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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission

FROM: Michael Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs 

DATE: July 16, 2019

Department of Environmental Affairs Staff Comments Draft Plan of Conservation & Development

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft POCD. I met with the Conservation Commission to assist with their comments. Since many of my thoughts are covered in the Conservation Commission memo, I will not duplicate the points in this memo. I offer the following comments:

1. Pg. 25, line 15. I think it makes more sense to place the Environmental Affairs Department right after the Conservation Commission because my department is responsible for maintaining the passive recreation parks and open spaces under the guidance of the Conservation Commission. The Parks & Recreation Department is primarily responsible for active recreation areas such as ball fields.
2. Pg. 27, line 2. The formatting of the green headings of several sections under Chapter 4 are inconsistent. I recommend a consistent format for these headings (i.e. 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 etc.)
3. Pg. 27, line 13. I believe you may want to remove the word "and" between the words "space" and "trail."
4. Pg. 28. I recommend you may consider reviewing the all of the Protected Open Space parcels for ownership accuracy. In a quick review, I found two (2) parcels that are listed on this map as "Municipal" where they may actually be privately owned by a group of property owners; 1) open space land around Silver Spring, 2) open space land that abuts Wild Duck Reserve. I believe these parcels were a result of conservation subdivisions and the land may not have been deeded to the Town.
5. Pg. 35, line 21. I suggest the modification of this bullet point to read "The Town is known as a leader in efforts to reduce and encourage responsible disposal of waste. In recent years the Town has worked with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to assist in the development of statewide regulations establishing electronics and paint

recycling programs. Ongoing efforts include the Zero Waste Initiative, Carry-in Carry-out program, and household hazardous waste collections.”

6. Pg. 106, Index 2.1.1. This Implementation item lists EAD as the Lead Entity. I suggest DPW serve as the Lead Entity and EAD as a Support Entity because DPW drafted the MS4 Plan and oversees it’s implementation.
7. Pg. 107, Index 2.21 & Index 2.2.2. This Implementation item lists EAD as the Lead Entity. I suggest the Wilton Health Department serve as the Lead Entity and EAD as a Support Entity because for these items because the Wilton Health Department is responsible for issues concerning drinking water wells. This includes usage, testing, best practices and working with the State Department of Public Health.
8. Pg. 107, Index 2.25. I recommend including the Wilton Health Department as a Support Entity for this item. The Wilton Health Department oversees issues involving wells for new developments.