



WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Matt Brand, Resident

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

II. PLANNING AND ZONING REFERRALS - None

III. INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS

A. WET#2747(S) PADILLA – 44 Berch Court – proposed in-ground pool and associated site improvements

Mr. Conklin reviewed the plans noting the closest disturbance is 35 ft. from a wetland. He added that the unique topography on the site limits the pool location.

Commissioners agreed there are no comments.

B. WET#2748(S) GIANNOUTSOS – 19 Lee Allen Lane – proposed 20 ft. x 45 ft. in-ground pool 63 ft. from a wetland

Mr. Conklin reviewed the plans and confirmed that there is already a healthy mitigation buffer in place from the recent redevelopment of the site.

Commissioners agreed there are no comments.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Walks & Talks -

Ms. Algon suggested doing a walk with a bonfire at Schenck's Island including hot chocolate, s'mores and live music. Ms. O'Brien will connect with Mr. Conklin to get the Fire Department on board for January 21st from 6:30 – 8:00pm with a rain date of January 23rd.

b. Work with other Commissions/Committees

i) Tree Committee – Ms. Algon has requested time with the First Selectwoman prior to sending the Tree Ordinance to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

- ii) Deer Committee – Mr. Conklin reported the Committee met recently and the hunt is well underway with lower harvest numbers being reported statewide. A discussion ensued relating to disease in deer and the new veterinarian on the Committee shedding light on these issues.
- c. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report – Ms. Algon noted FDSPIN 141 DR, LLC at 141 Danbury Road and CT Humane Society at 863-875 Danbury Road have been approved by both the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- d. Draft Native Plant Ordinance – Ms. Algon noted Mr. Simone utilized the Newtown Ordinance as a model for the Draft Wilton Ordinance and asked everyone to review. A discussion ensued relating to enforcement on personal and commercial properties.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2022 Election of Officers

Mr. Simone NOMINATED Ms. Algon as the Chairperson, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Ms. O'Brien NOMINATED Mr. Simone as Vice Chairperson, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

b. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the 2022 Meeting Schedule as drafted with the new start time of 7 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2021

Ms. O'Brien MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2021 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - Matt Brand spoke during the Public Comments Section.

VIII. ADJOURN – Mr. Simone MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:07pm, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be January 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs