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**WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Susan DiLoreto, Frank Simone, Jade Hobson, Jackie Algon, Colleen O'Brien

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director Environmental Affairs

ABSENT: Jeff Lapnow (notified of intended absence)

- I.** CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.
- II.** PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS

**A. SP#471**, 962 Danbury Realty, LLC, 962 Danbury Road, Expansion of parking and vehicular storage lots

Ms. Diloreto provided her comments relating to the referral.

Ms. O'Brien MOVED to ALLOW Ms. Diloreto to work with Staff to submit comments based on the meeting discussion for a P&Z Referral for SP#471, and CHZ#20383, SECONDED by Ms. Hobson and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. DiLoreto voting in favor.

**B. CHZ#20383**, 962 Danbury Realty, LLC, 962 Danbury Road & 10 N. Main Street, Request to change 0.834 acre of property from R-1A District to a General Business District

Ms. Diloreto provided her comments relating to the referral which will mirror the comments from SP#471.

Ms. O'Brien MOVED to ALLOW Ms. Diloreto to work with Staff to submit comments based on the meeting discussion for a P&Z Referral for CHZ#20383, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. DiLoreto voting in favor.

**C. SP#472**, Cowley/Marusi, 465 Danbury Road, to allow part of the building for day care use in connection with an existing day care center/Create Learning Center at 463 Danbury Road

The Commission agreed this is not a Conservation matter.

**D. SDP#2-20**, Allegra Print and Imaging/Sunrise of Wilton, 211 Danbury Road, for an

alternative signage program for an additional freestanding sign

The Commission agreed this is not a Conservation matter.

- E. REG#20382**, proposed amendments to Sections 29-6.C.5.c, 29-6.A.4.f, 29-6.B.4.d, adding text to the Permitted Accessory Uses to allow continued use of outdoor dining in Wilton Center, Design Retail Business and General Business zones until December 1, 2020

The Commission agreed this is not a Conservation matter.

- F. SDP**, Friends of Norwalk River Valley Trail, Proposed new trail sections, with one section to be located at Danbury Road adjacent to the existing commuter lot (with the trail to extend to the south) and for a proposed trail to be located at Kent Road with a new parking on Chipmunk Lane (with the trail to extend south)

Mr. Conklin advised the referral was discussed under Inland Wetlands in the past. He noted the comments included using the Pollinator Pathway Group to help restore disturbed areas.

Ms. DiLoreto MOVED to RECOMMEND the NRV work with the Pollinator Pathway as well as ensuring all areas of disturbance are planned to be restored and bonded for a complete restoration, SECONDED by Ms. Hobson and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. DiLoreto voting in favor.

**III. INLAND WETLANDS REFERRALS - None**

**IV. ONGOING BUSINESS**

- a. Parks Reports** – Mr. Conklin confirmed Mr. Herter distributed a Staff Report. The Commission commended Mr. Herter for his work and dedication.

- b. Walks & Talks** – Nothing to report.

**c. Work with other Commissions/Committees**

- i. **TREE COMMITTEE** – Nothing to report.
- ii. **DEER COMMITTEE** – Mr. Conklin confirmed the process is underway with the Town and vetted hunters to have a successful harvest for the season which starts September 15, 2020.

**d. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report**

Nothing new to report.

**V. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a.** Regular Meeting Minutes July 1, 2020 & Special Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2020

Ms. Algon MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2020, SECONDED by Ms. DiLoreto and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. DiLoreto voting in favor.

Ms. Algon MOVED to APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2020, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. DiLoreto voting in favor.

**XI. ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Next regular meeting will be October 7, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs