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TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

October 27, 2020

CERTIFIED MAIL -- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED & REGULAR MAIL

Mieko Ikegame 16 Rivergate Woods Wilton, CT 06897

RE: CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

16 Rivergate Woods - Wilton, CT, Map 16, Lot 36

Dear Mrs. Ikegame,

On October 27, 2020 Town Hall staff was notified of a possible violation of Inland Wetland Regulations at 16 Rivergate Woods. A site visit was conducted and it was identified that a pond was being dredged at that address. During the site visit it was communicated to you that any disturbance within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse is regulated by the Inland Wetland Commission.

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 16 Rivergate Woods. You are directed to stop all work on the property immediately.

A "show cause" hearing shall be held to discuss this matter on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:30pm 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, November 11, 2020 at 4:00pm. If you wish to submit any supporting documentation for your testimony at this hearing, you will need to email it to mike.conklin@wiltonct.org and elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org no later than 12:00pm on November 10, 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the hearing you will have the right to present testimony to the Commission to help determine if the Order should be withdrawn, modified or remain in effect.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 mike.conklin@wiltonct.org. 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