

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY MARCH, 2016

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on March 17th at the Middle Haddam Library. Podium Players representative Val Bozzi presented a report on how the \$300 grant awarded by the EHACC last year, was used to put on the intergenerational musical theater production of My Son Pinocchio: Geppetto's Tale, particularly sound and janitor fees. Commission members reviewed applications for this year's grant initiative from Epoch Arts, Chatham Historical Society and Blackledge Music Inc. After presentations from each of the applicants during the April meeting, commissioners will make their selections for this year's recipients. Commissioner Kevin Gunning presented information on a new web site being developed for the EHACC, where photos of arts and cultural events in town can be posted, as well as information about grants, programs and events. Commissioners Mindy Mills Maynard and Phyllis Martin agreed to attend the East Hampton Schools All District Arts show on March 23 at the high school to select a piece of artwork from each school. The students whose art was selected will be recognized during an upcoming ceremony and their artwork will be featured in an exhibit at the Town Hall in June. The Open Studio 2016 event planned for Saturday, Oct. 22 was discussed. Commissioners discussed locations for the next art purchase award and agreed on the town's Youth and Family Services office. The commission plans to host another theater chat presentation by Wade Russo, music conductor at Goodspeed Opera House.

Board of Finance

Given budget season, the Board of Finance met on multiple occasions in the month of March:

March 14th – Mr. Maniscalco and Mr. Smith presented an overview of each budget in preparation for Budget Workshops. The Board also voted to recommend the requested fund transfers and appropriations for the Glastonbury Dispatch.

March 15th, 17th, 18th & 19th – Budget Workshops were held with all departments detailing their respective budgets.

March 21st - 32 citizens spoke during Public Remarks (all for reinstating the 1.9% to the BOE budget). The Board briefly deliberated but did not vote on a budget. The Board did however vote in favor of increasing the appropriation for the Road Improvement Project (specifically related to the Christopher Brook Culvert).

March 28th – Close to 50 citizens spoke during Public Remarks (all for reinstating the 1.9% to the BOE budget). The Board continued to deliberate but did not vote on a budget.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

No meeting

Capital Committee

A Capital Committee meeting was held on March 12th. The Committee approved a request from Superintendent Paul Smith to reallocate funds in this year's approved Capital budget; made a recommendation to the Board of Finance and Town Council for costs associated with the Glastonbury dispatch regionalization project; and approved the Capital Plan for the 2016-2017 budget.

Charter Revision Commission

The Charter Revision Commission held a public hearing and a regular meeting on March 9th. At the regular meeting they approved future meeting dates through June, and reviewed, discussed and proposed changes to three of the charges to be revised. Another regular meeting was held March 23rd at which Attorney Ron Goldstein spoke to the Commission how Colchester handles the bifurcation of their budget as well as filling of vacancies and volunteerism of elected officials. They voted to adopt language changes as proposed to section 3.3 (appointments) and to eliminate the text in section 6.2 as it is no longer applicable.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on Thursday, March 10th. The Commission discussed the next Round Table meeting that will be held in May. They also heard a presentation regarding a possible upcoming seminar "Dementia Tours". The Commission's sub-committee's provided updates and the budget was discussed.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on March 10th. Plans were reviewed for 52 Wangonk Trail: the Commission declined to approve the plan until the water flow/water pipe issues are addressed/corrected. Lake clean-up will be April 23rd. Discussion occurred on the O'Neill Lane property and concern was expressed that this project would still be moved forward in spite of the resignation of Mr. Sissick.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on Thursday, March 3rd. They heard a presentation by applicant Mr. Brian Holdt for plans to display signs for his new business, Airline Cycle, located in the Goff House. A motion to accept Board recommendations for changes to sign material and placement was passed. The Board made preliminary plans with Mr. Glen LeConche (present) to schedule a presentation by the DRB to the PZC regarding the DRB Standards List.

