



## Town of Cromwell Conservation Commission

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M. THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2018**  
**ROOM 224/5 CROMWELL TOWNHALL**  
**41 WEST STREET**

### AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Town Planner Report:
5. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion of the update of the 2009 Town of Cromwell Open Space and Conservation Plan.
6. New Business:
7. Farmland Preservation Committee:
8. Communications:
9. Commissioners' Comments
10. Public Comments
11. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. February 8, 2018
12. Adjourn

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# Agricultural Report

Connecticut Department of Agriculture  
 Dannel P. Malloy, Governor  
 Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner



Wednesday, June 6, 2018

## SAFETY AND SURVIVAL ON THE WATER *Bureau of Aquaculture*

Environmental Analysts from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Bureau of Aquaculture are on the water year round in a variety of temperatures and conditions. Having survival knowledge should anything happen is essential to keeping staff safe while on the water.

On Thursday, May 10, several DoAg staff joined some members of the Connecticut shellfishing industry in safety and survival training at the University of Connecticut, Avery Point Campus in Groton, CT.

Participants learned from Coast Guard Certified Fishing Vessel Safety Instructors about man-overboard procedures, firefighting, emergency communications, flooding, pump operation, flares, emergency-position-indicating-radio beacons (EPIRB), survival suits, life raft-equipment, and basic first aid.

The man-overboard training was one of the most useful modules in this training, since it would likely be the one encountered most often by DoAg staff.

Often, there are only two members aboard a vessel at one time—one captaining the vessel while another collects samples.

The staff collecting samples often has to lean slightly out of the boat and—while under ideal conditions this

would not be an issue—if another boat comes by and creates a wake, or a larger wave tosses the vessel and the staff member is not adequately braced against the hull, it is possible for that staff member to be thrown overboard.

Although DoAg staff wear personal flotation devices while aboard the vessel, staff was surprised to find that it is actually extremely difficult for one person to lift another out of the water and haul them back on board the vessel.

Having this knowledge allows DoAg staff to better prepare their vessels with ladders and other methods of lifting someone who has fallen overboard.

A second-day course was also offered for one to become a Certified Drill Conductor, which is necessary to run monthly safety drills.

DoAg Boat Captain Rick Seiden intends to become a Certified Drill Conductor in order to run safety drills each month aboard DoAg vessels.

This training was held by Fishing Partnership Support Services (FPSS) and sponsored by Connecticut Sea Grant. FPSS is a non-profit organization that initially began in 1997 as a health plan to provide insurance for commercial fishermen and their families who are high-risk and chronically uninsured.



*Jen Yeadon helps Kristin Russo into the life raft during the survival suit module of the training.*



*Alissa Dragan (left) and Jen Yeadon light of flares during the flare and EPIRB module of the*

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**NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA**

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)
XTRA LARGE .84 .98
LARGE .78 .92
MEDIUM .71 .84

**NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)
XTRA LARGE 1.43 1.69
LARGE 1.41 1.65
MEDIUM 1.18 1.26
SMALL .82 .92

**LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK**

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing
breakers 75-80% lean 62.00 67.50
boners 80-85% lean 61.00 65.00
lean 88-90% lean 54.00 60.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 116.50 119.50
Choice 2-3 111.00 115.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS
Choice 2-3 80.00 83.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS
HiCh/Prime 3-4 114.00 115.00
Choice 2-3 112.00 114.00
CALVES - Graded bull
No 1 90-130 lbs 70.00 80.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3
90-110 lbs 205.00 240.00
110-130 lbs 195.00 215.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3
80-120 lbs 105.00 115.00
120-160 lbs 90.00 100.00
160-200 lbs 85.00 85.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1
40-60 lbs 160.00 190.00
60-80 lbs 200.00 215.00
80-100 lbs 210.00 245.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1
80-130 lbs 195.00 195.00
130-180 lbs 240.00 260.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1
100-150 lbs 250.00 270.00
150-250 lbs 250.00 365.00

**GREYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL**

\$/lb. or unit listed.
BROILERS 1.20 1.35
CHICKS, A .40 .80
XBRED FOWL 5-9 1.20 1.50
XBRED ROOSTERS, 7-11 1.25 1.25
XBRED ROOSTERS, 4-6 1.80 1.95
DOVES, EA 7.00 8.00
DUCKS/DRAKES, MUSCOVY 1.20 1.20
DUCKS, PEKIN, EA 5.00 6.00
DUCKLINGS, EA 1.00 2.00
GEESE 8.00 9.00
GOOSE EGGS, EA 4.25 4.25
LAYING PULLETS, EA 5.00 6.00
LEGHORN HENS, EA 3.00 3.00
LEGHORN ROOSTERS, EA 4.50 4.50
PIGEONS, EA 4.50 4.50
PIGEONS, FANCY, EA 12.00 14.00
PIGEONS, WHITE, EA 7.00 7.25
PULLETS 4-6 1.25 1.25
QUAIL, EA 1.20 1.50
RED FOWL 5-6 .90 1.05
RED FOWL 4-5 .70 .80

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

LOW HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS 14.00 15.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72 30.00 31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80 30.00 31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88 30.00 31.00
APPLE, CORT, FNCY, 12-3LB, 2-1/2" 21.00 21.00
APP, GLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2" 20.00 20.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 80 21.00 21.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 88 21.00 21.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 125 17.00 17.00
APPLE, MAC, FCY, TRYPK, 138 17.00 17.00
APP, MAC, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2" 20.00 20.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 80 30.00 31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 88 30.00 31.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 64 22.00 22.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72 22.00 22.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80 22.00 22.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 125 20.00 20.00
APPLE, REDDEL, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2" 20.00 20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS 6.00 7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ 12.00 15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON 22.00 22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON 26.00 26.00
FIDDLEHEADS, PER LB, 10 LB 6.00 7.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED 25.00 25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM 23.00 23.00
RHUBARB, OPNFIELD, 20 LB 36.00 36.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, 11 LB 15.00 15.00

**BOSTON MARKET ORGANIC**

Price Range. Per unit.
APPLE, CRISPIN, WAXF, 80 62.00 62.00
BLUEBERRY, CA, 12-6OZ, L 27.00 30.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, 45 LBS 28.00 28.00
CARROTS, CA, 48-1 LB, M-L 36.00 36.00
CUKES, 1/2 BU, 12 18.00 18.00
EGGPLANT, FL, 1-1/9 29.00 29.00
KALE, 12 BUNCHES 27.00 27.00
LETTUCE, ROMAINE, CA/AZ, 12-18OZ 42.00 42.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS 8.50 9.00

**BOSTON SHIPPED IN**

Price Range. Per unit.
ASPARAGUS, NJ, 28 LB BNCH, S 55.00 56.00
BEETS, NJ, 12 BN/CRATE 16.00 16.00
BOK CHOY, NJ, 1.6 BU CARTON 24.00 26.00
CABBAGE, RED, GA, 50 LB, M 20.00 22.00
CABBAGE, GRN, ORG, FL, 45LB, M/L 28.00 28.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, GA, 40 LB, M/L 18.00 20.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BNCH/CTN 12.00 14.00
CUKES, WAXED, FL, 1-1/9, M 22.00 24.00
DANDELION GRNS, NJ, 12 16.00 18.00
EGGPLANT, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE 14.00 15.00
ENDIVE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24 18.00 20.00
ESCAROLE, NJ, 1.3 BU, 24 18.00 20.00
KALE, MULTI, CA, 24 24.00 24.00
LEEKS, NJ, 12 BNCHS/CTN 16.00 16.00
LETTUCE, BOSTON GHS, CD, CLAM, 12-4 16.00 17.00
LETTUCE, RED/GRNLF, CA/AZ, 24 26.00 30.00
MACHE, GHS, PA, 3 LBS 12.00 13.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS 6.00 7.00
MUSTARD, CRLY, GA, 12 14.00 14.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, NJ, 60BN/CTN 20.00 20.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, NJ, 60 BN 20.00 20.00
PEAS, ENGLISH, CA, BU 70.00 70.00
PEAS, SUGR SNP, GT, 10 LB 20.00 22.00
PEAS, SNOW, GT, 10 LB 24.00 26.00
PEPPERS, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE 18.00 18.00
POTATO, WHT, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB 60.00 65.00
POTATO, YLW, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB 63.00 65.00
RADISHES, CA, 24 BN/CRATE 14.00 15.00
SPINACH, FLAT, NJ, 24 12.00 12.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, CT - June 4, 2018

Bob Calves: LOW HIGH
45-60 lbs. 28.00 32.00
61-75 lbs. 48.00 52.50
76-90 lbs. 55.00 60.00
91-105 lbs. 62.50 65.00
106 lbs. & up 70.00 72.50
Farm Calves 82.50 227.50
Starter Calves 22.00 25.00
Veal Calves 100.00 160.00
Feeder Heifers 71.00 87.50
Beef Heifers 78.00 95.00
Feeder Steers 100.00 160.00
Beef Steers 75.00 114.00
Feeder Bulls 120.00 180.00
Beef Bulls 92.50 140.00
Replacement Cows n/a n/a
Replacement Heifers n/a n/a
Boars n/a n/a
Sows n/a n/a
Butcher Hogs each n/a n/a
Feeder Pigs each 1@ 55.00
Sheep each 115.00 160.00
Lambs each 205.00 245.00
Goats each 80.00 302.50
Kid Goats each 72.50 190.00
Canners up to 59.00
Cutters 60.00 63.00
Utility Grade Cows 64.00 66.50
Rabbits each 5.00 27.50
Chickens each 3.00 24.00
Ducks each 5.00 20.00

**HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET FARMERS' MARKET FLOWERS**

Price published is \$/unit listed.

