



## WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.  
ZOOM SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jackie Algon (CHAIR), Frank Simone, Colleen O'Brien, Jeff Lapnow

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Ms. Algon.

**II. PLANNING AND ZONING REFERRALS – None**

**III. INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS**

**A. WET#2764(S) KELLY – 20 Deepwood Road – proposed pond dredging**

Commissioners reviewed the plans and noted the pond is silted in.

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2764 with a recommendation that soils be taken off site and invasives removed from the site, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

**B. WET#2771(S) SYCAMORE, LLC – 21 Edith Lane – proposed new single-family residence and associated site improvements**

Commissioners reviewed the plans. Ms. Algon noted there are twenty-three mature trees proposed for removal.

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2771 with a recommendation that native shrubs and/or trees are planted within wooded areas to remediate the loss of mature trees during development, SECONDED by Mr. Lapnow and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

**IV. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**a. Planet New Canaan Talks Partnership**

Ms. Algon noted this group is like Wilton's GoGreen and she wants to determine how this Commission can partner with them. Members agreed to allow Ms. Algon to work directly with Planet New Canaan and report back.

**b. 2022 Conservation Natives & Potential Planter Project**

Ms. Algon presented an idea to provide an option for businesses in the Town Center to purchase planters with native pollinator plants to display at their stores for education

and aesthetic purposes. The Commission agreed more information would be needed to consider this idea more fully.

c. Walks & Talks -

Ms. O'Brien confirmed she reached out to Anna Fialkoff at Wild Seed Project to present a virtual lecture, and she will be contacting several other potential speakers before our next meeting. Ms. Algon asked that she obtain the cost for planning purposes.

d. Work with other Commissions/Committees

i) Deer Committee – Nothing to report.

e. Planning & Zoning Liaison Report – Nothing to report.

f. Draft Native Plant Ordinance – Ms. Algon noted several surrounding towns have adopted a Native Plant Ordinance. She confirmed this would fall under the purview of Planning & Zoning, which is currently reviewing and revising their landscaping regulations and indicated they are willing to have input on natives from the Conservation Commission. A Special meeting will be scheduled to discuss further revisions to the Draft.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Bradley Park Trail Discussion following presentation by Dave Francefort, FCNEMBA at January meeting**

Ms. Algon stated there are no known members for Friends of Bradley Park or any indication they are meeting requirements of being a 'Friends of' group. A discussion ensued relating to the trail maintenance of approved trails. The rogue trails are still existing and being reopened when Staff close them. Going forward, if rogue trails are re-opened or created, the matter will be turned over to the police. It was suggested that Mr. Francefort will not be authorized to do any proposed work until the Friends group has agreed to assist to keep to Town-developed trails only.

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to wait for Friends of Bradley Park and decide what to do once a conversation has taken place, preferably before the next meeting, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 3-0-1 with Mr. Simone voting opposed.

**b. Allen's Meadow Proposal Discussion following presentation by Matt Brand**

Ms. Algon noted Mr. Brand modified his proposal agreeing that working with herbicides near a wetland is not acceptable. She suggested he develop an invasive framework for Bradley Park or Cherry Lane Park. He offered to volunteer to educate and monitor work. Ms. Algon has drafted an initial proposal for the Conservation Commission as a mechanism for weighing requests by the public to conduct invasive species removals from the Open Spaces. This will require review and discussion by the Conservation Commission members.

**c. Town Wide Cleanup will be discussed at the next meeting.**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2022 & Special Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2022**

Mr. Lapnow MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2022 and the Special Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**VIII. ADJOURN – Mr. Lapnow MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:47pm, SECONDED by Ms. O'Brien and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.**

Next regular meeting will be March 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs