

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019  
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; Nancy McMerriman, Member; Joe Stoddard, Member; and Laurice Shaw, Alternate; and Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO; James Rabbitt, WEO. Absent: David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; William Gould, Member; and John Bergendahl, Alternate.
- III. SEAT ALTERNATES AS NEEDED** – L. Shaw was seated for D. St. Martin
- IV. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA** –
  - A. Approved permit transfer request for 243 Searles Road
  - B. New Application: NELTA, Inc., 10 Murdock Road, proposed construction of new crane training facilityP. Safin said these items should be moved under New Applications. J. Folsom so moved, it was seconded by J. Stoddard and approved.
- V. PENDING APPLICATIONS** – none
- VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS** – none
- VII. NEW APPLICATIONS** –
  - A. **243 Searles Road** – application originally by the Green's; will be a transfer from Green's to Bob Higgins per Section 11.7; move this item to end of agenda
  - B. **Weston and Sampson for Town of Pomfret, Five Haven Road**, application for the construction of pedestrian bridges, underpasses and at grade crossing for a recreational trail (i.e.: Rte. 44 Crossing, Modock Road Crossing, River Road Crossing, and Town Farm Road Crossing); discussed Item VII C prior to this item
  - C. **NELTA, Inc., 10 Murdock Road**, proposed construction of a new crane training facility. Bruce Woodis was present for NELTA. He said this new building will be for indoor crane training. The wetlands are above the building site. One end of the building will have two (2) floors for classrooms and offices. Jamie will go out and do a site visit. Application was accepted and discussed at next month's meeting.

Returned to Item VII B. Work was discussed with Jamie regarding improvements to the airline trail. Some work will be done in the wetlands. There should be a site

walk. P. Safin said we need to schedule a Public Hearing per public interest. J. Folsom made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing per public interest. L. Shaw seconded the motion. P. Safin said the public hearing will be on March 6, 2019 at the Senior Center at 7 pm.

**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. 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 was sent to applicant on 9/18/18. Clerk sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice via certified mail on 1/7/19 with no response yet (2/6/19).
2. **Gayle Champagne, 39 Bosworth Road** – NOV issued 5/2/14 for work within the upland review area; This was turned over to the Army Corps of Engineers but we have not heard anything from them. A caveat has been place on the land record for this property. Jamie had a call in to the Army Corps regarding this issue but received no response. Jamie is going to follow-up with the Army Corps. Nothing new (2/6/19).

**X. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS – Jason Lavallee, 320 Underwood Road,**  
jurisdictional ruling request for an expired permit. Staff will do a follow-up.

**XI. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES – None**

**XII. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS –**

Map for Pomfret Public Library – Jamie stated that the original sketch plans, for final approval, had to have a grading plan. The commission approved this originally for 24 spaces and the encroachment. The library is contemplating an expansion. They are awaiting solidifying expansion plan and then will come back to the commission regarding the parking issues. A meeting regarding the expansion was held on 11/7/18 and both David St. Martin and James Rabbitt attended the meeting. Need to find out how communication will be kept open between all parties concerned. There is no update on this issue (2/6/19).

**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 sent letters to both landowners 8/18 or 9/18. Clerk did not receive email containing the letters originally sent out to the two landowners. Jamie will re-send and clerk will send 2<sup>nd</sup> notice via certified mail (2/6/19).

- XV. NEW COMPLAINTS** – It was mentioned that there is an issue with the farm at the end of Paine Road, which is 294 Paine Road. There appears to be a camper in the field across from their house (before the tree line). There was a huge tank near it and now the tank seems to be half in the ground. Someone will go out and check it out. Ryan went and checked the property. There are no permits taken out for this property. Ryan will contact the landowners. The tank has been removed from the premises. Camper is contained. Landowners are working on permits for new house and they should be compliant soon. Leave on agenda.

J. Stoddard mentioned that the occupant in the house on the corner of Babbitt Hill Road (across from Mashamoquet Park) has put up a shed in the area owned by the State. Someone will go out and look at it. Ryan checked the property and DOT is going to check the situation out because the shed is on State property.

**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 January 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes** –  
J. Rowley moved to approve the minutes as submitted. L. Shaw seconded the motion and it was approved. There was one abstention.
- C. Report of Billing and Bond Releases** – Sherry and Lynn will be working to put a reconciliation report together for the First Selectman 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** – distribution of CT Wildlife Nov/Dec 2018 issue; correspondence from the Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England; information from Windham Water Works regarding watershed.
- E. Search for Alternates for Commission** – We still need to fill one vacancy on the commission.

- XIX. ADJOURNMENT** – J. Folsom moved to adjourn. J. Stoddard seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

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