PERENNIAL, 1 GAL 9.00 15.00
PERENNIAL, 2 GAL 12.00 15.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 10" 5.00 20.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 11" 10.00 15.00
HNGR, FLWR, 11", 2 FOR 25.00 25.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 12" 10.00 25.00
COMBO POTS, 6", EA 7.00 7.00
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, EA 2.00 3.50
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, TRAY 20.00 20.00
ASSTD 4" POTS, TRAY 20.00 20.00
48 PLANT FLAT, EA 10.00 20.00
48 PLT FLAT, 3 FOR 25.00 25.00
WINDOW BOX 15.00 25.00
GERANIUMS, /TRAY 20.00 27.00
GERANIUMS, 2 TRAYS 40.00 40.00
VEG PLTS, 6 PK, EA 1.00 2.00
HIBISCUS PLT, EA 25.00 25.00

**BOSTON MARKET CUT FLOWERS**

Wholesale price. \$/unit listed.

ASTILBE, 10/BN, NL, M 17.50 17.50
CELOSIA, XCM CA, /BN, L 10.00 10.00
DELPH, CA, /BN, L 9.50 10.00
GLADS, CA, 10/BN, L 15.00 15.00
HYDRANGEA, NL, 5, L 5.50 7.50
LAVENDER, PA, /BN, L 10.00 10.00
LILAC, NTRL, /BL, NENG, L 75.00 75.00
LUPINE, CD, /BN, L 15.00 15.00
PEONY, SDBL, NENG, 10, L 25.00 25.00
PEONY, NJ, /STEM, L 2.95 3.95
RANUNCULUS, CD, 10, L 20.00 20.00
SNAPDRGN, NENG, 10, XL 13.50 13.50
SWEETPEA, NL, 10/BN, L 10.00 12.50
SWEETWILL, NJ, /BN 6.50 6.50

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Today, now that health insurance is more widely available, FPSS has expanded their mission to provide assistance with health insurance applications, connections of professional counseling services, and offer safety and survival trainings.



Kristin Russo and Rick Seiden practice setting up a typical dewatering pump delivered by the Coast Guard to vessels in need.

This organization focuses mainly on training fishermen

working in New England, going from Maine to Long Island, since New England waters are some of the most dangerous in the country.

FPSS safety and survival training is primarily tailored to fishermen who are out on the water in all sorts of conditions.

Having hands-on experience operating various pieces of safety equipment helps DoAg staff be better prepared should an emergency situation



From left to right: Kristin Russo, Jen Yeaton, Rick Seiden, and Alissa Dragan don survival suits before jumping into the water.

arise. Although emergency situations happen infrequently, this course was a great tool to expose staff to the potential dangers in the marine environment.

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49-R. Dahlia tubers – exhibiting/cut varieties. \$6 each. For more information about purchasing and varieties email [info@strongfarm.org](mailto:info@strongfarm.org).

50-R. 800 gallon stainless steel jacketed tank with gear-head agitator. Last used to hold dairy products. In excellent condition. 860-276-7815.

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7-R. Livestock wanted: Dairy cattle, heifers of any age, beef cows, bulls, steers, feeder cattle, veal, groups of sheep and goats. [RyanM01@comcast.net](mailto:RyanM01@comcast.net) or 860-655-0958. If no answer, leave message. All calls returned.

42-R. Interested in purchasing a farm or land in Middlesex or New London County. Call 516-801-0888.

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6-R. Farm/Land specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tetreault Realty (860) 644-5667.

### AG JOB CONNECTION

45-R. Strong Family Farm, Vernon's 501 (c)3 community farm is looking for a PT Executive Director and PT Store Manager. For more information go to [www.strongfamilyfarm.org](http://www.strongfamilyfarm.org).

**UCONN EXTENSION OFFERS  
GREENHOUSE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL CONFERENCE**

UConn Extension is sponsoring a one-day Greenhouse Biological Control Conference to be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Room 100, WB Young Building, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. Speakers at will include the following:

- Michael Oleykowski of Syngenta will present *Developing an Effective, Integrated Control Program*.
- Debbie Palumbo-Sanders of Bioworks in Victor, NY will present *Biofungicides and Their Fit into Your IPM Program*.
- Kerri Stafford of Cavicchio Greenhouses in Sudbury, MA will present *Implementing Our Biological Control Program*.
- Annie White of Nectar Landscape Design Studio in Burlington, VT will present *Top Plants for Attracting Pollinators: Natives and Beyond*.
- Carol Glenister of IPM Laboratories in Locke, NY will present *Plants Talk Biocontrol: How to Use Plants to Manage Pests*.

A registration fee of \$40, payable by check only to the University of Connecticut, is due by June 14. Registration includes coffee, continental breakfast, lunch, informational handouts and parking.

Five pesticide recertification credits will be offered. For more information contact Leanne Pundt at 860-626-6855 or [leanne.pundt@uconn.edu](mailto:leanne.pundt@uconn.edu) or visit [www.ipm.uconn.edu](http://www.ipm.uconn.edu).

**LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE  
THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**

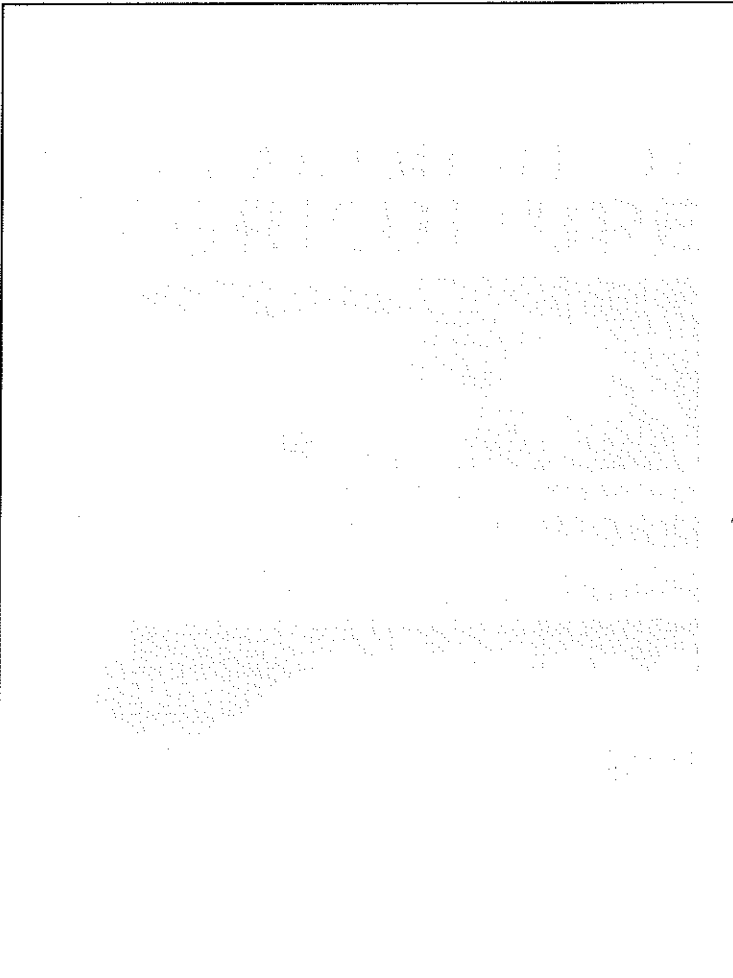
The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is wrapping up data collection for the 2017 Census of Agriculture. To stay on track for data release in February 2019, the deadline for submitting the paper questionnaire is June 15, 2018.

Farmers and ranchers who have not responded by June 15, 2018 still have until the end of July to complete the Census online through the secure website found on the cover of their Census form. Phone follow-up and personal interviews will also continue through July.

The questionnaire needs to be completed by everyone who received a form - including landowners who lease land to producers, those involved in conservation programs, even those who may have received the Census and do not farm. Every response matters.

Federal law requires NASS to keep all information confidential, to use the data only for statistical purposes, and to only publish in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture or to respond online, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov). Improved in 2017, the online form is faster and more convenient than ever. For questions about or assistance with filling out the Census, call toll-free 888-424-7828.



