

***Town of Cromwell  
Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM Thursday February 10, 2022  
ROOM 224/5, CROMWELL TOWNHALL  
41 WEST STREET  
Meeting Minutes***

**Present:** Chairman Scott Lamberson, Vice Chairman John Whitney, Joe Corlis, Joe Cap and Stacey Dabrowski

**Absent:** Nobody was absent

**Also, Present:** Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Scott Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

The presence of the above members was noted.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Joe Corlis to approve the agenda; seconded by John Whitney. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**4. Town Planner Report:**

Mr. Popper said he is putting together and will post two RFP/RFQ's. He explained the first one is for the updating of the plan of conservation and development (POCD) and the second one is for the updating of the Zoning Regulations. Mr. Popper said his goal is to have one firm selected to update the POCD and the Zoning Regulations. He said he had conversations with about three different firms so far and he is hoping to get proposals from those three and others.

Mr. Popper said he would like to set up an interview committee that would probably do the interviews sometime after March 11th for the POCD and then schedule the Zoning Regulations after March 24th. He said that he is planning on inviting at one member from each of the land use agencies, boards and commissions.

Mr. Popper said developers have been looking at vacant residential land in town including one parcel recently placed on the market at the corner of Willowbrook Road and Evergreen Road. He said conversations continue with the developer working on the Lord Cromwell site and it is an ongoing process. Mr. Popper said the peer review was completed for the Geer Street warehouse site and a response concerning the possible springtime breeding of salamanders is being prepared. He said he expects to see that application resubmitted to the Wetlands Agency and the public hearing started again in May or June.

**5. Old Business:**

Mr. Popper said that Friendly's was owned by one real estate investment company that owned several restaurants and they sold it to another real estate company. He explained that the restaurant is now for lease.

**6. New Business:**

a. Sustainable Connecticut

Mr. Popper said there was no new information under this topic.

**7. Farmland Preservation Committee:**

Mr. Popper asked John Whitney if there are any farm aid type programs that we should be aware. John Whitney said he has not seen anything new. Mr. Popper said that Eversource is going to be assisting municipalities with installing electrical car charging systems. He said he will be applying for a grant from Eversource to install two electrical chargers at the town hall. Mr. Popper said he did get a STEAP grant to install two chargers at the parking lot on Community Field Road and he is waiting for the State of Connecticut to select the vendors.

**8. Communications:**

None

**9. Commissioner's Comments:**

There were no comments.

**10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**11. Approval of Minutes:**

a. December 9, 2020

Joe Corlis made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2020. Seconded by John Whitney. Joe Cap and Scott Lamberson abstained due to absence. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**12. Adjourn:**

Joe Corlis made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM; Seconded by John Whitney. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,



Candice Fontaine  
Recording Clerk