



WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Frank Simone, Kim Healy, Jeff Lapnow, Colleen O'Brien

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Tammy Thornton, Wilton GoGreen

ABSENT: Phil Murphy (notified of intended absence)

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Ms. Algon.
- II. **SUSTAINABLE CT DISCUSSION – Tammy Thornton, Wilton Go Green**

Ms. Thornton confirmed Wilton was granted a 3-year certification with Sustainable CT, which allows the town to get recognition for work, and opens up the town for funding resources.

She asked the Commissioners for support to prepare a Pollinator Pathway Resolution, as well as preparing an invasive species workshop, or educational event. The Commission committed to doing an educational workshop, or speaker series, and developing a Native Species Resolution which includes the Pollinator Pathway.

III. **PLANNING AND ZONING REFERRAL**

- A. **SP#483, WASS GROUP, 481 Danbury Road**, to permit additions to existing veterinary clinic adaptive use pursuant to Section 29-5.C.5 of Wilton Zoning Regulations

Mr. Conklin noted the area of the addition is over an existing patio. The driveway is currently gravel and should remain pervious per Ms. Algon.

III. **INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS**

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

Ms. Algon noted the proposal is for a 6-bedroom home. Mr. Conklin stated the wetlands report was not conclusive so the Inland Wetlands Commission is hiring a third-party soil scientist. The Commissioners suggested the owner save the stone walls, protect trees by creating a tree preservation plan, and hire a Landscape Architect to complete a mitigation planting plan.

- B. WET#2744(S) DIES – 200 Mill Road, New Canaan** – proposed garage addition and covered walk including demo of existing garage

Mr. Conklin stated the plan was recently revised to pull the septic further away from the wetlands and has been downgraded to an Intermediate Activity Application. No review or comments are needed.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Walks & Talks -

Ms. O'Brien will potentially schedule a walk for early December at Quarry Head State Park. Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Algon will connect to schedule a talk for early 2022.

b. Work with other Commissions/Committees

i) Tree Committee – Ms. Algon confirmed the Arbor Day Celebration was a success. She also noted two donated trees and a shrub were recently planted and need to be watered.

ii) Deer Committee – Mr. Conklin reported the Controlled Hunt is underway but there have been no recent meetings.

c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report – nothing to report.

d. Native Plant Ordinance – Ms. Algon noted she will draft the ordinance and will send it to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Simone recommended utilizing the Newtown Ordinance as a model for revisions that apply to Wilton.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2021 & Special Meeting Site Walk Minutes - November 1, 2021

Ms. Healy MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2021, & the Special Meeting Site Walk Minutes of November 1, 2021, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. ADJOURN – Mr. Lapnow MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:00pm, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be December 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs