

**TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES (AMENDED)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020
7:00 PM – POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

1. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – P. Safin opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** – In Attendance: Commission Members Paul Safin, Chairman; James Rowley, Secretary; John Folsom, Member; Nancy McMerriman, Member; William Gould, Member; John Bergendahl, Alternate; and Laurice Shaw, Alternate. Absent: David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; Joe Stoddard, Member; and Alexander Howe, Alternate. Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO and James Rabbitt.
3. **SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED:** J. Bergendahl and L. Shaw were both 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. Nothing new (01/08/20).
10. **JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS:** none
11. **AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** none

12. **PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS:** none
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 we hear from Jamie. Nothing new (01/08/20).
15. **NEW COMPLAINTS:** W. Gould asked if a shed being put up on gravel needed a building permit. He was told it definitely needs a zoning permit. The property in question does have an approved zoning permit. D. St. Martin also mention on Route 44 past Benway's, past the new Emergency Center, on the north side of 44 there is something going on. Would like to have Ryan check it out. N. McMerriman also received an anonymous memo with photos from Wolf Den Drive regarding manure spreading. This is a legitimate activity under agricultural uses and is permitted by right. Still need to hear from Ryan regarding the issue of stumps near the new Emergency Center. The other items were completed.
16. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** none
17. **EXTENSIONS REQUESTED:** none
18. **COMMISSION BUSINESS:**
 - A. Updates and report from WEO and Commission Members. J. Folsom mentioned that the Dept. of Agriculture has guidelines for spreading manure on frozen ground.
 - B. Approval of the December 4, 2019 meeting minutes. J. Folsom made a motion to approve the 12/4/19 minutes as amended. N. McMerriman seconded and it was approved. There was one abstention.
 - C. Report of billing and bond releases – as of 10/28/19, the land use clerk sent a CRR letter to Scott Lee regarding the caveat placed on his land record. There is an issue with the Chris Grilley application, which Paul was made aware of prior to his vacation. Paul wants to check with Maureen regarding the Chris Grilley issue.
 1. **List of bonds being held with Town of Pomfret (Escrow Agent) and Putnam Bank:**
 - a. Pomfret School (IWWC and P&Z) – working with Brenda Bullied on clearing up this issue. Pomfret School has given us permission to pay off the

debt owed to Wetlands, but we need to get permission from P&Z (where the larger bond sits) to do it. All billing for these Pomfret School accounts must be final and cleared by J. Rabbitt.

b. Chris Grilley overdue fees is still an issue and Paul will speak to Maureen about it.

D. Correspondence: none

19. **ADJOURNMENT:** - J. Bergendahl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by J. Folsom and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.