Economic Development Commission

No meeting

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on March 14th. They approved the purchase of 10 replacement radios and necessary accessories and in-vehicle tablets for 3 of the apparatus. Much-needed building repairs were discussed, with the possibility of a workshop with other town departments.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on March 17th. Executive session was held, the outcome of which was to direct the Town Manager to enter into the agreement with CREC as presented by Attorney Faulkner. Construction updates were given from the Project Manager, Downes Construction and SLAM Architects. Invoices were reviewed and approved. A school security measures meeting is being planned for early April; this will be an executive session meeting because of the sensitivity of this information.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

At the March 30th IWWA meeting, the Agency approved the application of Clark Hill Estates LLC, 0000 Clark Hill Road, for a new residential development for single-family homes (3-Lots). The Agency received an application from Kyle Crowthers, 15 Daly Road, for a new single family home and construction of a 35' x 35' accessory garage and driveway in the upland review area. The Agency further reviewed the status of the Study of Lake Pocotopaug and open wetland permits, and received an update on the POCD.

Joint Facilities

The Town of East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee meeting was held at the Colchester/East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Room on Tuesday March 15th.

Along with the standard operational updates, Mr. Clayton informed the committee that the DAF Replacement project is in full swing (pictures shared). While issues have arisen that are extending the work from 30 days to 45-50 days, they have had no significant impact on cost. A tour will be planned for the committee at the next meeting (May 2016).

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on Thursday, March 24th. An application was approved for 58 Middle Haddam Road for a roof replacement. Officers were elected as follows: Charles Roberts – Chairman, Demian Battit – Vice Chairman and Regina Starolis – Clerk.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the March 2016 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, the board discussed the new flag football program being offered by the Parks and Recreation Department and the large turnout that we received. Also discussed was the addition of a new program director for the Afternoon Adventures program, the Rowing Club's use of Sears Park, spring and summer preparation, and the High School field lighting project.

Planning & Zoning Commission

At the March 2nd Planning & Zoning Commission meeting the application of Brian Holdt, Airline Cycles, 2 Barton Hill Road, for a Minor Commercial Site Plan Modification, was approved with conditions. The PZC also discussed the Design Review Board, the First Draft of the POCD, and discussed open road maintenance bonds.

Water Development Task Force

The meeting of the Town of East Hampton's Water Development Task Force was held at the Colchester / East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 15th.

Discussion revolved around the activities that have occurred related to the Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) process and detailed the interest expressed by Aquarion and Wright Pierce/Veolia and the differences between the two proposals. Members discussed pros and cons of each proposal. After some additional discussion, members agreed that it would not hurt to hear out the two companies further nor would it hurt to hear from Mr. Inacelli on his phased development research. Meetings with each are being scheduled.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Town of East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority meeting was held at the Colchester - East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. Topics Included:

- **Sports on 66 – Connection Fee**

Upon a motion by Mr. Valentine, seconded by Ms. Comisky, the Commission approved a payment structure as follows: Mr. Cutler would need to pay a minimum of \$12,000 of the sewer connection fee up-front and be allowed to amortize the remaining balance (\$26,200) over a payment period commensurate with what Hope Church was given for their Beneficial Assessment with the option to adjust (down) the interest amount in the future if the rules and regulations are amended. Vote: 6-0. Motion passed.

- **Draft Budget Presentation**

Mr. Smith presented the proposed 2016/17 Expense Budget for review and discussion. Further review, discussion and approval will occur at the next meeting.

- **Portland Sewer Commission Agreement (St. Clements expansion)**

The committee reviewed the first draft of the agreement as submitted by Portland. Edits were suggested with more review to occur at future meetings.

- **35 West High Street**

Mr. Smith informed the members that the owner of the car wash next door has purchased the property at 35 West High Street. Discussion ensued around the required connection fee. Members agreed that more discussion is required prior to a fee being set.

Zoning Board of Appeals

At the March 14th ZBA meeting, the Agency approved the applications of:

- Kyle Crowthers, 15 Daly Road (FKA 16R Daly Road), for a Rear Yard Setback Variance from Section 4.4.E, Area and Dimensional Standards, from 50' to 10' to Construct a Garage;
- Bret and Kari Cutler, 180 Chestnut Hill Road, for a Maximum Height Variance from Section 4.4.E, Area and Dimensional Standards, from 30' to 35'to Construct Two-Story Home with Walkout Basement; and
- Peter Sansone for Daniel Eldridge, 52 Wangonk Trail, for Side Yard Setback Variance from Section 4.1.E, Area and Dimensional Standards, from 15' to 11'6" to Construct a Deck.