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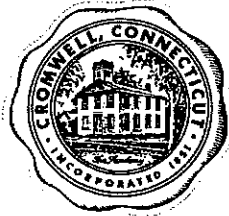
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April 19, 2018

Scott Lamberson  
10 Centerwood Road  
Cromwell, CT 06416

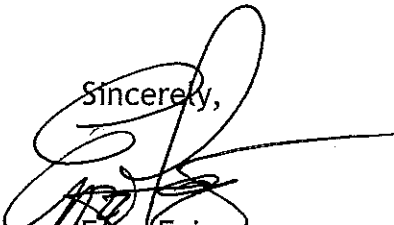
Dear Mr. Lamberson,

I am pleased to advise you that at their meeting of April 18, 2018 the Town Council re-appointed you to the Conservation Commission. Your term will expire January 2022.

Congratulations and thank you for serving your community in this way.

Thank you again. I am looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Enzo Faienza  
Mayor

Hi Scott,

Thank you for your  
service to our town!

Copy: Joan Ahlquist, Town Clerk  
Chairman Conservation Commission ✓



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April 19, 2018

Joseph Cap  
11 North Ridge Drive  
Cromwell, CT 06416

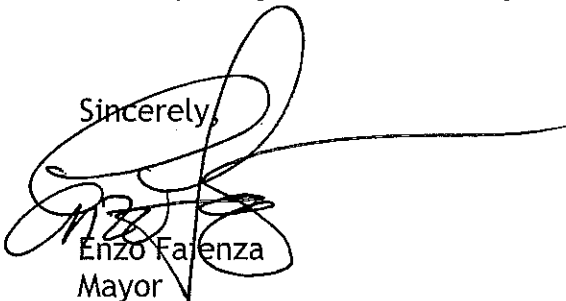
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Congratulations and thank you for serving your community in this way.

Thank you again. I am looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Enzo Fajenza  
Mayor

Copy: Joan Ahlquist, Town Clerk  
Chairman Conservation Commission ✓

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CROMWELL, CT

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL, 41 WEST STREET  
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES**

**Present:** Chairman Scott Lamberson, Joseph Cap, Joseph Corlis, John Whitney

**Absent:** Amanda Drew

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

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lamberson at 7:02 p.m.

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

The presence of the above members was noted. No alternates were seated.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joseph Corlis; Seconded by Joseph Cap.  
*All in favor; motion passed.*

**4. Town Planner Report**

Mr. Popper passed out copies of the February 7, 2018 edition of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report and said that he would forward the report each week, if the members were interested in receiving it.

John Whitney explained the Farm Transition Grant by saying it was a 50/50 grant for up to \$49,999.00, to be used for larger scale improvements. He had previously received the grant and used it to construct a barn. He said the application required a business plan and an applicant needed to finance the project in full and would then be reimbursed. He said that he was unaware of any other farmers in town that might be eligible.

Mr. Popper next discussed the Cromwell Landing project. He said that three species had been identified by the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as requiring study over the summer. He reviewed the proposed improvements and said that there is some brownstone located on land to the north that can be reused.

Mr. Popper said that the Frisbee Park improvements would allow for additional parking in the grass area off of Route 99, for use during special events. He then mentioned that the roads and open space at Northwoods had been accepted by the town and the developer had been bonded to complete small pedestrian bridges and trails.



Mr. Popper said he was starting a committee to work on the update of the 2009 Town of Cromwell Open Space and Conservation Plan from within the Planning and Zoning Commission. He was looking at possibly utilizing online surveys or community forums to solicit input. The Conservation Committee's role would be to review and approve the proposed update of the Open Space Plan.

There was also some brief discussion regarding a number of other matters: that the land swap for 120 County Line Drive had been approved, that ShopRite was continuing to work on obtaining its OSTA permit, and that there was some interest in possible hotel development in town. Chevron was continuing to work on the cleanup of the contaminated soil at the tank farm. The town was continuing to search for a developer for the River Road project. Site plans were expected next for the Nike Site and former Millane property projects. The Planning and Zoning Commission had recently denied the Affordable Housing apartment project and the applicant was appealing the decision.

**5. Old Business:**

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

(See Town Planner's Report above).

**6. New Business: None**

**7. Farmland Preservation Committee:**

John Whitney stated that he had been asked to represent Cromwell at the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Government at their monthly meetings. He said that, after talking with representatives from other towns, he believes that Cromwell is farm friendly. He said that the Council was looking to make farm regulations more universal throughout the region.

**8. Communications: None**

**9. Commissioner's Comments: None**

**10. Public Comments**

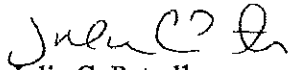
There were no public comments at this time.

**11. Approval of Minutes:**

a. December 14, 2017: A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joseph Cap; Seconded by Joseph Corlis. *All in favor; motion passed.* John Whitney abstained.

**12. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Corlis; Seconded by Joseph Cap.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie C. Petrella  
Recording Clerk