

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING
7:00 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006
ROOM 224 CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET**

MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES

Present: Chairperson Laurene McEntire, Lu Landis, Joseph Corliss, Anthony Varricchio Jr.

Absent: Michael Cannata

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Laurene McEntire called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates: The presence of the above members was noted. There were no alternates.

3. Town Planner Report:

a. Pending P&Z and IWWA Applications: Town Planner Craig Minor reported that there are no new applications of interest to the Commission.

b. Status of new Plan of Conservation and Development Town Planner Craig Minor reported copies of the draft POCD have been sent to the Board of Selectmen and the Midstate Regional Planning Agency, for their review and comment.

c. Discuss FY 2006-2007 Budget: Town Planner Craig Minor presented a draft budget for next year. It was approved as submitted. During this discussion Joe Corliss announced that he will be attending the CACIWC conference later this year. A discussion about grants ensued. Craig mentioned that the Rockfall Foundation has a grant program. The Commission discussed possible projects that might be eligible for Rockfall funding. Craig suggested we apply for funding to develop a program to make better use of data on threatened and endangered species. He was directed to prepare an application.

d. Discuss Reschedule October meeting date: It was agreed that the October meeting would be rescheduled to the third Monday, October 16.

4. Old Business:

a. Report on "Evergreen Hill Park": Tony reported that the hill needs to be mowed, and that the temporary parking lot on Evergreen Road is still there. He will write a letter to the Board of Selectmen, asking them to take action on this.

b. Report on "Cromwell Hills" detention pond dredging project: Joe Corliss reported on the discussions that are ongoing for this project. They are looking for a pond dredging contractor and the site has been visited by a potential contractor. An Army Corps of Engineers

permit will be needed, and Wendy Goodfriend of the CT River Coastal Conservation District said she would help with that.

c. Discussion on Conservation Easements: Town Planner Craig Minor reported that he is still working on developing a standard conservation easement, with the IWA.

5. New Business: None

6. Communications: The flyer for the upcoming CACIWC conference was discussed. The flyer for the upcoming Midstate Regional Planning Agency "Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day" was discussed.

7. Commissioners' Comments: Lu Landis asked that items like the Rockfall Foundation grant application be on every agenda.

8. Public Comments: None.

9. Approval of Minutes:

a. May 8, 2006: Delete the word "Park" on Page 2 Item 4.b. Motion to approve as corrected made by Lu Landis, seconded by Joe Corliss. All were in favor.

a. June 12, 2006: Motion to approve by Tony Varricchio, seconded by Joe Corliss. All were in favor.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned by consent at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Minor, AICP
Acting Clerk