



Wilton Conservation Commission
Letter of Concern
June 9, 2025

Case #6/10/25-1:Gagan who has requested a variance to section 4.8 of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance (setback from wetlands and water-bodies) and a Special exception under section 17.3.1 of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance (reduced setbacks for new structures) at 27 Island St. This would allow the construction of a 6'x10' deck attached to the existing house, where the deck would be less than the required distance from the Souhegan River and from one or more lot lines.

The Wilton Conservation Commission met at our regularly scheduled meeting on June 3 where we review planning board and zoning board cases that pertain to natural resources. The Commission has concerns about granting a variance to allow any building or structure outside the setback from the Souhegan River, a federally protected water body.

Our understanding is the house on this site was demolished and a new structure approved on the same footprint. This proposed deck should have been part of the application submitted to the planning board. It appears a variance has already been granted to expand the house footprint beyond the original one. Now another request to push the building envelope even closer to the river.

In this case we believe, to both preserve the lot line setbacks to respect the neighboring properties, and because of the sensitive nature of riparian borders, this variance should not be granted. The applicant should be instructed to build within the prescribed setback.

Respectfully submitted,
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