

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

**In Attendance:** Commission Members Walter Hinchman, Phil Allegretti, Richard DiBonaventura, and Beverly Champany, Staff - James Rabbitt, Town Planner and Ryan Brais, ZEO. **Absent:** Commission Members Martha Paquette, Eric Pohlman, Artie Benway, Alternate Kim Bergendahl; and Alternate Antonio Amaral.

**I. Public Hearing(s)**

- A. Pomfret Little League (Jim Rivers), 63 Hampton Road,** replacement of existing dugouts and snack shed. J. Rivers and J. Verraneault were both present. Jim stated that he would like to re-align the applications by adding replacement of dugouts and concrete slab for concession stand to the lighting application, per his discussion with Staff. They would like to leave the concession stand as its own application for a later date. It will only be a one story stand with seating above it. They are trying to get the dugouts in for opening day in April. Jamie read a draft letter he wrote to the commission. He said we could possibly amend the lighting application and add the dugouts and concrete slab for concessions stand and bleachers, leaving the Public Hearing open for the concession stand. W. Hinchman then we're going to link the dugouts and slab with the lighting application but was wondering on how to continue and whether the applications were incomplete. P. Allegretti said the only thing he saw missing from the lighting application is the CRR cards from the abutters. J. Rabbitt then said that under Item IA of the agenda, they are missing a site plan, details regarding a waiver request, and the CRR cards are not here. He would recommend this be tabled to next month and continue the PH to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. W. Hinchman thought we could possibly continue it in two week (3/9/15). He then made a motion to table this issue and continue the PH until 3/9/15 at 7pm at the Senior Center. P. Allegretti seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- B. Pomfret Eastford Little League (Jason Verraneault, CME), 63 Hampton Road,** addition of sports lighting to existing Little League field. J. Rivers and J. Verraneault were both present. The application includes the construction of 4 stanchions for light and a photometric plan. Given the discussion during the 1<sup>st</sup> PH, it might be best to amend and add dugouts and concrete slab to this application. Paul & Deborah Simpson, who are abutters to the Little League Field, were present. Paul said that their prior experience with temporary lighting on the field was not good. He said the illumination was a nuisance. Paul said as far as he's concerned, all definitions of nuisance fit this situation. It's a significant problem for the neighboring property owners. W. Hinchman asked the Simpsons if they would be able to attend the meeting on 3/9/15. P. Allegretti then asked the Simpsons if it was the lighting or game that were a nuisance. Paul Simpson said the only nuisance issue he's had in 30 years of living there was the temporary lighting. J. Rivers said that the lighting used

for temporary lighting isn't as high up as permanent lighting. The permanent lighting would be directed downward and not outward, so it would be less of a nuisance. Deborah Simpson then said that part of the problem for her is that they moved from Putnam to Pomfret for country living and they don't want lighting all the time. She feels that there will be more and more late games once the lighting goes up. Paul Simpson then said that he doesn't feel that the sports lighting will maintain the rural character of the Town. W. Hinchman said that he felt that the Simpson's reasons were well thought out and that is why he would like them to attend the continued PH on 3/9/15. J. Rivers then made the request to combine the dugouts and slab portion of the 1<sup>st</sup> application (#201501-002) to the lighting application (#201501-003). W. Hinchman made the motion to combine the applications as requested by J. Rivers. P. Allegretti seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. J. Rivers felt that they could have complete applications in two weeks. W. Hinchman made a motion to continue the PH of the 2<sup>nd</sup> application with addition to 3/9/15 at 7 pm. B. Champany seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

## **II. Regular Meeting –**

### **A. Roll Call - taken**

### **B. Items to add to the agenda- none**

### **C. Current Business**

1. Approve Minutes of meeting on November 24, 2014. P. Allegretti made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. R. DiBonaventura seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. There was one abstention.

### **D. Pending Application(s)-**

1. **Pomfret Little League (Jim Rivers), 63 Hampton Road**, replacement of existing dugouts and snack shed. R. DiBonaventura made a motion to table this item and also the following item until the continuation on 3/9/15. B. Champany seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
2. **Pomfret Eastford Little League (Jason Verraneault, CME), 63 Hampton Road**, addition of sports lighting to existing Little League field

## **III. New Business**

### **A. Acceptance of New Application(s) – none**

### **B. Citizen's Comments – none**

### **C. Correspondence –**

1. **ZEO Report** – one permit for a barn at 215 Angel Road
2. **Complaints/Violations:**
  - a. Barry Peloquin, Longmeadow Drive (commercial trucks). Atty. Higgins will have the documents complete by the end of the week to submit to the court.

P. Allegretti then asked if the DeLuca's had ever come in regarding the change to the barn/storage area they were building. Ryan said they hadn't and that they would need to re-apply for a special permit due to the addition (680 sq. ft.) they added onto their already approved plans.

#### **IV. Commission Business**

##### **A. Citizen's Comments – none**

##### **B. Discussion of Plan of Conservation and Development**

1. Responses from EPDC and Agricultural Commissions –a document was received from E. Chase which W. Hinchman felt would be a good agricultural piece for the POCD although not written specifically for the Town but for the State. Received a response from the EPDC and read their response to the commission. The clerk will copy and distribute both documents to the commission members. Jamie then distributed a copy of the Lisbon POCD format, etc. for the commission members to see how other Town's POCD is set up (a little more work but better than before). Walter suggested that we use this new format for Pomfret's POCD. There is also a questionnaire for the public to respond to regarding the POCD.
2. Requests to Conservation and Wetlands for next meeting, discussion – Walter will request info from the these two commissions for our next meeting
3. Other commissions, etc. to be directly contacted -
4. Discussion of timing for public input meetings -
5. Format of Plan – stated above (mimic Lisbon POCD)
6. Cover suggestion for Plan – Jamie is working on a new cover
7. Budget item for publishing Plan – shouldn't cost much because we're only going to make 20-25 copies. Everyone can get it on the new website once it's posted.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

Bev Champany made a motion to adjourn the meeting. P. Allegetti seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

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