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



TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

March 11, 2021

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

Tim Geitz 8 Seeley Road Wilton, CT 06897

RE: CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

8 Seeley Road - Wilton, CT, Map 22, Lot 26

Dear Mr. Geitz,

Wetland Commission staff has recently learned of site work being conducted at 8 Seeley Road, in a regulated area without a permit. Based on our conversation during my site visit on March 10, 2021 it was noted that eleven (11) trees were removed within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse. As well, a pile of yard waste and a trailer have been placed within a wetland area.

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 8 Seeley Road. You are directed to stop all work on the property.

A "show cause" hearing shall be held to discuss this matter on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via remote public meeting via computer (Zoom). Zoom remote meeting login information will be listed in the meeting agenda posted on the Town's website on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 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.conklin@wiltonct.org">elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org</a> no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 23, 2021. 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the hearing you will have the right to present testimony to the Commission to help determine if the Order should be withdrawn, modified or remain in effect.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,

Zen Herter

**Environmental Analyst** 

Department of Environmental Affairs

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