

**Town of Cromwell**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 PM Thursday December 9, 2021**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Absent:** Chairman Scott Lamberson

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

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman John Whitney called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Stacy Dabrowski. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**4. Town Planner Report:**

Mr. Popper said this coming year we will be updating the town plan of conservation and development (POCD). He explained that The Conservation Commission will be meeting more regularly and will be working on the Open Space Plan component of the POCD. Mr. Popper said the Conservation Committee is responsible for the open space plan, the component of the plan and conservation development. He said, we will be going out to bid and interviewing and eventually hiring consultants to assist with updating the plan.

Mr. Popper said we will also be working to get the Town certified as a Sustainable Community by the State of Connecticut. He explained that the Conservation Commission has been designated as the town Sustainability Commission. Mr. Popper said he will be updating the commission regarding the efforts to obtain our certification from the State of Connecticut. He explained that the State ranks a variety of efforts in the ranking and certification such as recycling and building sidewalks and anything related to sustainable development.

Mr. Whitney asked if Middletown is obtaining more land in Cromwell for conservation purposes. Mr. Popper said he did not hear of this and the only way this could be done is for City of Middletown to buy undeveloped land or for someone to donate land in Cromwell to the City of Middletown.

Mr. Popper said the Planning and Zoning Commission has continued the Public Hearing on a

proposed 8 lot subdivision on Woodside Road. He said Reed Builders is the Applicant and Constance J. Scheu is the Owner. He said the subdivision contains one rear lot at the end of the proposed cul-de-sac.

Mr. Popper said the new owners of the Red Lion made an informal presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the December 7, 2021 meeting. He said 100 Berlin Road LLC is the owner and in conjunction with the developer Lexington Partners LLC of Hartford they are looking to develop 260 apartments, 36 condominiums, and 31,000 of commercial space including a restaurant. He said the Planning Commission seemed very receptive towards this proposal and we will hear more from them in the Spring.

**5. Old Business:**

There is no old business.

**6. New Business:**

a. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar

Motion made by Joe Corlis to approve the 2022 meeting calendar; seconded by Stacy Dabrowski. All in favor, motion passed.

**7. Farmland Preservation Committee:**

Mr. Whitney said there was a grant that he sent to Heather Polke which has to do with teaching children.

**8. Communications:**

Mr. Whitney said there has been updates in the AG magazine which he receives regularly.

Mr. Popper said he will re-subscribe to the magazine and forward it to commission members.

**9. Commissioner's Comments:**

There were no comments.

**10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**11. Approval of Minutes:**

a. November 12, 2020

Joe Corlis made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2020. Seconded by Stacy Dabrowski. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**12. Adjourn:**

Motion made by Joe Corlis to adjourn at 7:20 PM; Seconded by Stacy Dabrowski. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,



Candice Fontaine  
Recording Clerk