



## **Town of Cromwell Conservation Commission**

***REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024  
ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL  
41 WEST STREET***

### **AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call and Seating of Alternates**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Town Planner Report:**
6. **New Business:**
  - a. Update of Open Space Plan
7. **Farmland Preservation Committee:**
8. **Communications:**
9. **Commissioners' Comments**
10. **Public Comments**
11. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. March 14, 2024
12. **Adjourn**

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**\*Due to conflicting meeting, we will be meeting in Room 222**

# Memo

**To: Conservation Commission**  
**From: Stuart B. Popper, AICP**  
**Director of Planning and Development**  
**Date: April 3, 2024**  
**Re: Upstate on CT DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program**

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## **Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program**

(CGS Section 7-131d to 7-131k, inclusive)

The Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit land conservation organizations to acquire land for open space, and to water companies to acquire land to be classified as Class I or Class II water supply property.

Awards are granted to projects that offer the highest conservation and recreational value and that leverage the greatest percentage of private and municipal funding. The Department also accepts applications from distressed municipalities under the Urban Green and Community Garden Program.

Funding for these grants is derived from State Bond funds and/or the Community Investment Act. Grants are based on the merit of the project and the level of funds available. Awards may not be made unless adequate funding is available.

**The Department is not currently accepting applications for the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA). Please check back for updates on this grant program and the Urban Green and Community Garden Program.**

**Town of Cromwell  
Conservation Commission**

**REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM THURSDAY MARCH 14, 2024  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CROMWELL TOWN HALL  
41 WEST STREET**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Scott Lamberson, Joe Corlis, Jamin DeProto and Faye Tine

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**Absent:** Vice Chairman John Whitney and Joe Cap

**Also Present:** Council Liaison Jack Henehan and Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Scott Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates**

A motion was made by John Whitney and seconded by Joe Corlis to seat Jamin DeProto and Faye Tine as alternates. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Joe Corlis made a motion to approve the agenda, Seconded by Jamin DeProto. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**4. Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**5. Town Planner Report:**

Mr. Popper updated the Commission on the status of the various new commercial and residential projects in town and the new applications pending before the Inland Wetlands Agency and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**6. New Business:**

**a. Update of Open Space Plan**

Chairman Lamberson asked for any thoughts on the Open Space Plan from the Commission members. Faye Tine discussed the need for more open space and sources of funding and grants to acquire more open space. Joe Corlis discussed the status of the current open space and the need to update the current listings. Chairman Lamberson discussed the ways we can preserve more open space and how do we make it accessible for passive recreation. Mr. Popper said he would look into the availability of any State grants for Open Space acquisition.

The Commission members discussed the status of various existing open space parcels and decided to conduct site visits to view the open space parcels. The Commission members decided that they would conduct site visits to Snow Park and the open space at Buck's Crossing on North Road. The Commission

members discussed dates and times for the visits. The Commission set Saturday March 24, 2024 at 10:00 am for the site visits. Mr. Popper said he would email the Commission members copies of the deeds for Snow Park and Buck's Crossing.

**7. Farmland Preservation Committee:**

There were no comments.

**8. Communications:**

None

**9. Commissioner's Comments:**

There were no comments.

**10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**11. Approval of Minutes:**

a. February 8, 2024

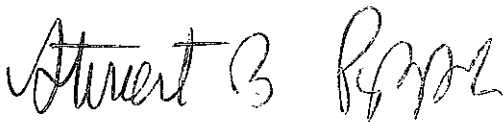
Jamin DeProto made a motion to approve the amended minutes of February 8, 2024;

Seconded by Joe Corlis. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**12. Adjourn:**

Jamin DeProto made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM; Seconded by Joe Corlis. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart B. Popper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stuart B. Popper  
Temporary Recording Clerk