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**WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**ABSENT:** Jeff Lapnow (not notified of intended absence)

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Ms. DiLoreto welcomed the new member, Mr. Murphy.

**II. PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS** - None

**III. INLAND WETLANDS REFERRALS** - None

**IV. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**a. Parks Reports** – Ms. DiLoreto noted SeeClickFix is the function to report park problems and safety issues that need to be addressed.

**b. Walks & Talks** – Ms. O'Brien explained the walks and talks have been on-hold during the pandemic.

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

**i. TREE COMMITTEE** – Ms. Algon reported that donated trees are being planted. She noted that some of the trees have not been watered regularly and are failing.

**ii. DEER COMMITTEE** – Mr. Conklin confirmed the hunt is underway.

**d. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report**

Nothing new to report.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Nonnative Invasive Vines in Town Parks & Open Space** Letter from Kate Throckmorton

The Commissioners discussed the need for local partnership in dealing with invasive plants. A database may be started to indicate where invasives are multiplying. The Commission will re-visit the

discussion to develop a database for tracking invasive growth in Wilton at a future date as it would be best handled in collaboration with the Wilton Land Conservation Trust, Norwalk River Watershed Association, the Wilton Garden Club and other like-minded organizations in town. Ms. Algon will write the introduction, Ms. Hobson will prepare some information on Euonomous, and Ms. O'Brien will prepare information on Barberry on or before October 16, 2020.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Special Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2020**

Ms. Algon MOVED to APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2020, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 5-0-1 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien, and Ms. DiLoreto in favor with Mr. Murphy abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.

**XI. ADJOURN** – Ms. DiLoreto MOVED to ADJOURN at 7:03pm, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Algon, Ms. Hobson, Mr. Simone, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. DiLoreto, and Mr. Murphy in favor.

Next regular meeting will be November 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs