

TOWN OF POMFRET
INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

1. OPEN REGULAR MEETING – Meeting was opened at 7:01pm by P. Safin
2. ROLL CALL – Present: P. Safin, Chairman; J. Rowley, Secretary; J. Folsom, member; J. Bergendahl, alternate; A. Howe, alternate; R. Brais, WEO; J. Rabbitt, WEO. Absent – D. St. Martin, Vice Chairman; J. Stoddard, member; and W. Gould, alternate.
3. SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED – A. Howe and J. Bergendahl were both seated
4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – John Stagon, 83 Holmes Road, new home in upland review area. J. Rowley made a motion to add this item to Section 7 Item C of this agenda. J. Bergendahl seconded and the motion carried.
5. PENDING APPLICATION(S) – none
6. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – none
7. NEW APPLIATION(S) –
 - A. Ken Snell, 48 Tyott Road, new home in upland review area. K. Snell was present for the meeting. J. Rabbitt stated that due to the date of receipt of this application, this can be acted upon tonight. Jamie spoke with G. Glaude and the stone wall is to remain as a natural buffer. There will be no potential impact on the wetlands. There will be 2 conditions of approval: 1) preconstruction meeting with Jamie or Ryan, and 2) E&S will be maintained per the plans. N. Thibeault was present from Killingly Engineering and spoke regarding the application. He said the property is 10.85 acres, all in an existing field with a stone wall between the field and the wetland. The stone wall is to remain per the IWWC. There was a revised plan date of 6/3/20. J. Folsom made a motion to approve the application with the 2 conditions of approval as noted above. A. Howe seconded the motion and the motion carried.
 - B. Shawn & Valerie Champany, 16 Tyott Road, proposed single-family home within 130’ of wetlands. Ryan will try to scan the plans and distribute to the members. This application is accepted tonight. No action can be taken until the next meeting.
 - C. Joseph Stagon, 83 Holmes Road, new home approximately 120’ from the wetlands. Needs improvement to the site plan. There are stone wall borders on two sides of the property. R. Brais said the subdivision was previously done by B. Messier. They are basically using the same plan. There should be no issues/problems with this application. This application was accepted tonight. No action can be taken until the next meeting.
8. NO-FEE APPLICATION(S) – none

9. NOTICES OF VIOLATION/CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS – Jamie has an update. A letter was received from Mr. Paul Simpson in March regarding the work to be completed on his property. He has already begun the work, which will expedite his time frame sooner than his letter states. J. Folsom asked about seeding. Jamie said they are going to seed. They are not going to do a split-rail fence, but their alternative suggestion is not approved. After discussion, J. Folsom made a motion to give our WEO authority to approve structural/growth barrier. J. Rowley seconded and the motion carried. J. Folsom made mention that yews are a favorite food of deer. P. Safin asked how we wish to keep this on the agenda. Jamie said keep it as an agenda item stating follow-up on 3/2020 of the restoration plan from 1/26/15 NOV. J. Folsom said that sounds appropriate. P. Safin said we will await feedback from Jamie on the set dates.

10. JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS – none

11. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES – none

12. PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS –

A. Bob Higgins, Searles Road, single family home. There has been E&S failures over the past couple of weeks. Jamie sent a 7-item correspondence to Mr. Higgins, and Jamie will also forward to Lynn.

13. SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY PLANNING & ZONING – none

14. COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS RECEIVED BY COMMISSION –

A. Anonymous concern given to Paul 7/11/2018) regarding the properties west of Paul's house on Kearney Road. Jamie visited – subject to conservation easement associated with wetlands proper (internal to wetlands/not in upland); send letter to owners regarding any work done within 150 feet of the wetlands requires a permit. James sent letters to both landowners to go over the issues on their properties. Clerk sent 2nd notice via certified return receipt and they will be getting a refresher course on what's allowed in or near the wetlands. P. Safin feels we should get this finished Jamie will reach out to the homeowners again and try to have a conversation with them regarding the easements. This is still in progress. Jamie is trying to meet with Chris Bastien, owner of the easterly lot, to walk the properties regarding the easements. He will suggest compliance issues and how to correct issues not in compliance. Jamie will communicate with Paul for a finish date. Chris Bastien has a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020, with Jamie to discuss easements (3/4/2020). Jamie met with the Bastien's and St. Jean's and explained the issues to them. Jamie will continue to track this issue. Both homeowners were compliant, and Jamie told them if they had any questions, to please call him. They will call either Jamie or Ryan. P. Safin asked how we should handle this on the agenda. J. Folsom said he would feel comfortable removing this from the agenda. J. Bergendahl agreed with J. Folsom. J. Folsom made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. J. Bergendahl seconded and the motion carried.

15. NEW COMPLAINTS – Paul had left a message for Ryan regarding a Valentine Road issues. Ryan checked out the property. There were some survey markers but there was nothing being done on the property that requires a permit.

16. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – none

17. EXTENSIONS REQUESTED – none

18. COMMISSION BUSINESS –

- A. Updates and report from WEO and Commission Members. Jamie said the only new things is the B. Higgins issue and that he is still tracking the LIUNA crane building.
- B. Approval of the March 4, 2020 meeting minutes. J. Folsom made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. A. Howe seconded, and the motion carried.
- C. Report of billing and bond releases – Paul spoke with Maureen regarding the Chris Grilley situation. Due to the last couple of months with the COVID 19 situation, we’re waiting on this issue.
 - 1. List of Bonds being held with Town of Pomfret (Escrow Agent) and Putnam Bank:
 - a. Pomfret School (IWWC and P&Z) – P&Z gave permission for use of some of the bond money to pay off the IWWC debt. Need to report back to P&Z with exact amount that is being used. Jamie stated that all Pomfret School projects are over and done with and there will be no more billings from Jamie regarding these accounts. P&Z received the numbers they requested.
- D. Correspondence – There is a letter from Bill Hill regarding the release of his excess funds from all departments. Jamie has to do a final check of the log storage site. He said there will be no new billing, so the books can be closed on this. J. Folsom made a motion to release money to Bill Hull. J. Rowley seconded and the motion carried. J. Folsom also made a motion that any fees held by the Hull’s property be considered one account and the IWWC releases all claims. J. Bergendahl seconded and the motion carried. There is also a letter from Paul Simpson. This was already discussed previously during the meeting.

J. Rowley mentioned to the commission that there is going to be a giant pumpkin seminar on June 6, 2020, from 10am-12pm at We-Lik-It.

19. ADJOURNMENT – J. Rowley made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Krajewski, Clerk

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