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TOWN HALL ANNEX 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Staff, Daphne White, Assistant Town Planner

DATE: July 21, 2023

RE: SDP#6-23, 53 Sugarloaf Drive, for an application to allow for the filling and

grading of land, under Section 29-9.C. and for the protection of slopes under

Section 29-9.I. of the Zoning Regulations.

Applicant: Robert Lupinski

Owners: Robert and Anna Lupinski

**Property Location:** 53 Sugarloaf Drive, 1.002 acres, Single Family Residential "R-2A" District.

The grading, fill and retaining walls of the applicant's backyard was originally approved by way of a Site Development Plan application, SDP#0611-1Z, on June 20 2011. The applicant subsequently modified the slopes and retaining walls substantially from that which were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission to such a degree that a Cease and Desist Order was issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer on March 14, 2023. In addition, a recent survey revealed that some of the applicant's retaining walls also encroach upon adjacent properties.

## **PROPOSAL**:

- The applicant's landscape architect proposes to bring the retaining walls and slope into conformance with the Zoning Regulations by reducing the height of the retaining walls to a maximum of 4'11", and by modifying the slope so that it will not exceed a two-foot horizontal to one-foot vertical slope, known as a 2:1 slope, the maximum allowed in the Zoning Regulations.
- For the applicant to proceed with the proposed landscape plan and for the modification to the existing retaining walls and the slopes, the applicant must receive approvals from the adjacent neighboring property owners of three different properties. The applicant has not received approvals from all three property owners to access their properties to reconstruct the retaining wall.