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**To:** "Conklin, Mike" <[Mike.Conklin@WILTONCT.ORG](mailto:Mike.Conklin@WILTONCT.ORG)>  
**Subject:** [Wilton CT] Montenaro Wet #2280 Wampum Hill Road (Sent by David Brant, [dbrant@aspetucklandtrust.org](mailto:dbrant@aspetucklandtrust.org))  
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Hello mconklin,

David Brant ([dbrant@aspetucklandtrust.org](mailto:dbrant@aspetucklandtrust.org)) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.wiltonct.org/user/59/contact>) at Wilton CT.

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Message:

Dear Mr. Conklin,

The Aspetuck Land Trust strongly opposes Mr. Montenaro's request to place utilities on overhead poles instead of underground. I would like to give you some background. In 2014 Mr. Montenaro and Aspetuck Land Trust had an agreement drafted by attorney Larry Weisman (now retired) that stipulated that Montenaro would bury power lines on the 2 rod highway road if Aspetuck Land Trust would consent to his filing an application with town of Weston to replace the culvert where the 2 rod highway road enters Wilton from Weston. Aspetuck gave this consent, Montenaro never signed the agreement and now is requesting to install overhead poles which was required in his original permit. Sadly, it is no surprise to us that Mr. Montenaro is requesting to change a previously agreed upon course of action.

Aspetuck Land Trust has spent over \$200,000 in court to prevent Mr. Montenaro from crossing our Honey Hill Nature Preserve to develop his land. He eventually received a judgement from the courts which allowed him to cross over our land. Aspetuck Land Trust seeks to mitigate the damage that this highly intrusive road will cause to our nature preserve, our ongoing efforts to create a 705-acre protected forest block in the area, and the thousands of people who visit these lands every year. Removing more trees and erecting power lines above the road/driveway Montenaro has cleared will only add insult to injury and degrade our property and the experiences of the public who enjoy the land even further.

Mr. Montenaro wants to save money by not burying power lines. Nothing has changed since the original permit to necessitate an amendment to the permit.

We hope the Commission will agree and deny Mr. Montenaro's request to modify the existing permit.

Sincerest Regards,  
David Brant  
Executive Director  
Aspetuck Land Trust