

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY DECEMBER 2018

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on Monday December 17th for their Regularly Scheduled Meeting. While the only action item was the approval of Meeting dates for 2019, discussion was had on multiple on-going topics, including but not limited to, Tax Bill Modifications, Budget Dashboards and the Library Roof Repair Project.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on December 17th at the East Hampton Middle School Library. The members reviewed the typed report from the Town Manager. They discussed their progress with both 13 Watrous Street and 4 Starr Place, and they were able to fill out and send in their forms to extend their grant for another year. They also discussed whether adding a Phase 1 and 2 for the 1 Watrous Street project will follow through. They requested to have a proposal for the property that included a Phase 1 and 2 for the project.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on December 13th. JoAnn Ewing updated the commission on the activities at the Senior Center. An update on the Advocacy Group was given. They will be focusing on transportation as their first task. The commission discussed what they would have at the Lions Health Fair in the spring. A meeting with the Community Renewal Team will be held in January to discuss meals on wheels and the nutrition program.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on December 13th. The Commission reviewed a plan for Edgewater Hill-Residential. The master plan was unanimously approved by all board in 2007. They are now seeking approve for design for the fourth phase of the project which includes estate and cottage home, some of which are within the watershed. The initial motion was to table the vote until Dr. Knocklein and Steve Trinkus could review the plan. This motion failed. After discussion, a second motion to make a favorable recommendation for the next residential phase passed unanimously. The commission also discussed the watershed project/federal funding. The Lake Smart brochures have been distributed. There was extensive discussion on runoff into the lake. There was also discussion on the lake level and a baseline/plan of proposed lake levels for Mr. Bevin so the town does not end up arbitrarily asking for the dam to be opened or closed.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on December 20th. The members approved the 2019 meeting dates with a change to make the start time for the meetings be 6:30 instead of 7:00. The board members were presented with two plan reviews. They went over each plan and asked their questions. They recommended to approve both plans to Planning and Zoning. The members also discussed the contradicting buildings within the town and community. They were trying to figure out a way to prevent more buildings that do not suit the theme of the town to be built.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on December 18th. There was a presentation by Ellen Paul, the Library Director, and Amy Ordonez, the Chairperson for the Library Advisory Board. They explained their Shop Local Campaign and asked the members for their support and help next year for the event. Ms. Paul also asked for the members' support for the library in winning an Excellence in Public Library Service Award. The members agreed to help the library in their endeavor to win the award. The members then discussed their old business topics. The index for the tourism pamphlet was created and some of the sections were divided between the present members. There will be a special meeting to put the finishing touches on the pamphlet in January. They reviewed the Planning and Zoning minutes and approvals. The members discussed the New Business Banner location, the Belltown Spotlight on Business, the town beautification projects, and bringing the business association event to East Hampton.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners met on December 10th. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief gave their reports and those reports will be attached to the minutes. Mr. Salafia shared two items of communications he had. The members discussed the dry hydrant problems and solutions. They decided to contact Mark Davis of Big Water in Maryland to come to town and investigate the dry hydrants. They discussed the capital and operating budgets to finalize and give to the town for the new budget. The commissioners approved the purchase of a Bullard thermal camera to replace an existing outdated thermal camera.

High School Building Committee

No meeting

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The IWWA met on December 19th.

Application IW-18-019, The Neighborhood at Edgewater Hills, Phase 1D & E of approved master plan 18 lot subdivision with activities in the Upland Review area. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. Application approved.

Application IW-18-020, Paul Catalano, 49 Bay Road, construction of a 13.25' x 24' attached garage with living space above within the Upland Review area. Map 9A/Block 70/Lot 33. Application approved.

Application IW-18-023, Pennwood Builders, 55 O'Neill Lane, adding structural concrete piers to support existing house structure within Upland Review Area. Map 10A/Block 83/Lot 21. Application approved.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on December 3rd. They were presented with the proposed plan for the new library roof by Matt Brown from Anchor Engineering. He explained the process of installing the new roof and answered all questions that were put forth to him. Ellen Paul discussed the Director's report with the members. The board discussed the new library website, the library budget for the fiscal year, and the library's buy local campaign.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on December 20th. Application 523 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 2 & 4 Keighley Pond Road to make repairs and replacement of outside structures involving the porch, stairs, railings, clapboard and doors was approved unanimously. Application 524 for Certificate of Appropriateness at 49 Middle Haddam Road to install 3 double hung replacement windows in master bedroom was approved unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the December Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Shawn Mullen updated the board on the status of the Seamster Park Playground Project. The build is scheduled for August of 2019. The advisory board also went over the applications for the Airline Trail sub-committee. Dan Roy and Tim Adams will narrow down the applications and the board will appoint a committee after they conduct interviews.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on December 5th.

PZC-18-021: The Neighborhood at Edgewater Hills – Phase 1D & E of approved master plan 18 lot subdivision. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C – Public hearing set for 1/2/2019

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on December 12th. Updates were received regarding concrete, steel fabrication drawings. Eversource sign off should be received soon. There was discussion on the runoff into the lake and approval for a sediment boom to be placed in the retention pond. All bid recommendations were voted on with the decision to re-bid fire suppression. A local contractor option was taken into account for

the drywall bid. The local contractor was within 5% of the lowest qualified bid and agreed to the lower bid price. Invoices were approved.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Committee met on Tuesday December 4th. Attorney Richard Carella, of Updike, Kelly and Spellacy (UKS) addressed the committee on behalf of the Town Manager's office on the proposed WPCA connection charge for the New Town Hall. No decisions were made at this time. Edgewater Hill Phase 1A is looking to extend the sewer line for the next area of development. Committee will require clarification of Phase 1 boundary lines prior to setting a public hearing. After another force main break on Old Marlborough Road additional excavation has determined that the bottom of force main is corroding. The WPCA has started work with CLA Engineering to replace that force main in the spring. The Committee has approved the 2019 meeting schedule

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting