

**DARIEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MANDATORY REFERRAL #1-2019  
DARIEN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
DILLER PROPERTY, NUTMEG LANE  
MARCH 12, 2019**

**Mandatory Referral #1-2019, Diller Property, Nutmeg Lane.**

Request for report pursuant to CGS 8-24 for a substantial improvement to Town property, including construction of a walking/cross country path and parallel parking spaces along Nutmeg Lane.

The Darien Athletic Foundation (DAF) in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Commission, have put forth a proposal to undertake improvements on the subject property. These improvements include the construction of a walking/cross country path as well as six parallel parking spaces along Nutmeg Lane adjacent to the north side of the property. The path is proposed to loop around the subject property with a five-foot wide crushed stone path along the north, west, and south property boundaries, with a two-foot wide wooden plank boardwalk along the eastern boundary running north-south. The length of the path is 1,440 feet, with approximately 420 feet of the length as boardwalk. The section of path located on the Diller Property would be part of a larger 1.15+/- mile path inclusive of the Darien High School property.

While the Darien Athletic Foundation (DAF) is listed as the applicant on the subject application, the Town of Darien and the Darien Parks & Recreation Department will retain ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the property.

The Commission notes that the 2016 Town Plan of Conservation & Development lists several goals/policies that apply to this proposal with respect to the preservation of open space:

- *“Continue efforts to preserve open space as opportunities present themselves”.*
- *“Promote public use of and access to open space”.*

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the 2016 Town Plan of Conservation and Development and Town policies.