

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2021**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on February 18 via Zoom. They welcomed a new member, Rebecca Tinelle. Two Capstone project grant submissions were received. One application has been received for the \$500 grant. Two others have indicated that they will be submitting applications. There will be no student art purchase this year.

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on February 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom for their regularly scheduled meeting. Four Board Members were in attendance. The following items were discussed with action resulting:

1. Allocating a Portion of Coronavirus Relief Funds to the Chatham Heath District  
Mr. Turner made a motion to recommend that the Town Council appropriate \$19,368.20 to the Chatham Health District from unanticipated Corona Relief grant revenue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hein. Vote: 3-0-1 (Mr. Jenks). Motion Passed.
2. Non-lapsing Account for Unexpended Education Funds  
Mr. Hein made a motion to establish a non-lapsing unexpended education funds account in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 10-248a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow. Vote: 4-0. Motion Passed.
3. Review and Possible Approval of FY22 Capital Plan  
Ms. Coshow made a motion to postpone further review and possible approval of the FY22 Capital Plan to a meeting when additional BOF members are present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jenks. Vote: 4-0. Motion Passed.

Board Members were also presented with the detailed 2020 Audit Findings by PKF, O'Connor Davies Lead Auditor, Joe Centofanti.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on February 22 via Zoom. There was brief discussion for the 1 Watrous, 13 Watrous, and 3 Walnut properties. The members also received an update on the PowerPoint for the Town Council. The members made suggestions of some topics to add into the presentation.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force met on February 2 via Zoom. John Hall of the Jonah Center presented to the members about the new NRG power plant repair. The new repair would cause the plant to run longer and to emit more air pollution. This pollution in the air would blow directly into East Hampton. The members made a motion to recommend the Town Council to oppose the new power plant repair.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on February 11 via Zoom. The members received an update regarding the Senior Center activities and the recent COVID vaccine clinic. They also discussed the budget and an upcoming seminar some members will attend.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-lake Commission met on February 11 via Zoom. The members received an update on the AIS Grant to study the invasive plants at the bottom of the lake to figure out where they originated. The members reviewed two plans. One plan was for a new residence on Sear's Place and the other plan was to subdivide a 13.5-acre plot of land to retain a 2.5-acre section of the property after selling the house and 10.5 acres of the land. The members then received updates about the budget review, watershed projects and federal funding, sub-committee report on education, advisory panel update, the lake smart program, and the lake level.

### **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board met on February 18. The members reviewed and discussed two plan reviews. One was for 42 East High Street for The Dublin for a proposed patio for an outdoor seating area. The other was for 34 East High Street for Atlantis Fresh Market for new/ proposed signage, sign lighting, and siding. This is the existing Citgo gas station on East High Street. The members approved of both plan reviews with some recommendations for both.

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on February 16 via Zoom. The members discussed the updates for the Bells on the Bridge project, reviewed the Planning and Zoning minutes and motions, discussed where the new business signs will go, and nominated a business for Business of the Month. The members received an update for the mission statement for the commission and discussed a proposal for a new campaign called Masks for East Hampton Small Businesses. The Rossi Family Foundation would be donating 2,000 adult masks and 2,000 children masks to the campaign. The tentative launch would be for the first week of March.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on February 8 via Zoom. The members approved of the purchase of a virtual training program with a not to exceed \$5,000 fee for the software. The information for the program was sent to all the members to review and all agreed that it would benefit the department greatly. The members received updates about the dry hydrants, the AC upgrade, the budget update, and the 2020 awards update. An awards payout for Matt Walton was approved for \$2,007.31.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

Agent Approvals:

- A. IW-21-002: Mary Ann Hubert, 68 Spellman Point, to enlarge existing deck by 4' within the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 9.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-21-001: Steve and Diane Lanney, 13 Sears Lane, to construct a new single-family home within the Upland Review Area. Map 04A/Block 63B/Lot 10. Approved

## **New Applications:**

- A. IW-21-004: JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Road, Cobalt, for a 2-lot subdivision within Upland Review Area. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 5. Continued

## **Joint Facilities**

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Board met on February 16 via Zoom. After a final review the members approved the 2021/22 Joint Facilities Operating Budget totaling \$2,577,161. Vote: 4-0 Motion passed. The Board authorized the purchase of a replacement RAS pump and new doors for the inlet building for \$25,000 respectively, as well as the selling of the 2008 F450 and 1983 Vac truck on govdeals.com. Vote: 4-0 Motion passed

