

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY DECEMBER 2021**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on December 16 at the Joseph N. Goff House. Members interviewed three candidates for the Poet Laureate position. Their recommendation will be provided to Town Council for consideration.

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on December 20 for their regularly scheduled meeting. While preliminary discussion was had in regard to the Budget process to familiarize new Board members, no action of note as taken.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on December 27. Deb Cunningham introduced herself to the members as the liaison for the agency from the Board of Finance. The members briefly discussed the 1 and 13 Watrous, 3 Walnut, and 13 Summit properties. The members discussed investigating historic preservation grants for the brownfield properties in town.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force met on December 7. The members held a discussion with representatives from Earthlight Technologies about bringing green solutions initiatives and programs to town. The members received advice and tips on how to spread the awareness and gain support for the programs they want to start in town. The members reviewed the power point presentation and recommended a few changes. Mr. Wisniewski will be presenting to the Town Council at next Tuesday's meeting. The members discussed having Heat Smart present to the Task Force members.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on December 9. Jo Ann Ewing provided an overview of senior services. Members discussed the results of the survey, the high and low investments related to the results of the survey, and assignment of topics for each member for the upcoming workshop with the Council. The members are awaiting confirmation on the date of the workshop.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on December 9. The members received updates on the watershed projects and federal funding. The members discussed the ordinance banning fertilizer, the lake smart program, and the advisory panel update. The members discussed holding talks about the lake smart program and to make a schedule for those. It was also suggested to hold an informational webinar two to three times a year to get all the information on the projects and the programs the commission is dealing with. This would help to spread the information and awareness to the community and to gain more support for the projects and the commission in town.

### **Design Review Board**

No meeting

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on December 21. The members welcomed two new members to the commission with introductions. The members discussed the revised Business of the Month and New Business nomination online form, the minutes and motions from the last Planning

and Zoning meeting, and the bells on the bridge event. The Town Manager gave the members updates on some projects occurring in the town.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on December 13. The members approved of the repairs to Squad 1-12 not to exceed \$4,000. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief gave their monthly reports to the members. There were updates on the dry hydrants project, the ladder and tanker trucks, and the awards program changes. The members discussed the possibility of getting a new boat for the Fire Department. A quote was obtained from Mid Atlantic Rescue and a representative was suggested to come and talk with the members at a meeting. The members made a motion to retire Forestry 1-12 and to talk to Mr. Jylkka about what to do with the vehicle after it has been retired.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on December 22. Josh Wilson was elected Chair and Dean Kavalkavich was elected Vice Chair for the remainder of this term until the next election of officers in June.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-21-025: Middletown Sportsmen's Club, Champion Hill Road – Construction of Fire Access Road partially in Upland Review Area and a bridge over intermittent stream. Map 11/ Block 40A/ Lot 18 - Continued to January meeting.
- B. Application IW-21-026: William Carter, 23 Bay Road. Construct seawall along Lake Pocotopaug and regrade yard area. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 23 – Continued to January meeting.

### **Joint Facilities**

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Board met on November 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Work began on the force main repair November 15<sup>th</sup> and is estimated to be completed on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Board will be reviewing the Joint Facilities agreement for the purpose of looking at shared costs on repairs. The Board has begun review of the RFQ for the Middletown Ave. pump station (MAPS) for the purpose of evaluation and design for needed upgrades. The Board approved the 2022 Joint Facilities meeting schedule.

There was no December meeting of the Joint Facilities.

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board met on December 6. The new Children's Librarian was introduced to the Board. An update was given on the Space Planning project and the budget. The Town Manager reported that the search for a new Library Director is underway.

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

No meeting

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

The Parks & Rec Advisory Board met on December 7. The members approved meeting dates for 2022. The boat launch project had been delayed but is back on schedule after the materials arrived. The final report from the focus groups is in and the public survey is out. Mr. Hall discussed possible

action to fund a full-time position for the Office Assistant/Program Lead from the special revenue account. Capital requests will include pickle ball courts, reconstruction of the basketball court at Sears Park, reconstruction of the tennis court at Sears Park and the Air Line Trail gap closure.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on December 1.

New Business:

- A. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar - Jim Sennett made a motion to approve the meeting calendar as presented. Angelus Tammaro seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

Old Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-021: Global 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Site Plan Modification, Map 6/Block 12/Lot 9 - Kevin Kuhr made a motion to continue the application to the January 5, 2022 meeting. Rowland Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- B. Discussion: Accessory Dwelling Units "As of Right" Kevin Kuhr made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the February 2, 2022 meeting. Meg Wright seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

### **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on November 2<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom. Mr. Clayton met with engineers to discuss the possibility of slip lining the force mains at Pine Trail PS and North Maple PS. The Board has requested a Plan of Conservation Development (POCD) mapping overlay from P&Z, which will include the sewer service area as part of the ongoing Connection Charge discussion. The Board approved the 2022 WPCA meeting schedule.

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on December 7<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. All pump station (20 stations) alarm systems will be required to be upgraded to a 4G unit due to the 3G phase out at a cost of approx. \$1,500 to \$2,000 per unit.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on December 13.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-21-012: Donna & Ed Wells, 13 Navajo Trail for a Variance to reduce the east side yard setback from 15' to 5' to construct an addition to the existing dwelling. Map 09A/ Block 74/ Lot 174 - George Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve the variance. Bob Hines seconded the motions. Vote 2-3. Motion Fails.

New Business:

- A. Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates - George Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve the meeting schedule as presented. Bob Hines seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0