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**WILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.  
Zoom Only**

**ZOOM Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87087630883?pwd=S2F4U1hPK3lZRmpVQWFLY0QzVDVpUT09>

**REVISED AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLANNING & ZONING REFERRALS
- III. INLAND WETLAND REFERRALS
- IV. ONGOING BUSINESS
  - a. Snow Walk/Bonfire Re-scheduling
  - b. Update on Planters for Commerce
  - c. Deer Committee Update
  - d. Planning and Zoning Liaison Report
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Townwide Clean Up Day Scheduling
  - b. Proposed Bill No. 5278 – An Act Concerning Efforts to Combat Invasive Plants, proposed by Rep. Cindy Harris for the January 2023 CT Legislative Session
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. Meeting Minutes January 4, 2023
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
- X. ADJOURN

Hello Mr. Conklin and Mrs. Algon,

I hope you had a great holiday. I finally have a plan put together for our planter concept and would love for you to review and provide me your feedback. To summarize, we can get a diversity of plant options for different light requirements, placed in an ~20 inch diameter lightweight pot, for \$200.00 each plus tax. The different options include 6 species that should have a fairly decent spread of bloom time, hopefully not leaving the pots with more than a few weeks of just greenery. Please see below.

**Plants** - We do have a fairly wide range of leaf types, flower colors, and seasonal bloom times. Given the limited space as well as the requirements to keep them somewhat shorter in stature I believe I have created 3 comprehensive options. Always willing to hear of any other plants you'd like to consider. See a few concepts below -

### **Full Sun**

Thriller - Pennstemon digitalis 'Husker Red', Goldsturm Black Eyed Susan

Spiller - Phlox bifida

Filler - Blue Eyed Grass, Purple Love Grass, Viola Sororia

### **Partial Shade**

Thriller - Eastern Bee Balm, Blue Eyed Grass, Pussytoes

Spiller - Wine Cups

Filler - Purple Dome Aster, Coral Bells 'Autumn Bride'

### **Shade**

Thriller - White Wood Aster, Great Blue Lobelia, Columbine

Spiller - Foam Flower

Filler - Coral Bells 'Autumn Bride', Pennsylvania sedge

Each planter would have all listed plants included and arranged.

**Pots** - There are many options. I had spent time searching for a brand that uses recycled plastics and was not met with a good variety, so unfortunately would default to whatever matches the Wilton town aesthetic at the best price point. I believe we had chatted about earthen tones, likely darker greys and browns, we can order as necessary. I would recommend we make the top of the container at least 20 inches in diameter to allow space for these plants to grow in, and to allow enough soil for nutrition and water holding capacity. See the link below to Home Depot where we could pick up the planters.

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Bloem-Veranda-Square-18-in-Charcoal-Plastic-Deck-Box-Planter-VER18908/312004849>

Please send me pictures of styles and colors you think are better matching the Towns aesthetic and we would love to accommodate. We can also consider larger planters if anyone seems interested in a larger piece, in which case we would increase the number of added plants, or include 1-2 more species.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. I am excited to be involved and look forward to our next meeting.

Take

Care,

Chris Teter

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**General Assembly Proposed Bill No. 5278 January Session, 2023 LCO No. 1335 Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT**

Introduced by: REP. HARRISON, 69th Dist. AN ACT CONCERNING EFFORTS TO COMBAT INVASIVE PLANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) add the plants from 2 neighboring states' invasive plant lists to Connecticut's invasive plants 3 list; (2) require labeling for potentially invasive plants if they are going 4 to continue to be sold; and (3) require the Department of Energy and 5 Environmental Protection to develop an outreach program to educate 6 Connecticut residents about invasive plants, the harm to the 7 environment from such plants, and how to properly remove invasive 8 plants. Statement of Purpose: To strengthen efforts to combat invasive plants