

From: Brian Griffin <thegriffinsct@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:36 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Humane Society at 63 Danbury Road

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Dear Mr. Wrinn,

I have lived in Wilton for fourteen years . I am writing in support of the CT Humane Society's proposal for building a new facility at 63 Danbury Road. The benefits are numerous ; education and free medical care for our Animal Control and shelter partners, free educational programs and dog training right here in Wilton , volunteer opportunities, low cost pet care, food pantry, new job opportunities. Most of all we would be giving this town that has such a big heart and loves their pets so dearly the opportunity to make many other animals and people's lives happier. If there is anything I can do to lend my support of this project please feel free to reach out to me.

Kind regards,

Isabella Griffin

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From: Pete <petemax7@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>

Cc: Court Ruth Maxfield <courtmaxfield@live.com>; georgetown.wilton@gmail.com

Subject: CT Humane Society Concern

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Hello Mr Wrinn,

I hope you are doing well and thank you for reading my email about the CT Humane Society.

As the owner of the property at 42 New ST in Wilton, I find it concerning that the lot across the street from the RT 7 intersection of New Street is being considered for the CT Humane Society.

Of course, everyone is in favor of what the Humane Society does. I have a dog which I adopted, so I'm not callous to the cause.

However, the location of the proposal is what I'm questioning.

The increased noise, and traffic in the area WILL be an issue. The noise may not be as drastic where I live, however, there are residential houses directly next to the lot where the site is proposed. While I've heard people say "the sound of RT 7 will drown out any noise of the dogs, I would strongly disagree with that, especially at night when RT 7 is typically unused, or at most, sparsely used. And as I think about it, the noise, at night, from the Humane Society WOULD be heard from my house during lighter traffic times on RT 7.

More concerning to me is the increased traffic in the area, which includes the number of cars that will use New ST as a cut through between routes 7 and 107. This happens a bit now, but with a business going into that location, especially where the road merges from 2 to 1 lane heading south, there will certainly be an increase of people coming out of the Humane society and darting across to New ST to use it to go North.

New ST, New Street Extension and Sunset Hill all have a number of younger families on them now with many young children. The idea of MORE cars coming through at nearly twice the posted speed limit is extremely concerning.

The increased traffic will also create more noise on our roads and certainly more danger for the residents.

The Georgetown area of Wilton is a historic area. I question the thought of putting a modern building in the area. The residents in this area of Wilton have small homes with small yards. The values of these houses are well below the average cost of the houses in Wilton. Putting this building in this area would lower the values of these homes. I can't imagine what the pushback would be if this were proposed in a higher property value home area.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to discuss this further.

Peter Maxfield
42 New ST
Wilton, CT 06897

From: Patti Garrett <pattigarrett@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 6:03 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Proposed CHS New Wilton Facility

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Dear Mr. Wrinn,

This letter comes to you in support of the CT Humane Society proposal to build a new and very much needed facility at 863 Danbury Road, Wilton CT.

As a resident of Wilton and a ten year volunteer of the Connecticut Humane Society, I have always supported the Connecticut Humane Society and look forward to continue supporting Wilton and our surrounding communities with not only adoption services but spay/neuter, behavioral training, medical and daily care, working to keep pets in their homes, a pet food pantry, training for pet owners and animal welfare professionals and education for all ages.

As a volunteer, I have recently adopted a very small dog who was abused in a hoarding situation. She came to the shelter malnourished with multiple tumors, bleeding gums and nails that were never cut and had grown into her foot pads. The remarkable veterinarians at CHS saved her life with three operations to remove tumors, remove her teeth and save her nails from the foot pads. She has survived, her hair has grown in, she has regular grooming and even without teeth she eats her breakfast and dinner meals served as a pate.

The example I gave you for one little dog is NOT uncommon. I have seen worse! And these are the ones that are lucky enough to make it to CHS.

CHS has severely outgrown the facility they are currently in. So, in order to move forward with the much needed community services that CHS can offer, we need a new building because there is a growing demand. The facility in Westport was built over 60 years ago and with a growing population in Fairfield County, we know that most families have at least one to two pets.

The professional staff I have met while serving CHS are dedicated, responsible, passionate, devoted people who face unthinkable challenges every day. Without them and their invaluable work, animals suffer, people who love their pets also suffer.

Having walked on the proposed land that CHS would like to build on is perfect because it is on a main road with plenty of acreage around the building so noise is never a problem. The architects have created a superb plan of taking all potential objections into consideration.

Thank You and Best Regards.

Patricia Garrett
11 Westport Road, Wilton CT

From: Constance Young Moore <constance.y.moore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: CT Humane Society Proposed Facility in Wilton

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I am writing in support of the CT Humane Society's proposed facility in Wilton. I have been a resident of Wilton for 27+ years, a Connecticut resident for decades longer, and a long-time supporter of animal welfare groups both regional and national, including CT Humane Society. I currently have three rescued dogs (latest in a long succession) and one cat.

I network "at-risk" dogs and cats to find them homes, so I am familiar with animal welfare groups and resources currently available. CT Humane Society stands head and shoulders above the rest. Their primary goal is to keep pets in homes with training and education, low-cost spay/neuter and veterinary care, pet food pantry, and of course adoption services. They have a great track record for excellence in fulfilling that mission in their three facilities for years, and their proposed new facility promises to build on that success.

Bringing CHS to the site in Wilton is an opportunity for a responsible community partner. CHS will offer employment and volunteer opportunities in a regionally centered location, on a currently under-utilized property, in a thoughtfully designed, attractive new building complex. This will be an asset to our town.

I enthusiastically support the proposed project for the CT Humane Society and endorse its approval.

Constance Young Moore
82 Cedar Road
Wilton

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: CT Humane Society Proposal

From: Richard Pummell <RPummell@fidelco.org>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: CT Humane Society Proposal

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Dear Mr. Wrinn:

I am writing in support of the CT Humane Society proposal to build a new facility at 863 Danbury Road. Fidelco has been in Wilton for 7 years and has enjoyed significant public support for our activities in the town. Having met with the staff of the CT Humane Society and also having had the opportunity to tour the property where their proposed facility is to be located, I am impressed with the care and consideration that has gone into the design of this project and feel strongly that the addition of their services in Wilton would be a significant benefit to the town and its residents. Their planning shows a very creative use of a piece of property that may otherwise be very difficult to develop, and the topography of the site definitely lends itself to creating a unique campus that benefits from natural buffers to the road.

Fidelco is incredibly appreciative of the assistance we have received from the Town of Wilton in the past, and we hope that the CT Humane Society is able to benefit from similar assistance to bring their much needed services to the town.

Kind regards,

Richard

Richard Pummell
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Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: CT Humane Society - Wilton location

From: Richard Sinks <sinksr@optonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 9:40 AM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: CT Humane Society - Wilton location

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Good morning Michael,

I am writing in support of the CT Humane Society proposal to build a new facility at 863 Danbury Road. I have lived in Wilton for 13 years.

I live behind the newly built Sunrise facility on Orems Lane and have experienced minimal inconveniences and no increase in traffic.

Furthermore, the CHS Wilton location and staff can provide valuable pet adoption services and provide care and comfort to needy pets. CHS keeps pets in homes through low fee veterinary care to the underserved in Fairfield County.

Thank you,
Richard Sinks
25 Orems Lane
Wilton, CT 06897

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: Proposed CT Humane Society Facility

-----Original Message-----

From: Jean Lampert <jlampert50@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Proposed CT Humane Society Facility

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Dear Mr. Wrinn,

This letter is coming to you in support of the proposed CT Humane Society facility at 863 Danbury Road in Wilton. I am a Wilton resident and have been so for 34 years.

I support this project in the effort to help pets and their owners as well as enrich the Wilton Community.

The pet adoption program is wonderful and the low cost medical/care services (including food pantry) will be invaluable to so many who cannot afford the high cost of veterinary care. This new facility will promote educational programs for all ages, in many ways, virtually and on site. This facility will offer volunteer opportunities to many as well as bring commerce and jobs to the area.

Having lived in Wilton for many years I see how that particular area of town struggles. Bringing this facility will breathe new life and excitement into an area of town that has been grappling to gain foothold for decades.

This facility is the perfect chance to make a change in our town that will enrich so many people, pets and the community at large. This is a "Feel Good" project that will help so many people and their pets in so many ways and the Town of Wilton for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jean Lampert
Sent from my iPad

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:05 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: Connecticut Humane Society - Tour of Westport Facility

From: Alena Murphy <alenadmurphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Kathleen O'Neill <koneill@gregoryandadams.com>
Cc: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>; James Bias <jbias@cthumane.org>; ebasher@cthumane.org; Jim Murphy <jmurphy@gregoryandadams.com>; Kathleen Royle <kroyle@gregoryandadams.com>; Dan Conant <daniel.l.conant@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Connecticut Humane Society - Tour of Westport Facility

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Good morning,

Thank you so very much for the kind invitation.
I have been to the Westport facility.

As an animal lover and lifelong pet rescuer, I 100% support what you do on behalf of animals (and their families) in need. And as someone who has worked in the non-profit space for most of her career, I admire your dedication to working in service of those who are unable to care for themselves.

Sincerely,
Alena Murphy

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 4:50 PM Kathleen O'Neill <koneill@gregoryandadams.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Murphy:

Attached please find Mr. Murphy's letter to you dated September 22, 2021, which is being forwarded to you at his request.

Kathleen O'Neill

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed Wilton facility for CT Humane Society

From: dwecker@erols.com <dwecker@erols.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Wilton facility for CT Humane Society

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Dear Mr. Wrinn,

I have been a resident in North Wilton (Pipers Hill Road) for the past 12 years. I am also a supporter of the work of the Humane Society, as can be seen by their email (below) to me requesting that I write you in support of their proposed use of 863 Danbury Road. Unfortunately, I cannot.

The proposed location would only serve to inflame traffic congestion which already exists. While I am aware of the applicant's traffic study, it was performed at a time when people remained at home for work, etc., as a consequence of COVID.

On any typical day, this area of Danbury Road is quite active. Danbury Road has a single lane for all north and southbound traffic. Just north of the proposed location is a busy intersection and shopping area that is already difficult, and dangerous, to navigate. Northbound traffic during the evening rush hour backs up in the area of the proposed facility, and likewise the southbound traffic is congested during the morning rush. Placing the proposed facility here will only make it more difficult for Wilton residents, and those that pass through our town, to get to their destinations.

Tangentially, adding to the traffic congestion in this area provides those in favor of an expansion of Rte. 7 with more ammunition. I do not want to see this happen.

Beyond traffic concerns, it is my understanding that the applicant will not be contributing to the tax base as a charitable organization and, while they may provide some low wage job opportunities (not even earmarked for town residents), it is not worth it. Further, within a one mile radius of the proposed location I can think of at least three tax paying veterinary practices whose businesses are likely to be impacted.

I support the work of the Humane Society, but not as proposed on residentially zoned land. I believe the Town of Wilton will be adversely impacted should this proposal be approved. Consequently I must oppose and urge your denial of the proposed use of this land.

Very Truly Yours,
David L. Wecker

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: CT HUMANE SOCIETY PROJECT

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Rubinstein <lcsrubinstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: CT HUMANE SOCIETY PROJECT

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Count me in as being 100% behind seeing the project come to fruition in Wilton.

The Society has gone to great lengths to address all the concerns of the naysayers.
There won't be an increase of traffic or noise; nor will there be noxious odors.

What will happen is this town will be home to a facility which will offer services, which are so sorely needed, for animals in need of medical care and/or adoption.

I've lived in Wilton for nearly forty years, and have seen the steady development of businesses along Route 7. Whether it's been congregate housing or medical complexes, one-after-another, these projects have found a home along Danbury Road.

Can't we, as a town, make room for a well-established and professionally run facility whose mission is to care for animals?

I can speak with certainty that spokesmen from the Connecticut Humane Society are more than willing to continue to reach out to townspeople who harbor reservations about the building plans.

Candidly, I have to believe some of the naysayers want to see the property developed for a profitable venture.
But, can't Wilton set aside this small parcel of land for such a worthy effort?

Sincerely,
Linda Sutter-Rubinstein

Sent from my iPad

73 Pipers Hill Road
Wilton, CT 06897

From: Eve Basher <EBasher@cthumane.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 11:38 AM
To: dwecker@erols.com
Subject: We need your voice!

Hi David and Julie,

If you have been following the Wilton news online, you've likely seen some of the public comments regarding CT Humane's wish to build a new facility at 863 Danbury Road in Wilton. The public comment pushback ranges from noxious odors to traffic to barking dogs, (none of these will be an issue). While we work to address specific concerns at our next presentation before the Planning and Zoning Commission, there is a way you can get involved if you would like to help out!

Would you be able to take a few minutes and send a public comment to Michael Wrinn, Director of Planning & Land Use Management/Town Planner, in favor of our project? Just a sentence or two would be enough.

You can certainly speak from your heart, and we love that, or you can spring off of one of the bullets below.

The format should be: email to Michael.Wrinn@wiltonct.org

Open with something like this: I am writing in support of the CT Humane Society proposal to build a new facility at 863 Danbury Road. I have lived in Wilton for XX years.

Add your thoughts next, or use one of these bullets as a starting point:

- Adoption services: including spay/neuter, behavioral training, medical and daily care. CHS staff and volunteers give care, comfort and love to pets every day!
- Works to keep pets in homes through low fee veterinary care to the underserved in Fairfield County
- Pet food pantry offers free pet food to pet owners who are down on their luck
- Education for all ages: classrooms, camps, libraries, virtual, and on site
- Training for pet owners & animal welfare professionals
- Free medical care for ACO pets & Shelter partners
- Volunteer opportunities that engage the community
- Bringing jobs to the community

We are reaching out to a handful of Wilton supporters, so make it your own! If you have any questions, please reach out to chat any of this through. Thank you!

All the best,
Eve

Eve Basher
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Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: CT Humane Society

From: Wil de Sola <wtidesola@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: CT Humane Society

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I am in favor of building a new CT Humane Society shelter on Danbury Road.

I have adopted two animals from them and support them financially.

W. de Sola
Wilton