

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY APRIL 2022

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on April 14 at the Joseph N. Goff House. Members met with the grant candidates and also reviewed Student Art selections. The Garden Tour/Plein Air Painting event scheduled for July 9 was discussed. The budget balance was reviewed.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met for Budget Deliberations on Wednesday April 6. With unanimous votes for Capital and General Government recommendations and a 5-2 vote for BOE recommendations, the Board put forth to Council a FY 2023 Budget totaling \$51,788,915. The April 18 Regular Meeting was cancelled.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on April 25. Nefeli Bompoti, the UConn Brownfields Program representative, showed the members a presentation on the program and how the commission could benefit from the program. The members discussed what the program can do to help the brownfields redevelopment sites in town and the commission members. There was discussion of what the next steps would be for the 1 & 13 Watrous Street and 13 Summit Street properties. The members will gather all of the information and reports for each property and have them stored in a folder on OneDrive for ease of access and for applying for grants.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on April 5. The members discussed the possibility of having some teachers and students from the High School included in the Task Force events and programs. It was suggested to set up a meeting with the Principal and/or Vice Principal to discuss getting teachers and students involved with the Task Force. The members discussed updates about the September Electric Car Show, the meeting with the Town Manager and the town department heads, the status of Earthlite Technology and John Greeno, updating the Task Force's town website and the member contact sheet, and a report on the 3/31/22 SCT webinar attended by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on April 14. Ms. Ewing provided an overview of activities at the Senior Center. The Housing, Transportation and Health & Wellness Sub-Committees related to the Senior survey provided their reports. The events for spring and summer were reviewed.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on April 14. The members reviewed and discussed three plan reviews. All three plans were approved by the members with a few stipulations. There were updates for the watershed projects, federal funding, sub-committee on education, Lake Smart program, and the advisory panel. The members discussed the dredging plan the Town Manager and Mr. Hall formed. The dredging would be along the shoreline to clean up the built-up material.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on April 21. The members reviewed and discussed the plan review for 20 East High Street the Old Town Hall building. Todd Clark, the architect for Mr. Rand and the project,

joined the call to present and answer questions from the members. The members made a motion to recommend approval of the site plan with some conditions.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on April 19. The members discussed the retail section of the scoring for Global 66 as new information was presented for the members. The members discussed the Bells on the Bridge, the Planning and Zoning minutes and motions, and the new spotlight on business. The members were updated on two projects in town in the Town Manager's report.

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on April 11. Rick Stanchfield from ACG Associates briefly presented on the 2021 awards program results to the board members and department members. The board members approved the purchase of 10 new badges for the new members joining the department. It would be 10 new badges at \$80 each totaling \$800. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief read their monthly reports. The topics of the dry hydrant, ladder truck, and the stipend raise were briefly discussed. Fire Chief Greg Voelker gave a presentation on the conceptual plan for the future fire house building. The new building would be able to hold and house both company 1 & 2. The members will review the presentation and bring any changes and/or suggestions for the next meeting. Then it will be passed on to the Town Council.

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on April 27.

Continued Applications:

- A. Application IW-21-026: William Carter, 23 Bay Road - Construct seawall along Lake Pocotopaug and regrade yard area. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 23. Item tabled to May 25 upon applicant's request.
- B. Application IW-22-002: Heath Marozzi – 59 East High Street - Replace existing walkway, construct retaining wall, replace entry steps, relocate shed, and extend driveway (approximately 550 sq. ft. of disturbance) within the Upland Review Area – Map 05A/ Block 83/ Lot 27. Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form with the additional condition that if the base of the shed exceeds the size of the shed, it will require further review. Mr. Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
- C. Application IW-22-003: Roseanne and Chris Scacca, 45 Lake Dr. LLC – 45 Lake Drive, installation of new processed gravel driveway (approximate 1600 s.f.) within the Upland Review Area. – Map 03A/ Block 44C/ Lot 10 Mr. Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the application with the standard short form. Mr. Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
- D. Application IW-22-004: Ed Basile – 53 Day Point Road, demolition of existing cottage (396 s.f.) in Upland Review Area – Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 36A. Mr. Wall made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form. Mr. Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-22-007: Carrie Sue Clausi, 124 Tartia Road – Two lot subdivision within an Upland Review Area. Map 27/ Block 54/ Lot 7. Mr. Kavalkovich made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 25, 2022. Mr. Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on April 4. The Director's Report was reviewed. The budget was presented at the Board of Finance meeting workshop. The new Library Director Timothy Kellogg will start on Friday, April 29th. The Kindness Grant silent art auction began on April 4th. Over 120 items were donated by the community to benefit the CT Draft Horse Rescue and Our Companion Rescue & Sanctuary.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on April 28. The members reviewed and discussed two applications for certificates of appropriateness. One was for Mr. Roberts, who recused himself from the voting and discussion of the application, to install a Cummins 20 kW propane standby generator. The other application was for 57 Middle Haddam Road for a complete re-siding, repair to sheathing when needed, and wrap and re-clad of the house with new cedar clapboard. The members approved both applications after some discussion. The members discussed sending a letter to the town to put some pressure on the owner of 63 Keighley Pond Road. They haven't started the work on the old barn after obtaining permission from the commission. The members also discussed contacting the homeowners at 23 Knowles Road about their light exposure issues and unsanctioned projects on their property.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on April 5. The members discussed ways to remember Board Member Jeff Leith that passed away. The High School Rowing program was discussed. The Air Line Trail Sub-Committee provided an overview of upcoming work days and National Trails Day. The board will make a decision on two items to be voted on at the golf tournament. One item will be added this year to the playground. There was an update on the wrap up of the travel basketball program and plans for next year. Mr. Hall provided an update on the status of Capital requests.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on April 6.

Public Hearings:

- A. PZC-22-001: Josh Pavano, 19 Day Point Road for Detached ADU pursuant to Section 8.4.M in existing accessory structure, Map 10A /Block 83/ Lot 29. Mr. Gauthier made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

New Business:

- A. PZC-22-004: Saint Clements Marina, 49 Oakum Dock Road for Site Plan Modification in C Zone – Section 5.2.B. Map 02/ Block 9A/ Lot 4. Mr. Sennett made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the May 4, 2022 regular meeting. Mr. Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- B. PZC-22-005: Twenty High, LLC for Site Plan Modification in C Zone – Section 5.2.B. Map 05A/ Block 62/ Lot 5A. Mr. Rux made a motion to approve the site plan modification. Mr. Tammaro seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

Water Pollution Control Authority

The East Hampton WPCA Board met on April 5 via Zoom. Mr. Clayton reported that the Town Council approved an allocation of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the three (3) force main projects. Town Council is hopeful the contribution will avoid a sewer rate increase for one year. The Board reviewed the recommended operating and revenue Water Budget for 22/23 fiscal year. Any changes or corrections will be made at the May 10 meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on April 11.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-22-002: Atlantis Marketing, 1 Colchester Ave., 5 Colchester Ave. and 157 Main St for a variance to increase lot coverage from 30.4% to 36.9% and reconstruction and expansion of legal non-conforming uses in the R-2 Zone. Map 7A/ Block 56/ Lots 22, 21, and 24. Mr. Pfaffenbach made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to the May 9 regular meeting. Mrs. Jacobson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0