CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Susan DiLoreto, Frank Simone, Jackie Algon, Phil Murphy, 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 6:02 pm.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Algon MOVED to APPROVE the 2021 Meeting Schedule, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. DiLoreto in favor, Mr. Simone in favor, Ms. Algon in favor, Mr. Murphy in favor, and Ms. O'Brien in favor.

2. 2021 Election of Officers

Commissioners discussed terms and decided to table the election until all members are present.

3. 2021 Liaison Schedule

Item was tabled until January 2021.

- III. PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS None
- IV. INLAND WETLANDS REFERRAL
 - **A.** WET#2663(S) DAVIS-CHEN 105 Nod Hill Road proposed new single-family dwelling with associated site improvements

Mr. Conklin explained there was a permit for the development of this lot that since expired. He confirmed there is less disturbance requested now than previously approved.

The Commission suggested additional native plantings between the driveway and Nod Hill Road for a proper buffer; and to replace failing ash trees with hardwood trees.

V. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Parks Reports - Ms. DiLoreto advised Zen Herter's Staff Report was provided to

Commissioners via email. Mr. Conklin noted he is working with a group from Western Connecticut State University to re-introduce a new species into the Norwalk River.

- b. Walks & Talks Nothing to report.
- c. Work with other Commissions/Committees
 - i. **TREE COMMITTEE** Ms. Algon reported they are working on installing trees that have been donated.
 - ii. **DEER COMMITTEE** Mr. Conklin confirmed the controlled hunt is well underway and doing well based on preliminary CT DEEP reports.
- **d. Strategy for Invasives** Ms. DiLoreto stated she and Ms. Algon met to draft a strategy of how the Commission can educate the public about invasives. She emailed the draft to all Commissioners in November. She suggested that a subcommittee is formed for this purpose.
- **e. E-Newsletter Discussion** Commissioners discussed ways to get more residents to subscribe and read the e-Newsletter. Commissioners agreed the design should be done by a professional and this can cause budgetary restraints.
- **f. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report** Nothing new to report.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2020

Ms. Algon requested the following revision:

Euonymous is spelled with a 'y' rather than an 'o'

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2020 as amended, SECONDED by Ms. Algon and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon in favor, Mr. Simone in favor, Ms. DiLoreto in favor, Ms. O'Brien in favor, and Mr. Murphy voting in favor.

VII. ADJOURN – Ms. O'Brien MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:33pm, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Algon in favor, Mr. Simone in favor, Ms. DiLoreto in favor, Mr. Murphy voting in favor, and Ms. O'Brien voting in favor.

Ms. DiLoreto was thanked for her time on the Commisson.

Next regular meeting will be January 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs