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Wilton Zoning Board of Adjustment, Neil Faiman, Chair
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Chairman Faiman and Board Members,

The Wilton Conservation Commission (WCC) submits the following statement regarding the Ryan cases before the Wilton Board of Adjustment.

As holder of conservation easements on abutting lots C-42 and D-1 owned by the H.M. Hoover Rev. Trust, the WCC is concerned by the potential for environmental degradation of the Mill Brook watershed by the ongoing and proposed activities on Lot A-47-1 in cases 11-10-20-1, 12-08-20-2 and 12-08-20-3 before the ZBA. The Mill Brook watershed and the associated wetlands are among the most valuable and ecologically diverse in our community and deserve every bit of the protection afforded by the multiple applicable overlays in the Wilton Zoning Ordinance. In fact, the number of such protective overlays, made clear in the Staff Report for case 11-10-20-1, reflects the value the town places on this unique environment, both in the past and through into the future. Maintaining this ecological corridor in as close to a natural state as possible is a top priority of the WCC.

In the context of your hearings tonight on up to three cases, we request that you uphold both the letter and spirit of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance to protect a unique and fragile part of Wilton's history and natural environment. Little is more important than protecting our water-based ecosystems. Thank you for your consideration of our abutter opinion in these cases.

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