



**WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.  
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Frank Simone (VICE CHAIR), David Silvia, Sadiqua Azad

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs

**ABSENT:** Colleen O'Brien (notified of intended absence), Jeff Lapnow (not notified of intended absence)

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Algon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. NEW COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION**

Ms. Algon welcomed Sadiqua Azad and David Silvia formally to the Commission.

**III. PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS**

**A. SP#491, WILTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, 183 Ridgefield Road,** construction of a barn with office and bathrooms

Mr. Silvia stated he attended the meeting for this Application and noted the Planning & Zoning Commission remarked on items such as the need for more parking spaces and the proposed new driveway due to the grade and drainage.

The Commission agreed there are no conservation-related comments.

**B. SP#489, BRIDGE CROSSING, LLC, 586 Danbury Road,** to allow for contractor's yard in General Business Zone

Ms. Algon noted this Application was withdrawn from the Planning & Zoning Commission and will not be discussed.

**IV. INLAND WETLANDS REFERRAL**

**A. WET#2794(S) KULKE – 860 Ridgefield Road –** “corrective action” to address unauthorized clearing and earthwork

Mr. Conklin reviewed the violation and mitigation plan to restore the wetland area that was cleared.

The Commission agreed there are no conservation-related comments.

## **V. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. Walks & Talks - Ms. Algon noted Walks & Talks are difficult to plan with COVID-19. Informative videos are being shared on social media in their place.
- b. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report – Mr. Silvia attended both P&Z Meetings. He noted there were details missing from the 183 Ridgefield Road Application that were requested from the Land Trust.
- c. Status of Native Plants & Pollinator Pathway Proclamation/P&Z Landscape Regulations – Ms. Algon provided background on this initiative and stated some new language is proposed for the Planning & Zoning Regulations. Mr. Simone confirmed the information was sent to the Town Planner, Michael Wrinn.

## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Email from Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectwoman re: Pollinator Pathway Resolution for Wilton

Mr. Simone noted Lynne Vanderslice is amenable to a Proclamation rather than a Resolution, but some language needs to be changed. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for this discussion.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **2022 Deer Management Plan** – Mr. Conklin displayed the 2022 Hunt Plan for approval. Mr. Conklin stated Wilton Land Conservation Trust had a request to keep Slaughter Field open to the Public for the duration of the hunt.

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the 2022 Hunt Plan, SECONDED by Ms. Azad and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

- b. **Wilton Go Green Zero Waste Faire** - June 5, 2022 – Commissioners discussed the timing, set-up and staffing for the event at Miller Driscoll School.
- c. **Townwide Clean Up Day Summary** – Mr. Conklin stated 100 people attended this successful event. He discussed new initiatives for 2023 including pre-registration and T-shirts for all attendees in lieu of gift certificates.

## **VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Special Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2022**

Mr. Silvia MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2022, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 3-0-1 with Ms. Azad abstained, as she was not present.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

## **X. ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.**

Next regular meeting will be July 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary