

**TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020
7:00 PM – POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

1. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – P. Safin opened the meeting at 7:03 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; and John Bergendahl, Alternate; and Alexander Howe, Alternate. Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO and James Rabbitt. Absent: William Gould, Member; and Laurice Shaw, Alternate.
3. **SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED:** J. Bergendahl was seated.
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 Simpsons 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.

Jamie drafted a letter to the Simpsons with a July 1st date to comply with the issues at hand. Jamie will meet with them to set up a remediation plan (3/4/2020).

10. **JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS:** none
11. **AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES:**
12. **PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS:**
Robert Higgins of Searles Road has a silt fence issue (fence came down)
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. Chris Bastein has a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9th with Jamie to discuss easements (3/4/2020).
15. **NEW COMPLAINTS:** none
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 and the building is up.
 - B. Approval of the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes. D. St. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. J. Folsom seconded and it was approved. There was one abstention.
 - 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.
 1. **List of bonds being held with Town of Pomfret (Escrow Agent) and Putnam Bank:**

- a. Pomfret School (IWWC and P&Z) – P&Z gave permission for use of some of the bond money to pay out the IWWC debt. Need to report back to P&Z regarding the exact amount that is being used. Jamie previously stated that all billing has been completed for the Pomfret School accounts.
 - D. Correspondence: distributed CT Wildlife January/February 2020 issue; passed around letter from Town of Brooklyn regarding a correction to their zoning regulations that became effective 10/15/19.
19. **ADJOURNMENT:** - D. St. Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by J. Folsom and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Minutes were taken by the Commission Secretary, James Rowley, due to the absence of the commission clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski
Land Use Clerk

Date: _____