## TOWN OF POMFRET CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES MEETING OF November 13, 2014 7:00 PM POMFRET OLD TOWN HOUSE

(These minutes have not been approved)

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

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Walter McGinn, Vice 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.
- **IV.** Approve minutes of October 9, 2014. Add to line 6. Champ made the motion to accept as corrected. Telford seconded. Approved unanimously.
- V. Citizen Participation. None.
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - **a.** Terms of Members Terms have been settled. The record will be changed to reflect new terms.
  - b. Scholarship for Citizen Science Training There was discussion about this new idea for the Commission's efforts. There was discussion about the new program(s). Telford made the motion that the Pomfret Conservation Commission budget money to fund the participation of up to two Pomfret residents in the Citizen Science Program offered at the Pomfret Audubon Center and the participation of up to two Pomfret school-age children for one week session each in the Connecticut Audubon Society's summer camp program held at the Bafflin Sanctuary, budget permitting. Cartledge seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
  - Update on Stonewall Protection Ordinance This project is in limbo.

## VII. New Business -

a. Nomination of Officers - The following officers were nominated for the next year - William Lewis as Chairman, Pamela Cartledge as Secretary, and Richard Telford as Vice Chairman. Cartledge nominated the following people – William Lewis as Chairman, Richard

- Telford as Vice Chairman and Pamela Cartledge as Secretary. Kimball seconded. Approved unanimously. Thank you Walter for your many years as the Vice Chairman. Your help is appreciated.
- b. Calendar for 2015 There was discussion about adding special meeting dates to the calendar. Cartledge made the motion that the Pomfret Conservation Commission meetings be held on the second Thursday of the months of January, March, May, June, August, October and November of 2015. I further move that the second Thursday of the months of February, April, July, September and December of 2015 be designated "Reserve Dates". The Commission will determine at its regular meeting if a meeting should occur on the subsequent Reserve Date. To accomplish this the agenda of a regular meeting shall include the item "Date of Next Meeting." Champ seconded. Approve unanimously.
- c. Updating Pomfret Conservation Maps The Conservation "Plan and Maps" were discussed. The commission will review the needs for the plan and the need for the maps and come up with a process to update same. Kimball was concerned about the maps correctness and the need to maintain Wolf Den Road.
- d. Budget Review There was discussion about the current budget the Commission has and the need to add dollars for the Conservation Plan and Maps and the new scholarships the Commission wants to offer to the members of the Town of Pomfret. Kimball made the motion to add \$2000.00 to the 2015 Budget for the Conservation Commission's Plan and Maps. Champ seconded. Approved unanimously. Telford made the motion to add \$800.00 to fund the Citizen Science Training and Summer Camperships. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously. The person(s) participating in the Citizen Science Program may be able to help with the Conservation Plan up-dating work. Telford made the motion to fund the 2014 levels and include the requests for \$2000.00 and \$800.00 as new line items of Mapping and Scholarships. Kimball seconded. Approved unanimously.
- VIII. Report of other town committees, subcommittees, & workshops. None.
- IX. Communication and Mail None.
- **X.** Citizen Participation None.
- XI. Things to Remember Airline Trail Cleanup. Abington Property.

  Trash pickup at canoe launch, bring cans or boxed food to the Town
  Hall, Chef Fresh development.
- **XII.** Adjournment Telford motioned to adjourn. Cartledge seconded. Approved unanimously.