

**TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019
7:00 PM – POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

1. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – P. Safin opened Regular Meeting at 7:01 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; John Bergendahl, Alternate; Laurice Shaw, Alternate; and Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO; James Rabbitt, WEO. Absent: William Gould, Member; and Alexander Howe, Alternate (with Notice).
3. **SEAT ALTERNATES AS NEEDED** – J. Bergendahl was seated for W. Gould
4. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA** –
 - A. No-fee application was given to the clerk regarding the “repair” of the septic system under the parking lot at the Pomfret Library; it has been attached to the NDDH approval and map previously submitted to the Commission. This item was tabled until the First Selectman arrived at the meeting. M. Nicholson arrived and submitted the application for the septic at the Library. The application was signed-off by Jamie. There is a prior approved parking lot expansion. Repairs needed to be done to the septic system. The information in the permit is correct.
5. **PENDING APPLICATIONS** – none
6. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** – none; at this point we returned to item 4 of the agenda. The first Selectman spoke to the Commission regarding moving the bulky waste area to the end of Nora Lane (past the new transportation facility). NECCOG has a grant for a facility to take in household hazardous waste. She would like to know how the people of Pomfret feel about having this facility in Pomfret (it would be a self-contained, concrete structure). There will be some public forums for the citizens to see how they feel about this. NECCOG has approximately 4 months to nail down a site for this facility.
7. **NEW APPLICATIONS** –
 - A. Prestige Modular Housing of Oxford, 128 Orchard Hill Road, new residential home, septic, well, driveway, and minor grading (2-lot subdivision). D. St. Martin recommended sending it to staff for a site visit. Accept application tonight. Jamie will do an independent site visit and contact Paul Archer (incomplete map without signatures and seal). Jamie will contact Paul about this.

8. NON-FEE APPLICATIONS –

A. Town of Pomfret Public Library, septic repairs – approved 6/5/19

9. 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. Applicant responded to 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 said they can discuss other alternatives (6/5/19).

10. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS –

A. Nathan Grist, 11 North Road, construction of new home, well, septic, and driveway. Ryan signed off on a jurisdictional ruling; everything looks good at the site and there are no wetlands on the property.

11. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES – None

12. 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. Test pits have been dug. Septic will be put under the parking lot. Septic system is already being put in as seen by commission members. Commission will request a design plan and NDDH approval for the septic system. J. Folsom feels that whoever oversees the library septic issue needs to contact the IWWC. They would also like M. Nicholson to come to the next meeting regarding this septic issue. First Selectman has provided maps and NDDH approval paperwork. Lance Sistare did the installation of the septic system. Mr. Rabbitt visited the site and said E&S was installed and site was stable. John Folsom stated the Town should submit an application for the septic installation. Town submitted an application which was signed off by Jamie. This item can now be removed from the agenda (6/5/19).

13. SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED PLANNING COMMISSION – None

14. 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. Clerk sent 2nd letter to both property owners and they will be getting a refresher course on what's allowed in or near the wetlands. No updates (6/5/19).

15. **NEW COMPLAINTS** –J. Stoddard brought up activity on Blossom Drive of brush cutting. Need to monitor the activity there. Ryan will check this out. Ryan said that there are two house lots on Blossom Drive and everything being done is OK for now.
16. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** – none
17. **EXTENSIONS REQUESTED** – None
18. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. **Updates and Report from WEO and Commission Members** – Jamie mentioned that after review, the installation of the sewer line pump line at 169 and 44 is not the correct installation. He will contact them.
 - B. **Approval of the May 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes** –
 - D. St. Martin moved to approve the minutes as amended. J. Stoddard seconded the motion and it was approved. There was one abstention.
 - C. **Report of Billing and Bond Releases** This is ongoing. Leave on agenda.
 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. Discussion of conservation commission. Conservation commission may be brought back with less members. This is in the works with the Town Hall. Paul will contact Maureen. No new information right now.
 - E. **Correspondence** passed around letter from DEEP re: Cathodic Protection application that has been approved (Algonquin gas line). Also, there are watching for an endangered species of turtle in that area.
 - F. Need to go over client fund balances and make decisions of what is to be done – this item is up to date.
19. **ADJOURNMENT** – D. St. Martin moved to adjourn. J. Bergendahl seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

Date approved:_____