

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES
COMMISSION
POMFRET TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2008 @ 7 PM
These minutes have not been approved.**

Members present were: David St. Martin, Chairman, Paul Safin, Vice Chairman, John Folsom, Secretary, Marshall Eaton, James Rowley, Joseph Stoddard, Nancy McMerriman, John Bergendahl, Alternate, Nancy Fraser, Alternate. Also in attendance was Jim River, First Selectman. Absent: William Gould, Alternate, Ryan Brais, WEO.

David St. Martin opened the special meeting at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of possible regulation changes regarding Wetlands Applications.

Chairman St. Martin started the discussion by reading the questions that were submitted to Atty. Zizka and the responses the Commission received from Atty. Zizka.

Ideas were thrown out and all members were given the chance to respond. There was discussion regarding declaratory rulings, jurisdictional rulings, and permit applications.

Jamie mentioned that the fees across the state and country differ greatly. Some states don't charge at all and others charge \$500 plus a special hearing and notification of all abutters. There is no commonality between towns regarding this issue. There was further discussion of declaratory ruling fees, jurisdictional ruling fees, and also the cost of having to publish a legal notice, which incurs another cost.

There will be the creation of a new form, possibly entitled, “Agriculture Forestry Use Definition Form”, by Jamie Rabbitt for the new IWWC meeting on December 3, 2008. Chairman St. Martin and First Selectman, Jim Rivers will be assisting Jamie with this endeavor. This form will define the agricultural use (i.e., farmer, nursery, forestry). This form will be specific to agricultural use including declaratory and jurisdictional rulings and permit applications. There was also discussion of a no permit registration form. There is the possibility that a certain activity is exempt or has to go through the application process.

No votes or decisions were made regarding this issue. There will be more discussion at the next IWWC meeting scheduled for December 3, 2008 to go over the form created by Jamie, David and Jim.

Adjournment - John Folsom motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Marshall Eaton. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk