

The Pomfret Conservation Commission met on March 9, 2017 at 7:10 PM at the Old Town House in Pomfret. Members in attendance- P. Cartledge, E. Cartier, C. Kapelner-Champ, E. Kimball, W. McGinn, R. Telford, and Liaison to First Selectman and Board of Finance Member J. Martinez.

Other citizens were not in attendance for the Citizen Participation segment of this meeting.

J. Martinez informed the Commission that the town attorney was reviewing the proposed Fracking Ordinance for the town. He also mentioned that The Town of Pomfret's Board of Finance was awaiting final word on the Town's budget from the State of Connecticut. We were told that the State of Connecticut's financial problems could possibly affect the Town of Pomfret's overall budget.

A Woodland Walk is being considered by the Commission for this upcoming October. The Commission is also considering a Town Cleanup on next month's upcoming Earth Day April 22nd. P. Cartledge is getting in touch with Ann Kiely Richard of Pomfret School regarding participation by Pomfret School students, and with our First Selectman regarding supplies and bags.

P. Cartledge will be our facilitator for the Road Cleanup.

Killingly Gas Plant Update: Results are in the hands of the State of Connecticut *Siting* Council with results due at the end of April of this year.

R. Telford is in the process of coordinating our first Pomfret Conservation Commission Essay Contest. Guidelines of the contest were reviewed at this meeting. R. Telford is presently reaching out to the Principle of Pomfret Community School for a segment of the school's participation in the contest. Connecticut Audubon will be donating a monetary portion of a summer campership as this year's prize. The remainder of the campership monies are to be obtained by town business or citizen donations. J. Martinez offered to approach the local business community in town.

L. Cartier updated the Commission regarding the High Water Quality List. She stated that the various locations on the list given to the Commission by the First Selectman were all Aok and are all active wells.

On March 23 of this month there will be a second presentation in the Town of Pomfret on the Dangers Of Fracked Waste Water. The highly informed and respected organization Food And Water Watch are to be at Connecticut Audubon In Pomfret for 7 PM.

Wednesday March 29th Protecting Farmland & Solar at WCC

This year's Positively Pomfret Day is on the Town calendar for Saturday September 23rd.

Connecticut Trails Day 3rd, and 4th of June, deadline is March 15th.

Last Green Valley Spring Outside June 24th.

A message from our First Selectman was delivered to the Commission on behalf of town resident Jeanette Sullivan. J Sullivan's request was to be an alternate member of the Commission.

The meeting concluded with a discussion regarding Conservation members needing access to a program to convert Conservation Plan from a PDF to a suitable and useable document for Commission purposes.

Submitted by Cheryl Kapelner Champ

Amended at Pomfret Conservation Commission, 4/13/2016