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TOWN HALL ANNEX 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING May 21, 2018 6:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ANNEX - MEETING ROOM A

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PRESENT:

Josh Cole, Chairman; Tom Gunther, Secretary; Gary Battaglia; Libby Bufano;

Rem Bigosinski, Alternate; Jaclyn Coleman, Alternate; Gerald Holdridge,

Alternate

ABSENT:

Tracy Serpa (notified intended absence)

1. Educational Seminar – Town Counsel Ira Bloom

Chairman Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He introduced Town Counsel Ira Bloom from the law firm of Berchem Moses, who was present to provide a training seminar for Board members.

Attorney Bloom provided an overview of zoning, including the role and functions of the Board. He reviewed requirements for granting variances, including references to two court cases in 2015 which spoke specifically to the issue of hardship. He reviewed an alternative to demonstration of hardship, i.e. reduction of nonconformities, which can also be used to justify the granting of a variance.

Attorney Bloom also discussed the role of Alternates; the consideration of appeals of Zoning Enforcement Officer decisions; and briefly touched upon certifications of car dealership locations; emphasizing the proper role and overall responsibilities of the Board throughout.

The seminar concluded and the Special Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Russo Recording Secretary