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MEMORANDUM

September 29, 2021

TO: Wilton Board of Selectman, c/o Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectwoman

FROM: Michael E. Wrinn, Town Planner

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RE: 8-24 Referral – Lease of Town Property for Telecommunications Facility

At its meeting of September 27, 2021, the Wilton Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the above referenced mandatory referral under section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which proposes to lease town owned property on School Road for a telecommunications facility.

After discussion and deliberation, the Commission found that the proposal is in agreement with the 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and they are in favor of the Board of Selectmen moving forward with this lease negotiation. The Commission noted the need for improvement in coverage and service and that some areas of the Town have substandard service and the ability to lease land in order to improve the service is a high priority.

Specifically, the Commission found that Section 7.2 of the POCD entitled "*Provide infrastructure to support modern economic, workplace and technological needs*" was directly applicable this proposal. Two subsections followed, which also confirmed that the lease proposal is in compliance with the POCD:

1. "*Work with telecommunications providers and property owners to improve and upgrade high-bandwidth, reliable internet and cellular service throughout Town...*".
2. "*Identify Town-owned land that could be used by telecommunications and/or cellular providers*".

The Commission noted that any negotiations for a monopole should include provisions for shielding / camouflaging of the monopole as needed.