less than 6' from stream bed to stream bank. M. Eaton then said that the tree roots are holding the bank but what happens when it dies. Syl said there will be plant growth and compaction of soil. It will become stable under gravity and the filter fabric will help to stabilize it. M. Eaton then said he understands this is all being done on private property. Syl said that G. Postemski has spoken to the property owner regarding this fix. J. Rivers said that G. Postemski spoke to the property owner and the owner is OK with this fix. S. Pauley said they are going to mimic what is already out there and that it is not a big job, just a time consuming one. J. Folsom then said that this item will remain on the agenda under prior applications with conditions until the project is completed. Syl said he would like to have a meeting with Jamie, Glenn, Jim Rivers and himself regarding a course of action. They will have to work when the flow is slow, during the dry season.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn was made by M. Eaton. N. McMerriman seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

Date Approved: _____