



## Town of Cromwell Conservation Commission

REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015  
ROOM 224/225 CROMWELL TOWNHALL  
41 WEST STREET

### MINUTES

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**1. Call to Order**

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

*Gloria Brenden*  
TOWN CLERK

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

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

Also Present: Town Council Liaison Thomas Tokarz and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Corlis  
All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

**4. Town Planner Report:**

a. Conservation Commission Meeting Dates for 2016

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 we are waiting 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Corlis. All in Favor. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stuart B. Popper", is written over a horizontal line.

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