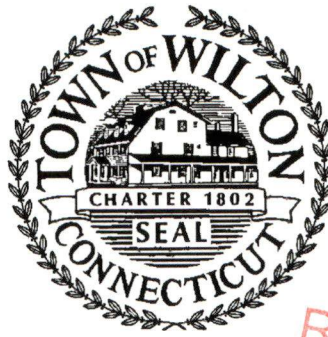


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To: Scott Lawrence, Chair Wilton Planning & Zoning Commission

From: Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectwoman

Date: July 1, 2019

RE: Comments on Draft POCD

Dear Scott,

At our June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meetings, we reviewed the draft Plan of Conservation and Development. First, we acknowledge and very much appreciate the tremendous effort by your board in developing the Plan. Overall, we were very pleased with the result, which moves us in the right direction for the future.

We also appreciate Vice Chair Rick Tomasetti, Bob Nerney and you joining us for our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Our comments are summarized below.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- Expand upon regionalization opportunities as it pertains to shared municipal services: including economic development opportunities
- Provides aspirational goals but some are not necessarily achievable (i.e., fiscal realities, practicality, etc.)
- Security and policy concern regarding potential NRVV encroachment on high school property
- Typo (page 26) change "ben" to "been"
- Implementation schedule (page 120). Quarterly versus semi-annual review. Concern that quarterly review may be too frequent in terms of reporting achievable implementation
- Affordable housing and creation of a housing authority or housing committee. Belief that a committee may be more appropriate for housing advocacy as opposed to an authority which tends to be regulatory and used in instances where a community owns and manages real estate
- Master planning. Some members support the concept of consolidation of various sectors throughout Wilton into one study. Though most thought it more important to address based on highest priority.
- Address balanced signage needs

- Emphasize continued need to expand cellular service; recognizing both personal and work needs. Felt this dovetails with the large number of population working from home
- Housing trust fund versus mandatory set aside policy (page 49). Felt payment in lieu would generate protracted results. Mandatory set asides, particularly in commercial districts, would likely generate a quicker and less complicated outcome
- Support and encouragement of cultural activities were vague and non-directional. For instance, no mention of an arts council
- Dam removal was mentioned only once. Ecological benefits need to be highlighted.
- Plan to meet 70% of municipal and school buildings through rooftop solar and virtual net meters and our progress against that plan needs to be recognized
- Review implementation. Some overlapping boards and commissions may need to be added
- Administrative departments should review the plan, for example Health Department input as it relates to well water issues
- Assessment of work-from-home needs as it relates to municipal regulatory policies.
- Questioning of public civility and discourse and the appropriateness of noting such in a POCD
- Use of certain phraseology (page 23) i.e., is the use of “protect and preserve” too strong and deny flexibility.

cc: Bob Nerney – Town Planner