

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009  
ACTIVITY ROOM CROMWELL TOWN HALL  
41 WEST STREET**

**CORRECTED MINUTES**

Present: Laurene McEntire, Lu Landis, Scott Lamberson, and Joseph Corlis.  
Absent: Ernest Pandolfi  
Also Present: Town Planner Craig Minor

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Laurene McEntire called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

A minute of silence was observed for the late Anthony Varricchio Jr., who had been an active member of the Conservation Commission since February 2002.

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

The presence of the above members was noted. Scott Lamberson made a motion seconded by Lu Landis to seat Alternate Joseph Corlis. All were in favor. *Motion Passed.*

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

A **motion** was made by Joseph Corlis, **seconded** by Scott Lamberson to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor. *Motion Passed.*

**4. Town Planner Report:**

a. Status of Pending and Approved Subdivisions:

Town Planner Craig Minor reported on the status of the North Woods subdivision (north side of Route 9), and the new Mountain View subdivision on North Road.

b. Status of "Open Space Plan" Addendum to Plan of Conservation and Development:

The Committee reviewed the memo from Jason Vincent of Planimetrics. Chairman McEntire said she agreed with his Comment #3 and #4. Scott Lamberson also agreed with #4, but felt that forest areas need to be preserved too. Chairman McEntire

questioned the need for #5 but the Town Planner said he felt that there is a need for open space to be "managed". The members agreed with #6. The Town Planner explained what Mr. Vincent meant by #7, and they agreed. [Joseph Corlis left the meeting at 7:30]. Chairman McEntire said she did not feel the off-site land dedication discussed at #8 is fair to the developer.

Scott Lamberson made the following motion, seconded by Lu Landis: "The Conservation Commission has reviewed and discussed the memo from Planimetrics dated June 3, 2009 and supports all of the recommendations except for Item #8." All were in favor. *Motion Passed.*

**5. Old Business:**

a. Report on "Cromwell Hills" detention pond dredging project

Before he left the meeting, Mr. Corliss informed the members that Cromwell Hills is getting a new landscape consultant for the project.

b. Conservation Easement Management:

1. Rossberg Subdivision on North Road

The Commission reviewed the draft Baseline Documentation Report for "The Homes at North Road" (AKA the Rossberg Subdivision) on North Road, and the approved subdivision plans. Scott Lamberson said he would contact Ernie Pandolfi and Joe Corliss to schedule a date for the site inspection. The Town Planner said he would send advance notice to the homeowners in accordance with the Conservation Easement Management Plan.

The Commissioners agreed that the next conservation easement to be inspected should be the new "Mountain View Estates", so that the pre-development environmental and aesthetic values can be properly documented. Laurene McEntire made a motion to that effect, seconded by Scott Lamberson. All were in favor. *Motion Passed.*

**6. New Business:** None.

**7. Communications:** None

**8. Commissioners' Comments:**

Lu Landis said what a pleasure it's been serving on this commission, and that she is sorry to be leaving. Chairman McEntire echoed those sentiments.

**9. Public Comments:** None.

**10. Approval of Minutes:**

a. May 11, 2009

Lu Landis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Lamberson. All were in favor. *Motion Passed.*

**11. Adjourn**

Lu Landis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laurene McEntire. All were in favor. *Motion Passed.* The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Minor, AICP  
Acting Clerk