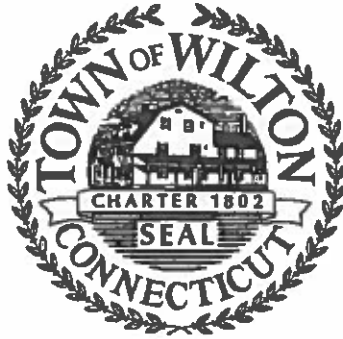


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238 Danbury Road
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January 26, 2021

CERTIFIED MAIL -- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED & REGULAR MAIL

Christopher and Melinda Smith
230 Ridgefield Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Christopher and Melinda Smith
12 Middlebrook Lane
Wilton, CT 06897

RE: CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
230 Ridgefield Road - Wilton, CT, Map 89, Lot 11

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith,

Wetland Commission staff has recently learned of site work being conducted at 230 Ridgefield Road, in a regulated area without a permit. On January 25, 2021 staff conducted a site visit to a neighboring property and observed that clearing of trees, understory vegetation, and the excavation of soil was being conducted within 100 feet of a wetland or 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 230 Ridgefield Road. You are directed to stop all work on the property.

A "show cause" hearing shall be held to discuss this matter on Thursday, February 11, 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, February 10, 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 mike.conklin@wiltonct.org and

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elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org no later than 3:00 p.m. on February 9, 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the hearing you will have the right to present testimony to the Commission to help determine if the Order should be withdrawn, modified or remain in effect.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,



Michael Conklin
Director of Environmental Affairs

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