

Rochester, Jacqueline

Subject: FW: [wiltonct] Sewer capacity (Sent by Ronald Quist , tbq947@gmail.com)

From: Contact form at wiltonct <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 3:56 PM
To: boardofselectmen <boardofselectmen@wiltonct.org>
Subject: [wiltonct] Sewer capacity (Sent by Ronald Quist , tbq947@gmail.com)

Hello Board of Selectmen,

Ronald Quist (tbq947@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.wiltonct.org/user/35/contact>) at wiltonct.

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Message:

We don't think a week has passed recently without an article about Wilton's sewer capacity and associated impacts of the need to monitor and open discussions with Norwalk. The question is when will someone contact Norwalk to begin discussions on expanding Wilton's allocated capacity. We are sure they have read articles and are waiting to hear from someone. We think this is an instance where "be careful what you wish for." If Wilton negotiates a windfall increase, and it is not a secret, every developer in Fairfield County will be lining up with their projects.

Regarding "Special Treatment for ASML?" ABSOLUTELY YES! We fully support First Selectwoman Toni Boucher's position on ASML. There is no "overreach" on this proposal with all due respect to former First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice. Everyone has to be all-in on positive messaging to ASML as a welcome and vital community member. ASML is an important supporter of our community through the Riverbrook Regional YMCA, Wilton Library and WARF banner funding, just a few examples. We trust that all members of the Board of Selectmen are acutely aware of ASML's unique and important role in the global semiconductor industry. The visibility ASML gives Wilton is unprecedented.

We think it is safe to say that there are different opinions with the comments of former First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice or former P & Z Commission chair Scott Lawrence. The Plan for Conservation and Development (POCD) was a significant accomplishment. However, it is just a Plan. It is a fool's errand to blindly follow a plan when assumptions, economics and societal impacts have changed. Turning Wilton into a Merritt 7-like apartment community should not be the result of the POCD.

Thank you all for the work you do for Wilton.
Ron and Barbara Quist, 11 Roxbury Lane, Wilton

Rochester, Jacqueline

Subject: FW: Opposition to Increasing Multiplex Housing

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From: allisoncstagg@gmail.com <allisoncstagg@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:15 PM

To: Boucher, Toni <Toni.Boucher@WILTONCT.ORG>

Subject: Opposition to Increasing Multiplex Housing

C A R E F U L - From outside - CHECK before you CLICK.

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Hi Toni,

I am writing to share my concern and opposition to Wilton's continued efforts to build more and more apartment complexes.

We are a small municipality and simply cannot handle the burden of more apartment complexes that will be likely rented out by families escaping Norwalk and Stamford to gain access to our school district at a discount. At present, our BoE can't even find a reasonable way to maintain the quality and integrity of our school district with its current budget. The building of more apartments which will undoubtedly attract families to rent will continue to overwhelm our classrooms. I already know of an instance where a family is using the address of their grandparents in Ogden House to gain entry into our schools when the parents actually live in Norwalk. If you surf parent pages on Facebook, parents talk openly about how easy it is to rent a single bedroom in Wilton to get their children services in the district because it's more affordable than the alternative of paying out of pocket. We are becoming the town that is easy to rip off.

Traffic. Route 7/Danbury Road/Main Ave is a complete disaster. The roadway is heavily congested throughout the day and we don't have enough police to patrol the area. Has there been any studies to see what could be done to make Danbury Road safer in its current state? I can barely turn out of Rings End as is. The congestion has worsened when Walmart closed its Connecticut Ave location and kept the Main Ave location. As a resident, I avoid that area and find it increasingly difficult to support our local businesses in South Wilton just because it is absolute mayhem. The overwhelming congestion in South Wilton has spilled over to

residential sections of Wilton such as Belden Hill, Old Belden Hill and Range Road where people use a "cut throughs" to avoid traffic. This has made these residential neighborhoods noisier and less safe for bikers and pedestrians who attempt to enjoy their neighborhoods.

Please advise against more multiple housing units in Wilton.

Best,

Allison Stagg
29 Bittersweet Trail

Sent from Allison Stagg's iPhone

Rochester, Jacqueline

Subject: FW: home sales

Begin forwarded message:

From: Coral Mitchell <coraltrend@ymail.com>
Date: February 23, 2024 at 4:21:55 PM EST
To: "Boucher, Toni" <Toni.Boucher@wiltonct.org>
Subject: home sales

CAREFUL - From outside - CHECK before you CLICK.

