


**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2016
ROOM 224/5 CROMWELL TOWNHALL
41 WEST STREET
MINUTES**

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Present: Joseph Corlis, John Whitney, Scott Lamberson, and Amanda Drew

Absent: Joseph Cap

Also Present: Town Planner Stuart Popper

1. Call to Order

Scott Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates

The above members were noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Amanda Drew made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Joseph Corlis **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; motion passes.*

4. Town Planner Report:

Stuart Popper reported that the retail portion of Millane Nurseries has been taken over by Garden's Dream Farm out of Enfield. It is expected that someone will continue the nursery portion. A few landscaping companies are setting up retail locations in Cromwell. Mr. Popper stated that Plummer Landscaping will have a retail location at 224 Shunpike and Pine Wood Landscaping will take over the back part of 302 Main Street for their sales portion. Pine Wood Landscaping has plans to make extensive changes to the landscaping, signage, and parking lot.

Stuart Popper explained that a vein restoration clinic opened up above the urgent care facility. In addition, a cross training facility opened up in the SBC shopping center. The SBC Shopping Center will be undergoing extensive exterior renovations.

Mr. Popper stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be adopting their new regulations and everyone will get a copy of those. A discussion ensued about a few of the changes to the regulations including those regarding chickens and farm structure definitions.

Stuart Popper reported there would be a meeting of the Safe Routes to School Committee meeting on Thursday evening at the Board of Education offices. Mr. Popper submitted an grant application to the state regarding side walks on Geer Street and Main Street. They

are waiting to hear back from the state consultant regarding the safe routes to school report.

Stuart Popper discussed his ongoing efforts to finalize ideas for Cromwell Landing Park. Mr. Popper stated that he has been working with DEEP officials and other consultants to create plans. Mr. Popper described one plan in particular included creating a raised board walk, repairing the stone wall, and fencing the outside of the boardwalk in a way that was handicap accessible. Stuart Popper noted that he and Jon Harriman are continuing to meet with consultants and are hoping to finalize the plans and get the permit process started sometime this summer.

Amanda Drew stated that while on the Board of Finance Committee she saw the proposal for a walking trail on Hoffman Farms. She stated that the board discussed the proposal and asked whether the proposal would come to the Conservation Commission. Stuart Popper responded that it would be possible to arrange that. He said it will go before Planning and Zoning for a Section 8-24 State Statute Mandatory Referral and site plan modification.

5. Old Business:

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

Stuart Popper reported that he was unable to get the map and that he would bring it for next meeting.

6. Farmland Preservation Committee:

Stuart Popper reported that after success of Phoenix Farm no other additional efforts have been made. John Whitney asked about the availability of remaining grants. Scott Lamberson requested to keep this on the agenda to ensure that they maintain the status of their grant.

7. Communications:

No report for this meeting.

8. Commissioners' Comments

John Whitney stated that the Farmer's Market is set to open in the middle of June, ending sometime in September. He also stated that there are changes in the rules regarding vendor fees and applications.

9. Public Comments

Brian O'Toole asks the commission to consider sidewalks from Cromwell Hills to Willowbrook plaza because he noticed that there are no sidewalks but finds that there are a significant number of people walking on the road. A discussion ensued about the necessity of the sidewalks and the issues regarding building sidewalks on state roads.

10. Approval of Minutes:

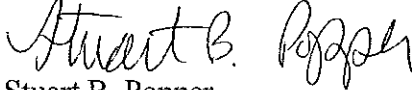
a. March 11, 2016

Amanda Drew made a **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Joseph Corlis **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor, the motion passes.*

11. Adjourn

Amanda Drew made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Corlis **seconded** the motion. *All were in favor; the motion passes.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart B. Popper".

Stuart B. Popper
Town Planner