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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday February 1, 2019
Meeting Room B, Town Hall**

PRESENT: First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, David Clune (via phone), Lori Bufano (via phone), Joshua Cole (via phone), Deborah McFadden (via phone)

GUESTS: Donna Merrill & Peter Gaboriault of the Wilton Land Conservation Trust

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Discussion of draft Support Letters for Wilton Land Conservation Trust Application Grant to Acquire the Property known as 183 Ridgefield Road
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the two draft support letters (attached) for the Wilton Land Conservation Trust Application Grant to Acquire the Property known as 183 Ridgefield Road. She noted, the uncertainty at the State with regard to bonding and recent comments in the media, and recommended the following additional language at the end of the first sentence ("with the understanding that the grant funds have been previously bonded and are available"). After review, motion was made by Ms. McFadden to approve submitting the draft 2 letter. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.

C. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice made a motion to adjourn at 3:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.

Next Meeting – February 4, 2019



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DRAFT 1

January 31, 2019

David D. Stygar
Environmental Analyst
State of Connecticut
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Dear Mr. Stygar:

The Wilton Board of Selectmen is pleased to unanimously support the Wilton Land Conservation Trust's Open Space Land Acquisition Grant for the purpose of acquiring property known as 183 Ridgefield Road in Wilton. If approved, the grant will assist the Trust in purchasing and permanently protecting the vacant land as open space.

We would like to direct your attention to the following aspects of the application:

- The 2010 Wilton Plan of Conservation Development (POCD) specifically identifies and categorizes the 183 Ridgefield Road parcel as being an "Open Space Priority"
- The property was previously targeted for development and continues to remain attractive to developers based on its location and size
- The property is on a state scenic road and abuts a historic district and a historical cemetery

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

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DRAFT 2

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Dear Mr. Stygar:

The Wilton Board of Selectmen is pleased to unanimously support the Wilton Land Conservation Trust's Open Space Land Acquisition Grant for the purpose of acquiring property known as 183 Ridgefield Road in Wilton with the understanding that the grant funds have been previously bonded and are currently available. If approved, the grant will assist the Trust in purchasing and permanently protecting the vacant land as open space.

We would like to direct your attention to the following aspects of the application:

- The 2010 Wilton Plan of Conservation Development (POCD) specifically identifies and categorizes the 183 Ridgefield Road parcel as being an "Open Space Priority"
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