

Larkin, Elizabeth

From: Conklin, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Larkin, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: Request for WCC and IWC Letters of Support for a CT DEEP grant
Attachments: ALT request for letter of support.pdf; Map1-Fratelli property location within NDDDB and watershed.jpg; Map 2-Fratelli Property location and trails.pdf; 2019 Wilton POCD excerpts.pdf; Appendix 9 Pagano_CT DEEP NDDDB Response.pdf; Pagano_Fratelli Photopage.pdf

From: Donna Merrill <merrill@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Conklin, Mike <Mike.Conklin@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Request for WCC and IWC Letters of Support for a CT DEEP grant

Dear Mike,

Aspetuck Land Trust (ALT), assisted by Wilton Land Conservation Trust (WLCT), is seeking a CT DEEP grant to protect a land-locked 11.5 acre open space parcel in Wilton abutting the Wilton-Weston town border and requests a letter in support of this grant application from the Wilton Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission. The property is currently owned by Fratelli Zeta LLC, having recently changed hands from its former owner, Dominick Pagano.

I've put together information concerning the conservation significance of this parcel and its importance to the joint ALT and WLCT Wilton-Weston Forest Block Initiative that seeks protection one of the last intact interior forest ecosystem habitats in Fairfield County. The information is attached and includes:

- ALT's formal Letter of Request with facts and observations about the parcel and CT DEEP deadline for submission of letters.
- Map 1: property location within the CT Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) and watershed
- Map 2: property location and trail proposal
- Excerpts from 2019 POCD
- CT DEEP letter supporting protection of endangered species on the Pagano tract (now Fratelli Zeta property)
- Photographs of site

The CT DEEP deadline for its Open Space grant Letters of Support is August 1st and we ask that you email your letter to us by Monday, July 27th. Please let me know what you need in addition to the above information so you, the Wilton Conservation Commission, and the Inland Wetland Commission can work within this time frame. Thank you.

Respectfully,
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