



**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
ROOM 224 CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES**

Present: Chairman Scott Lamberson, Amanda Drew, Joseph Corlis

Absent: Joseph Cap, John Whitney

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lamberson at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates

The presence of the above members was noted. No alternates were seated.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Amanda Drew; Seconded by Joseph Corlis.
All in favor; motion passed.

4. Town Planner Report

Mr. Popper read a notice regarding a Public Information Meeting being held to discuss the replacement of Bridge #05939 (North Road extension over Coles Brook) on September 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Room 224 of the Town Hall.

Mr. Popper provided the Commission members with a copy of the Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program. He said that the Town wanted to participate in grant programs available through the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program. He said that the Town Council had voted at its August 6, 2018 meeting to approve the Conservation Commission as the supervisor of the Sustainability Team as required by the program. This item would be added to future agendas. Mr. Popper said he would verify what actions were required of the Commission as it pertains to the program.

Mr. Popper also passed out the September 12, 2018 edition of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report, which featured an article about five recently preserved Connecticut farms.

5. Old Business:

- a. Discussion of the update of the 2009 Town of Cromwell Open Space and Conservation Plan.

Mr. Popper said that he had verified the date of adoption with the State of Connecticut as being 2012, so they had until 2022 to update the plan. He planned to request funds in the next budget to help with the revisions. The Conservation Commission would be in charge of the revisions to the Open Space and Conservation Plan as part of the update to the overall Plan of Conservation and Development. He said that most towns were including a sustainability section in their plans. He said that the state may have available model concepts regarding sustainability.

There was a brief discussion regarding how to best obtain public input regarding open space, such as holding a public meeting on the topic. Mr. Popper said that he would look into some of the social media programs available to generate public participation.

6. New Business:

Mr. Popper said that no conservation subdivisions were pending at this time. He said that the Nike Site application had been approved, that there was an application for a hotel development by Liberty Bank, and that construction of the Marshalls, the warehouse on County Line Drive, and the TPC clubhouse were all progressing. He said that Covenant Village's master plan application had been approved and their application was before the Wetlands Commission at this time. Covenant Village was proposing to add a formal drive off of West Street, a new amenities buildings, a number of additional residential units, and a boardwalk around the detention basin.

7. Farmland Preservation Committee:

Mr. Popper said that no other properties seemed applicable to this program at this time.

Mr. Popper updated the Commission regarding the status of the project at Cromwell Landing. He said that the DEEP required a species study and the study was almost complete. The Town planned to construct a boardwalk and to rebuild the stonewall from the land side. He said that he would bring a rendering of the proposal for the Commission to review. He said that the goal was for construction to take place during the winter.

8. Communications: None

9. Commissioner's Comments: Joseph Corlis asked about the Town Council's consideration of selling property on River Road. Mr. Popper said that the Town Council was considering the purchase of property on River Road, not the sale.

10. Public Comments

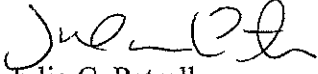
There were no public comments at this time.

11. Approval of Minutes:

a. February 8, 2018: A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Amanda Drew; Seconded by Joseph Corlis. *All in favor; motion passed.*

- 12. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Drew; Seconded by Joseph Corlis.
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie C. Petrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being more prominent.

Julie C. Petrella
Recording Clerk