

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

AUGUST 2021

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on August 19 at the Joseph N. Goff House. They discussed the Poet Laureate position and application. They also discussed new project ideas and upcoming events.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on August 16th for their regularly scheduled meeting. The only action of note at this meeting was unanimous approval of a request from the Board of Education of a Capital transfer in the amount of \$18,000 in order to replace obsolete lighting fixtures at East Hampton Middle School.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on August 23. The members received updates on the town from the Town Manager. There were brief updates for 1 and 13 Watrous Street. The members briefly discussed the outreach opportunities to other agencies like EDC, P&Z, and possibly the Village Center Planning group.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on August 2. The members briefly discussed home energy solutions and clean energy companies that have expressed interest in participating in the car show event. The members then discussed the electric car show event. The food, music, dealerships, and companies participating in the event were discussed. The Parks & Rec department will help with promotion and spreading awareness of the event while also helping with online registration for companies and vendors. The press release was updated with the new information and the distribution of signs and flyers for the event was agreed upon.

Commission on Aging

No meeting

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on August 12. The members reviewed and approved of two plan reviews. The members discussed the sub-committee report on education and the Lake Smart program. An update on what was discussed at the advisory panel meeting was given to the members. An update was given on the lake level and the dam.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on August 19. The members reviewed and discussed one plan review before approving of the plan. The plan is for a veterinary practice moving from Portland to East Hampton. They will be renovating an older house to incorporate the clinic into the house.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on August 17. The members discussed the signs promoting the Village Center, promotional pamphlet, the home-based business workshop, the Bells

on the Bridge event and holiday decorating. They also reviewed the P&Z minutes and motions, and the new business banner and business of the month.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on August 9. The members nominated Mr. Salafia as the Chair and Mr. Germain as the Secretary. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal reports were given to the members. There was discussion on the dry hydrants, ladder truck repairs, the tanker update, the vaccine status for the membership, and revisiting the long range 5 and 10 year plans. It was suggested to have the stipend for the membership for the awards program be brought to the Town Council to get the monetary amount bumped up to \$2,000.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

Communications, Enforcement and Public Comment

- A. Tom Heidel for Middlesex Land Trust: Request for Support of Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Grant Application. Motion made to Send letter of recommendation by Dean Kavalkovich

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-21-017: Martin Scovill, 117 Colchester Ave., 3 Lot Subdivision with wetlands on the north side of property. Map 27/Block 87A/Lot 12A-4 a. Motion made to approve application by Pete Wall, Second by Dave Boule. Vote: 4-0
- B. IW-21-019: Donald, Nancy, Robert and Sue Briere, 91-93 Lake Dr. and Lake Dr. 03A/70A/58, 2 lot subdivision in the Upland Review Area Map 25/Block 64/Lot 56. Motion made to approve application by Scott Hill, Second by Pete Wall. Vote: 4-0

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

No meeting

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on August 3. Deb McKinney was re-elected as their Chairperson. Members received updates from the Air Line Trail Sub-Committee and the High School Athletic Field Committee. Programming updates were presented as well as Middle School baseball field repairs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on August 4.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station with a proposed convenience store in the Commercial Zone, Section 5.2. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B. Approved with conditions

B. Discussion: Updates to Section 8.4.K.4: Swimming Pools - Approved as presented

New Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-014: Martin Scovill, 117 Colchester Ave., Re-subdivision for 3 lots. Map 27/ Block 87A/ Lot 12A-4. Public hearing set for September 1, 2021
- B. Application PZC-21-015: JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Rd., Site Plan review for Veterinary Clinic. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 5. Public hearing set for September 1, 2021.
- C. Application PZC-21-016: Nancy, Donald, Robert and Sue Briere, 91-93 Lake Dr. a second parcel on Lake Dr., for a Subdivision for 2 lots at 91-93 Lake Drive Map 25/Block 64/Lot 56 and a subdivision for 4 non-buildable lots Lake Drive Map 03A/Block 70A/Lot 58. Public hearing set for September 1, 2021.
- D. Discussion: Accessory Dwelling Units “As of Right” – Continued to September 1, 2021 meeting.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on June 1 via Zoom. The Board adopted the resolution for the Edgewater Hill Developer’s “Salt Pond Apartments at Edgewater Hill” Sewer Permit Agreement. Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed. Repairs have started on the 36 manholes that were damaged during the grading and paving by the State. The State will reimburse the WPCA for the cost of repairs. The Pine Trail force main replacement has been approved by IWWA and P&Z, with possible construction to be done in the fall when the lake is low. The North Maple force main replacement application is pending IWWA approval. The Board approved to increase sewer user fees from \$495.00 to \$520.00/EDU and the additional grinder pump rate for applicable properties from \$175.00 to \$200.00 Vote: 5-0 Motion Passed. The Board approved the date for a Public Hearing to present the 2021/22 Sewer Use Rates for September 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 9.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-21-008, Helena Gatto-Supino, 6 Brook Trail, reduce side setback from 15’ to 5’ to expand existing deck to the width of the house Map 10A/Block 79/Lot 9. Approved