

**POMFRET INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, AT 7:00 PM  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

- 1. OPEN REGULAR MEETING:** Chairman opened the meeting at 7 pm
- 2. ROLL CALL: Present:** P. Safin, J. Rowley, N. McMerriman, W. Gould, A. Howe, R. Brais, and J. Rabbitt. **Absent:** D. St. Martin, J. Folsom, J. Stoddard, and J. Bergendahl
- 3. SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED:** A. Howe was seated.
- 4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:** need to move item in Section 8A to become Section 10A.
- 5. PENDING APPLICATION(S):**
  - A. Team Sunshine Construction for Kristin Sapp, 25 Searles Road,** application for the installation and wiring of 17.380 KW Ground mounted solar PV System, no battery (44 panels). 127' PVC Trench minimum of 18" deep. Tabled to later in this meeting. Awaiting the arrival of representative from Team Sunshine Construction.
  - B. David Holman for Ben Rumrill, 243 Searles Road,** construction of a 24' x 33' garage. D. Holman of 344 Chase Road, Putnam, was present for the applicant. The application is for a 24x33 garage at 243 Searles Road. Some work has already been done (footings are in). Jamie questioned the contractor regarding putting in the footings prior to receiving a permit. The contractor thought it was all set for him to begin the work. Jamie said this work is being done in a regulated area and he sees no reason not to approve; there is very minimal disturbance. He mentioned 2 conditions of approval: 1) All E&S remains in place until the turf has been established and is mown for 2 seasons; and 2) all fees are paid in full. A. Howe made a motion to approve the application. W. Gould seconded. All in favor.
- 6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** none

**At this point in the meeting, we went back to Item 5A, as the representative from Team Sunshine had arrived.**

- 5A. Team Sunshine Construction for Kristin Sapp, 25 Searles Road,** application for the installation and wiring of 17.380 KW Ground mounted solar PV System, no battery (44 panels). 127' PVC Trench minimum of 18" deep. Louisa Carroll of 24 Spice Street, Boston, MA was present to represent the applicant. Jamie asked Ms. Carroll if any activity had been done on the site. She said she called Joe Pajak (Building Official), who told her the permits were approved. She has

emails regarding this affirmation. J. Pajak then told her that he had confused the two Searles Road applications, and it hadn't been approved yet. Jamie said installation has occurred without a permit. Due to the proximity to White Brook, ground mounts had very little disturbance. Jamie said that the only condition of approval he would give is (1) that all fees with the commission be paid in full. N. McMerriman made a motion to approve the application. J. Rowley seconded. All in favor.

**7. NEW APPLICATION(S):**

- A. Ashley Danenhower, 321 Deerfield Road,** application for a no-fee ruling regarding the state placed culverts and ditch. This application will go to Staff and not the commission.
- B. Christopher Hoyt, 269 Kearney Road,** application for a permit modification regarding linear feet of wetlands disturbance to extend a curtain drain discharge; disturbance will be temporary. Jamie spoke regarding this new application. We can't act on it tonight. This was tabled to the October 4, 2023, meeting.

**8. NO FEE APPLICATION(S):** none

**9. NOTICES OF VIOLATION/CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS:** none.

**10. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS:**

- A. Town of Pomfret, 5 Haven Road,** improvements to Carter Road spillway in the area of 91 Carter Rod, working within the Town Right of Way. Removal of 18" CCP & replacement with triple 24" CCP. Creation of inlet basin and rip-rap outlet. Lowering of road, in this area to function as an emergency spillway. Jamie spoke to the commission regarding damage to property due to dam failure. KWP engineers recommended to do coffer dam – replace with 3 pipes, including inlet/outlet structures and riprap placement. Rough installation has occurred. The riprap plunge pool is slightly smaller due to ledge (deeper and horseshow shaped). P. Safin said we need to set up a maintenance program. The road has been cut down. Jamie showed photos to the commission members. The existing stone wall was taken down. A substantial maple tree was taken down and stump removed. The stone wall is being rebuilt. Mr. John Bolland said the Town crew did a great job. P. Safin suggested a semi-annual inspection regarding maintenance.

**11. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** none

**12. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS:**

- A. The Rectory School** is stable (catch basins are retaining water; need to be addressed). Jamie spoke with NE Design, and they are working with the school.
- B. Pomfret School Science Building** – steel is up, temporary parking lot in, and E&S is in place.

**13. SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY PLANNING & ZONING:** none.

**14. COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION:**

**A. Freedly Road** – logging going on. Nothing is going on here.

**15. NEW COMPLAINTS:** none

**16. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** none

**17. EXTENSIONS REQUESTED:** none.

**18. COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

- A.** Updates and report from WEO and commission members – Ryan said that 269 Kearney Road is complying with application; Jamie said he is still working with counsel regarding the West litigation.
- B.** Approval of the August 2, 2023, meeting minutes – J. Rowley approved the minutes as amended. W. Gould seconded. All in favor. Two abstentions.
- C.** Report of billing and bond releases – nothing new
- D.** Correspondence – Letter from Eversource regarding the replacement of a wooden structure that has rotted; check with CT Wildlife regarding the monthly magazines – Jamie checked their website which states that they are behind due to retirements.
- E.** Paul and Lynn need to do the final edits.

**Paul asked about the ordinance regarding new fees. Ryan said that the new fees were approved.**

**19. ADJOURNMENT** – N. McMerriman made a motion to adjourn. W. Gould seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

*At the end of the meeting, James D. Rabbitt signed the minutes book allowing the clerk to sign off on two accounts for him: 14 Covell Road, and 10 Tyrone Road. The clerk will initial and date the documents.*