



WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Colleen O'Brien (VICE CHAIR), Jeff Lapnow, Sadiqua Azad, Alex Gorski

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director, Environmental Affairs

ABSENT: David Silvia (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Algon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. INLAND WETLAND REFERRAL

A. WET#2895(S) WALKER – 354 Thayer Pond Road – proposed construction of a single-family residence serviced with septic system and well within an upland review area

Mr. Conklin advised a planting plan was submitted since the last meeting. There was discussion about planting non-native plants. Although the two species selected are native, the use of just two species in tight rows are essentially monocultures and not ideal for the ecology. The removal of trees between the road and the house should be saved where appropriate.

B. WET#2896(S) OLD DRIFTWAY, LLC – 0 Mountain Road (Map#25 Lot#2) – proposed single-family residence with driveway, in-ground pool, pool house, stormwater detention and septic system

Mr. Conklin displayed the plan and how it relates to Mountain Road with use of the Town-Owned land. There is a wetland crossing and vernal pool on site where box culverts and fill are proposed. Mr. Conklin confirmed he has visited the site with the Town Engineer and he does not think this type of crossing is appropriate for the sensitive area. Commissioners suggested plantings that are layered. The Commission strongly object to any direct impacts to the vernal pool.

III. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. Tree Steward Tree Planting for 2022 and 2023 – Ms. Algon noted the Tree Steward for 2022 is Frank Simone and the 2023 recipient is Nick Lee. Mr. Lapnow offered to donate Mr. Simone's tree on behalf of the town. It was noted Mr. Lee already picked his tree. Both will be planted in Schenck's Island in early

November. The exact date will be selected after the parking lot construction at Schenck's Island is completed.

- b. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report – Nothing to report.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Special Site Walk Meeting Minutes September 6, 2023

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the Special Site Walk Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023, SECONDED by Ms. Azad and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Gorski abstained as he was not present for the meeting.

- b. Meeting Minutes September 6, 2023

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023, SECONDED by Ms. Azad and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Gorski abstained as he was not present for the meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VI. ADJOURN – Ms. O'Brien MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:00 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be November 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary