

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on February 21st. Commission members plan to attend the Town Council Budget Presentation on March 27th to familiarize the council of our mission and initiatives and budget items. Commissioners discussed which Bevin Bells to purchase to present to East Hampton students as part of the EHACC Student Art Award initiative. The bells will be engraved. EHACC will offer 2 grants next year for 400 each and a Capstone grant for EH High Schoolers for \$200. No grants applications have been received so far. Commission member Jim Monahan shared about the Sculpture Mile, offered by the Hollycroft Foundation, which features a mile of Ct produced art sculptures in various towns along the shoreline. www.hollycroft.org. Jim is meeting with a representative from Hollycroft to discuss the initiative. Ed Yocher reported that the East Hampton Rotary has taken on the project of a banner set up over the roadway on Main Street to help promote local events.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on February 19th for their Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Chief Woessner and Chief Voelker were in attendance to witness the vote for their projects being considered for bonding.

a) Public Safety Radio System Upgrades Project

Mr. Peterson introduced a resolution appropriating \$845,000 for upgrades to the town's public safety radio system, and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation. The resolution was seconded by Ms. McLennan. Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed.

b) Rescue/Pumper Fire Engine Acquisition Project

Mr. Peterson introduced a resolution appropriating \$679,000 for the acquisition of a rescue/pumper fire engine and related equipment, and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation. The resolution was seconded by Ms. McLennan. Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed.

c) Center School Heating System Improvement Project

Ms. McLennan introduced a resolution appropriating \$277,000 for various Center School heating system improvements, and authorizing the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation. The resolution was seconded by Mr. Turner. Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on February 25th. The members reviewed the town staff report included in the meeting packet. The members briefly discussed the DECD STEAP Grant Project Discussion and the US EPA Brownfields Grant Application.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on February 5, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. The members approved of the previous meeting minutes and received a town

staff report from Glen LeConche. There was a brief discussion about the log in and password for the website. The members talked about putting together an RFP for the Municipal Energy Audits and the process that will go into the project. The members discussed the Portland letter written to Senator Needleman's office by Andy Bauer. The Chairman made a motion to endorse the letter and to preemptively endorse other letters for fracking bans. Mr. Gay made a motion to send a similar letter that was sent to Senator Needleman to Representative Irene Haines on the Task Force behalf. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on February 14th. They welcomed new member Eric Rosenberg. They discussed the upcoming workshop series for Thriving in Place. The Advocacy Group met with Middletown Area Transit regarding transportation. They discussed sending a letter to Town Council regarding the process of appointing new members to commissions.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on February 14th. The members received a brief update from Jeremy Hall on the communications and liaison reports. The members reviewed plans for new diesel generators to be added to three WPCA pump stations and an updating of the NAPA buildings at 80 East High Street. There was a brief update on the watershed projects and the federal funding for the committee. There were also brief updates for the sub-committee report on education, advisory panel, lake smart program sub-committee, the discussion of the lake level. There was discussion of whether the town should apply to use a copper sulfate treatment on the lake. It was decided to leave the vote and further discussion until the next meeting.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

No meeting

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners met on February 11th. The members approved of paying for a 5-year plan for the fire house software with a cheaper monthly rate. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief presented their reports for the members and attending department members. There were no new communications. The members discussed the dry hydrant consult schedule, the status of the new engine 212, the award program for 2018, and the tax abatement for 2018. Both lists for the award program and the tax abatements have all been revised to show the correct information. The members discussed what needed to be fixed for tanker 312 and which line item to take the funds from. The members also discussed an alternate tax abatement program that pays out an equal amount of money for

each qualified member. The board members want to get the department's input into the topic before further discussions take place.

High School Building Committee

Minutes not yet available

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

Meeting postponed to March 5th due to the weather

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

No meeting

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the February Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Jeremy Hall introduced the new Airline Trail sub-committee to the board. The duties of the committee were discussed. Updates were made about the Seamster Park playground project, Airline Trail project and High School field lighting project. Shawn Mullen gave a report on the status of Parks and Recreation upcoming programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on February 6th.

- PZC-19-002 Susan Popielaski/ECO Coffee House, 82 Main Street, for a special permit to sell alcohol as an accessory to the coffee shop. Map 02A/Block 48/Lot 32. – Approved with conditions.
- PZC-19-001: Larry Marsiglio, 14 Flanders, for a special permit for a 22' x 28' accessory dwelling unit for rental purposes. Map 5A/Block 59/Lot 31. Public Hearing set for March.
- Proposed Updates to Section 3.5 Floodplain Overlay Zone. – Public Hearing set for March.
- 8-24 Review for acceptance of roads at Whispering Woods Subdivision – Recommended to Town Council
- 8-24 Review: Acceptance of Wangonk Trail Extension (.1 acres) from Princess Pocotopaug Association – Recommended to Town Council
- Release of bond for Skyline Estates Phase 1A – Bond Released

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on February 7th. The architects is currently working on the requests for information on the utilities and steel. They are revisiting the Board of Education for storage. Consultant Steve Trinkus provided recommendations on erosion control, some of which had already been implemented. The members approved multiple invoices.

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on February 26th. The members approved the redesign of the fire pump/fire protection scope of services of moving the fire pump inside the sallyport. The construction manager's report noted they are finishing tying in the sewer line. They are waiting word from the attorney on the easement for the water line. They have started the detention basin on the south side. The sallyport wingwall will be done next. The vault storage is being worked on between the vendor and architect. The jail cells are going in for fabrication. A financial summary was provided. Two change orders and multiple invoices were approved.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Committee met on Tuesday February 5th. Public Hearing was held to approve the Edgewater Hill Master Plan. Committee members unanimously passed three resolutions. Edgewater Hill Master Plan. Approving the sewer construction Master plans for Edgewater Hill Master Plan Development. Developers Agreement Town Hall. Approving the sewer construction plans for Town Hall Police Department. And accepting as a payment for connection fees in the amount of \$19,000.00 otherwise attributable to the TOWN as the developer of new sewer construction upon its property certain in-kind contributions in lieu of connection fees. Developers Agreement Phase 2 Edgewater. Approving the sewer construction plans for Phase 1E, 1G, 1F and 10 units as part of 1D of Edgewater Hill for 11 estate homes and 6 residential cottage homes on Edgewater Circle and Persimmon Way. A temporary force main and pump has been installed at Old Marlborough Rd.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on February 11th.

- ZBA-18-014, Ryan Donohue, 21 Seminole Trail, for a variance to increase the lot coverage by 3.2% from 34.8% (current) to 38%, to reduce the side setback from 15' to 18" and to reduce the rear setback from 25' to 30" to construct a 14' x 22' garage. Map 09A/Block 73/Lot 114- Approved.
- ZBA-19-001, Alison F. Richard Trustee, 22 Knowles Road, for a variance to reduce the front setback from 50' to 18.2', to reduce the rear setback from 50' to 18.4', to reduce the north side setback from 25' to 0.5' and to increase the building height from 30' to 33.5' to construct a new 4865 sq. ft. single family home. Map 02C/Block 19A/Lot 6. Approved