

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
POMFRET COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**JULY 11, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
These minutes are not approved.**

Members present were: David St. Martin, Chairman, Paul Safin, Vice Chairman; John Folsom, Nancy McMerriman, Alternate, James Rabbitt, Town Planner, Joe Stoddard, Joe Travinski, and James Rowley. Absent: Marshall Eaton, Katarina Rutkowski, Alternate, and Ryan Brais, WEO. There were many members of the public present to hear and testify at the public hearing.

David St. Martin opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. He also read the call into the record for the public hearing:

Quiet Corner, LLC, 202 & 228 Searles Road, construct two wetland crossings providing access to the property from Searles Road and Cooney Road.

St. Martin gave an overview of the procedure. There was new information received before the presentations. The letter from the Applicant's Attorney, Ron Oschner, was read into the record requesting the extension. A FEMA Flood Plain Map 18 was placed into the record. A letter dated 7/9/07 from Don Aubrey with 10 items of concern was read into the record

St. Martin asked for the applicant to speak.

Ron Ochsner, Attorney was present to represent Quiet Corner, LLC. He described the project and the process to date as well as introducing Chuck Eaton, CME Engineer. Eaton had a new plan and was discussing it before the commission. He stated he had spoken to Don Aubrey and they worked on the sketch together. He described the project and there were no plans for the commission members to review. There was discussion about what Mr. Aubrey, Town Engineer, had to time review.

St. Martin, Safin, and many other members of the commission stated to the applicant that they found themselves hard put to review an application with no details in front of them. They expressed that the applicant had sufficient time to produce DETAILED revisions. There were no details about the retaining walls, detention basin, and limits of vegetation, alternatives, Ian Cole's limited initial report, culverts in stream, and the wetland crossing with no feasible and prudent alternatives. No details were provided for the existing farm bridge. There needs to be design details for every aspect of this application.

The deadline to hold this public hearing open is 7/23/07. There is not enough time for the applicant to come up with the details that are required. The details are required to meet the guidelines and regulations of the IWWC.

Ron Oschner, Attorney for the applicant asked to withdraw the application in writing to they may resubmit the complete application at another time. He asked for comments about the application. Rabbitt cautioned the commission to not give comments which could be misleading to the applicant as to what the commission requires for a complete application because there is no full concept plan in front of the commission. The commission has given the applicant adequate advice.

A member of the public asked if they could speak about the application. Rabbitt stated that when an application is withdrawn all testimony ceases.

The application was withdrawn.

The Public Hearing was closed. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk