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EXECUTIVE ORDER #4

ENFORCEMENT OF CLOSED PLAYING FIELDS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I declared a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency due to the fact that the recent pandemic of COVID 19 disease associated with a new form of coronavirus has led to a growing number of infections in Connecticut and in neighboring states, shortages of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease, and public health officials' recommendations to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Town owned playing fields and recreational facilities were closed, including, but not limited to, WHS and Middlebrook tennis courts, Comstock and School basketball courts, Allen's Meadows playing fields, Lilly Turf Field, WHS North Field, Guy Whitten Field, WHS Stadium Track and Turf Field, Middlebrook fields, Hurlbutt Street fields, WHS and other Town owned baseball and softball fields, Merwin Meadows playground, Comstock playground and school playgrounds, and have since remained closed to mitigate the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, despite signage at the closed playing fields and the facilities and efforts by the Town to encourage residents to find alternate means of exercise including walking, jogging and biking on the Town's numerous trails, residents continue to use the playing fields and the facilities; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with Barrington Bogle, Health Director of the Town of Wilton and Emergency Management Director and Chief of the Police John Lynch of the Town of Wilton. I have determined that the actions being taken by this Executive Order #4 are necessary to mitigate the local emergency in order to require social distancing and limit the interaction of potentially exposed persons to COVID-19 virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectman of the Town of Wilton, under the authority of Connecticut General Statutes § 28-8a, do hereby **DECLARE AND ORDER THAT, effective at 12:01 a.m., Friday, April 10, 2020:**

The Wilton Police Department will enforce the closing of playing fields and recreation facilities by issuing a trespassing ticket with a fine of \$92 to any individual found using the fields and recreational facilities.

Specifically excluded from this order are residents tending their plot at the Community Gardens at Allen's Meadows and residents walking, jogging or biking through Allen's Meadows and Merwin Meadows, which are connectors for trails.

These actions shall remain in effect until further notice.

TOWN OF WILTON

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Witness

BY: Lynne A. Vanderslice
Lynne A. Vanderslice
First Selectman

Date: 4/8/2020

Local Time: 1:30pm.