

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008
ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL
41 WEST STREET**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Laurene McEntire called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates

Present: Laurene McEntire, Anthony Varricchio, Jr. and alternate Joseph Corlis
Absent: Lu Landis, Craig Minor and Richard Newton

3. Approval of Agenda

A **motion** was made by Anthony Varricchio, Jr., **seconded** by Joseph Corlis and it was *unanimously* approved to approve the agenda. *Motion passed.*

4. Town Planner Report

a. Pending P&Z and IWWA Applications:

1. IWA Application #08-01: Passive Recreation Park in Upland

Review Area at 204 Main Street. Town of Cromwell, owner/applicant. Mr. Minor left for the Commission members a copy of the Town's plan. The members then reviewed the plan and all agreed they liked it.

2. IWA Application #08-04: Ice Skating Area on "Evergreen Hill Park" on Willow Brook Road. Town of Cromwell, owner/applicant. Mr. Minor left the Commission members a copy of the Town's Plan. The members reviewed the plan and had many issues and concerns with the Town changing the site of the pond and redirecting the stream. Mr. Varricchio said he would like to meet with First Selectmen Jeremy Shingleton to go over the original plans for Evergreen Hill Park. A **motion** was made by Anthony Varricchio, Jr. and **seconded** by Joseph Corlis to **Vote** to have Craig Minor draft a letter to the IWA commission, cc to the First Selectmen, that the plans are in conflict with the original report approved by the Board of Selectmen on Evergreen Hill Park. *All were in favor.*

b. "Biodiversity Conservation" Report

Craig Minor is keeping the Biodiversity Conservation report on the agenda for the commission's further review to see if the members would like to incorporate it into any documents.

5. Old Business

a. Report on “Evergreen Hill Park”:

Anthony Varricchio, Jr. said he would call the First Selectmen to set up an appointment to go over the full report on Evergreen Hill Park and also to go to the site.

b. Report on “Cromwell Hills” detention pond dredging project:

Mr. Corlis said that the next meeting would take place in March with the landscape committee and Wendy Goodfriend deciding on the location/placement of new plantings in and around the pond.

c. Conservation Easement Monitoring:

Tabled

d. Open Space Plan:

1. “Options for Implementing the Plan”

Mr. Minor submitted to the commission members the changes he made to the document that Laurene McEntire gave him last month. The members then went over the plan (Options to Acquire Open Space) and made some additional changes for Mr. Minor to make and submit for next months meeting.

2. Recommendations

Mr. Varricchio that the Trail System looks good. Laurene McEntire requested that the members look at the “Bethany Plan” for any further information to add to the plan but possibly all of the items have been addressed. Mr. Varricchio also had questions on the Land Acquisition Fund and also asked who approves the acquisition. A request was made by the commission members to have Craig Minor bring to the next meeting any written documents on land acquisitions and discussing Cromwell’s Land Acquisition Fund to review and incorporate into the Open Space Plan.

6. New Business

None

7. Communications

None

8. Commissioners Comments

Joseph Corlis announced to the members that he is now an alternate on the Inland/Wetland Authority Commission and can bring the Conservation Commission’s words to them. The IWA meets the first Wednesday of the month.

9. Public Comments

None.

10. Approval of Minutes:

a. January 30, 2008

A **motion** was made by Joseph Corlis, **seconded** by Laurene McEntire and it was *unanimously* approved to approve the minutes as written of January 30, 2008. *Motion passed.*

11. Adjourn:

A **motion** was made by Anthony Varicchio, Jr., **seconded** by Joseph Corlis to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Janik
Clerk

02/19/2008