

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JANUARY 2023

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on January 19th. The members reviewed a capstone application that was received. They also discussed the artist/gardener reception. The budget for 2023-2024 was reviewed.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met for their regularly scheduled January meeting on January 17th. All topics discussed were informational only and did not require any action. Topics included distribution of the Annual Financial Audit reports and revisions to the FY 2024 Budget Calendar.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on January 23rd. The Town Manager gave the members updates on the Village Center Streetscape project and the town took ownership of the 13 Summit Street property. The town cleaned up the property. The members briefly discussed the update to the EDC from Mr. Corvo at their last meeting. Ms. Man volunteered to attend the March 21st EDC meeting to give the commission members the update on the agency. There was brief discussion on the CRCOG grant updates and East Hampton isn't eligible for funding since the town isn't a member of the CRCOG. The members then reviewed the sections for the next round of DECD grant funding. The members can rewrite and redraft the application from the FEMA grant to tailor it to what DECD is looking for. The members discussed getting more people interested in joining the agency to get a full roster.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on January 3rd. The members discussed the updates for the Energy Fair, made decisions on what else needs to be done for the event, and set up plans and next steps for the fair. The members will reach out to the Middle School Roof committee when they hold a meeting. The members discussed having Earthlight present at a future meeting in advance of the company making a proposal for getting solar added to the Middle School roof project.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on January 12th. Ms. Ewing provided an overview of activities at the Senior Center. Dr. Rosenberg reported on the Housing Sub-Committee. He will meet with Jeremy DeCarli regarding temporary health care, accessory dwelling units and home remodeling for safety. The Health and Wellness Sub-Committee met with the town department heads to improve communication amongst each other to better serve the community's needs. Dr. Rosenberg presented former Chairman Bob Atherton a tribute resolution from the Commission on Aging and noted he nominated Mr. Atherton for the Lions Club Humanitarian Award. The members approved a motion to send a letter to Irene Haines and Norm Needleman to address the urgent need for energy assistance for senior citizens.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on January 12th. The members received an update for the communications and liaison report. The members reviewed and discussed two plan reviews and made recommendations for both. Updates were given to the members for the watershed projects and federal funding, sub-committee report on education, and the advisory panel. The members discussed the

copper sulfate application and treatment for the lake. The members made a motion to approve getting the permit and having the treatment for the lake.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on January 17th. The members discussed the new business of the month process and nomination, the business spotlight process and nomination, and the minutes and motions from the last Planning and Zoning meeting. The members received a brief update on the Village Center Streetscape project from the Town Manager.

Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission met on January 17th. The members elected Mark Laraia as Chair and Allison Kane as Vice Chair. The Town Attorney was present at the meeting to review the Rules and Procedures for the commission. A complaint has been received. The respondent and complainant have 15 days from notification to respond. The commission will meet again on February 21st.

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on January 9th. Firefighter Howell informed the members that the grant sub-committee was formed to apply for grants for more funding for the department. They are looking to apply to FEMA for new fireproof radios for the membership. The members discussed the dry hydrants, the fire boat, the building committee, budget planning for next year, the end of year award and stipend process, the educational trailer, the FR reports, and Fire Chief Rainville using the chief's vehicle during the day.

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on January 25th.

Continued Applications:

- A. Application IW-22-031: Christopher Liguore, 49 Wangonk Trail, Rebuild deck and stonewall. Map 09A/ Block 70C/ Lot 39. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form permit. Dave Boule seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-23-001: Amanda Cavanaugh, 41 Day Point Road, Addition to single family home. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 36C. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting (February 22). Pete Wall Seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- B. Application IW-23-002: George Koutouzis, Lakefront, 77 North Main St. Rebuild 12x30 deck. Map 04A/ Block 63B/Lot 22/3A Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting (February 22). Scott Hill Seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Joint Facilities

The Colchester-East Hampton Joint Facilities met on January 17th in person and via Zoom. A representative of NAGE, on behalf of the Local-319 Union addressed the Board in relation to comments made at the September and "October" Board meetings. A proposal was received from AECOM for the MAPS study and has been forwarded to CT DEEP for review. The Board reviewed and discussed the recommended operating and revenue budget for 2023/24 fiscal year. Any changes or corrections will be made at the February 21, 2023 meeting.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on January 9th. Mr. Kellogg is working on the Library operating budget for 2023-24. He also presented a draft of the Space Plan Report for the upcoming Town Council meeting. Members reviewed the timeline for the 2023-026 Strategic Plan. They will be working on drafting a new survey that will be presented to the Board prior to distribution.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on January 26th. The members reviewed and discussed the application for a certificate of appropriateness at 65 Middle Haddam Road, Christ Church Rectory, to install an outside oil tank to eliminate sharing of the oil from the one Church tank. The applicant attended the meeting to present and answer questions. The members accepted the application as presented. There was discussion of the recently purchased residential lot near the storage building on Long Hill Road. The housing plans with the extras and lighting plans would need to go before the commission for approval. The members re-elected the current officers for another term.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on January 3rd. The Air Line Trail Sub-Committee provided an overview of their work. The Jeffrey Leith Memorial Scholarship was approved. Members received updates on the Parks & Rec programs, the special revenue account and capital projects.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on January 4th. Kevin Kuhr was voted in as Chairman. Ray Zatorski was voted in as Vice-Chairman.

Public Hearings:

- A. PZC-22-010: Connecticut Water Company, Install well metering building. Map 10A/ Block 85/ Lot 5C. Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to continue the public hearing and the application PZC-22-010: Connecticut Water Company, Install well metering building. Map 10A/ Block 85/ Lot 5C to the next regularly scheduled meeting February 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rux. Vote: 7-Yes; 0-No

Water Pollution Control Authority

The East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority met on January 3rd in person and via Zoom. The Royal Oaks water system ran into an issue with one of the well pumps which caused some temporary water concerns. Work has started at North Maple pump station. Expectation is 2-3 weeks. Connecticut Water is upgrading their facility at Edgewater Hill. Design plans for the backwash tank to be pumped up to gravity sewer so there will be less wear and tear on our pump station. The Colchester-East Hampton SOP-Sub Committee met on January 10th and 24th in person. The committee began reviewing the shared services between the four (4) towns. Concentration will begin with the Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) for the Colchester pump stations.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting