

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

DECEMBER 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on December 19th. The Commission reviewed the deadlines for the Capstone and EHACC grants. An update was given on the 2019 grant for a knitting bomb in the Village Center. Work is being done with Epoch Arts toward installing this project in June. The members discussed the membership of the Commission with the Town Manager. They would like to move from a 9-member group to a 7-member group with 2 alternates.

Board of Finance

The Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held on December 16th at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Following a brief discussion that included many questions by Board members around current state of the building, appraised value and the Town Manager and Finance Director's thoughts on the offer, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution to approve the sale of 20 East High Street *for a purchase price of \$316,000.00*. Liaison Assignments were also finalized:

- Town Council (Coshow/Hein)
- Board of Education (Finance Sub-Committee) (Bennington/Brown)
- Economic Development Commission (Turner)
- Conservation Lake Commission (Jenks)
- Fire Commissioners (Peterson)
- Brownfields/Redevelopment (Bennington)
- Park & Rec. Advisory Board (Coshow)

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on December 23rd. The members discussed the DECD STEAP Grant for 13 Watrous Street under continued business.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on December 3rd. The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman was voted on by the members with Brian Gay voted in as Chairman and Kurt Reichenbach continuing as Vice Chairman. The members discussed the topics of Citrine Solar, future initiatives, and the logo/Facebook/website under Old Business. The members approved of the 2020 meeting dates. Kyle Amtmanis expressed his happiness of having a committee like this in town. He intends to apply to join the committee as a new member.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on December 12th. Ms. Ewing reported on the holiday happenings at the Center. She also discussed CRT and the issue of meals only being served two days a week. The members discussed other possible food program alternatives. The next Thriving in Place seminar was discussed with a tentative date of February 19th on mental health concerns. The members discussed the upcoming budget and a plan of

support in conjunction with the Senior Services Coordinator and fully supports the planning for expenditures on behalf of older adults in the community.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on December 12th. The members received an update on the watershed projects and the federal funding for the projects from Mr. Hall.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

No meeting

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners met on December 9th. The Fire Chief discussed and explained three bills that needed to be addresses. The commission members approved of the bills. The Fire Marshal Report and Fire Chief Report were given. Dry hydrant repairs will be done in January. The new Engine 212 inspection date was moved up to January 24th. The OSHA fine against the department was paid. OSHA asked for more documents for accountability training. Members have until the 15th to complete their physicals. The new lighting installation is being done on the Chief's vehicle this week. The members approved the appointment of a new trustee. The laptop for the secretary is outdated and nonfunctional. Members will discuss options at the next meeting. Members discussed the upcoming budget submissions.

Fire Commission Award Program Trustee Meeting

The Award Program Trustee meeting was held on December 9th. The members approved of two reimbursement payouts for the town. The members nominated John Kovach as a new trustee member for the department. The members briefly discussed the removal of money from an account and moving the money to another account.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on December 18th.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-19-051, Town of East Hampton, South Wangonk Trail, removal of a portion of the drainage pipe and add a swale to improve the quality of the runoff entering the lake. Map 09A/Block 70C/Lot 12. *Approved (4-0)*
- B. IW-19-052, Town of East Hampton, Skyline Dr., grading and constructing swales at Skyline Estates. Map 18/Block 44/Lot 78-OS1. *Approved 4-0)*
- C. IW-19-053, Town of East Hampton, O'Neill La., Installation of new drainage system. Map 10A/Block 83/Lot 26-7. *Approved (4-0)*
- D. IW-19-054, Town of East Hampton, Wangonk Trail, to improve the quality of the runoff entering the lake. Map 09A/Block 70C/Lot 48. *Approved (4-0)*

Old Business:

- A. Cease and Desist – Sharon Allegra, 88 Young St. Work in the Upland Review Area and Wetlands Map 21/ Block 52/ Lot 22C
- B. 48 Pine Brook Rd. – Possible Work in Upland Review Area

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on December 9th. The members voted to accept a proposal from consultant Chip Marsh for strategic planning. The ceiling tile replacement project is likely to take place in early 2020. The members discussed the upcoming budget. They also discussed eliminating overdue fines and decided to table this initiative until the summer.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the December 3rd meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Dan Roy motioned to approve the meeting date for the 2020 year (First Tuesday of the month at 4:30PM, all months other than July). Jeremy Hall reviewed the Glastonbury Rowing MOU with the board and went over their proposals. Jeremy Hall also gave a report on the status of upcoming programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on December 4th.

Public Hearings:

- A. PZC-19-010: Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Zone Change from R-2 to Commercial. Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 2. *Approved (5-2)*
- B. PZC-19-011: Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Special Permit to construct an Assembly Hall in the Commercial Zone (Sec. 5.2.C). Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 2. *Continued to January 8, 2020 (7-0)*
- C. PZC-19-016: Dean Brown, 26 Barton Hill Rd., for Amendments to Zoning Regulation, Section 8.4, Bed and Breakfast. *Approved (7-0)*

Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on December 10th. The control panel for the detention cells in the police department are being installed. The furniture for the building has been ordered. The project is on schedule. The fiber is being worked on. The paving, painting and masonry work are complete. The elevators will be installed soon. The siding is almost complete. The fire wall in the community room should be done in a week. Members reviewed the project budget. Moving companies came in for a site walk to look at the scope of the move. The members approved 5 potential change orders, tabled 1 potential change order, and approved 2 invoices. There was a brief update from the public relations sub-committee.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on December 3rd. Mr. Clayton reported that the engineers have sited all the piping for the Pine Trail Force Main and noted some potential easement adjustments. Committee discussed the reimbursement of the cost of damage to the water main on Main Street over Columbus Day weekend. Research is being done on the possibility of a sewer credit for homeowners who fall under the Elderly Homeowner and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program offer by the State.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on December 9th.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-19-014, Ty Sweet, 7 Main St., for an appeal of ZEO Decision: Illegal third apartment unit with inhabitant. Map 05A/Block 62/Lot 12. Continued to January 13, 2020 Regular meeting. (4-0)