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**WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Frank Simone, Kim Healy (until 7:45 p.m.), Colleen O'Brien, Phil Murphy, Jeff Lapnow

**ALSO PRESENT:** Adam Goodman, Aspetuck Land Trust; Donna Merrill, Aspetuck Land Trust

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Ms. Algon.

**ASPETUCK LAND TRUST REQUEST LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT**

Mr. Woodman and Ms. Merrill explained they are filing a grant request for the Aspetuck Land Trust. They are asking for the Commission's written support for this grant to purchase a property that would increase the Wilton/Weston Forest Block, a rare pristine forest with connectivity to other Open Spaces.

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to SUPPORT the Aspetuck Land Trust Grant Application, SECONDED by Ms. Healy, and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REFERRALS**

**A. SP#480,** 863-875 Danbury Road, Connecticut Humane Society, to allow the construction of a new 14,243 square foot building by way of Section 29-5.A.3.r., for charitable organizations of residentially-zoned properties when fronting on Danbury Road.

Commissioners discussed the Application for both Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands referrals. The only comment relates to the Applicant including a maintenance schedule on the pervious pavement and stormwater management systems.

**INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS**

**A. WET#2723(S) ROSENBERG – 29 Crofoot Road** – proposed addition with B100a within an upland review area

Mr. Conklin noted he has no environmental concerns with this Application.

Commissioners had no comments.

**B. WET#2724(S) CT HUMANE SOCIETY – 863-875 Danbury Road** – redevelopment of premises to include demo of existing on-site structures and

construction of new single-story commercial building, parking, driveways, walkways and associated improvements

Item discussed under Planning & Zoning Referrals above.

- C. WET#2727(S) JANSEN – 70 Middlebrook Farm Road** – proposed 20 ft. x 40 ft. in-ground swimming pool and associated B100a

Commissioners have no comments.

- D. WET#2729(S) JONAN/KALLCIU – 21 Grumman Hill Road** – proposed pond dredging

Commissioners have no comments.

## **II. ONGOING BUSINESS**

### **a. Walks & Talks -**

Ms. O'Brien noted she is not able to hold the Sky Watch event in October due to scheduling and COVID-19 issues. Ms. O'Brien will schedule a walk for September 26<sup>th</sup> at Quarry Head Park starting at 1pm.

### **b. Work with other Commissions/Committees**

- i) Tree Committee – Ms. Algon reported that they are finalizing information, including a draft ordinance, for BOS approval.
- ii) Deer Committee – Mr. Conklin reported the hunter training session is taking place on September 2, 2021.

### **c. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report – Nothing to report.**

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. HazWaste Day – Wilton Collection event is being held on October 16, 2021 from 9am to 1pm at Miller-Driscoll School. Mr. Conklin asked that all Commissioners attend.
- b. Tree Planting Project at Bradley Park – Mr. Conklin advised a Wilton Resident, Gopal Tampi, and his 4<sup>th</sup> Grade daughter, have donated \$1,000 to plant 100 White Pine trees at Bradley Park. Mr. Tampi's daughter and her friends and classmates will do the planting for educational and environmental purposes. Mr. Lapnow, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Algon committed to help with the event.
- c. Dam Removal Site Walk with Save the Sound – Commissioners were invited to attend the upcoming walk.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a. Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2021**

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2021, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**IX. ADJOURN** – Mr. Lapnow MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:19pm, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be October 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs