



**Town of Cromwell
Conservation Commission**

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015
ROOM 224/225 CROMWELL TOWNHALL
41 WEST STREET**

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1. Call to Order

Chairman Scot Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates

Present: Chairman Scott Lamberson, Joseph Cap, Joseph Corlis and John Whitney.

Also Present: Director of Planning & Development Stuart Popper

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Lamberson asked Stuart Popper if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. Stuart Popper said no.

Amanda Drew made a motion to approve the agenda 2nd by Joseph Corlis

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

4. Town Planner Report:

Stuart Popper asked the Commission to approve the meeting dates for 2016. The Commission members discussed the dates and times of the meetings.

Amanda Drew made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2016 2nd by Joseph

Cap. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

5. Old Business:

a. Discussion of Open Space

Stuart Popper explained to the Commission that the Open Space component will have to be updated in 2017 along with the rest of the Plan of Conservation and Development. He said he would continue his research and provide the Commission with copies of other Town's Open Space plans.

The Commission members and Stuart discussed the various components and layout of this month's sample plan, the Town of Groton's Open Space Plan. The Commission members and Stuart discussed the components and the layout of the Town of Cromwell's existing Open Space Plan. Stuart noted that the existing Inventory of Open Spaces will be rather easy to update. The format and location of the recommendations and actions steps of the plan were discussed. He asked the Commission what they would like to see as the emphasis of the next Open Space Plan. The Commission members discussed: 1) The need to

emphasize pedestrian and bicycle connections from open space parcels to each other and to parks and schools throughout the town; 2) Looking at ways to make better use of the existing the open space parcels and 3) Stricter requirements for future open space donations.

6. Farmland Preservation Committee:

Stuart Popper updated the Commission on the status of the Phoenix Farm preservation application. He said DOAG for the State Department of Agriculture to finish up its efforts. The Town is all set with their funding component.

7. Communications:

Stuart Popper reminded the Commission members of the upcoming CACWIC conference in November.

8. Commissioners' Comments

The Commission members welcomed Tom Tokarz as the Town Council Liaison.

9. Public Comments

Brian O'Toole of 40 Court Street discussed the issues he is facing from developer's constructing housing on the property abutting land he is currently farming.

10. Approval of Minutes:

a. October 8, 2015

John Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes 2nd by Joseph Corlis. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

11. Adjourn

Chairman Lamberson asked for a motion.

Amanda Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, 2nd by Joseph Corlis. All in Favor. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By,



Stuart B. Popper, AICP
Director of Planning and Development
Acting Clerk