

June 1, 2023

Dear Wilton Planning & Zoning Commissioners,

We are a group of residents who share the neighborhood with The Lake Club in the area around Thayer Pond. We ask that you **deny** The Lake Club's application to build four hardcourt pickleball courts.

As you know, The Lake Club is in a residential, 2-acre zone and operates under Wilton zoning regulations that allow private membership recreation clubs to operate in residential neighborhoods. However, regarding such clubs, the regulations (29-5.C.) state:

...the intensity of use, including number of memberships, shall be limited by the Commission to the extent necessary to assure that the anticipated traffic generation and other external effects of such use shall not exceed that which would be expected if the premises were developed for permitted residential purposes.

The Lake Club's current activity levels already exceed the acceptable baseline established by the regulations, and are causing problems as discussed by several residents during the April 24, 2023 P&Z meeting. The club's activities include an extensive tennis program (April-November), paddle tennis (year-round), aquatics teams and programming (summer months), outdoor movie showings, and an ever-expanding number of parties and social activities, several of which involve amplified sound and music.

Allowing The Lake Club to build four new hardcourt pickleball courts in a location currently occupied by one Har-Tru tennis court will enable the club to further exceed the regulations and negatively impact residents of our shared neighborhood. Four new pickleball courts will increase the number of courts at the club from 17 to 20, and the maximum number of players

from 68 to 80. In addition, dedicated pickleball courts will enable the club to build a full pickleball program and enable members to play at any time. Finally, the serious problems and issues caused by pickleball noise when introduced into residential areas are well established, given pickleball's louder, higher-pitched and more intrusive sound.

We ask that you uphold Wilton's zoning regulations and deny The Lake Club's application.

Sincerely,

140 Thayer Pond Rd.	Joe and Valerie Kirincich
174 Thayer Pond Rd.	Robert and Lynne Caldwell
180 Thayer Pond Rd.	William, Kathleen and Michael Bishop
205 Thayer Pond Rd.	Bob and Karin Benson
206 Thayer Pond Rd.	Vijay and Anu Raghavan
212 Thayer Pond Rd.	Jonathan Gorman
225 Thayer Pond Rd.	Ryan Love
235 Thayer Pond Rd.	Thomas Toothaker
300 Thayer Pond Rd.	Kim and Matt Hall
23 Wild Duck Rd.	Virginia Irwin
24 Wild Duck Rd.	Mark Mellana
30 Wild Duck Rd.	Ilene and Paul Kauffman
33 Wild Duck Rd.	Greg Moroney
59 Wild Duck Rd.	Patrick and Margaret Walsh
21 Woods End Dr.	Osman and Saba Qamar
30 Woods End Dr.	Jeff and Karen Boehme
35 Woods End Dr.	Justin and Liz Cooper
36 Woods End Dr.	Joe and Nadine Degirolamo
39 Woods End Dr.	Dick, Christine and Amanda Bryn
45 Woods End Dr.	Ed and Laura Rowley
46 Woods End Dr.	Marc and Amy Foodman
61 Woods End Dr.	Roxane Witke