

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2015 7:00 PM  
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE  
(These minutes have not been approved)**

Members present: William Lewis, Chairman (*pro tem*), Richard Telford, Vice Chairman, Walter McGinn, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Marcia Lewis and Craig Baldwin, First Selectman.

Members absent: Liz Cartier, Pam Cartledge and Mary Eliza Kimball.

- I. **Call to order at 7:05 p.m.** William Lewis, acting as chair for the evening, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed – None.**
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda –** By Unanimous Consent these items were added to agenda:  
VII. (f). Application for membership in Land Conservation Council  
VII. (g). Discussion of solar array in Pomfret
- IV. **Approve Minutes of September 10, 2015 –** Marcia made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rich seconded. Approved.
- V. **Citizen Participation –** Mr. Baldwin, First Selectmen, spoke. Requested cooperation with Mark Cohen of the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association. Will evaluate aquifers in town and assess threats. Cheryl suggested this be brought to attention of Inland Wetlands.
- VI. **Unfinished Business – None.**
  - a. **P&Z Plan of Conservation & Development –**Mr. Baldwin has discussed status of plan with Mr. Hinchman. Plan must be completed by June 2016 or town faces penalties. Plan should be ready for review by March 2016. Mr. Baldwin requests plan be reviewed for restrictions that may impede activities in town.
- VII. **New Business –**
  - a. Nominations for Chairman/Officers- Marcia nominated Pam to be chair. Seconded by Rich. Unanimously elected. Marsha nominated Rich to be vice chairperson. Seconded by Walter. Unanimously elected.

No nominations for secretary. Walter moved that " the first selectman invite Betty Morin to be clerk of the commission". Seconded by Rich. Unanimously approved.

- b. Fracking- Cheryl review the history of commission discussions on fracking.
- c. CT trails weekends- Discussion of possible walk sponsored by commission. No conclusion.
- d. 2016 Calendar- Motion to approve schedule for 2016 Rich, Marcia seconded. Approved unanimously.
- e. CACIWC membership 2015-2016- Motion to join CACIWC Rich, Marcia seconded. Approved unanimously.
- f. CT Land conservation Council- Marcia makes motion to "join CT Land Conservation Council for \$100". Rich second. Unanimous. There was additional discussion with Mr. Baldwin regarding appropriate uses of commission budget. Membership in conservation organizations (i.e. CACIWC, Conservation Council) is acceptable.
- g. Solar Array in Pomfret- The State of Connecticut is promoting green energy projects. The array developer will sell electricity while the town collects rent and taxes on equipment. The term of the agreement is 25 years. The current proposal uses the entire Murdock property (180 acres) for solar arrays. Mr. B objects to use of entire parcel for solar arrays. Prefers that some land be reserved for server farms.

**VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees, & workshops – None.**

**IX. Communication and Mail –** Mail received was reviewed. None required action.

**X. Citizen Participation – None.**

**XI. Things to remember –** Airline Trail clean up, Abington Property, Chef Fresh development, stonewall ordinance, fracking ordinance, trails walk schedule in January, fundraising for scholarships, and brochure for Conservation Commission.

**XII. Adjournment –** Marcia made the motion to adjourn. Rich seconded. Approved unanimously at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter McGinn , Clerk *pro tem*