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Subject: Re: pollinator pathway resolution for wilton

Frank,

First, it was good seeing you, Jackie and the other commissioners yesterday. Thanks for your efforts. Related, Tammy Thornton contacted the Board of Selectmen to suggest we hold a second cleanup day in the fall, funded by the monies the Town received from sales of nips. I responded that I didn't want to obligate the volunteer members of the Conservation Commission or town employees for an event in the fall since Hazardous Waste Day is in the fall on September 10th. I suggested if Wilton Go Green wanted to organize a second cleanup day, the town would be happy to financially support with nip funds.

Second, since two members of the Commission are on this email and in the interest of FOIA, I assume you and Jackie will report my feedback to the others commissioners me at your next public meeting.

Yesterday after I finished with clean up, I searched the Board of Selectmen digital files for resolutions. There were resolutions dating as far back as 2006. All were administrative, including those for legal matters and those required by the state or federal government for grants. None were non administrative, such as the attached. Therefore, I couldn't find precedent for this type of resolution.

As I shared with you, I have received inquiries related to possible Board of Selectmen

resolutions. Tolls and contribution to Ukraine relief efforts come to mind. It's a slippery slope. Once a Board issues one resolution, that opens the door and invites all sorts of situations, including those of a political nature. I expect that is why the Boards of Selectmen have limited themselves to administrative resolutions. It may also be because only administrative resolutions are referenced in the Charter.

As I noted on Saturday, during my 6 plus years in office, the Board has adopted one proclamation. It too was administrative in nature as what we resolved was how we would conduct ourselves at meetings.

<https://www.wiltonct.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4046/f/uploads/2017civility.pdf>

With all that said, as first selectwoman I issue proclamations. Typically they consist of raising awareness for a topic by proclaiming a day as that topic day in Wilton. A recent example was Overdose Awareness Day. Perhaps a proclamation could be timed with a Commission sponsored or co-sponsored educational event.

Reading through the suggested resolution, I did note some recommendations were which a mixed message versus recommendations to prevent ticks, or coyotes or bears. Wildlife that are of concern to many residents and the Town. For example, the mixed messaging of install a bird feeder to help pollinators versus take down your bird feeder to avoid bears. Perhaps to increase buy-in, you may want to consider focusing on recommendations that don't contradict those for the other concerning wildlife.

Happy to discuss further, but not at your June 1st meeting as I have a conflict.

Thanks,

Lynne

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hi lynne. attached is the pollinator pathway resolution prepared and approved by the Conservation Commission. it is similar to/patterned after resolutions by Weston and Fairfield (attached). it does not mention/promote "no mow may". it does mention/support the Town's Sustainable CT Certification effort. incidentally, i learned today that the pollinator pathway logo (attached) was developed by donna merrill and was/is intended to reflect a map of wilton, its center and intersecting routes 7 and 33. let me or jackie know if there is anything we can do to further/advance the process. as you mentioned earlier today, a pollinator pathway initiative (resolution?) is a CC objective under the 2019 POCD (page 112, Index 2.3.1). frank