

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY AUGUST 2022**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission Meeting was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Joseph N. Goff House. The members provided a recap of the Garden Tour/Plein Air Event. Stan Lindh recited some poetry at a gazebo concert. They will ask him to read more poetry at the library, a village business event or the tree lighting. Members reviewed the budget for the current year and roughly put out ideas on how it will be utilized. They also discussed possible future events.

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met for their regularly scheduled meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>. No actions were taken at the meeting. Discussion around the feasibility of consolidating/restructuring Town and BOE IT services was moved to the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting due to scheduling conflicts for key participants.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

No meeting

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force Meeting was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The members discussed clean energy town initiatives, the Heat Pump webinar, Task Force webpage messages, and the updates for the 2022 Electric Car Show event.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Center Director reported the participation numbers are increasing due to the increase in meals served from 2 days to 5 days a week. She also reviewed the upcoming programs scheduled for National Senior Center month in September. The Commission will provide a presentation to the Town Council on September 27<sup>th</sup> from the sub-committees related to the survey results. The recycle grocery bags will be purchased this month. The ice cream social will take place at the senior picnic on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Member Mariann Mankowski has resigned as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

No meeting

### **Design Review Board**

No meeting

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission Meeting was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The members discussed the bells on the bridge project. There was discussion of promotional and marketing materials for the local businesses to use to gain more traffic and sales while also promoting the event. The members were given an update on the Village Center Streetscape Project. The members discussed bringing the New Business sign to the newly opened brewery Rule of 3. The members were given an update on the Business Incentive program and discussed options and suggestions for improving the program. There

was a suggestion to put out a survey of what businesses the residents would want to see come to town. The members will think of proper questions to put a survey together.

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The members nominated and voted for Mr. Salafia to be chair and Mr. Germain to be secretary. The Fire Chief requested approval for the purchase of 6 sets of gear and coats for new members. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal gave their monthly reports for the members. There were updates for the dry hydrants, the letter to the Town Manager, and the new fire boat. The members briefly talked about the educational trailer in the Fire Department's parking lot. The fire department membership wants to part ways with the trailer as it gets harder to gain interest and help with the educational trailer. The members went into executive session.

### **Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency**

No meeting

### **Joint Facilities**

The Colchester–East Hampton Joint Facilities Board met on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gilmore reported that work has started on the draining and cleaning of the aeration tanks and that septage haulers are being limited with the tanks down. Colchester and East Hampton have not received any odor complaints. The old compressor was removed, and the new tank will be installed.

There were no meetings in June or August.

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board met on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Library Director updated the Board on the search process for the new Adult/Young Adult Librarian. The Summer Reading Closing Events were discussed as well as upcoming Fall programming. The members discussed future space planning and capital improvements for fall planning.

### **Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

No meeting

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

No meeting

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

New Business

- A. PZC-22-009: Bryan Joy, 12 Summit St., for a site plan review for a shop for custom work in the Village Center Zone, Section 5.1.B.13. Map 06A/ Block 61/ Lot 1. Rowland Rux made a motion to approve the application with the conditions that approval be obtained from all required departments including but not limited to Health, Building, Police, and Fire Marshal, there is to be no amplified outdoor music, a permanent restroom must be completed by November 1, 2022, the hours of operation are to be between the hours of 8am and 12am. Angelus Tamarro Seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- B. PZC-22-008: CLW Real Estate Developments LLC., Re-subdivision of Salmon Run Estates 26 lots on Salmon Run / Deer Meadow. Map 35/ Block 95/ Lot 7. Rowland Rux made a motion

to Schedule a Public Hearing for the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2022. Jim Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

#### Old Business:

- A. Discussion: Updates to Zoning Regulations to comply with PA 21-29 Ray Zatorski made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 7, 2022. Rowland Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

#### **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The East Hampton WPCA Board met on June 7<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Mr. Clayton reported that there may be a possible buyer for Hampton Woods Development and has been contacted by DPH regarding the responsibility for that water system. Currently the East Hampton WPCA does not maintain the water system at Hampton Woods. Water System flushing is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup> for the Town Center and June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup> at Royal Oaks.

The WPCA board held a public hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup> via zoom for the proposed 2022-23 Water Budget and recommended water rates for the customers of the Village Center and Royal Oaks systems. The 2022-23 Water Budget was approved by the Town Council at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. The Colchester- East Hampton Middletown Avenue Pump Station (MAP) Sub-Committee met on June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 28. Seven (7) engineering proposal packets were received and reviewed by the Committee. Three (3) top candidates were established and will be interviewed in July.

There was no regular meeting in July.

The Colchester- East Hampton MAP Sub-Committee met on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Committee interviewed the three (3) engineering firms. Reference checks and site visits of projects will be done in July and August.

The East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority met on August 6<sup>th</sup> in person and via Zoom. Mr. Clayton reported on the closing end of the 2021/22 fiscal year budget status for WPCA and the water systems. There was a brief update on the Municipal Water System project. It was recommended that the Water Sub-Committee speak with Dave Terry (WPCA board member) who's expertise as a Hydrogeologist could be very beneficial to this project. The Public Hearing date for Sewer Rates was set for September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The Colchester- East Hampton MAP Sub-Committee met on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Committee continued narrowing down the three (3) engineering firms. A preliminary recommendation of AECOM was reached by the Sub-Committee and a meeting will be schedule for AECOM to meet with the Joint Facilities Board.

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

##### Public Hearings

- A. Application ZBA-22-004: Christopher Burt, 21 & 23 Day Point Road., Lot line revision to add for reconstruction of existing home, includes setback variance and size variance. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 30. John Tuttle made a motion to approve the location of the new home with the condition that it be no more than 29' wide in order to retain a setback of no less than 7.5 feet

from the south side property line. Kevin Reed seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. George Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve the lot line revision as presented. John Tuttle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

- B. Application ZBA-22-005: Benjamin Leitch, 12 Lakewood Road, Increase lot coverage from 23.24% to 25.03% for covered deck. Map 03A/ Block 44/ Lot C-73. John Tuttle made a motion to continue the hearing to the September 12 regular meeting. Bob Hines seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- C. Application ZBA-22-006: Tyler Thompson, 127 Tartia Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 22' for barn addition. Map 27/ Block 53/ Lot 18B. John Tuttle made a motion to continue the application to continue the hearing to the September 12 regular meeting. George Pfaffenbach seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- D. Application ZBA-007: Appeal of Zoning Enforcement Officer, Rand Construction, 368 West Hight Street, Install 4 x 6 internally lit sign. Map 01C/ Block 7/ Lot 6C. George Pfaffenbach made a motion to overturn the decision of the ZEO based on evidence presented and discussed. The determination was made that the sign that had been on the site was larger than the newly proposed 4' x 4'. John Tuttle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.