

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018  
7:00 PM – POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

- I. OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – P. Safin opened Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- II. ROLL CALL** – In Attendance: Commission Members Paul Safin, Chairman; David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; James Rowley, Secretary; John Folsom, Member; Nancy McMerriman, Member; John Bergendahl, Alternate.  
and Laurice Shaw, Alternate. Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO; James Rabbitt, WEO.  
Absent; Joe Stoddard, Member; and William Gould, Member.
- III. SEAT ALTERNATES AS NEEDED** – J. Bergendahl and L. Shaw were both seated.
- IV. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA** – None
- V. PENDING APPLICATIONS** –
  - A. Sylvia Starr, 212 Covell Road, addition of a 16' x 20' sunroom to the back of the house. The new addition will be approximately 80' from the stream. Still awaiting additional information regarding sketch/site plan. Tabled to next meeting.
- VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None
- VII. NEW APPLICATIONS** –
  - A. **Watercure Farm, LLC, 94 Hampton Road for 426 Mashamoquet Road**, build farm distillery/store, build root cellar, underground electricity, new well, new septic, planting of trees, and removal of invasive species. Dan Nagy was present and spoke for the application. His intent is to develop the lot and build a farm distillery (owned and bought by farm) on a 24' x 32' slab foundation and put in a root cellar. Jamie stated that we couldn't act on this application tonight and mentioned (1) a viable agricultural activity and (2) review of conservation easement language. From a zoning perspective, there are a couple of issues (parking area and NDDH for septic). Dan said that he is only putting apple trees in the wetland review area and nothing in the wetlands. For the initial structure there will be approximately 12 apple trees and he will use a phase in approach. J. Folsom asked about the discharge of any distilling waste. D. Nagy said there would be approximately 50 gallons per week. P. Safin then tabled this application until next month.
- VIII. NON-FEE APPLICATIONS** – None

**IX. NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS AND DESIST ORDERS**

**A. Outstanding Notices of Violations**

1. **Deborah Simpson, 64 Hampton Road** – NOV issued 1/26/15 for work in a regulated area; nothing new (7/11/18). 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 had to be done. Letter to be sent to applicant as a reminder.
2. **Gayle Champagne, 39 Bosworth Road** – NOV issued 5/2/14 for work within the upland review area; nothing new (7/11/18). This was turned over to the Army Corps of Engineers but we have not heard anything from them. A caveat has been placed on the land record for this property.

Paul Safin spoke with Maureen Nicholson regarding how long a NOV should be left on an agenda. The commission would like the Selectmen discuss the issue and possibly set a length of time for items to be left on the books. Jamie mentioned that wetlands has no exemptions. Is there a better way to manage these issues?

- X. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS – Alex Jezerski of 61 Wade Road;** pond excavation on dry land not in a wetlands. Janet Blanchette designed the pond.

**XI. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES – None**

**XII. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS**

- A. **Moon, Peter, et al, 596 Pomfret Street** – nothing new (7/11/18). Jamie will follow up on this issue.
- B. **Hull Forest Products, 101 Hampton Road** – Jamie walked the site and it is stable; Jamie will follow up (7/11/18)

**XIII. SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED PLANNING COMMISSION – none**

**XIV. COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION –**

- A. Anonymous concern given to Paul regarding the properties west of Paul's house on Kearney Road. Jamie visited both properties. Needs to do a full review of the process regarding the wetlands/conservation easement posts. Needs more research.
- B. J. Rowley mentioned that there is a skidder on the property that was Seeley Brown's old house (Babbitt Hill Road). Ryan stopped by the property and spoke to a lady there. She was to have the logger contact us. Property owner called Ryan and he is going to do a site walk of the property to verify whether it is a selective or clear cut.

**XV. NEW COMPLAINTS – None**

**XVI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**XVII. EXTENSIONS REQUESTED – None**

**XVIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**A. Updates and Report from WEO and Commission Members** – nothing new

**B. Approval of the June 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes** –

J. Rowley made a motion to approve the June 6, 2018 minutes as submitted. J.

Folsom seconded the motion and it was approved. There were two abstentions.

**C. Report of Billing and Bond Releases** – nothing new

**1. List of Bonds being held with Town of Pomfret, Escrow Agent and Putnam Bank**

**a. Jason B. Lavallee-IWWC New Jurisdictional Ruling**

**b. Pomfret School-IWWC & P&Z**

**D. Correspondence** – CACIWC spring/summer issue distributed; documentation from Robinson & Cole regarding Verizon cell tower on Ragged Hill Road

**E. Search for Alternates for Commission** –We still need to fill one vacancy on the commission.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT** – **J. Folsom** moved to adjourn. J. Bergendahl seconded and meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

Date approved:\_\_\_\_\_