

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES (AMENDED)  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019  
7:00 PM – POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

1. **OPEN REGULAR MEETING** – P. Safin opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL** – In Attendance: Commission Members Paul Safin, Chairman; David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; James Rowley, Secretary; John Folsom, Member; Joe Stoddard, Member; Nancy McMerriman, Member; William Gould, Member; and Laurice Shaw, Alternate. Staff: Ryan Brais, WEO. Absent: John Bergendahl, Alternate; and Alexander Howe, Alternate. Staff: James Rabbitt.
3. **SEAT ALTERNATE(S) AS NEEDED: none**
4. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:** Election of officers. D. St. Martin made a motion to move this item to Commission Business. J. Stoddard seconded and it was approved.
5. **PENDING APPLICATIONS:**
  - A. **Gary Pazienza, 120 Cooney Road**, construction of a 40' x 15' street level parking pad for a horse trailer. This project had already been completed when it came before the commission. This application was given a 65-day extension, which will force the commission to make a decision on this issue tonight.
6. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Scott Lee of 13 Old Route 44 is supposed to be coming in to speak with the commission regarding the lien placed on his property. This was tabled due to Mr. Lee not attending the meeting.
7. **NEW APPLICATION(S): none**
8. **NO-FEE APPLICATION(S): none**
9. **NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS/CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS:**
  - A. **Outstanding NOV (Notice of Violation)**
    1. **Deborah Simpson, 64 Hampton Road**, NOV issued 1/26/15 for work in a regulated area. J. Folsom asked Jamie if the Simpsons were putting in a septic system. Jamie said they installed the system but didn't do the remediation that has to be done. Applicant responded to a letter they received, and they will finish the work this year. Applicant mentioned to J. Folsom that they were supposed to put up a split-rail fence between the wetlands and non-wetlands but would like to do/use something else. Jamie will reach out to the Simpsons regarding some alternatives they could use. Jamie stopped by to see the Simpsons, but they

weren't home. He will attempt to see them again prior to the November meeting. Due to Jamie being absent from this meeting, we will wait to see what Jamie has to say regarding this issue (12/4/19).

10. **JURISDICTIONAL RULINGS: none**
11. **AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES: none**
12. **PRIOR APPLICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS: none**
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 wetland/not in upland); send letter to owners regarding any work done within 150 feet of the wetlands requires a permit. Jamie sent letters to both landowners to go over the issues on their properties. Clerk sent 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. This was tabled until we hear from Jamie (12/4/19).
15. **NEW COMPLAINTS:** W. Gould asked if a shed being put up on gravel needed a building permit. He was told it definitely needs a zoning permit. The property is question does have an approved zoning permit. D. St. Martin also mention on Route 44 past Benway's, past the new Emergency Center, on the north side of 44 there is something going on. Would like to have Ryan check it out. N. McMerriman also received an anonymous memo with photos from Wolf Den Drive regarding manure spreading. This is a legitimate activity under agricultural uses and is permitted by right.
16. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: none**
17. **EXTENSIONS REQUESTED: none**

**At this point, we went back to item #5, Pending Applications.** Gary Pazienza was present and stated that he had been granted a driveway permit. Ryan then stated that we could grant a Wetlands permit with conditions of reseeding and E&S at bottom of slope. D. St. Martin made a motion to approve the application for the parking pad with the following conditions: 1) the E&S stays in place and maintained, and 2) the site will be reanalyzed by Staff in the spring. J. Folsom seconded the motion and it was approved.

18. **COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

- A. Updates and report from WEO and Commission Members – nothing new. The commission asked to strike Scott Lee from the agenda. Item will be deleted.
- B. Approval of the October 2, 2019 and November 6, 2019 meeting minutes. D. St. Martin made a motion to approve the 10/2/19 minutes. W. Gould seconded and it was approved. There was one abstention. J. Rowley made a motion to approve the 11/6/19 minutes. L. Shaw seconded and it was approved. There were two abstentions.
- C. Report of billing and bond releases – as of 10/28/19, the land use clerk sent a CRR letter to Scott Lee regarding the caveat placed on his land record. There is an issue with the Chris Grilley application, which Paul was made aware of prior to his vacation. Paul wants to check with Maureen regarding the Chris Grilley issue.
  - 1. **List of bonds being held with Town of Pomfret (Escrow Agent) and Putnam Bank:**
    - a. **Jason Lavallee (IWWC)** – Everything has been released and paid to Jason
    - b. Pomfret School (IWWC and P&Z) – still waiting to hear back from Brenda Bullied
- D. Correspondence: The Society of Soil Scientists of Southern New England sent their Registry of Soil Scientists for 2019, which was sent around the table for members to look at; distribution of CT Wildlife's September/October 2019 edition
- E. Election of Officers: J. Folsom made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers. J. Stoddard seconded the motion and it was approved. Officers remain as Paul Safin, Chairman; David St. Martin, Vice Chairman; and, James Rowley, Secretary.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:** - L. Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by D. St. Martin and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.