


**Town of Cromwell  
Conservation Commission**

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**REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CROMWELL TOWN HALL  
41 WEST STREET**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Scott Lamberson, Vice Chairman John Whitney, Joe Corlis, Jamin DeProto and Faye Tine

**Absent:** Joe Cap

**Also Present:** Council Liaison Jack Henehan and Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Scott Lamberson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

A motion was made by John Whitney and seconded by Joe Corlis to seat Jamin DeProto and Faye Tine as alternates. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

John Whitney made a motion to amend the agenda to add Public Comments as number 4 on the agenda and to approve the amended agenda; Seconded by Jamin DeProto. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**4. Public Comments:**

Chairman Lamberson asked if there was anyone that wished to address the Commission.

Mr. Mike Weidler of 512 Main Street addressed the Commission. He said he was advised by the beekeeper formerly located near the community gardens that the mowing of the area near the community gardens by town staff was having a negative impact on the keeping of bees due to the loss of wild flowers. Mr. Weidler said the mowing by town staff of various areas precludes the growth of wild flowers which are necessary for honey bees. He suggests the town look into this. Councilman Jack Henehan said this is a good issue to present to the Council. Mr. Weidler noted the stream on Shadow Lane supports brook trout and this should be preserved. He also had concerns about the stream located in the Hillside cemetery and noted that material is being deposited in the stream and the stream needs to be better maintained.

**5. Town Planner Report:**

Mr. Popper updated the Commission on the status of the various new commercial and residential projects in town and the new applications pending before the Inland Wetlands Agency and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**6. New Business:**

**a. Update of Plan of Conservation and Development**

Mr. Popper said the Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on

the updating of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) at their meeting on February 20, 2024. Mr. Popper distributed handouts and made a presentation on the highlights of the updated POCD.

**b. Update of Open Space Plan**

Mr. Popper distributed copies of the 2012 Open Space Plan and made a presentation on the Plan. He noted that the Conservation Commission was responsible for the updating of the Plan. The Commission members discussed the Open Space Plan, the updating of the POCD and the question of making recommendations for possible Zone Changes specifically on the north side of Geer Street. It was discussed whether the Conservation Commission should make recommendations for Zone Changes or if it was more appropriate for individual members to make recommendations. Chairman Lamberson asked members to review the 2012 Open Space Plan and be prepared to discuss it further at the March meeting.

**7. Farmland Preservation Committee:**

Chairman Scott Lamberson asked John Whitney if there are any new farm aid type programs that we should be aware of. John Whitney said he has not seen anything about new programs or any new or old program funding.

**8. Communications:**

None

**9. Commissioner's Comments:**

There were no comments.

**10. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**11. Approval of Minutes:**

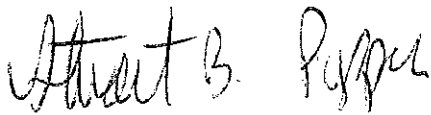
a. December 14, 2023

John Whitney made a motion to approve as amended the minutes of December 14, 2023;  
Seconded by Joe Corlis. *All in favor, motion passed.*

**12. Adjourn:**

John Whitney made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM; Seconded by Joe Corlis. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,



Stuart B. Popper  
Temporary Recording Clerk