Hi Toni!

I hope all is well. This week there was one home sale in Wilton that sold for \$195K under the initial listing price. The initial listing price was \$850K on 10/4/2023 and it sold 2/15/2024 for only \$620K. We should not be paying taxes on yesterday's prices for the next 5 years. The market is not what it used to be.

Wouldn't it be better to stop allowing apartment complexes use up our water and septic resources and instead focus on bringing Wilton back to what it used to be? Place restrictions on the volume of trees that could be knocked down on a property. Because my neighbor knocked down every tree on his property, I now have a flooding issue. In 44 years of living in Wilton, there was never a flooding issue until the guy next door chopped down all of his trees. He has his property lit up with LED lights so bright that they shine through every window of my house. We call that house 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind', yet Wilton tells me that the light regulations apply only to the business district. I have read those rules over and over again and see no place where it would suggest the rules apply only to the business district. It is horrible. He has done nothing but uglify this neighborhood, yet it all seems to be allowed.

It is a real shame that we focus on development rather than making Wilton beautiful and making it the town that inspired all of us that moved here years ago to do so. It was beautiful, there was nature, there was beauty, there were horses and it was a wonderful place to live. It was like what North Greenwich is now. Just as beautiful. Not anymore.

Thank you. No need to respond.

Sincerely,

Coral Mitchell

Rochester, Jacqueline

Subject: FW: Concerns about more apartments on Danbury Ave/Route 7

Importance: High

From: Margot Denham <margot.campbell@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 3:55 PM

To: Boucher, Toni <Toni.Boucher@WILTONCT.ORG>

Subject: Concerns about more apartments on Danbury Ave/Route 7

CAREFUL - From outside - CHECK before you CLICK.

Hi Toni,

My family purchased a home in Wilton in 2020. We moved from Westchester in the midst of the pandemic so we could have more space, the wonderful public schools in Wilton and we loved the rural feel and New England charm with the close availability of trains to NYC and proximity to New Haven.

Since we purchased our home at 10 Wilton Acres, which is right off Route 7, we have seen an influx of new buildings along Route 7 that have, to be frank, been the opposite of the development we hoped the town would encourage. When we heard about the apartments going in at 141 Danbury road, we were cautiously optimistic about what it might bring to the area. Perhaps a building in keeping with the small town, New England setting (especially with the historic buildings across the street). Perhaps sidewalks and crosswalks with areas for coffee shops, restaurants and other small businesses to increase the charm and walkability of the area. Instead, so far we see a massive structure not befitting of the small town charm we hoped for in Wilton. No sidewalks, no crosswalks, and the building hasn't opened yet but already the traffic patterns with the construction vehicles are worse.

The entrance to our street is very proximal to this and the newly proposed 131 Danbury Rd structure (just across from CubeSmart). We already have a VERY hard time safely turning left at the end of our road onto Rt 7. I cannot imagine how much worse this will get with another complex full of tenants. My neighbors and my family feel strongly that the town needs to, at the very least, pause on more large apartments in this area until the current structure has been opened and filled with tenants. Until we see the impact on the area, the traffic, and the schools. And any further developments in this area, we feel, should contribute strongly to creating a community with sidewalks, local business, and walkability to the area, not contributing to an already hazardous traffic pattern and creating a city-feel in a small town.

Thanks for your consideration,

Margot Denham, MD

Anesthesiology Section Chief, Perioperative Services—VACTHS

Attending Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist—VACTHS

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Margot Reilly Denham, M.D.

Rochester, Jacqueline

Subject: FW: More Developments

From: Donna Peterson <donnacpeterson@gmail.com>

Date: February 24, 2024 at 3:56:40 PM EST

To: "Boucher, Toni" <Toni.Boucher@wiltonct.org>

Subject: More Developments

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Hi Toni,

I am writing today to express my concern for yet another apartment building being proposed for Route 7 in Wilton, next to the very large, new apartment building being built where Melissa and Doug was. This will create an additional traffic nightmare which I believe could potentially compromise the safety of our residents traveling on one of our main roads.

I am not sure why they want to develop this area in such a way, but I don't think it is being thought through clearly. Who do we expect to attract to our community with so many rental options?

I hope you will be able to address these concerns as you are in your dealings with the approval of this building site.

Thank you for your hard work in keeping Wilton beautiful.

Best,

Donna C Peterson

Sent from my iPhone