INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION Telephone (203) 563-0180 Fax (203) 563-0284



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

June 15, 2020

## CERTIFIED MAIL -- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED & REGULAR MAIL

Fab Five LLC P.O. Box 5017 Westport, CT 06881

**RE:** CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

141 Danbury Road - Wilton, CT, Map 70, Lot 2

Dear Mr. Bernstein,

On March 11, 2020 Town staff identified work conducted at 141 Danbury Road in a regulated area without a permit. Shortly thereafter site visits were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine. On June 15, 2020 a site meeting was held with Town staff who observed the removal of eleven (11) trees and deposition of wood chips within 100 feet of a wetland/watercourse.

It is the conclusion of Commission staff that unauthorized activities have occurred on the property. Therefore, you are in violation of Connecticut General Statutes sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 which requires that a permit be obtained prior to conducting regulated activities affecting inland wetlands and watercourses.

A Cease and Desist Order has been placed on the property at 141 Danbury Road. You are directed to stop all work on the property.

A "show cause" hearing shall be held to discuss this matter on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via public teleconference or remote public meeting via computer. Teleconference or remote meeting login information will be listed in the meeting agenda posted on the Town's website on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. If you wish to submit any supporting documentation for your testimony at this hearing, you will need to email it to <a href="mike.conklin@wiltonct.org">mike.conklin@wiltonct.org</a> and <a href="mike.elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org">elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org</a> no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 23, 2020. During the hearing you will have the right to present testimony to the Commission to help determine if the Order should be withdrawn, modified or remain in effect. The Commission shall render a decision within 10

days of this hearing. Failure to comply with directives resulting from this hearing shall result in court action.

Any further failure to follow the directives of the Commission or its staff, including any additional work, shall result in the issuance of additional citations and fines.

The issuance of this Cease and Desist Order shall not delay or bar an action pursuant to section 22a-44(b) of the General Statutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs at 203-563-0180. Your prompt cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Craig, Chairperson Inland Wetlands Commission

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cc: Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectman
Ira Bloom, Town Counsel
Wilton Health Department – Barry Bogle, Director
Planning & Zoning – Tim Bunting, ZEO