

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2020**

1. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:03 pm
2. **ROLL CALL** – Present: P. Safin, J. Rowley, J. Folsom N. McMerriman, J. Bergendahl, R. Brais, and J. Rabbitt. Absent with Notice: D. St. Martin, W. Gould, and L. Shaw. Absent: J. Stoddard, and A. Howe.
3. **SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED:** J. Bergendahl was seated for D. St. Martin.
4. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:** none
5. **PENDING APPLICATIONS:**
  - A. **Pound and Boundary Restoration Services for John & Audrey Catanzano, 274 Deerfield Road**, application for approval to construct rip rap retaining wall along south border of property abutting Wappaquoia Brook. They were previously given permission to remove a tree. That was the first phase of this application. The second phase is the channel and embankment restoration using all feasible and prudent alternatives to re-establish vegetation. Mr. Catanzano would like to bring in 20 yards of dirt to fix sink holes in his driveway. Jamie said the applicant needs to look at all feasible and prudent alternatives. Mr. Catanzano wanted to know how he could do that. Jamie said he could assist him with suggestions. Mr. Catanzano said he had three different options, but nothing will grow until next spring. Jamie mentioned that the three people were contractors, not specialists in hydrology. Mr. Catanzano asked about the cost. He was concerned about not being able to do anything until February. Jamie said no that decisions could be made with a site meeting to work on the stream channel. Mr. Catanzano also asked if they wouldn't be able to meet until he got a specialist. Jamie said no, to text him his availability and they'd go from there.
6. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** – none
7. **NEW APPLICATION(S):**
  - A. **Ken Cardinal, 96 Wrights Crossing Road**, application to construct a 2-car garage and breezeway. No one was present to speak for the application so P. Safin passed out the plans so the commission members could look at them. He asked if anyone had any questions. As there were no questions, the commission accepted the application and will discuss at their next meeting.
  - B. **Christopher & Melissa Coyle, 58 Wolf Den Drive**, application for pond restoration. C. Coyle was present and spoke for the application. He said that J. Blanchette couldn't be at the meeting tonight. He would like to restore the property. The pond is down so it is a good time to do the work. Commission accepted the application tonight. Jamie said there was no mention of exemptions. C. Coyle said no, he read Section 4. Jamie said Section 4.1, you could say you fit one of these. He has worked with Janet many times. It is an extremely dry year and is a good time to do the work. This will be discussed at the next meeting. C. Coyle thanked everyone for all their help.

**At this point**, P. Safin mentioned the re-writing of the permitting process. He said he has checked out Killingly, Plainfield, Coventry, and Mansfield. He said Mansfield's looks the best. C. Coyle mentioned to have a FAQ's section and big button with "I NEED HELP" on it. This will be discussed at a later date.

**C. Gregg Aubin, 54 Tyott Road**, application for a single-family home with wetlands disturbance. No one was present to speak for the application. Ryan said that there is a decent amount of wetlands disturbance, with the driveway going over it. It is a large lot, but not much of the lot is usable. Ryan will contact the homeowner. P. Safin said with a huge amount of wetlands, we need to know the construction methodology. Nothing will grow this time of year, either. Jamie said the septic is a fixed location. The tank could be put anywhere. He will have to go through feasible and prudent options, with a possibility of rotating the house. P. Safin said it is supposed to be a 2-bedroom home. What about any expansions they may want to do? Jamie will have a discussion with the applicant regarding any future garage, shed, etc. to be proactive. N. McMerriman said it's only 2-8 feet from the wetlands, so the driveway is between a rock and a hard place. P. Safin said we need a sequence of operations. Ryan believes it is the most level area of the site. We have information but have the homeowner and the map preparer be present at the next meeting. Application was accepted tonight and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**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, follow-up on 3/2020 of the restoration plan from 1/26/15 NOV. There is no update tonight. P. Safin wants to get an update because the commission wants this finished by the end of this year.

**10. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS:** none

**11. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** none.

**12. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS:**

- A.** Robert Higgins, Searles Road, single family home. Jamie said the site is stable. J. Folsom made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. J. Rowley seconded and it was approved.

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

**14. COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION:**

- A. CNG Holdings, Jim West, 30 Tyrone Road**, work being done without a zoning permit. Jamie said this property has been vacant for a few years. P. Safin wanted to know what additional rooms were there. Jamie said that at least a no-fee should have been done; possibly a large septic is needed. J. Folsom mentioned he won't be able to get a CO because Ryan must produce a certificate of compliance.

**15. NEW COMPLAINTS:** Ryan mentioned the field across from Carter's. There is a new owner, and he is just cleaning up an historic field.

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

**17. EXTENSIONS REQUESTED:** none

**18. COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

- A. Updates and report for WEO and Commission members. Nothing new but we did get an update of the drought situation. P. Safin passed around a document regarding the permitting process in Mansfield.
  - B. Approval of the September 2, 2020 meeting minutes. J. Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments. N. McMerriman seconded and the motion carried. There was one abstention.
  - C. Report of billing and bond releases. Chris Grilley has paid the Town what he owed and is in the process of signing the appropriate application form for the file.
    - 1. **List of Bonds being held with Town of Pomfret (Escrow Agenda and Putnam Bank:**
      - a. Pomfret School –Both commissions have given permission to release the funds and transfer whatever is necessary to pay off the wetlands portion that is still due.
      - b. Bill Hull – both commissions have given permission to release the funds
- This has not been completed yet. Will get this moving before the next meeting.
- D. Correspondence: Letter from ECCD regarding soil scientists. They will not be publishing a pamphlet with the names of the soil scientists this year. If you need to look someone up, you can go to their website at [https://nesoil.com/ssssne/SSSSNE\\_Official\\_Registry.html](https://nesoil.com/ssssne/SSSSNE_Official_Registry.html)

**19. ADJOURNMENT:** J. Folsom made a motion to adjourn. N. McMerriman seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_