

TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – 7:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs

- **I. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Algon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed David Silvia to the Commission.
- II. PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS None
- III. INLAND WETLANDS REFERRALS
 - A. WET#2781(S) DAVIDSON/MUELLER 425 Ridgefield Road proposed construction of a single-family dwelling

Mr. Conklin reviewed the plans for the new house.

The Commission commented that stormwater management details are lacking for the large driveway.

B. WET#2785(S) WARD – 23 Hidden Lake Ridge – proposed addition, pool, patio and B100a within an upland review area

Mr. Conklin reviewed the plan noting the pool is small and adjacent to an existing patio.

The Commission offered no comments for this referral.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Walks & Talks -

Ms. O'Brien stated she is not getting a response from potential speakers so she is changing her approach. She will post free on-line presentations that have already taken place to the Facebook page for public education on a weekly basis.

b. Work with other Commissions/Committees

 i) Deer Committee – Mr. Conklin reported the 2022 Hunt was successful with 66 deer harvested.

Ms. Algon noted the Tree Committee was recently disbanded as they completed their charge. She identified two annual items that will need to be taken over by this Commission and discussed at the September Meeting: Tree Steward Nomination and Arbor Day Celebration planning.

- **c.** Planning & Zoning Liaison Report Nothing to report.
- **d.** Draft Native Plant Policy/Ordinance Nothing to report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Townwide Clean Up Day – April 23, 2022

Mr. Conklin reported the planning is well underway and donations have been received from Kiwanis and True Value Wilton Hardware for prizes. He also confirmed Pinocchio Pizza is again providing a free slice of pizza for all volunteers.

b. Wilton Go Green Zero Waste Faire - June 5, 2022

Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Algon, and Mr. Lapnow indicated they will be available to volunteer for this event.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2022

Mr. Simone requested the following revisions to the March 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

II DRAFT PLANNING & ZONING REGULATION CHANGE FOR NATIVE PLANTS

in their *respective* towns.

VII. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Draft Native Plant Ordinance

Mr. Simone will review the draft verbiage ...in the Town of Wilton, and he will send a revised document to the Commissioners.

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2022 as amended, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Silvia abstained as he was not present.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. ADJOURN – Mr. Lapnow MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:55pm, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs