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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 19, 2018

Weston Conservation Commission
Weston Town Hall
56 Norfield Road
Weston, CT 06883

Attention: Michiel Zegers, Chairman

Re: Weston Dog Park

Mr. Zegers:

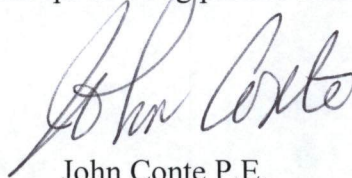
Enclosed is a revised access driveway plan to enter the proposed dog park from Lords Highway East. The new access drive has been moved slightly to the east, first to accommodate the neighbor across the street at 15 Lords Highway East. This was done to ensure the neighbor would not have car headlights shining towards their house. The second reason for moving the access drive towards the east was to try to follow the existing wood road as much as possible to save trees. In the area from road station 2+00 to road station 7+00 of the old alignment, there would be a savings of approximately fifty-three trees. With the new driveway alignment in the same area following the old wood road, thirty-six trees would need to be cut to obtain the twenty-foot roadway width. By changing the alignment in this area, there would be a savings of approximately seventeen trees.

The consulting firm of Wengell, McDonnell & Costello, Inc. [WMC Consulting Engineers], was brought into the project to aid the Town Engineer's office in preparing plans to demonstrate by using Best Engineers Practices to accommodate the additional drainage caused by the construction of the access drive. A member of WMC will be at the meeting on April 26, 2018.

In the past, there have been statements made by individuals indicating the dog park is within the watershed area of the Saugatuck Reservoir. That is not true; enclosed is a map prepared by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section, which shows the dog

park is south of the watershed to the reservoir [see Appendix A]. The dog park does fall within the Saugatuck River Watershed Area and a copy of that report is also included in Appendix A. The list of individuals who participated in that report is listed on pages 3 & 4 of such report. As submitted in previous reports to your commission, we have obtained three letters from the Westport/Weston Health District stating if the rules of the dog park are upheld, there is no health problem. That is verified by Martin L. Mador, a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, with a Masters in Water Studies. That concept is also upheld by Eric Leopold, PhD, biochemist in Organic Chemistry [see Appendix B].

In conclusion, the new access drive alignment reduces the amount of trees to be removed. The drainage plan prepared by WMC provides additional safeguards to prevent any additional drainage leaving the site and also shows there is no effect on the existing wetland at the lower southeast section of the property. The Health Dept. and other professionals have stated there is no health problems if all rules listed for the dog park are carried out. The Weston Planning & Zoning Commission has approved the concept of a dog park at this location.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Conte".

John Conte P.E.