

**TOWN OF POMFRET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING OF March 13, 2014 7:00 PM
POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE
(These minutes have not been approved)**

Members present: William Lewis, Chairman; Pamela Cartledge, Secretary; Walter McGinn, Vice Chairman, Marcia Lewis, and Richard Telford. Members absent: Elizabeth Cartier and Cheryl Kapelner-Champ.

- I. **Call to order at 7:00 p.m.** William Lewis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. **Seat Alternate as needed.** None.
- III. **Items to be added to the Agenda –** None. Lewis stated that it was suggested we do a presentation on stonewalls before the town meeting to inform the public.
- IV. **Approve Minutes of January 9, 2014-** The minutes were amended and McGinn made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. **Citizen Participation –** Sean from WINY Radio was present at the meeting and he asked questions about trash pick up on the side of the roads where it has been dropped off.
- VI. **Unfinished Business –**
 - a. **Amendment of By-Laws of Conservation Commission –**There was discussion and a change made to the by-laws. They will be changed and sent to the members so action can be taken at the next meeting.
 - b. **Stonewall Protection –** Lewis reported that Rabbitt stated the Ordinance is being fine tuned through the Selectmen's office.
- VII. **New Business –**
 - a. **Discussion of Platt Property purchase for open space -** There was discussion about the Town buying land next to the town garage for an emergency communication building. The Commission could not find the property on the map because it did not have enough information to identify the piece. The project will have to be presented to the town's people and the various commissions to approve the property for purchase. There was discussion about the need for mapping to replace the maps in the Conservation Plan and to change open space and conserved land map. We need to talk to the Selectmen about the

maps and linking them to the Conservation Commission. NECOGG does the mapping for the town and the Assessor does the parcel map.

- b. Nomination for Lois Orswell Award** - The commission received a nomination for the Lois Orswell Award and there was mention of another possible nomination. These will be discussed at the next meeting. There was discussion about who can be nominated.
- c. Last Green Valley Cleanup** – The Commission will give the information to Deb Mansell at PCS for her group's consideration.

VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees and workshops – None.

IX. Communication and Mail – Distributed.

X. Citizen Participation – There was further discussion with Sean about staff and trash pickup, bulky waste, trash cans in various locations and the town wide annual cleanup.

XI. Things to remember – Charter Oak Garden at the Town Hall. Trash pick up at Canoe Launch and bring canned (or boxed) food items to the Town Hall for the Food Pantry. Airline Trail clean up, Abington Property, Fracking for Natural Gas in CT, Aquifer Protection, Chef Fresh development.

XII. Adjournment – McGinn motioned to adjourn. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Morin, Clerk