



**Town of Cromwell
Conservation Commission**

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**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015
ROOM 224/5 CROMWELL TOWNHALL
41 WEST STREET**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Scott Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates

Present: Chairman Scott Lamberson, Vice Chairman John Whitney, Joseph Corlis

Also Present: Town Planner Stuart Popper

Absent: Joseph Cap, Amanda Drew

3. Approval of Agenda

John Whitney made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Joseph Corlis.

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

4. Town Planner Report:

5. Old Business:

- a. Discussion of Open Space Plans from other towns. (Please see attached copy of the Town of Vernon Open Space Plan from the 2013 Plan of Conservation and Development)

Stuart Popper handed out the Guilford Open Space Conservation Network. He reviewed the document with the members and commented that pg 18 has Preservation Actions worth looking into with regard to Cromwell's preservation of potential historical sites. He discussed how Vernon's Open Space Plan has some good ideas for promoting and managing Cromwell's open space. He said he would keep giving them copies of other communities' plans to see what Commission thinks to eventually create a plan for Cromwell.

Discussion was held on what the Commission can do to promote what Cromwell has to offer. Stuart Popper said he met with a firm that will do a guide to recreation opportunities in Cromwell as part of the next Discover Cromwell book. He suggested compiling a comprehensive list of all recreation areas both active and passive, along with

the various river access points for boating and fishing as well as a map of the sites. He noted that commercial advertising would pay for the cost of publication. Scott Lamberson pointed out that not many communities have access to walk along the river like Cromwell does. He also suggested looking into connecting a walking path between the high school and middle school. He asked to have the recreation list and map added as an agenda item.

Stuart Popper said the Town Council will be making a resolution to approve a \$320,000 STEAP Grant for Cromwell Landing Park. He said there would be an RFP to do design work and DEEP permits would be needed.

Discussion was held on getting permission from DEEP to install passive recreation at Hoffman Hill.

6. Farmland Preservation Committee:

Stuart Popper said that P&Z approved, at the 9/20/15 Meeting, Open Space funds for Phoenix Farm for the preservation of Cromwell farmland. He said he contacted Catherine Winslow with the State to notify her of the approval. He noted that the Town Attorney reviewed and approved the use of the Open Space funds for this purpose. He also noted that the State is now working on the documentation and he will report the progress to the Commission.

7. Communications: None

8. Commissioners' Comments:

John Whitney asked about the parcel of land that had access to the river but was land locked. Stuart Popper said the Cromwell Conservation Commission was instrumental in getting that parcel donated to the Berlin Land Trust.

9. Public Comments

Brian O'Toole of 40 Court Street asked that the minutes of September 10, 2015 be changed to reflect the intention of his comments. Stuart Popper suggested the following language amendment: Mr. O'Toole discussed the need to reuse brown field properties rather than building anew on green fields. Mr. O'Toole was agreeable to the modification.

10. Approval of Minutes:

a. September 10, 2015

John Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes with the above suggested amendment, 2nd by Joseph Corlis.

All in Favor. Motion Passed.

11. Adjourn

Joseph Corlis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM, 2nd by John Whitney.
All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A. Voog".

Sarah A. Voog
Conservation Commission Clerk