## **Library Advisory Board**

No meeting

## **Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on February 25 via Zoom. The members reviewed and discussed a plan review for 26 Long Hill Road to replace roof shingles, nine windows, and all siding for the house and garage for applicants Charlie and Eileen Gotta. The members discussed the plan and the materials with Charlie Gotta. The members approved of the plan as submitted. The members briefly discussed a letter from Margaret Faber and the McCutcheon's about the possible zone change for Long Hill Road. The members made a motion and approved to keep the existing officers for the commission. The members discussed in more detail the possible zone change for Long Hill Road from residential to commercial. This application is before planning and zoning and is in its early stages.

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on February 2 via Zoom. The members received an update from the Air Line Trail Sub-Committee. They discussed the Master Plan and programming. The Board would like to do a Facility Needs Assessment and discuss the possible purchase of the Sports on 66 building.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board held a special meeting on February 16. The members discussed the positives and negatives of the town potentially purchasing the Sports on 66 property. They will do a presentation to the Town Council on March 23.

## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on February 3 via Zoom.

### **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. Continued
- B. Application PZC-20-026: Long Hill Estates, LLC., for a Zone Change from R-2 to C for a new 1.5-acre lot. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 8. Continued
- C. Application PZC-20-027: Connecticut Contractors Group, LLC., Young/Daniel Street Subdivision. Map 13/Block 51/Lot 1. Approved with conditions

## New Business

- A. Application PZC-21-001: Gloria & Troy Deleon, 16 Wells Ave., for a Special Permit for an Accessory Dwelling Unit per Sec. 8.3.M. Map 05A/Block 63A/Lot 1B. PH Scheduled
- B. Application PZC-21-002: Timothy Puglielli, 155 Middle Haddam Rd., for a 2-lot subdivision. Map 02/Block 18/Lot 24-3. PH Scheduled
- C. Application PZC-21-003: Edgewater Hill Enterprises, Edgewater Circle, for a Site Plan Review for Phase 2 - Salt Pond Apartments consisting of 5 Buildings with 8 Units within each. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. Approved with conditions
- D. 8-24 Review: Acceptance of roads in the Skyline Estates Subdivision including Highland Terrace, Skyline Drive and Starview Way.

## Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on February 25 via Zoom. The members discussed the audio-visual equipment. Training was done but BVH still needs to do a punch list. The remaining contingency was discussed. Change order #60 was rejected related to the glass used in the building. They tabled change orders related to piping for the flushometers and the vent pipe riser. The approval of Newfield invoices 24 and 25 were tabled.

## Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board held a special meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. The WPCA committee reviewed and discussed the recommended operating and revenue budget for 2021/22 fiscal year. Any changes or corrections will be made at the March 2, 2021 meeting. Mr. Clayton has been contacted regarding the 20.18-acre parcel on 37 South Main Street and the possibility of a low-pressure system for approx. 19 houses. The Board approved the transfer of \$800,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance (Fund 61) to Capital Fund Balance (Fund 81), Vote 6-0 Motion Passed

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on February 8 via Zoom.

### Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-21-001, Brian Galovich, 35 Highland Terrace, to increase the lot coverage from previously approved 13% to 17% to construct an 18' x 36' IG pool with 650 sq. ft. concrete decking around and a 20' x 30; pool house. Map 18/Block 44/Lot 78-28. Continued
- B. Application ZBA-21-002, Ursula Mascaro, 49 Wangonk Trail, to reduce the north side setback from 15' to 4.47' and the south side setback from 15' to 6.91' to construct a second story addition and a 40 sq. ft. second deck. Map 9A/Block 70C/Lot 39. Approved
- C. Application ZBA-21-003, Nancy, Donald Jr., Robert and Sue Briere, 91-93 Lake Drive, to subdivide property for Lot A and B: reduce minimum lot area for Lot A from 20,000 SF to 12,029 SF, reduce lot width for Lot A from 125' to 112.70', increase lot coverage for Lot A from 20% to 23.8% and 28.2% for Lot B, reduce front setback for Lot A from 25' to 19.6' and reduce the side setbacks for both lots from 25' to 3.8'. Map 25/Block 64/Lot 56. Approved