

Town of Woodbury Conservation Commission

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Town of Woodbury, Connecticut Minortown Rd. Property Resolution

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2012 the Town of Woodbury, Connecticut granted, and on October 10, 2012 the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection accepted, a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement (OSWA-406) on the property in question;

WHEREAS, native plants support pollinators and all wildlife in Woodbury and beyond by providing food and shelter, they also help prevent erosion, keep our waterways clean, restore soil health and improve the air we breathe; and

WHEREAS, pollinators are in decline due to destruction and fragmentation of habitat from development, a lack of native plants due to an increase of invasive species, inappropriate and excessive use of pesticides, and a lawn culture that promotes turf grass monoculture which offers no benefits to pollinators and other wildlife; and

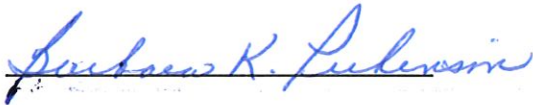
WHEREAS, pollinator species such as bees, birds, butterflies and other pollinating insects are vital to maintaining healthy and diverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Woodbury, Connecticut is cognizant of the need for more safe and healthy landscapes for its residents and visitors in open spaces; and

WHEREAS, recent scientific research supports the benefits of restoring and reconnecting isolated patches of habitat to enhance the health of the health of our natural environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN OF WOODBURY CONNECTICUT does hereby recognize and support a project to establish a non-agricultural protected natural area of 12 acres (more or less) on the south and southwest portion of its property at 18 Minortown Road Extension (also known as Stomski Way):

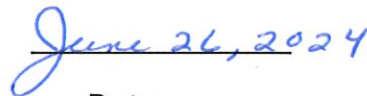
- 1) The area shall be identified by a series of markers (starting at GPS coordinate 41' 34.29N 74'48.74W, ending at GPS coordinate 41'34.22N 74'48.79W) delineating a line between the current agricultural area on the northeastern portion of the property and the native meadow being established, following the curve of the existing access pathway;
- 2) From the property entrance at 18 Minortown Road Extension, running south between the current agricultural area and the Nonnewaug River riparian buffer to the open area, will be a path 25 feet wide (which is the distance from the back of an existing riverside Lion's Club bench to the current cornfield.)
- 3) The open area will be planted with native species, and invasive plants will be removed;
- 4) A pathway will be maintained through the meadow, once established, and will be open to the public for pedestrian traffic (including with leashed pets);
- 5) Planting, mowing and general maintenance shall be under the direction of the Woodbury Conservation Commission, in cooperation with the 1st Selectman's office and in keeping with CT General Statutes Title 7, Chapter 97, Section 131a, paragraph (b);
- 6) No vehicles will be allowed in the protected area other than authorized planting or maintenance equipment.



Barbara K. Perkinson

First Selectman

Town of Woodbury



Date