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WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Frank Simone, Kim Healy, Phil Murphy, Colleen O'Brien (logged on at 6:30pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs

ABSENT: Jeff Lapnow (not notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Ms. Algon.

II. PLANNING AND ZONING REFERRAL

A. SUB#922, Brian and Jennifer Angerame/Frangione Engineering, LLC, 30 Sturges Ridge Road, for a 2-lot subdivision

Mr. Conklin reviewed the plans and noted he did not have any environmental concerns.

Commissioners have no comments.

III. INLAND WETLAND REFERRAL

A. WET#2736(S) ROY – 55 Hickory Hill Road – proposed single-family residence and associated site improvements

Mr. Conklin noted the wetlands were not flagged so it was difficult to determine where the activities are proposed in the field. Commissioners agreed that a formal site walk should be scheduled after the applicant adds flags to the wetland areas and stakes the proposed corners of the residence.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Tree Planting Summary –

Ms. Algon confirmed the Gopal Tampi Tree Planting event held on October 2nd was a huge success with 100 white pine trees planted at Bradley Park with assistance from 4th Graders and their families. Ms. Algon agreed to write the Tampis a letter of thanks for their generous gift.

Mr. Murphy will contact the Friends of Bradley Park to ask for assistance with the keeping of the line of invasives from taking over the park; as one side has heavy invasives and one side is currently healthy.

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*Minutes have not been reviewed by this Board and may be subject to revision in future minutes.

b. Walks & Talks -

Ms. O'Brien will schedule a walk in early November. Ms. Algon noted she would like to schedule a Zoom Talk in the near future.

c. Work with other Commissions/Committees

i) Tree Committee – Ms. Algon stated the Committee has been working on the Tree Planting Ordinance. She also noted there will be a celebration for Arbor Day on October 20th at 3pm to celebrate the Tree Stewards from the past two years; Liz Craig for 2020 and Nick Lee for 2021. The location is TBD.

1. Ordinance for Tree Planting – Ms. Algon asked for Commissioners to review the draft and provide comments.
2. Resolution for planting natives and for Pollinator Pathway – Ms. Algon stated she wanted to produce a guideline so the town only plants native species on their own property. Mr. Conklin noted the Stonewall Guidelines in Wilton is a similar type of guideline which is included in the 2019 POCD and encouraged this initiative as a guideline, not an ordinance. The commission agreed to draft a resolution.

ii) Deer Committee – Mr. Conklin reported the Controlled Hunt is underway.

d. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report – Ms. Healy provided a summary of the Planning & Zoning Meeting relating to the CT Humane Society Special Application.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. HazWaste Collection 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 to help with registration.
- b. Discussion: Tree Committee and Conservation Commission rosters – Ms. Algon noted both Boards are down members. She contacted the First Selectwoman who recommended the two groups merge under the Conservation Commission. Members of the Conservation Commission disagreed with this idea.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2021

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2021, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Murphy abstained as he dropped off the Zoom.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. ADJOURN – Ms. O'Brien MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:34pm, SECONDED by Ms. Healy and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be November 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs