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TOWN HALL ANNEX 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

Michael Bilby Kevin Quinlan, AIA Robert Sanders, AIA Rose Marie Verrilli John Weiss

Village District Design Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2010

PRESENT: Michael Bilby, Rob Sanders and Town Planner Robert Nerney (Kevin Quinlan – recused, John Weiss – notified absence)

ALSO William Brennan, First Selectman and Richard Vail, AIA of Faesy and Smith (representing the Town of Wilton)

Town of Wilton, (owner/applicant), Northwest Intersection of Center Street and Old Ridgefield Road, proposed veteran's memorial green and flagpole project.

First Selectman William Brennan updated the committee concerning the progress of the planned veteran's memorial green at the northwest intersection of Old Ridgefield Road and Center Street. Mr. Brennan reminded the committee of their concern pertaining to proposed landscaping as well as integration of the project site work with existing surrounding site features. To address these concerns, Mr. Brennan noted that the town had engaged the services of Environmental Design Associates, L.P.; a Wilton-based professional landscape architectural firm led by Mr. Richard Kent.

Mr. Brennan provided an overview of the landscape plan stating that the design called for the planting of vinca and daffodils along with boxwood shrubbery and a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees. The existing katsura tree planted last year to replace a dying maple would be relocated. An 8" spruce tree to the northeast would remain in place so as to frame the northerly corner of the site

Mr. Sanders recommended that all proposed benches be designed to match existing benches. Mr. Sanders also recommended the applicant consider variations in the sequence of the layout; perhaps be placing flowers behind the memorial stones. Mr. Nerney referred to an e-mail from committee member Weiss who questioned the use of shadblow trees as well as the lack of a central walkway from the southeasterly apex of the site.

The committee complimented Mr. Brennan for his efforts and moved to approve the landscape plan proposal; in addition to those plans submitted in December of 2009 providing information concerning the flag location, limitations on flag lighting, placement and positioning of memorials and walkway materials. It was the consensus of the committee to forward the revised plan and meeting comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Nerney Town Planner