CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MEETING AGENDA

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 17, 2018

The Fairfield Museum and History Center
370 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT

Kevin Gumper, Chairman (FM)  Catherine O'Donnell, Secretary (FM)
Kate Maxham, Vice Chair (FM)  Elizabeth Jones (FM)  Richard A. D'Amico (FM)
Felicia B. Watson (FM)  Charlie Rowan (FM)  Milan Bull (A)
Nelson North (A)  Jennifer A. Hauhuth (A)

FM = Full Member  A = Alternate Member

CALL TO ORDER

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF NECESSARY

I.  CONSERVATION

   A.  Bills and Communications

      1.  H. Smith Richardson Conservation Fund

      2.  Approval of Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2018

      3.  Approval of Conservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2018

      4.  Approval of Conservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2018

          (Note: Regular Meetings of June 20th July 18th August 15th & September 20th, 2018
          were canceled)

      5.  Approval of Secretary’s Bill for May 16, 2018, June 6, 2018, and July 11, 2018

   B.  Committee Reports:

      1.  Subcommittee to Review Open Space Regulations: Committee Members Milan Bull,
          Elizabeth Jones, Felicia B. Watson and Jennifer A. Hauhuth, and Catherine
          O’Donnell.

II.  OLD BUSINESS

   A.  319 NPS Watershed Management Grant – Mill River Watershed Based Management Plan
       Grant (status).

   B.  Save the Sound – 2018 Unified Water Study Application Grant – MOU – status

III.  NEW BUSINESS

   A.  Private Donation of the Secrist Family to the Fairfield Conservation Department to Fund
       Pollinator Meadow Restoration at Hoydens Hill.

   B.  Request to Construct Deer Fencing along existing Conservation Easement at 254 Sherwood
       Place, Fairfield, CT

   C.  Update to the Town of Fairfield Plan of Conservation and Development
D. Proposed Pond and Pedestrian Trail at The Maplewood Senior Living Facility, Mill Hill Terrace - (see attached request of Tom Ryder of LandTech on behalf of the Hunter Gregory Group).

E. Request of STAR 99.9 and Choice Pet’s Gathering of Paws to hold an event at Lake Mohegan on May 4th, 2019 from 11 am – 3 pm.


G. 2019-2020 FY Conservation Budget Request

IV. INFORMATIONAL
   A. Conservation Crew Work Summary
   B. Greenfield Farms 2017 Annual Report

V. OTHER

VI. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE!

This agenda does not reflect items received after the date the agenda was compiled. Please check with the Conservation Dept. for additional items which might have been added to a supplemental agenda after the mailing date.

NOTE: All members of the Conservation Commission are requested to notify the Conservation Department (256-3071) if they are unable to be present. A quorum is necessary to transact business, and your call will be appreciated.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2018

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Fairfield, held a Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairfield Museum & History Center Meeting Room, 370 Fairfield Beach Road.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gumpper, Chairman; Kate Maxham, Vice Chair; Catherine O’Donnell, Secretary; Elizabeth Jones; Charlie Rowan;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Felicia Watson; Richard D’Amico; Jennifer Hauhuth  

ALTERNATES: Nelson North; Milan Bull  

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Carey, Conservation Director; Annette Jacobson, Conservation Administrator; Edward Jones, Open Space Manager; members of the public

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kevin Gumpper called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF NECESSARY: Chairman Gumpper appointed Nelson North and Milan Bull to sit as full members.

I. CONSERVATION
   A. Bills and Communications
      1. H. Smith Richardson Conservation Fund – The commission acknowledged the status of the fund.
      3. Approval of Secretary’s Bill for February 21, 2018 Catherine O’Donnell moved and Elizabeth Jones seconded to approve the Recording Secretary’s bill of February 21, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
      4. Note: March 21, 2018 & April 18, 2018 Meetings Canceled

B. Committee Reports
   1. Subcommittee to Review Open Space Regulations: Committee Members Milan Bull, Elizabeth Jones, Felicia B. Watson, and Jennifer Hauhuth, and Catherine O’Donnell - Ms. O’Donnell reported that the sub-committee
met on March 27. The three topics they have been focusing on are the issues public safety, preserving natural resources, and regulation. At a previous meeting, someone came in to speak about the Trout Brook Valley and how they have handled the issue of off-leash dogs. An online survey about the usage of Town Open Space is up on the town website, and has received over 1000 responses. They are aiming for another meeting in mid-June, and hope to have a recommendation for the Commission in October or November.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2018-2019 Conservation Commission Budget Request – Mr. Carey reported that the RTM has approved the budget.

B. 319 NPS Watershed Management Grant – Mill River Watershed Based Management Plan Grant (status) – Mr. Carey noted that he will have a conference call with them and the state next week to ensure that this project is moving forward. Harbor Watch started the monitoring associated with the grant last week. More information should be available mid-June.

C. CT DEP Diversion of Water Application No. 201709173 (Aquarion) – Notice of Public Hearing(s), May 16, 2018 at 6:00pm, with continuation dates of June 5 and June 6, 2018 if needed; Comment Period Ends May 25, 2018 – Mr. Carey noted that he is drafting comments to be submitted for the record. This application proposes to move 1.5 million gallons out of the Bridgeport system through the Ridgefield pump station up to the Ridgefield/Danbury area.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mitchell Ransden – Request to Construct Eagle Scout Project at Sturges Pond – 40 Mill Hill Terrace (a/k/a 40 Bronson Rd) – Mr. Carey provided some background on the project and asked Mr. Ransden to present his project to the Commission. Mr. Ransden noted that he has a meeting in June with the council representative from the scouts to approve this project. He has met with both Mr. Carey and Lynn Shavinsky from the Mill River Wetlands Committee to discuss this project and how it will benefit the community. The current River-Lab program is conducted at Perry’s Mill Pond, which has become very overused and eroded over time. They discussed moving part of the program over to Sturges Pond. The aim of this project would be to build a designated educational space at Sturges Pond. This area would consist of a wooden platform and 6 log benches. Mr. Ransden distributed a diagram of his project and a materials list. A motion was made to grant approval to this project by Elizabeth Jones, and seconded by Charlie Rowan. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Request of Greenfield Hunt Community to Remove Hazardous Trees along the existing Conservation Easement and Street Scape – Mr. Carey reported that he had been out to look at the trees on the property with Bruce McDonald and David Montague, arborist. Many of the trees on the property have been damaged by storms or are rotting. Some of the trees are in the Conservation Easement, but many are not. Many of the trees are ash trees. A long term list of trees that need removal was submitted to the
Commission in a written letter, but of these trees, they have identified the trees that need to come down sooner. A representative from the Greenfield Hunt Homeowners Association was present to ask that the Commission approve the first phase of the plan, which would be the trees that are starred with an * in the submitted letter. Most of the trees within the Conservation Easement will be left alone, it is only the ones on the fringe of the Easement that they would ask to remove. Mr. Carey noted that the Conservation Easement on this property isn’t marked but that he feels he can work with Greenfield Hunt during this project to come up with a plan to mark the Conservation Easement, possibly with monuments.

A motion was made by Kate to grant approval to remove the starred items on the letter dated April 25, 2018 to William Trutt, Bill Allen, and Bruce McDonald of the Greenfield Hunt Community Inc from David Montague of New England Horticultural Services, LLC, to the extent those trees are located within the Conservation Easement area and seconded by Elizabeth Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Save the Sound – 2018 Unified Water Study Application Grant – Mr. Carey reported that the town has received a grant for the Unified Water Study through Save the Sound. They will be sampling twice a month between May & October, within 3 hours of dawn, at spots within Southport Harbor. They did their first sampling yesterday. He will send out sampling dates if any Commission members are interested in helping with the sampling. The data will be used to generate a Long Island Sound report card. Mr. Carey has been in contact with their quality assurance people to go over the sampling.

D. Town of Fairfield Sustainability Plan – It was noted that Mary Hogue will present this topic to the Commission, but she was unable to attend this meeting. This item will be tabled until the next meeting so Ms. Hogue can explain this plan to the Commission.

IV. INFORMATIONAL

A. Conservation Crew Work Summary: Informational. Ed Jones reported on the recent work done by the Conservation Crew. Highlights included the clean up the storm damage and some bridges that are in need of repair. It is noted that the seasonal crew members started last week.


V. OTHER

A. Ospreys nesting in Ash Creek. Mr. Bull noted that earlier this week the male osprey that nests in the Ash Creek Open Space had become tangled in discarded fishing line and has died. It is expected that this nest will fail this season. The Commission discussed ways to bring distribute educational information to the public and bring awareness to the dangers of discarded fishing line on wildlife.
VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *motion* to adjourn was made at 7:41 p.m. by Elizabeth Jones and *seconded* by Catherine O'Donnell. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Neafsey
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2018

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Fairfield, held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. in the Fairfield Board of Education Conference Room, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gumpper, Chairman; Kate Maxham, Vice Chair; Catherine O’Donnell, Secretary; Elizabeth Jones; Felicia Watson; Charlie Rowan; Richard D’Amico

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nelson North

ALTERNATES: Milan Bull; Jennifer Hauhuth;

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Carey, Conservation Director; Annette Jacobson, Conservation Administrator; members of the public

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kevin Gumpper called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF NECESSARY: None.

I. CONSERVATION

A. New Business

1. Request of Gloria Gouveia, on behalf of Wendy Doyle, property owner of 405 North Cedar Road, to place a conservation easement over approximately 6 acres of the property comprising substantially a large pond and vegetated wetlands.

Ms. Gouveia, of Land Use Consultants, spoke to the Commission. She stated that her clients would like to convey a Conservation Easement to the Conservation Commission with the hope that this land can be preserved in its natural state. Her clients have lived at this property for 25 years, and are concerned about the impact of possible future developments of this land on the natural resources. Ms. Gouveia and the homeowners feel that the best way to preserve this land and to ensure the longevity of it is through the granting of a Conservation Easement. It was noted that this Conservation Easement area would still be private property, although the possibility of opening it up to occasional public access, such as a bird tour, may be discussed in the future.
Kate Maxham *moved*, and Richard D’Amico *seconded* to accept the conservation easement subject to further review by Conservation Department staff and the town attorney. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, *motion* to adjourn was made at 7:21p.m. by Kate Maxham and *seconded* by Elizabeth Jones. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Neafsey
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2018

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. in the Fairfield Board of Education Conference Room, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Gumpper, Chairman; Kate Maxham, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Jones; Felicia Watson; Charlie Rowan; Richard D’Amico

MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine O’Donnell; Milan Bull

ALTERNATES: Jennifer Hauhuth; Nelson North

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Carey, Conservation Director; Annette Jacobson, Conservation Administrator; members of the public

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kevin Gumpper called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF NECESSARY: Chairman Gumpper appointed Jennifer Hauhuth to sit as a full member.

I. CONSERVATION

A. New Business

1. Request of Paul and Monica Zwenenburg to construct a proposed pedestrian bridge within the limits of the Conservation Easement at 1642 Bronson Road.

Bill Kenny of William Kenny Associates gave an overview of the project. He noted that this request is very similar to what is done on town open spaces for pedestrian access, is reasonably sized, and that it will help to protect stream from erosion, as otherwise access to the other side of the property would be across banks of stream.

He also noted that the proposed bridge is similar to the bridge that had previously been removed from this location, however this bridge has been reviewed by engineers, and a hydraulic analysis has been conducted. Mr. Kenny stated that they are prepared to submit an Inland Wetlands Permit Application upon approval from the Conservation Commission.

Felicia Watson moved, and Kate Maxham seconded, to approve the construction of a proposed pedestrian bridge within the limits of the Conservation Easement at 1642 Bronson Road.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION, AND APPROVAL BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
Bronson Road. Mr. Gumpper noted that this is not a final approval for the bridge, but the first step of the project, as the Inland Wetlands Agency would still need to approve the proposal. *Motion passed unanimously.*

2. **Proposed Eagle Scout project by Oscar Villalonga to install Salt Marsh Signage along the Frank Rice Marsh Trail.**

Mr. Villalonga, from Troop 90 presented his plan to provide informational signage and mile markers along the Frank Rice Marsh Trail. The signs will be made of aluminum, with the information printed on them, mounted on pre-treated wood posts. Mr. Villalonga hopes to have the signs installed by the beginning of September.

Elizabeth Jones made a *motion*, and Richard D'Amico *seconded*, to approve the proposed project, subject to consultation with the Conservation Department staff. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, *motion* to adjourn was made at 7:24 p.m. by Kate Maxham and *seconded* by Elizabeth Jones. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Neafsey
To: Bob Mayer, Finance Director  
From: Brian Carey, Conservation Director  
Date: August 27, 2018  
Re: Private Donation to Conservation Department to Fund Pollinator Meadow Restoration

Bob,

The Conservation Department has received a donation in the amount of $15,500.00 from the Secrist Family in honor of their son Tucker Secrist who unfortunately passed in 2017. The Secrist Family approached the Conservation Department in early 2018 to discuss the potential of funding a Conservation related project that was beneficial to the Town as way to honor their son Tucker’s memory.

In working with the Secrist Family on potential project ideas, I showed them a meadow restoration project that the Conservation Department had designed and scoped in 2016 but has not been funded. The project will restore approximately 4 acres at the Hoyden Hill Open Space area to a native grass and wildflower meadow that is beneficial to pollinator species. The intended outcome of the meadow restoration project would be to use the restored native meadow to teach local conservation organizations such as land trusts, garden clubs, and schools the benefits of native plantings. There will be no Town funds used as part of the project. The entire cost of the project will be funded through existing grants and donations.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the attached.

Best regards,

Brian Carey  
Conservation Director  
Town of Fairfield

Cc: Michael Tetreau, First Selectman  
   Caitlin Bosse, Controller
MEADOW IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET
Fairfield Conservation | April 14, 2016

This document provides a budget range for installing a native meadow. This budget range is non-binding, for preliminary budgeting purposes only, and does not include costs estimates for any other areas of the property that LWLA may design.

The budget estimate range is wider than might normally be supplied due to the level of current uncertainty regarding project phasing and other parameters that still remain to be determined. Assumptions, inclusions, and exclusions are as described below.

LWLA can work with the Client to determine a desired implementation cost to inform meadow design. Upon completion of design documentation, LWLA can provide a detailed Meadow Implementation Proposal with a fixed installation price.

Prepared for
Town of Fairfield
C/O Brian Carey
725 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT, 06824

PROJECT AREA
Approximately 3.55 acres at 600 Hoyden Hill Road, Fairfield CT, as shown below on the attached aerial.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

*Materials Procurement*  Procure all seed and plant material, including review of seed quotes from suppliers and the direction of any necessary substitutions due to lack of supply.

*Site Preparation*  Delineate meadow area as will be specified in the Meadow Plan or determined in the field, ensuring graceful lines between the meadow and existing adjacent natural areas.
Eliminate existing growth with two (2) broadcast applications of appropriate herbicide.

Rake remaining dead vegetation as needed prior to seeding.

**Seeding**

Oversee the seeding operation to regulate seeding rates and to direct the location of mixes and drifts of individual species in accordance with the Meadow Plan to be provided. Seeding tasks to include:

- Scarifying the soil surface using appropriate equipment.
- Mixing the seed with an appropriate carrier.
- Incorporating large seed to a depth of 1/4-1/2" and surface sowing fine seed that requires light to germinate. Equipment to be used accommodates the varying sizes and textures of native grass and wildflower seeds, which do not flow through a normal agricultural seed drill or slit seeder.
- Distributing seed into the soil by hand in areas inaccessible to seeding equipment (i.e., wet areas, steep slopes, near tree trunks, etc.).
- Tamping or rolling the soil surface to ensure good soil-to-seed contact.

**Final Inspection**

Inspect and approve all implementation work.

**Post Install Monitoring**

Conduct two (2) follow-up visits within one (1) year following meadow implementation in order to assess the progress of seed germination and overall meadow development.

**MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED**

a. Herbicide to treat project area as necessary.

b. All seed as will be specified in Seed Mixes.

**TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CLIENT (unless specified otherwise)**

a. Permitting fees.

b. Pre-installation mowing at dates and heights as directed by LWLA (generally one mowing between the two herbicide applications and a second mowing prior to seed sowing).

c. Marking of underground irrigation systems, invisible fences, etc.

b. Post-installation mowing as specified in previously supplied LWLA Management Specifications or as directed by LWLA. *First-year regimen involves monthly mowing during the growing season; thereafter, an annual mowing should occur in the late winter/early spring.*

e. Post-installation weed control as necessary according to procedures detailed in previously supplied LWLA Management Specifications or as otherwise recommended by LWLA.

f. Restriction of traffic from all seeded areas until meadow plants are established.

*Note: LWLA can provide a proposal for above services upon request.*

**BUDGET**

Herbicide application of project area – *as described above* ................................................................. $3,950
Raking thatch of project area – as described above ................................................. $2,500
Sowing seed of project area – as described above .................................................. $20,500
Post-implementation – monitoring follow-up in first season of growth as described above .......... $900
TOTAL – All services and deliverables as described .............................................. $27,850

Supplemental Post-Implementation Services

LWLA can provide the following services to supplement work described above (all services listed can be formulated at the client’s request and a proposal provided under separate cover):

1. Post-planting management, including:
   - String trimming or cutting of any weedy growth using techniques that do not damage seeded or planted perennials.
   - Targeted herbicide application to emerging weeds.
   - Hand removal of weeds where string trimming and herbicide use are not practical.

   As plantings mature, management typically involves only one (1) annual site visit.

2. Oversight of the client’s contractor in the management tasks described in Item 1 (billed hourly).

3. Monitoring and management guidance in years 2+ of meadow growth.

Notes

Above budget includes oversight by LWLA personnel as needed for project completion.

Dividing the project into phases may incur additional fees. An outline of any additional fees can be provided upon request.

The Client is responsible for any permit fees that may be required unless other arranged with LWLA.

If specialized consultants are required for project completion, the Client shall engage them at LWLA’s request or shall authorize LWLA to do so.

Soil tests may indicate the need to amend the soil with Sulphur to create a soil pH favoring specified native grasses and forbs over problem weeds.
53759 Town of Fairfield Conservation Commission, Hoyden's Hill Pollinator Restoration Project, Request: $32,500 Match: $22,500

What follows are written review comments organized by upon evaluation criterion from the LIS Futures Fund 2016 Request for proposals.

**Environmental Results:**
- The project proposes 4 acres of native pollinator meadow for bees and monarch butterflies. The results of the project will be positive for a number of species.
- Goals seem to focus on important issues but outside the scope of LISFF. The project would need a stronger link to restoration and the living resources of Long Island Sound. For example, is this habitat restoration/invasives control project focused on LIS coastal grassland restoration?
  NFWF note: please go to [http://longislandsoundstudy.net/issues-actions/habitat-quality/the-12-types-of-habitats/](http://longislandsoundstudy.net/issues-actions/habitat-quality/the-12-types-of-habitats/) Review the information at this link and relate it back to the HR work you propose to do. Also please consult with Harry Yamalis, [harry.yamalis@ct.gov](mailto:harry.yamalis@ct.gov) about the project in terms of a LISFF proposal submission.
- Who is the audience of the seminars and what elements are specifically about the Long Island Sound?

**Technical Merit:**
- This is a good local project with strong transferability potential for private and public land managers in the region.
  - The landscape architect level of design adds considerable cost which would be beyond the scope of what other landowners could potentially do in their own yards. Perhaps consider explaining how to create affordable habitat if they want to encourage others?
- **Invasives control and maintenance**
  - The site is a former pasture land, which would require a lot of work to eradicate invasive species. Active restoration is a good approach, but maintenance is important as there is a high probability that invasive seeds will remain in the seedbank for some time if the plants were well established. The applicant acknowledges that maintaining grassland/early successional habitat will require annual maintenance that may include mowing or access to machinery.
  - Would like the overall description of the work plan is to be more specific. For instance, details on the types of plant seed used in the narrative. Would also like information on how the plants will be treated with herbicide and removed, the types of invasives to be targeted, the extent of the invasion, and the techniques to target each type of invasive (spraying, how many applications, etc.).
  - What is the extent of the invasion? Methods appropriate to mugwort and autumn olive or whatever other invasive out there? What is the plan for re-invasion?
  - The Meadow Design Proposal provides context with a workplan, but it is important to note that there are only two follow ups within 1 year. More details, such as how the area will be adaptively managed after follow up visits, would be helpful in assessing potential success of the project.

- **Education**
o Description of the workshops in the workplan timeline is preferred. Please make sure that the workplan is within the requested period of performance (NFWF note: 1 year to 15 months is the period for performance of a LISFF grant. You must start within 6 months of grant award which is generally Oct).

o Signage is being used as a mechanism to track educational results. Signs are a tool not an indicator of increased knowledge and action.

- Water Quality
  o How will water quality be improved if the field is currently vegetated? What will be the net change in runoff treatment?
  o The claim of innovative stormwater management is not clear. More detail please.

- Monitoring
  o A Quality Assurance Project Plan is needed for monitoring. This was not in the workplan.
  o Create a clear link in monitoring to LIS or define how monarch monitoring relevant to restoration and protection of the health and living resources of LIS?

Budget:
- Costs are reasonable including the control of invasive plants and field prep.
- Need more detail in budget justification for line items (units presented as "lump sums").
- Includes development of curriculum which is not an allowable cost in LISFF. NFWF note: Please review ineligible budget items in LISFF RFP.
- Would like details on types of plants used for restoration or educational materials in budget.

Qualifications
- The qualifications are good.
- In general, the proposal is well thought out, listed partners and qualified contractors have submitted solid information, propose reasonable costs and appear qualified to execute a long term sustainable project.
  o The Meadow Design plan shows that the contractor is qualified to do the work. Please provide specifics about Larry Weaner’s direct experience with habitat restoration projects?
- Staff to manage long term? Needs a commitment letter to do maintenance and more description of what will be done.

Sustainability:
- The project will only be sustainable with adequate follow up and maintenance of the plantings. The long term sustainability section indicates that a management plan will be developed, which is positive but more details would be helpful.

Communication:
- There are signs, workshops, and outreach to other municipalities. This is good but more detail would be helpful.
September 13, 2018

Brian Carey  
Conservation Department  
Sullivan Independence Hall, Second Floor  
725 Old Post Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824

Re: Conservation Permit to Build Fence  
254 Sherwood Place, Fairfield

Dear Mr. Carey,

Please accept this correspondence along with the accompanying survey as an application for a permit to construct a fence in a conservation easement in the property located at 254 Sherwood Place, Fairfield, Connecticut. My clients, James and Barbara McAree, own this property, which has a conservation easement as depicted on RM 6423.

My clients have had neighbor disputes due to the neighbor dumping onto their property in the conservation easement. My clients propose to erect a 7.5 foot high, hex mesh fence to separate the conservation area within their property and their neighbors. The fence will erected along the northwest, northeast and southeast portions of their property as depicted on the accompanying survey, and will span 409 feet.

As the survey depicts, there is a rock wall that encroaches upon the conservation easement. The neighbors erected this wall.

My clients are applying for a permit so that the prospective fence would sit on or within a foot of their property line. As such, they will work with the neighbors to remedy the encroachment. Hopefully a cooperative resolution will result. Should it not, then my clients will turn to other alternatives for relief.
Brian Carey
Conservation Permit
254 Sherwood Farm Road

I look forward to an opportunity to meet with the commission with respect to my clients’ application. I hope that the commission will see fit to approve my clients’ request for a permit to build a fence in the aforementioned conservation area in an effort to stop their neighbor’s dumping.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Noonan
Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Update

Conservation Commission – October 17, 2018
State Statute Requirements

- Every 10 years
- Local Statement of Policy and Goals for Physical and Economic Development
- Housing, Transportation, Development Areas, Conservation Areas, Infrastructure, Capital Improvements
- Public Hearing Process/Local P&Z and Legislative Approval
New POCD Requirements Since 2000

Content:
- Sewer Service Map
- Target Development Areas with Existing Infrastructure
- Mixed Use and TOD Identification
- Agriculture Protection & Preservation
- Sea Level Rise Consideration
- Housing for Aging Populations
- Technology Infrastructure

Tasks:
- Post Plan on Website
- Increase Regional COG review time
- Local Legislative Approval requirements
- Discretionary Funding Linked to Updated Plan
Long Island Sound - Specific Requirements

- Consistent with Coastal Program Requirements
- Policies to Restore, Reduce Pollution, & Protect Long Island Sound
- Future Sea Level Rise
Identify TOD/Mixed-Use Development

- Fairfield Metro/Commerce Drive
- Fairfield Station/Downtown
- Southport Station (Limited)
### Community Safety & Transportation Goals (2000&2015 POCD)

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<td>III.1.3 – Enlist the cooperation of adjoining towns for proper watershed management</td>
<td>Partial?</td>
<td>Any effort by MetroCOG? MS4? FIRMS now watershed based</td>
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<td>III.1.6 - Emphasize improving the quality of discharge from the sanitary sewer treatment system to reduce the impact of waste disposal in Long Island Sound. Support current sewer avoidance policies.</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Specific actions to achieve? These goals may be contradictory.</td>
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<td>III.1.10 – Support programs that encourage the participation of citizens, particularly our youth, in environmental education on Open Space Lands.</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Girl Scout Program?</td>
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<td>III.1.14 – Codify a storm water management ordinance</td>
<td>Partial</td>
<td>Engineering? State law</td>
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<td>III.2.6 – Encourage cluster developments which enhance community appearance and discourage those that do not.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Open Space Subdivision Section 26.</td>
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<td>III.2.18 - ...Fairfield should fund the Land Acquisition Commission to aggressively buy up as many of the remaining [open space] parcels as possible while they still exist...allow for donations or purchase of development rights...</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Annual budget allocation? How is it funded? Mechanism to purchase development rights? TDRs?</td>
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<td>III.5.3 d – The provision of open space through land development can be achieved by... strengthening existing open space set aside requirement in subdivision regulations and support fee in lieu of open space option.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>An in lieu payment option is not yet part of the Zoning Regs.</td>
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<td>III.5.3 e – Continue open space system along rivers, streams, and the shore including provision for expanded public access.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Should provide a map with a buffer for potential greenway areas.</td>
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<td>III.5.3 h – Pursue a stronger education program for environment and conservation through the schools, civic groups, and individuals.</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Will need to check with Fairfield Public Schools.</td>
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## Conservation & Open Space Goals (2000&2015 POCD)

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<td>III.5.3.1 – Encourage the provision of hiking and biking trails, including Regional Plan Association Plans for a Merritt Parkway greenway.</td>
<td>Partial</td>
<td>Bikeways identified in 2013 Bike Ped Plan. Needed sidewalk areas mapped (p.23), but no hiking trails.</td>
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<td>III.5.3.j – Support the preservation of open lands containing, related to, or enhancing historic sites or areas of established interest.</td>
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<td>Revise Historic Resource Surveys? Need responsible agency to coordinate such designation.</td>
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<td>III.5.3.k – Establish a volunteer force to maintain and provide stewardship of previously and recently acquired open space</td>
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<td>Conservation now has staff people to maintain some of these areas.</td>
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<td>Shore Area C – Establish a priority list for land acquisition to prevent loss of valuable parcels.</td>
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<td>Shore Area E – Restore degraded marshes through marsh restoration programs (C5 also)</td>
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<td>Shore Area E – ...To Support the goals and objectives of the Shellfish Management Plan... and monitor plan to assure that it remains consistent with the Shore Area Management Plan</td>
<td>Ongoing?</td>
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<td>Shore Area G – Investigate areas for bike paths, jogging and walking trails</td>
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<td>Shore Area C1 – ...Investigate ...conservation or scenic vista easements, obtaining rights of first refusal and purchasing development rights</td>
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<td>This occurs for inland wetlands. Allowed for tidal wetlands?</td>
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<td>Shore Area C2 – Town should actively support state legislation which would enable municipalities to develop a Land Bank Program...</td>
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<td>Shore Area C3 – Create formal process for actively enlisting gifts of property or funds for land acquisition...</td>
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<td>Shore Area C4 – Create annual Town budget line items for acquisition funds.</td>
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Plan of Conservation and Development Timeline

1. Fact-Gathering
2. Public Outreach
3. Draft & Revision
4. Adoption

- **Departments**
  - 7/2017 - 9/2017 (Staff Interviews)

- **Commissions**
  - 8/2017 - INITIAL & ONGOING - i.e., recent FSA Housing Conversation, Strategic Plan

- **Community Survey**
  - 4 & 5/2018 ON HOLD: The Strategic Plan Committee is also proposing a survey which may dilute replies for the POCDA.

- **Hearings/Workshops**
  - 6/2018 - 1/2019

- **Draft & Revision with Commission**
  - 12/2018 - 7/2019

- **Referrals**
  - 8/2019 - 10/2019

- **Adoption**
  - 10 & 11/2019

Required Workshop Topics:
- Open Space, Recreation, & Conservation
- Housing/TOD/Aging Populations
- Transportation/Infrastructure (sewer, IT, & Energy Efficiency)
- Long Island Sound/Sea Level Rise
- Infrastructure
Provided a quick summary of the POCD update and provided a copy of the existing Open Space and Conservation sections of the POCD for reference.

Open Space Areas:
- Not much has changed with the “list” from 2015. Need to update map with public, private, golf courses, cemeteries, university green spaces, conservation easements, farms and private forest. Can get the PA 480 list from Tax Assessor’s office.
- Full mapping can identify whether additional assemblages are possible.
- Further identify greenways and connections once these spaces are mapped.
- Will review the overall open space policies to see whether they need updating. Brian did write the intro to the new open space parcel list.
- Recently received Clean Water Funds/Watershed Management grant. Would like to double check and see if additional POCD policies
- Overtime would like a better handle on the town’s tax liens that get sold as a way of understanding whether these are properties the Town should acquire.
- Add Forest Plan policy items within this section.
- Would like to see whether other funding sources (i.e. private donations) are available to the Land Acquisition Committee in addition to actual land donations.

Shore Areas:
- Need to mention improvement of waters of Long Island Sound. Should mention impaired areas and state improvement goals.
- Mention Fairfield’s managed shellfish beds at Sasco Beach. Continued impaired waterways affect their Shellfish permitting and when these activities can happen.

IT Infrastructure Needs:
- Would love to have online/credit card processing for shellfish permits especially. Right now they accommodate by mail as much as they can, but online capability
would allow people to get their own permits – even on the weekend when the office is closed.

- In-house database seems to work fine. Not interested in an enterprise wide system.
- Having permit history scanned in and imported into datasets would be very helpful.

Regionalism:
- Continue to do fly-overs for Pictometry for the entire state or region for cost savings. Valuable to continue to have these updated resources. Continued regional hosting.

POCD General Suggestions:
- Suggests looking at Stratford’s POCD
- Adding an Implementation Chart is needed.
- Needs to be some focus of brownfield sites within the POCD such as the Exide Site, Hannon & Hannon, and sites in the Commerce Drive Corridor.

Brian would like to structure an Open Space Workshop with his Conservation Commission and the TPZ Board members that is interactive with small break-out groups like a charrette.
September 28, 2018

Mr. Brian Carey, Conservation Director
Sullivan Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

Dear Mr. Carey

As we have discussed, Maplewood Senior Living is interested in: 1) adding a fountain and two aerators to the pond to improve the water quality and the aesthetics of the pond and 2) to improve the safety of the previously approved trail system on their property at Mill Hill Terrace.

A fountain and two aerators are proposed to be placed in the southern and central portion of the pond. This is being proposed to improve the water quality, by mixing and adding oxygen to the water column, as well as increasing the aesthetics of the pond. The fountain and aerator will be connected to a compressor and a control panel located on the southwestern bank of the pond. The compressor will supply air to the aerators while the control panel will control the fountain. The compressor and control panel will be connected to an electrical supply line from the eastern corner of the building.

Maplewood Senior Living would also like to improve portions of the pedestrian trails to make them safer for their residents as well as the public. The proposed improvements would involve the construction of a few elevated board walks and one set of steps along the paths to provide a safe and stable ground for seniors who wish to use the trials.

A site plan showing these requests will be submitted to the Conservation Department at the end of next week. At this time we are requesting that Maplewood Senior Living be placed on your next available meeting.

Thank you.

LANDTECH

Thomas Ryder, Senior Biologist
GATHERING OF THE PAWS

Concept: STAR 99.9 and Choice Pet’s Gathering Of The Paws is a FREE family friendly pet expo, that welcomes well behaved, leashed pets on-site. It’s designed to educate and entertain the public about the wonderful world of pets and responsible pet ownership while making available an outstanding shopping venue of products and services pertaining to pets and pet lovers. Families can even come out to adopt a cat or dog on-site that day as well or learn more about adoption. Along with vendors from local businesses, there will be demonstrations and entertainment and pending approval – food from Lake Mohegan’s concession stand or food trucks.

Date & Location: We thought of Lake Mohegan right a way as the perfect place to hold Gathering Of The Paws! It’s a great venue to reach dog lovers and their pets! We would like to hold the event Saturday, May 4th | Parking Lot of Lake Mohegan | 11am – 3pm

Expected Attendance: 15 – 20 vendors | 200 – 300 in attendance throughout the day

Benefit To Town of Fairfield/Lake Mohegan: STAR 99.9 will coordinate all vendors, set up, break down and clean up. Plus Lake Mohegan and The Town of Fairfield, will be included in ALL promotion both on-air, online, social media and on-site with posters and flyers that STAR 99.9 and Choice Pet will do to promote the event, starting beginning of April.

Minimum promotional Value: $20,000

9/11/2018
October 3, 2018

Via Hand Delivery

Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman
Town of Fairfield
611 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

Re: Submission of Technical Information Concerning a Proposal to Construct a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Tetreau:

This firm represents Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless ("Cellco"), in its proposal to construct a new wireless telecommunications facility on an approximately 68-acre parcel at 3135 Easton Turnpike in Fairfield, Connecticut (the “Property”). The Property is the former General Electric Corporate Headquarters parcel, recently purchased by Sacred Heart University (“SHU”). The proposed facility would replace Cellco’s existing wireless facility located on the roof of Pierre Toussaint Hall (“Toussaint Hall”) on the SHU campus.

For the purposes of this filing, the proposed telecommunications facility is known as Cellco’s “Plattsville Relo Facility”. This Technical Report is submitted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (“Conn. Gen. Stat.”) § 16-50(k)(g), which establishes local input requirements for the siting of a wireless telecommunications facility under the jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council (the “Council”). This statutory provision requires the submission of technical information to officials in the municipality where the proposed facility will be located and any municipality within 2,500 feet of the proposed facility location. The Town of Easton may be located within 2,500 feet of the proposed Plattsville Relo Facility. Town of Easton officials will be provided with a copy of this filing.
Correspondence and/or communications regarding the information contained in this report should be addressed to:

Anthony Befera  
Manager – Real Estate & Project Implementation  
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
99 East River Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108

A copy of all such correspondence or communications should also be sent to Cellco’s attorneys:

Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq.  
Robinson & Cole LLP  
280 Trumbull Street  
Hartford, CT 06103-3597

Cellco intends to submit an application to the Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") for the construction, maintenance and operation of a wireless telecommunications facility in the southeast portion of the Property. The Plattsville Relo Facility would interact with Cellco’s existing cell sites in Fairfield, Bridgeport and Trumbull, Connecticut.

The proposed Plattsville Relo Facility would provide wireless service in portions of Fairfield, Easton, Trumbull and Bridgeport, including portions of Routes 15 and 59 and local roads in the area and to residential, commercial and institutional land uses in the vicinity of the Property. Coverage plots showing Cellco’s existing wireless service in the area, including service from its existing SHU roof-top facility and existing service with the proposed Plattsville Relo Facility at 700 MHz and 2100 MHz are included in Attachment 1.¹ The Plattsville Relo Facility will also off-load voice and data traffic from adjacent cell sites in the area.

**Cell Site Information**

Cellco proposes to install a 120-foot monopole tower and associated equipment platform within a 50’ x 50’ fenced compound and 100’ x 100’ leased area in the southeast portion of the Property. Cellco would install nine (9) panel-type antennas and remote radio heads on a triangular platform at the top of the tower. Equipment cabinets associated with Cellco’s

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¹ In order to replicate the wireless service that Cellco currently provides from the SHU roof-top facility, Cellco will need to develop at least one additional facility located generally to the east of the SHU campus.
antennas and a diesel-fueled back-up generator would be located on a steel platform with canopy roof, within the fenced compound. Access to the facility compound would extend from Easton Turnpike over existing paved driveways on the Property, then over a new driveway extension to the proposed tower site. See Site Schematics and Lease Exhibit included in Attachment 2.

**Connecticut Siting Council Jurisdiction**

Municipal jurisdiction over the siting of the proposed telecommunications facility described in this report is pre-empted by provisions of the Public Utilities Environmental Standards Act ("PUESA"), Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50g et seq. The PUESA gives exclusive jurisdiction over the location, type and modification of telecommunications towers, to the Council (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50x(a); 16-50i(a)(6)). Accordingly, the telecommunications facility described in this report is exempt from the Town’s land use (zoning and inland wetlands) regulations.

Upon receipt of an application, the Council will assign a docket number and, following a completeness review, set the schedule for the docket, including a hearing date. At that time, the Town may choose to become an intervenor or party in the proceeding. Other procedures followed by the Council include serving the applicant and other participants with interrogatories, holding a pre-hearing conference, and conducting a public hearing. The public hearing would be held at a location in the Town. Following the public hearing, the Council will issue findings of fact, an opinion and a decision and order. Prior to construction, the Council will also require the Applicant to submit a development and management plan ("D&M Plan") which is, in essence, a final site development plan showing the details of the facility incorporating any conditions imposed by the Council. These procedures are also outside the scope of the Town’s jurisdiction and are governed by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and the Council’s Rules of Practice. If the Council approves the cell site described in this report, Cellco will submit to the Building Official an application for approval of a local building permit. Under Section 16-50x of the General Statutes, which provides for the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council, the building official must honor the Council’s decision.

**Municipal Consultation Process**

Pursuant to Section 16-50 of the General Statutes, Town officials are entitled to receive technical information regarding the proposed telecommunications facility at least ninety (90) days prior to the filing of an application with the Council. This Technical Report is provided to the Town in accordance with these provisions and includes information on the need for improved reliable wireless service in the area; the location of existing wireless facilities in and around the area; details of the proposed facility; the location of alternative sites considered and rejected; the location of schools and commercial day care facilities in the area and the aesthetic impacts of the
facility on those schools and day care facilities, if any; a description of the site selection process; and a discussion of potential environmental effects associated with the proposed facility.

Not later than sixty (60) days after the initial consultation meeting, the municipality may, in cooperation with Cellco, hold a public information hearing on the facility proposal. If such a hearing is held, the applicant must notify all abutting landowners and publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

Not later than thirty (30) days after the initial consultation meeting, the municipality may present the prospective applicant with alternative sites, including municipal parcels, for its consideration. If not previously considered, these alternatives will be evaluated and discussed in its application to the Council.

Pursuant to Section 16-50(e) of the General Statutes, Cellco must provide a summary of the Town’s comments and recommendations, if any, to the Council within fifteen (15) days of the filing of an application.

**Need for the Proposed Wireless Facility**

The principal need for the Plattsville Relo Facility is to replace the service that Cellco will lose when its existing SHU roof-top facility is removed.² The proposed Plattsville Relo Facility described in this Technical Report is needed so that Cellco can continue to provide enhanced wireless voice and data services in northeast Fairfield, including the SHU campus and portions of Easton, Trumbull, and Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Plattsville Relo Facility will also provide wireless service “coverage” along portions of Routes 15 and 59, and the area immediately surrounding the Property in its 700 and 2100 MHz frequency ranges.

**Environmental Effects**

In our experience, the primary impact of a wireless facility such as the proposed Plattsville Relo Facility is visual. The visual impact of the proposed Plattsville Relo Facility will vary from place to place around the site location, depending upon factors such as vegetation, topography, distance from the tower, and the location of buildings or other structures (utility infrastructure) in the sight-line of the cell site.

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² Cellco’s lease term for the existing roof-top facility has expired. While Cellco has been permitted to maintain its antennas at this location, subject to the “hold over” provisions of its current lease, SHU has made it clear to Cellco that it will not extend Cellco’s lease term for the existing roof-top facility. SHU did, however, agree to enter into a ground lease with Cellco for the development of a new replacement tower on the Property.
To more fully assess the visual impact of the Plattsville Relo Facility, Cellco’s consultant, All-Points Technology Corporation (“APT”) has prepared a Preliminary Visual Assessment for the proposed tower location. This assessment indicates that a majority of the year-round visibility of the proposed 120-foot tower at the Property would be limited to the area in the immediate vicinity (within approximately 0.5 miles) of the proposed tower location, generally over portions of the Property to the north, residential areas to the south and east, and open space/undeveloped areas to the west. When the leaves are off the trees, views of the proposed tower through the trees (a/k/a seasonal views) may occur over a larger area, within approximately 1.75 miles around the tower site. (See Attachment 3). A more detailed visual assessment report is being prepared and will be included in Cellco’s Certificate application to the Council.

Pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a)(3)(G), new telecommunications facilities must be located at least 250 feet from schools (defined in C.G.S. §10-154a) and commercial day care facilities (defined in C.G.S. §19a-77(a)(1)) unless the location selected is acceptable to the Town’s chief elected official or the Council finds that the facility will not have a substantial adverse effect on the aesthetics or scenic quality of the neighborhood where the school or commercial day care use is located. The proposed Plattsville Relo Facility is not located within 250 feet of any building containing a school or commercial day care facility.

Based on field surveys, Cellco has determined that the construction of the Plattsville Relo Facility will have no direct impact on inland wetlands or watercourses, within or near either of the tower compound. Cellco anticipates that all other physical environmental effects associated with the proposed facility would be minimal.

Radio Frequency Emissions

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has adopted a standard (the "Standard") for exposure of radio frequency ("RF") emissions from telecommunications base stations like the Plattsville Relo Facility. To ensure compliance with the Standard, Cellco has performed a worst-case RF emissions calculation for the proposed facility according to the methodology described in FCC Office of Science and Technology Bulletin No. 65 ("OST Bulletin 65"). This calculation is a conservative, worst-case approximation of RF emissions at the closest accessible point to the antenna (i.e., the base of the tower), and assumes that all antennas are transmitting simultaneously, on all channels, at full power. The worst-case calculated RF emissions level would be 22.61% of the FCC Standard for the proposed 120’ tower. (See Attachment 4.) Actual RF emissions levels from this facility will be far less than this “worst-case” approximation.
Scenic Natural Historic or Recreational Impacts

To further assess the environmental impacts of the proposed facility, Cellco will be working with its consultant team to prepare a National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") Environmental Screening Checklist (the "NEPA Checklist") and other related environmental reviews to determine if the facility will have any significant adverse environmental effects. The NEPA Checklist will include information from the Environmental and Geographic Information Center of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP"), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") and the State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO"). Copies of the DEEP, USFWS and the SHPO determinations will also be submitted as a part of the Council's Certificate Application.

Site Search Process

Cellco’s search for suitable cell site locations to replace its existing SHU roof-top facility focused exclusively on the Property. After notifying Cellco for its desire to relocate carriers off the existing residence hall roof-top, SHU offered to host the replacement facility (tower) on the Property. No other alternative parcels in the vicinity of SHU were evaluated.

Tower Sharing

As stated above, Cellco intends to build a tower that is capable of supporting its antennas and those of additional wireless telecommunications providers, including the surrounding municipalities, and emergency service providers, if a need exists. The provision to share the tower is consistent with the intent of the General Assembly when it adopted Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50la and with Council policy. The availability of space on the proposed tower may reduce, if not eliminate, the need for additional towers in the area for the foreseeable future.

Conclusion

This Technical Report is submitted in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50l which requires Cellco to supply the Town with information regarding its proposed Plattsville Relo Facility. This report includes information regarding the site selection process, public need, and the potential environmental impacts of the facility. Cellco submits that its proposed Plattsville Relo Facility would not have any significant adverse environmental effects. Moreover, Cellco submits that the public need for high quality wireless service, and a competitive framework for

\[3\] In addition to Cellco, Toussaint Hall on the SHU campus also support T-Mobile and AT&T antennas. Each of these carriers will be notified that existing wireless lease agreements will not be renewed and that space on the new tower will be made available to them.
providing such service has been determined by the FCC to be in the public interest and that such public need far outweighs any perceived environmental effects of the proposed facility.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions regarding the proposed facility.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Baldwin

KCB/kmd
Enclosures
Copy to (via hand delivery):
Matthew Wagner, Chair, Fairfield Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Kevin J. Gumpper, Chair, Fairfield Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission
Adam Dunsby, Easton First Selectman
Robert Maquat, Chair, Easton Planning and Zoning Commission
Phillip Doremus, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Easton Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency
Dr. John J. Petillo, President, Sacred Heart University
Michael D. Larobina, J.D., LL.M., Secretary and General Counsel, Sacred Heart University
John W. Cannavino, Esq.
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**TOTALS:** $871,213.00 $0.00 $871,213.00 $246,733.22 $451,620.69 $172,859.09 80.2%
## CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT REVENUE TOTALS 2017-2018

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**Total Conservation Department Revenue ****

**$335,054.05**

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**TOTAL REVENUE - ALL (SHELLFISH & CONSERVATION) ACCOUNTS COMBINED**

**$348,452.05**

**TOTAL BOND FUNDS RECEIVED THIS FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

**$1,029,298.00**

**NOTE:** DOES NOT INCLUDE DEP, SHELLFISH OR TRAIL GUIDE FUNDS

**MISC. NON PERMIT SHELLFISH CLAM CLINIC FUNDS**

**TOTAL REVENUE - ALL (SHELLFISH & CONSERVATION) ACCOUNTS COMBINED**

**$348,452.05**

**TOTAL BOND FUNDS RECEIVED THIS FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

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### Conservation Department Revenue Totals 2018-2019

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**Total Conservation Department Revenue**: $133,988.00

**49%**

**Total Revenue - All (Shellfish & Conservation) Accounts Combined**: $137,865.00

**Total Bond Funds Received This Fiscal Year to Date**: 144,397.00
Greenfield Farms
3763 Congress St.
Fairfield, CT 06824
(203) 259-3577

March 11, 2017

Michael Tetreau
First Selectman
Fairfield Town Hall
Fairfield, CT 06824

Dear First Selectman Tetreau,

Under the terms of the Lease Agreement that I signed with the town of Fairfield in early January 2017, to continue my farming operation on the Town owned property at 3701 Congress St: FFLD, CT, I have enclosed a check, #1124 in the amount of $3.00 to cover the rental of the farm land for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

I am also submitting my annual report describing work related projects and community projects and activities on the leased premises.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Haydu

Robert A. Haydu

RECEIVED
MAR 22 2017
FIRST SELECTMAN'S OFFICE
ROBERT A. HAYDU DBA GREENFIELD FARMS
3763 CONGRESS ST.
FAIRFIELD, CT 06824-2077

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: Town of Fairfield

DATE: 3/14/17

$ 3.00

Three Dollars

CHASE
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
www.chase.com

2017-2018-2019

Rental Farm Land

Robert A. Haydu

M# 1124
Annual Report

Below is a detailed list describing work projects, community projects, contributions and farming practices and policies on the leased premises in the calendar years 2016.

A. In 2016, I worked in excess of 40 hours along with another 20 hours of paid help by one of my employees to continue cutting back brush and tree limbs that encroach upon the farm fields. This is a never-ending job with new growth every year. I especially have to keep the lower overhanging limbs cut back around the perimeter of the fields for safety during the hayrides in September and October and the Annual Pumpkin Festival.

B. I mowed the area around the barn and tractor shed along with the area around the outside storage/exhibit area a total of six times over the course of the year for both a nice looking appearance and a safe environment.

C. I continue to add small stones picked up from the fields to the hay wagon trails to create a firm base and prevent ruts when the ground is wet.

D. I plowed all fields to the contour of the land to minimize soil erosion.

E. All fields were planted with a cover crop of winter rye at the rate of 200 lbs. per acre.

F. I donated $100.00 to the Aspetuck Land Trust with proceeds from my farming operation.

G. I spent about 25 hours of my own labor along with many hours of work by my employees to prepare for the 17th annual Pumpkin Festival which was sponsored by myself, Friends of Open Space, and the Greenfield Hill Village Improvement Society. In addition, I contributed approximately 1400 small pumpkins for the children to paint in addition to 30 bales of hay, 22 gallons of cider, and several bushels of apples in 2016.

H. I will apply 20 tons of Lime to the seven acres of land that are in agricultural production in the spring of 2017.
In Summary:

The 2016 Annual Pumpkin Festival broke records for most attendance since its inception in the year 2000. Hopefully the growing season in 2017 will be much better than the last 2 years (2015-2016) where we had record-breaking drought conditions. It has been 3 years since I last painted the entire barn. It will require some touch-up painting this year, especially on the trim and two side doors. My health seems to be fine, after my bought last year with Prostate cancer, and hopefully looking to a good growing season with decent rainfall. When talking with Brian Carey, our new Director of Conservation, I explained to him that it was almost impossible to grow anything but my corn maze and sweet corn on the Fairfield land as it has become impossible to control the ever-growing herds of deer. Last March, I counted as many as 32 deer at one time grazing on the cover crop. I had mentioned to him, that on my leased land from the State in Easton, I had installed ten acres of solar powered electric fencing to control the deer from the other crops that I plant (tomatoes, pumpkins, etc). I have had 100% success in controlling the deer with the use of electric fencing. Brian had mentioned that possibly I should go before the Board of Conservation and see it would be possible to fence in the large 5 acre field with the same solar powered setup. I will follow-up with Brian Carey in the coming weeks to see if this would be a possibility to go before the Conservation committee and see if they would grant permission on the property.

Kind Regards,

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C.C. Brian Carey