

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2017
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

Members present: Pam Cartledge (Chair), Liz Cartier, Cheryl Kapelner-Champ, Mary Eliza Kimball, Marcia Lewis, William Lewis, Jorge Martinez (First Selectman's Representative), Walter McGinn, Richard Telford (Vice Chairman).

Members absent: None.

I. Call to order at 7:03 PM

II. Seat Alternate as needed – none needed.

III. Items to be added to the Agenda – Connecticut Department of Public Health requests assistance with a water quality and conservation project.
Essay contest.

IV. Approve Minutes of October 13, 2016

MOTION: "Approve the minutes of October 13, 2016." Maker: Liz/Rich. Approved. Unanimous.

V. Citizens Participation – None.

VI. Selectman's Liaison - Jorge Martinez

DPH wants to insure that heavy water users have good quality water. Craig Baldwin requests that information about Pomfret is correct. DPH proposes an educational project to promote water conservation in preparation for any future drought. Goal is to reduce pressure on aquifers.

Changes in Board of Finance: A. Aleman replaced by D. Thompson.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Natural gas power plant in Killingly - Pam check recently online. No action taken by Siting Commission.

VIII. New Business

- a. 2017 Officers. Pam, Cheryl and Eliza have been reappointed. Pam is willing to serve as chair and Rich would serve as vice chair. Approved by acclamation.
- b. 2017 Calendar. Members reviewed calendar.
- c. Budget. Discussion of budget. A request was made for a paid secretary. Essay contest prize funding options and prizes reviewed. Members will make inquiries of local businesses and organizations about sponsoring prizes. Entrants will be limited to 5th grade students at PCS. Rich working on essay prompt.
- d. Plans for 2017. Plan of Conservation review needed in 2018. Selection of cleanup dates needed. 4/22/17, Earth Day, is a possible date.

IX. Reports of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops

X. Communications and Mail- Fracking presentation in Hampton 1/24/17, 7:00PM.

XI. Citizens Participation –

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: "Motion to adjourn". Maker: Rich. Approved unanimously at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted, Walter McGinn , Clerk *pro tem*