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WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Frank Simone, Colleen O'Brien, Dave Cote, Jeff Lapnow, Phil Murphy, Kim Healy

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director Environmental Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Ms. Algon.

Mr. Simone MOVED to ADD Conservation Commission Roles and Responsibilities to the Agenda, SECONDED by Mr. Murphy and CARRIED 7-0-0 with all in favor.

II. CONSERVATION COMMISSION ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Conklin and Ms. Algon welcomed the new Commissioner, Kim Healy.

Mr. Conklin, Mr. Simone and Ms. Algon explained the Commissioner role and related events for new members.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 Liaison Schedule for Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed assignments with new members present. Mr. Simone offered to take June and switch with Mr. Lapnow for October. Ms. Healy asked to take September in lieu of July. Ms. O'Brien agreed to take July.

IV. PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS

A. SP#475, 487 Danbury Road, SSS Investment L.P./Rob Sanders, Architects, to allow a residential apartment building for 2 apartments, under the adaptive use regulations

Mr. Conklin described the project and confirmed this project is an ecological benefit to the area with the removal of asphalt.

The Commissioners have no comment.

III. INLAND WETLANDS REFERRALS - None

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Parks Reports – Mr. Conklin noted a sign was erected at Quarry Head closing the road during winter due to a car that became stuck in bad weather.

b. Walks & Talks – Nothing has been scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

c. Work with other Commissions/Committees

- i. **TREE COMMITTEE** – Ms. Algon reported the Tree Committee has committed to only plant native species for the Town Tree Donation Program. The Committee is revising/creating a Wilton Tree Ordinance at the request of the Board of Selectmen. This Ordinance will clarify tree planting near the Town's right-of-way to reduce power outages during weather events.
- ii. **DEER COMMITTEE** – Mr. Conklin confirmed the 2020-2021 hunt ended on January 31, 2021. Hunter Surveys are complete and being compiled for the next meeting to plan the hunt for the coming season.

d. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report - Nothing new to report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2021 Goals & Objectives** – Mr. Conklin advised the Commission has new members with different interests so the Goals may be different from the recent discussions. Mr. Murphy agreed to create an editorial calendar for discussion. Mr. Cote described a project that he is working on with QR Codes in the Parks. Mr. Conklin noted Townwide Clean Up Day will not take place this Spring as the Health Director stated that it is dangerous to encourage residents to pick up garbage during the pandemic. He hopes there can be an event in the Fall. Ms. Algon described a program that can map and track invasive species. Mr. Conklin confirmed this should be tracked on town-owned properties only.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2021

Ms. O'Brien MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2021 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 5-0-2 with Mr. Murphy and Ms. Healy abstaining as they were not present.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IX. ADJOURN – Mr. Lapnow MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:33 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Healy and CARRIED 7-0-0 with all in favor.

Next regular meeting will be April 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs