

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: Please, Protect our land , our town .

Another posting

From: Leyla Zangieva <leylazangieva@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:37 PM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Please, Protect our land , our town .

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Dear Mr. Wrinn,

My name is Leyla Zangieva and I live at 48 New street, Wilton. It is my understanding that the Connecticut Humane Society wants to build a facility on wetlands near the intersection of 107 & 7 to treat animals whose owners cannot afford to pay for care. First, this sounds like an environmental nightmare. Also, with Wilton's median annual income currently at \$175,000, Redding's at \$121,000 and Ridgefield's at \$133,000 who exactly are they trying to serve by proposing to locate their new facilities in north Wilton?

Those in need of reduced-rate services are often times those who do not have access to transportation and also have issues getting time off of work. Neither the operating hours nor the location work in favour of truly helping those in need. Additionally, the verification of who is "in need" of reduced-rate services is questionable. Currently the CHS does not have a process for doing this. The potential for people abusing this service would hurt the many animal clinics and services that already exist along route 7.

Please protect our land, our town, and the already established veterinary and animal care business owners by not letting this thoughtless, self-serving project move forward. Thank you.

Leyla

Russo, Lorraine

From: Wrinn, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Russo, Lorraine
Subject: FW: We need your voice!

Another post

From: Alena Murphy <alenadmurphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Wrinn, Michael <Michael.Wrinn@WILTONCT.ORG>
Subject: Fwd: We need your voice!

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Dear Mr. Wrinn,

Please add this email (including the forwarded email from CHS) to the public comments online.

While the CHS has every right to ask their supporters to speak up, and even spoon-feed them bullet points to use, I would like to point out that those doing so (so far) do not live anywhere near the proposed site. I ask the commissioners involved to take into consideration the addresses and proximity to the location of those weighing in.

Their statements ring hollow in that they do not know the neighborhoods, traffic patterns, history, or topography of the area. Will the commission give weight to what someone from the other side of town thinks if the proposed development will not affect them, and particularly if they were prompted to do so by the very same organization who wants to push this project forward?

Those who say they stand for this proposed facility because they love animals are missing the point. We all love animals and appreciate the work that CHS does on their behalf. That has absolutely nothing to do with why this location is the wrong spot for their proposed new facility.

Thank you,
Alena Murphy

(PS - Out of respect for their privacy, I have removed my friend's name and email address from the email they received from CHS, which follows.)

From: Eve Basher <ebasher@cthumane.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 6:41 PM
Subject: We need your voice!
To:

Hi

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

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