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April 15, 2009

Bettye Joan Ragognetti, Town Clerk
Town of Wilton
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897-4008

Dear Ms. Ragognetti:

I am writing to you in response to a complaint that I received from John F. Wagenblatt, L.S., President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyor, Inc., on behalf of the Board of Directors of that Association. This complaint concerns a map that he states appears to have been prepared by the Town of Wilton Engineering Department.

The map is of the Wilton Center Lighting, Light Poles Easement, Wilton, CT dated August 10, 2007, revised June 16, 2008 prepared by the Department of Public Works, Wilton CT, on file as map #5627.

Mr. Wagenblatt states that a review of the map shows no red stamp indicating the method of reproduction, as required by state regulation. I have reviewed a copy of said map provided by Mr. Wagenblatt, and find that no stamp indicating the method of reproduction appears on this map.

Below you will find a portion of the applicable section of the regulation that deals with map standards. The section dealing with the "red stamp" is Sec 11-8-21 (c).

Sec. 11-8-21. Map standards

(a) Maps bearing a date of October 1, 1974 or later, submitted to the town clerk, shall be of a process approved by the public records administrator and the process shall be identified by the producer on the map submitted.

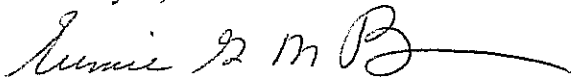
(b) Maps presented to town clerks for filing on or after January 1, 1992 shall be produced by one of the following processes: 1) wash-off photographic polyester film, 2) fixed line photographic polyester film, 3) original ink drawing on polyester film or linen. The Office of the Public Records Administrator shall have the authority to revise these accepted processes periodically, and shall maintain a current list of approved reprographic processes for filing requirements for maps.

(c) Maps presented to town clerks for filing on or after January 1, 1992 shall be identified as to the reproduction process used by the producer, e.g., "wash-off" or "fixed line photographic." This process will be certified by a live stamp applied by the producer. This stamp will be affixed with indelible red ink. The stamp shall include the name of the producer and the process used. It shall measure 1" x 2". Original ink drawings will be so identified using the same process described above.

Please be advised that town officials that prepare maps are not exempt from this state regulation and must strictly adhere to the standards as stated in the regulation. This regulation is in place to ensure the integrity of the land records, and specifically to ensure that maps that are filed for permanent record will stand the test of time. It is of particular importance that town officials adhere to the regulations that they are charged with enforcing.

I therefore ask that you direct the town engineer to refile a map that conforms to the regulation cited above.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eunice G. DiBella", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Eunice G. DiBella, CRM
Public Records Administrator

CC: William F. Brennan, First Selectman
Thomas Thurkettle, Town Engineer
John F. Wagenglatt, L.S., President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors, Inc.