

**POMFRET INLAND WETLAND & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, AT 7:00 PM  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

- 1. OPEN REGULAR MEETING:** P. Safin opened the meeting at 7 pm
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Present: P. Safin, D. St. Martin, J. Rowley, J. Folsom, J. Stoddard, N. McMerriman, A. Howe, R. Brais, and J. Rabbitt. Absent: W. Gould, J. Bergendahl, and L. Shaw.
- 3. SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED:** A. Howe was seated.
- 4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**
  - A. Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret Street,** addition with deck and stone retaining wall.  
This item was moved under Section 7, New Applications.
- 5. PENDING APPLICATIONS:**
  - A. William Hull, 101 Hampton Road** – maintain and do limited dredging to the existing fire pond. Ryan visited the site and stated he needs a plan to show where the spoils will drain after dredging. R. Brais spoke for the applicant and wrote a narrative. He passed out draft and map of area around the pond and pump house. J. Folsom asked if he could haul spoils right after removing them from the pond? J. Rabbitt and R. Brais both said no, need dewatering to be done. R. Brais drafted the following conditions of approval:
    - 1) Dewatering of dredged material should be done in the area shown on the attached aerial photo;
    - 2) The dewatering area shall be enclosed with properly installed silt fence;
    - 3) Spoils are either to be removed from the site or placed in an area at least 150' from any wetlands, watercourses, or open bodies of water;
    - 4) \$500.00 deposit for inspection fees. The applicant will be responsible for all costs to the Town for staff inspections if fees exceed the \$500.00. Any fund remaining will be returned to the applicant; and
    - 5) Area around the pump house shall be stabilized prior to work being performed.
- 6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** none
- 7. NEW APPLICATION(S):**
  - A. Charles Weeden for Pomfret Public Library, 449 Pomfret Street,** addition with deck and stone retaining wall. Charlie Weeden spoke for the application. He said there will be no disturbance within 18' of the trees (to appease Pomfret School); couple of red maples will be removed; basement is a stone foundation (prone to dampness). D. St. Martin asked if NDDH has been filed. C. Weeden said yes, it's in the application file. We going to use part of the spoils pile to back-fill around the foundation. All other spoils will be trucked off site. J. Rabbitt said they may need a small plunge pool (agreement for overflow parking with Pomfret School). He met with Charlie on site and went over things. P. Safin asked when they plan to start. C. Weeden said not right away. They may not start until spring. P. Safin said we are accepting this application tonight.

**8. NO-FEE APPLICATIONS:** none

**9. NOTICES OF VIOLATION/CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS:**

**A. Outstanding NOV (Notice of Violation)**

- 1. Deborah/Paul Simpson, 64 Hampton Road** – NOV issued on 1/26/15; see minutes from 1/5/22 for details. They are on pace for a fall completion. Mr. Simpson was present and spoke on this issue. He started re-grading and had fill brought in and graded (sub-grade). He will bring in topsoil next and grade. He will put in a split rail fence and by the 1<sup>st</sup> of September he will be seeding the lawn (08/03/2022). Need someone to go look at the site. Jamie said he will follow-up (9/7/2022).

**10. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS:** none

**11. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** none

**12. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS:** Jamie walked the entire Rectory School site. There is no erosion, and everything was contained. The structure held up well.

**13. SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY PLANNING & ZONING:** none

**14. COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION:** Watercure Farms was advised to remove the stockpiles from the wetlands. Staff is still looking for documentation on this.

**15. NEW COMPLAINTS:** N. McMerriman said she has not been able to meet up with Maureen regarding the pesticide use.

**16. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** none

**17. EXTENSIONS REQUESTED:** none

**18. COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

- A.** Updates and report from WEO and Commission Members. Jamie looked at Pomfret School.
- B.** Approval of the August 3, 2022, meeting minutes. N. McMerriman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. J. Folsom seconded. Motion passed. Two abstentions. (P. Safin made changes to the Nagy comments noted on minutes.)
- C.** Report of billing and bond releases – nothing new
- D.** Correspondence: none
- E.** Paul is still updating the by-laws.
  - 1.** He also stated that the Hoyt application is still awaiting the NDDH report.
  - 2.** A. Howe updated the commission regarding the significant drought in Windham County.

**19. ADJOURNMENT:** D. St. Martin made a motion to adjourn. A. Howe seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

Dated:\_\_\_\_\_