



Town of Cromwell Conservation Commission

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010
ROOM 219 CROMWELL TOWN HALL
41 WEST STREET

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Scott Lamberson, John Whitney, Joe Corlis, Joe Cap and Alternate Jonathan Pinney

ABSENT: Sairah Sandhu

ALSO PRESENT: Town Planner Craig Minor

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.
2. **Roll Call and Seating of Alternates:** The above-mentioned members were introduced. No alternates were present.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** A **motion** was made by Mr. Corlis and **seconded** by Mr. Whitney to approve the agenda and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*
4. **Town Planner Report:**
 - a. Status of Pending and Approved Subdivisions:
 1. "Pondview at Willowbrook Road": Mr. Minor informed the commission that the developer still plans to develop a homeowners association.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Corlis and **seconded** by Mr. Whitney to seat Alternate Jonathan Pinney who arrived at 7:05p.m. and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Conservation Easement Management: Mr. Minor explained that the Wetlands commission has been asking developers to create conservation easements around wetland areas but no one in the Town has been monitoring these areas. Mr. Minor stated that a manual has been developed to guide developers through the development of these easements. Mr. Minor brought the manual before the Board of Selectmen has agreed that the commission can inspect these areas as outlined in the language of the legal easements. Mr. Minor stated that if encroachments are found, the commission could send a letter to Mr. Curtin informing him of the violation. Mr. Curtin has several tools to encourage compliance such as a phone call, letter or

turning the matter over to the town attorney if there is noncompliance. Chairman Lamberson believes that it should be taken on by the commission and suggested taking this on in the fall-October. This will allow Mr. Minor to notify the homeowners of the visits. The commission decided to try and schedule the visits for the weekend of October 9/10.

b. "Open Space Plan" Addendum to Plan of Conservation and Development: Mr. Minor gave the history of the process of this addendum. It has been approved by the Board of Selectmen and now P&Z will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 and it will then go to the State for approval. No action is needed at this point but Mr. Minor asked that a few commission members be at the P&Z meeting to show support.

6. New Business: None.

7. Communications: Mr. Whitney explained about the beetle project to eliminate Purple Loosestrife in CT through UCONN. Mr. Whitney found out that the beetles eat other weeds but no other known vegetables. Chairman Lamberson suggested putting this item on next month's agenda to discuss adopting this as a town project.

8. Commissioners' Comment: Chairman Lamberson would like to apply for grants as they are discovered as long as the needs for the application can be met. September's meeting was moved to September 30th instead of September 9th due to Rosh Hashanah. Mr. Minor suggested walking Cromwell Chase (Pondview) in the future-possibly including it in the October 9/10 weekend. Mr. Minor stated that the lots have not been sold yet and suggested walking it now before they are sold.

9. Public Comments: None.

10. Approval of Minutes:

a. February 11, 2009; A **motion** was made by Mr. Corlis and **seconded** by Mr. Whitney to approve the minutes with the following correction on page 2 item 5.a. should read "...cost approximately .5 million dollars to do permits and remove sediment per Wendy Goodfriend's estimate." and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*

11. Adjourn: A **motion** was made by Mr. Corlis and **seconded** by Mr. Cap to adjourn at 7:37p.m. and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Potter
Clerk