

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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; James Rowley, Secretary; John Folsom, Member; Joe Stoddard, Member; William Gould, Member. Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO; James Rabbitt, WEO. Absent with notice; David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; and John Bergendahl, Alternate. Absent: Nancy McMerriman, Member; and Laurice Shaw, Alternate.
- III. SEAT ALTERNATES AS NEEDED** – None
- 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. Sylvia Starr was present. Jamie spoke for the applicant and recommended that she ask for an extension. Sylvia Starr submitted a letter to the commission Chairman requesting a 65 day extension. W. Gould made a motion to accept. J. Folsom seconded and the motion was approved. This is continued until the September 5, 2018 meeting.
  - B. **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. He wishes to build a farm distillery/farm store. It will be completely out of the conservation area. He plans to do many plantings next spring in the upland review area. J. Folsom mention that the limits of conservation easement and conservation area are 2 distinct different areas. Jamie mentioned the following: Mr. Nagy needs to clarify the invasives removal, install septic with E&S control to the East, and prior to any disturbance he needs to have a pre-construction with Staff. J. Folsom mentioned that part of the land has been brush hogged before. W. Gould wanted to know North of the easement area can be used for anything else. Jamie said that is flagged wetlands, so there can be no agricultural future. Jamie then listed the following: 1) work to be done by applicant and can be no further east than the conservation easement/area marker and removal is limited to within 50' of flagged wetlands; 2) silt screen to be used, but applicant would prefer to use bales of straw; and 3) notify Jamie/Ryan to come on-site before starting project. J. Folsom made a motion to approve the application with the above 3 mentioned conditions of approval. J. Rowley seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None

**VII. NEW APPLICATIONS –**

**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.

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

**XI. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES – logging for property owned by Chris Grilley on Searles Road**

**XII. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS -**

**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 – subject to conservation easement associated with wetlands proper (internal to wetlands/not in upland); send letter to owners regarding any work done within 150' of the wetlands requires a permit. Jamie will follow-up with landowners.
- 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 and left the owner his card to contact him. The skidder is gone and Ryan believes it was a selective cut that was done, but he will do a site walk to verify.

**XV. NEW COMPLAINTS – P. Safin mentioned that N. McMerriman made a complaint about the Grilley property on Searles /Cooney Rd. She stated that they were removing trees from the bank of the stream. Ryan said that they can do that and that we came across a logging activity application from Hull Forest for that address that had slipped into another folder on the desk. The activity is legal.**

**XVI. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**XVII. EXTENSIONS REQUESTED – None**

**XVIII. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Updates and Report from WEO and Commission Members** – Ryan mentioned that the Solar Farm is looking for a CO but they are still under a C&D from the State. Jamie said he met up with KWP regarding the Library Parking extension, which is planned for fall construction.
- B. Approval of the July 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes** – J. Rowley made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. J. Folsom seconded the motion and it was approved. There were two abstentions.
- C. Report of Billing and Bond Releases** – Sherry and Lynn are going to begin working on bond releases soon
  - 1. List of Bonds being held with Town of Pomfret, Escrow Agent and Putnam Bank**
    - a. Jason B. Lavalley-IWWC New Jurisdictional Ruling**
    - b. Pomfret School-IWWC & P&Z**
- D. Correspondence** – Lynn forgot the CT Wildlife May/June issue in her office; they will be distributed next month
- E. Search for Alternates for Commission** – We still need to fill one vacancy on the commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

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