

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2013 7:00 P.M.
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE**

Members present: William Lewis, Chairman; Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman, Pamela Cartledge, Secretary; Ann Hennen, Richard Telford and Marcia Lewis. Members absent: Elizabeth Cartier, and Cheryl Kapelner-Champ.

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. William Lewis opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**
- II. Seat Alternate as needed – no one was seated.**
- III. Items to be added to the Agenda – None.**
- IV. Approve Minutes of September 12, 2013 – this will be done at the January 2014 meeting.**
- V. Citizen Participation – None.**
- VI. Unfinished Business –**
 - a. Stonewall ordinance** – James Rabbitt, Town Planner, and discussion about proposed ordinance. Everyone read the proposed stonewall ordinance. There was discussion about the process to follow to the Town meeting that will approve the ordinance. The Planner needs to talk to our Legal Counsel to prepare for the Town meeting. Do we need informational meeting to inform the public? McGinn questioned Planning and Zoning 200 yards. Rabbitt stated that it might be used along with the zoning permit. Telford stated should there be language for denial. Rabbitt stated that it would be approved with developer to do something to correct the error. McGinn made the motion to approve the Selectmen to allow the Town Planner to seek legal counsel from Mike Ziskas. Cartledge seconded. Approved Unanimously.
- VII. New Business –**
 - a. Election of Officers** – There was discussion about the officers and who would like to remain on the commission. Ann Hennen announced that she would not be able to continue on the commission. The members present thanked Ann for her many years of service to the commission. We have enjoyed working together. There was discussion about the present officers and they wanted to continue in their positions. In order to do this, there must be a change in the by-laws. Walter McGinn made

the motion to amend the by-laws to eliminate any restrictions for lengths of terms of officers and we allow the Secretary to make the changes to the by-laws. Marcia Lewis seconded. Approved unanimously.

- b. Reappointment of Members** – There were no members to reappoint.
- c. Calendar for 2014** – McGinn made the motion to approve the calendar as amended. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.
- d. New Website** – The town has a new website and Lewis encouraged members to visit it. Look at Woodstock's website, they have lots of links. Educational tool in Pomfret.

VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees, & workshops – Hennen stated that the Library Board installed a bench in the memory of Mary Patenaude, Friend.

IX. Communication and Mail

X. Citizen Participation – None

XI. Things to remember – Airline Trail clean up, Abington Property, Trash pick up at Canoe Launch and bring canned (or boxed) food items for the Food Pantry at the Town Hall, Chef Fresh development

XII. Adjournment – McGinn made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cartledge. Approved Unanimously. Happy Holidays.