

**TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
7:00 PM – POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

1. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – P. Safin opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** – In Attendance: Commission Members Paul Safin, Chairman; David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; James Rowley, Secretary; John Folsom, Member; Joe Stoddard, Member; Nancy McMerriman, Member; William Gould, Member; and Laurice Shaw, Alternate; and Alexander Howe, Alternate. Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO and James Rabbitt. Absent: John Bergendahl, Alternate.
3. **SEAR ALTERNAT(S) AS NEEDED:** none
4. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:** none
5. **PENDING APPLICATIONS:** none
6. **CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:** none
7. **NEW APPLICATION(S):** none
8. **NO-FEE APPLICATION(S):** none
9. **NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS/CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS:**
 - A. **Outstanding NOV (Notice of Violation)**
 1. **Deborah Simpson, 64 Hampton Road**, NOV issued 1/26/15 for work in a regulated area. J. Folsom asked Jamie if the Simpsons were putting in a septic system. Jamie said they installed the system but didn’t do the remediation that has to be done. Applicant responded to a letter they received, and they will finish the work this year. Applicant mentioned to J. Folsom that they were supposed to put up a split-rail fence between the wetlands and non-wetlands but would like to do/use something else. Jamie will reach out to the Simpsons regarding some alternatives they could use. Jamie stopped by to see the Simpsons, but they weren’t home. He will attempt to see them again prior to the November meeting. Due to Jamie being absent from this meeting, we will wait to see what Jamie has to say regarding this issue. Table this until Jamie arrives. Jamie said the Simpson agreed to complete this work during the 2020 growing season. P. Safin would like to have a timetable set for the work to be completed. A date was set for 7/1/2020 and Jamie will inform the applicants, then follow-up with a letter to re-enforce (2/5/2020).

10. **JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS:** none
11. **AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES:**
 - A. **Chris Casadei c/o Hull Forest Products, for Windham Land Trust on Harrisville Road,** Aicher Preserve Ash Salvage (128,860 board feet, 150 cords) (selective cut)
12. **PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS:** none
13. **SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY PLANNING & ZONING:** none
14. **COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION:**
 - A. Anonymous concern given to Paul (7/11/2018) regarding the properties west of Paul's house on Kearney Road. Jamie visited – subject to conservation easement associated with wetlands proper (internal to wetland/not in upland); send letter to owners regarding any work done within 150 feet of the wetlands requires a permit. Jamie sent letters to both landowners to go over the issues on their properties. Clerk sent 2nd notice via certified return receipt and they will be getting a refresher course on what's allowed in or near the wetlands. P. Safin feels we should get this finished. Jamie will reach out to the homeowners again and try to have a conversation with them regarding the easements. This is still in progress. This was tabled until Jamie arrives. Jamie is trying to meet with Chris Bastein, owner of the easterly lot, to walk the properties regarding the easements. He will suggest compliance issues and how to correct issues not in compliance. Jamie will communicate with Paul for a finish date. It was mentioned that there is still no conservation commission. The Selectmen are keeping a list of conservation easements (2/5/2020).
15. **NEW COMPLAINTS:** D. St. Martin also mention on Route 44 past Benway's, past the new Emergency Center, on the north side of 44 there is something going on. Would like to have Ryan check it out. Ryan reported that they are clearing and re-claiming the historic field; there is no wetland impact, and all is ok with what they are doing (they clear the edges of the field back to the stone wall).
16. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** none
17. **EXTENSIONS REQUESTED:** none
18. **COMMISSION BUSINESS:**
 - A. Updates and report from WEO and Commission Members. Jamie is tracking the developments at LIUNA.
 - B. Approval of the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes. N. McMerriman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. J. Rowley seconded and it was approved. There were two abstentions.
 - C. Report of billing and bond releases –Paul spoke with Maureen regarding the Chris Grilley issue and want to have Chris and his wife come in to sign the existing application and pay the bill. Jamie stated that all Pomfret School projects are over

and done with and there will be no more billings from Jamie regarding these accounts.

1. List of bonds being held with Town of Pomfret (Escrow Agent) and Putnam Bank:

a. Pomfret School (IWWC and P&Z) – have spoken with Brenda Bullied and have come to a decision on clearing up this issue. Pomfret School has given us permission to pay off the debt owed to Wetlands, but we need to get permission from P&Z (where the larger bond sits) to do it. Jamie previously stated that all billing has been completed for the Pomfret School accounts.

D. Correspondence: distribute CT Wildlife November/December 2019 issue

19. **ADJOURNMENT:** - D. St. Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by J. Stoddard and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.