

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JANUARY 2020

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on January 16th. The members agreed to submit their 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$2,500. No responses had been received for the Capstone or EHACC grants to date. Members discussed ideas for new grants and projects. The Town Council is in the process of amending the commission's ordinance to adjust the number of members from nine to seven with two alternates.

Board of Finance

The regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held on Tuesday January 21st at the EHMS Library at 7:00pm. While no motions were made or voted on topics discussed included:

- Public remarks made by multiple individuals asking for the Board's support for renovations to the EHHS baseball field when presented.
- 2021 Budget Calendar which is still being finalized
- Fund Balance Policy which may be revised at a future meeting

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on January 27th. The members elected Brian Corvo as the new Chairperson since Ms. Kerrigan resigned from the board. The members discussed the progress of the remediation and the need for further excavation on site at 13 Watrous since not enough of the contaminated soil was removed. The 1 Watrous project will receive a Phase 1 and the commission is applying for a grant from the State to cover the Phase 2.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on January 9th. Ms. Ewing provided an overview of services and events at the Senior Center. The Advocacy Group invited the Town Manager to their next meeting. The Thriving in Place seminars are continuing in February. Dr. Rosenberg reviewed the survey study that the Commission completed in 2017.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on January 9th. The members received an update about the watershed project and Federal funding. The members discussed the progress of the town projects. There was discussion of how to prevent runoff and pollutants entering the lake. The members reviewed the RFP for the proposed aeration project. There were some suggestions of what should be changed in the document. The lake level was discussed and the use of social media to spread information and knowledge of how to be lake smart was discussed.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on January 21st. Two new members were welcomed onto the commission. The members discussed the progress of the town guide and which retail businesses to include in the pamphlet. The members decided to print the pamphlet after the new Town Hall is open and operational. The members decided where the banner will go to next and nominated the Bevin Brothers Manufacturing Company as the Belltown business of the month for February. A suggestion to use Facebook ads to promote local businesses and the EDC was discussed. More information and ideas will be presented at the next meeting. The members received an update for the Town Manager's Report. Issues with parking in the Village Center was addressed and discussed at the Town Council meeting. The 3 Watrous property remodeled into parking spots for the Village Center could be a solution to the parking issues.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on January 13th. The members discussed buying 12 SCBA bottles for the department. Under unfinished business the members discussed the dry hydrant problems. The hydrants by the lake need to wait for spring to be fixed. The one by Chestnut Hill will be fixed as soon as possible. The members also discussed figuring out who oversees the hydrants located on private properties. The members received an update on the new engine 212 project, the OSHA complaint follow up, and the chief's vehicle. The members also discussed the LED lighting changes for all three companies and the changes that should be made to the capital and operating budgets. The members briefly discussed the awards program for 2019 and any building issues or concerns that were brought up.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on January 29th.

New Applications:

- IW-20-001: Margaret Wilcox, 25 Spellman's Point Road. Demolition of Existing Home and Construction of New Home in Upland Review Area – Map 9A/ Block 70A/ Lot 21. Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2020 (7-0)
- IW-20-002: Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT, 240 Lake Drive. Construction of New Single-Family Home in Upland Review Area, Map 9A/ Block 75/ Lot 3B. Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2020 (7-0)
- IW-20-003: Stanislaw Oleksenko, 11 Cone Road. Four Lot Subdivision, Map 06/ Block 37/ Lot 6A. Public hearing set for the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2020 (7-0)

Joint Facilities

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Board met on January 21st. The Committee reviewed and discussed the recommended operating and revenue budget for 20/21 fiscal

year. Any changes or correction will be made at the February 18th meeting. A motion was made on the research and replacement of the Grit Classifier at approx. \$80k. Vote was unanimous. The new day tank was installed at MAPS. A new operator was hired and will start the end of January.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on January 6th. The members reviewed potential 2020/2021 operating and capital budget requests. The members approved a community survey. The ceiling tile replacement project should begin in late January.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on January 8th.

New Business:

- Application PZC-19-020: Dean Brown, 26 Barton Hill Rd., for a Special Permit to host events at a B&B. Map 02A/Block 47/Lot 40. Public hearing scheduled for March 4, 2020 - (8-0)
- 8-24 Review- Sale of Town owned property, 20 East High St., current Town Hall. Map 05A/Block 62/Lot 5A.

Old Business:

- 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. Applicant requested an extension to the February 5, 2020 meeting which was accepted (8-0)

Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on January 9th. The architects are reviewing the detention control hardware and the outside stairway. The Construction Manager reported that they are working on the 2nd floor punch list and will then start on the 1st floor punch list. The members reviewed the moving company proposals. This will be voted on at the next meeting. The members approved three potential change orders, tabled one potential change order and approved three invoices.

The Town Facility Building Committee met again on January 23rd. The members received updates from the architect, construction manager, and the OPM. The members discussed the finishing items around the building and the items left to be installed and finished. The members discussed and approved of twelve potential change orders from the project. The members approved of changing the invoice number from a previous Amenta Emma invoice. The members also approved one Amenta Emma invoice and tabled three other Amenta Emma invoices. They also discussed the moving company proposals and approved of Manchester Moving for the project move.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on January 7th. Mr. Clayton reported that the Carbon Filters have been installed at Memorial School. The Committee continued discussion regarding a twice a year sewer billing option and the concern of the availability of funds to cover unforeseen repairs to operations. After researching a possible Homeowner credit, it was reported that the DEEP does not support sewer credits of any kind and it recognized that all users are required to pay at their set cost. Mr. Clayton reported per the Town Manager/Town Council that the TCWS water fund will pay for the repair damage to the water main on Main Street over Columbus Day weekend.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on January 13th.

Public Hearing: 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 – Appeal denied (4-0)