

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF March 14, 2013 7:00 PM
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE
(These minutes have not been approved)**

Members present: William Lewis, Chairman; Pamela Cartledge, Secretary; Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman, Richard Telford. Ann Hennen, Elizabeth Cartier, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ and Marcia Lewis. Members absent: None.

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** William Lewis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Seat Alternate as needed.** None.
- III. Items to be added to the Agenda –** None.
- IV. Approve Minutes of January 10, 2013-** McGinn made the motion to approve the minutes of as presented. Cartier seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. Citizen Participation –** None.
- VI. Unfinished Business –**
 - a. Stonewall ordinance –** James Rabbit was present to answer questions about the draft, which was presented in January. Telford asked about enforcement of the ordinance. Rabbitt stated that it would need to go to legal counsel and the Selectmen can appoint an enforcement officer. The regulatory intent is to make the public aware of the need to discuss with someone their intention to tear down, repair, replace or generally change a stonewall which is on the road. Interior walls, unless they are boundary line walls, would not be regulated. McGinn stated that we could get changes in town right of way issues and public safety. Include this is Section 200 or 300. Hennen asked if the Selectmen would have any preference as to who would regulate the ordinance. Rabbitt stated it has gone back and forth between the Selectmen and P & Z and back again. Lee Post is the Building Official, Ryan Brais is the IWWC and P&Z agent, and Glen Postemski is Road Foreman. Rabbitt stated that the right to enter property is a police power. Hennen asked if the Selectmen are backing this. Rabbitt stated that they have approved his working on this project with the Conservation Commission. There was

further discussion on the wording of a section. The ordinance will make the public/landowners aware of the need to stop and think about their stonewall before they change the historical qualities of the land in Pomfret.

- b. Lois Orswell Award 10th year anniversary** – We will have a Special meeting on April 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Old Town House. We have a speaker who will make a presentation on Forest Land.
- c. Wood Burning Furnaces** – Telford explained a detailed process for Wood Burning Furnaces – Phase 2 and the DEEP. 1) Education; 2) Criteria; 3) State Regulation; 4) Ordinance and 5) Special Regulation.

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops – The budgets are up 2.31%, there will be a full day of kindergarten, the population of the school is down, we outpace 18 students and Woodstock Academy. The Conservation Commission will send a note to the Selectmen about Mr. Washburn's concerns.

IX. Communication and Mail – None

X. Citizen Participation – None

XI. Things to remember – Charter Oak Garden at the Town Hall. Trash pick up at Canoe Launch and bring canned (or boxed) food items to the Town Hall for the Food Pantry. Airline Trail clean up, Abington Property, Fracking for Natural Gas in CT, Aquifer Protection, Chef Fresh development.

XII. Adjournment – McGinn motioned to adjourn. Telford seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk