

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JANUARY 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on January 17th. They welcomed new member Amy Ordonez. They discussed the budget for next year, grants and working with the Library on an event calendar. Mr. Monahan spoke about his thoughts on the Village Center. Mr. Yocher discussed advertising banners on Main Street. They also discussed upcoming events.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on Tuesday January 22nd for their Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Chief Woessner, Chief Volker and Mr. Harwood were given the opportunity to explain the projects being considered for Bonding.

i. Public Safety Radio

Chief Woessner provided an overview of the bid process conducted, and a handout outlining the scope of work as outlined by the preferred company. He also explained the urgency around gaining approval is that if East Hampton is able to coordinate the upgrade to coincide with The City of Middletown's upgrade, the town will be able to incur a 54% savings.

ii. Fire Truck

Chief Voelker and Chairman Salafia provided an overview of the need for a replacement rescue / pumper at Company 2, what it would be replacing (a 1994 Pierce Engine that would turn into the reserve Engine at Company 3 replacing a 1989 Ford) and the benefits it would provide.

iii. Center School Boiler

Mr. Harwood also provided a handout that outlined the history and scope of the boiler replacement project, as well as, the timeline restrictions and cost savings on repairs that are driving the aggressive timeline.

With unanimous agreement by Board Members to informally approve the bonding of all three projects, Mr. Jylkka stated that he will provide the formal resolutions at the February BOF Meeting for a formal vote.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on January 28th. The Town Staff Report was reviewed. The members discussed updates for the DECD STEAP grant and the 4 Starr Place project. The members gave an update on 1 Watrous Street. The US EPA Brownfields grant application for the committee is nearly complete. The last thing needed for the application is a letter of support from DECD.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on January 8th. Staff member Glen LeConche provided an overview of the new town website and talked about potential use for the task force. The group reviewed the electric car show location plans for 2019. They discussion activities

the task force can focus on in 2019 including a solar drive, energy audits for municipal buildings, a possible presentation at the Library, a possible collaboration with the Airline Trail Task Force and opportunities for the Task Force to post information at the new Town Hall facility.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on January 10th. A new member, Mariann Mankowski, was introduced. Kathleen Hutter from CRT reviewed the elderly nutrition program including the café program and Meals on Wheels. The Senior Center Director provided an overview of programs at the center. The Advocacy group reported that they are focusing on transportation issues. The Thriving in Place program will possibly present information at the Lions Club Health fair in the spring.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on January 10th. They received an update from Jeremy Hall about the pamphlets to be mailed out and reviewed the pricing of the mailing options. There were no plan reviews and they discussed the watershed and federal funding projects along the lake. Steve Trinkus has the test pits dug but is waiting for warmer weather to conduct the percolation tests in the pits. The members decided to write a letter expressing their views on why the commission should have control of the dam and when the lake should be lowered. It was suggested that the commission presents the 9-point plan from Dr. George to the Town Council. The budget was reviewed and discussed.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on January 17th. The members were presented with the plan review for the new Public Library roof from Matt Brown of Anchor Engineering. The members made a motion to recommend approval for the applicant with a condition to support a matching design for the existing buildings.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on January 15th. They decided to have a special meeting to finalize and make the pamphlet to send to the printers. The members decided to move the banner from Memory Maker to The Sleepy Rooster and to move the Spotlight on Business sign from Tang Asian Bistro to Crossfit. The members also made a motion to order another New Business banner and to make Devine Jewelers the Business of the Month for February. The members made a motion to approve of the letter of support for the public library as written. The commission members also reviewed the Town Manager's Report.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commission met of January 14th. The members received a report from both the Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief. The members and present fire fighters reviewed and discussed at length the capital and operating budget. Suggestions were made about options of how increase the number of inspections and pertinent duties of the Fire

Marshal. One was to make the Fire Marshal full-time again; and another was to add more money into the part-time line item to hire someone to perform inspections only. The Engine 2-12 project from the budget went favorably with the Board of Finance and some members of the Town Council. The next steps for the project would be the bonding stages in the process. There were two requests for payouts of vested funds and were voted on unanimously by the board members. The end of year report needs to be altered since the fire house software had a glitch when it switched over and updated to the newest version. The updated reports will be ready for the next meeting.

High School Building Committee

Minutes not yet available

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on January 30th.

Agent Approvals:

- A. Application IW-18-023, Pennwood Builders, 55 O'Neil Lane, adding structural concrete piers to support existing house structure within Upland Review Area. Map 9A/Block 83/Lot 21.
- B. Application IW-19-001, Bemmer Petroleum, 11 North Main Street, removal of a 500 gallon underground propane tank within the Upland Review Area. Map 01A/Block 39A/Lot 28A.
- C. Emergency repair of sewer main on Old Marlborough Road.

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-19-002, WPCA, Pine Trail, install a backup generator within the wetlands. Map 10A/Block 79A/Lot 15- Continued to 2/27/2019 Meeting.
- B. Application IW-19-003, WPCA, North Main Street, install a backup generator within the Upland Review Area. Map 4A/Block 45/Lot 24-1A. Continued to 2/27/2019 meeting
- C. Application IW-19-004, WPCA, Barbara Avenue, install a backup generator within Upland Review Area. Map 19/Block 45/Lot 1. Continued to 2/27/2019 meeting
- D. Application IW-19-005, T&O Enterprises, LLC., 80 East High Street, to construct a 600 sq. ft. car port between 2 existing buildings – work within 200' URA. Map 26/Block 85/Lot 13A. Continued to 2/27/2019 meeting
- E. Application IW-19-006, Stanislaw Oleksenko, 15 Cone Road, construct a new single-family home in the Upland Review Area. Map 06/Block 37/Lot 6A. Continued to 2/27/2019 meeting.
- F. Application IW-19-007, East Hampton Ventures, LLC., 100 Main Street, work within 100' of Pocotopaug stream. Map 02A/Block 49/Lot 2. Continued to 2/27/2019 meeting

Joint Facilities

The meeting of the Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee meet on Tuesday January 22nd at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Angelo Simoni of 8 Stonegate Rd. contacted the Joint Facilities Committee about buying the property on Coughlin Rd. (06/6/3B) for a purchase price of \$70,000. The Board has agreed not to enter into negotiations. Mr. Clayton has made a request for modification to the NPDES permits. Allowing for testing of BOD's only.

The Joint Facilities committee reviewed and discussed the recommended operating and revenue budget for 19/20 fiscal year. Any changes or correction will be made at the February 19th 2019 meeting. Members entered into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on January 7th. The members were given the Director's Report, discussed the library website and the budget for the fiscal year. The new library website is expected to go live on January 28th. A few requests were added to the budget for pay raises for part-time and full-time staff, and for half of the computers to be replaced. The board is looking to form a sub-committee to investigate ridding the library of fines and fees. The sub-committee is looking for volunteers at this point.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on January 24th. Alternate Kara Pedersen was seated once roll call was taken. The members were presented with an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 58 Middle Haddam Road to install a pool with a flagstone perimeter and wooden deck for applicants Paul and Snjezana Gillingham. The Contractor, Vinnie Torcasio, presented to the members in place of the applicants.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Jeremy Hall updated the board on the status of the Seamster Park Playground project. The committee has been meeting on Friday mornings to go over the process and put a plan in place. Security cameras have been installed at Sears Park. Dan Roy motioned to amend the resolution for the Airline Trail sub-committee to include 9 members. Sheryl Dougherty seconded and all approved. Tim Adams and Dan Roy are finishing up the appointments to the committee.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on January 2nd.

- PZC-18-021: The Neighborhood at Edgewater Hills – Phase 1D & E of approved master plan 18 lot subdivision. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. Approved
- PZC-18-022: A Midas Touch, LLC., 11 North Main Street, for a site plan modification for a personal service shop in a Commercial Zone. Map 01A/Block 39A/Lot 28A. Approved

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on January 10th. It was reported, they are waiting for Revision #4 from Boundaries for the sallyport and pump station change. The final check on grades should be done by Friday, January 11th. It was noted there is still room in the revised sallyport for 2 cars and storage. The Town Manager spoke to the new Town Clerk regarding the vault storage. A meeting is planned to re-review the needs in the vault. The FFE needs will be finalized next. Lisa Motto noted that they are only about 1 week behind. The foundation and steel is still on schedule. The steel company isn't going to need as long to erect the structure as anticipated but will need a little more time on fabrication but should be completed within the timeframe expected. The Town Hall foundation walls are 90% complete and some Police Department walls are poured.

Waterproofing the Town Hall walls will start next week. Glen LeConche is working on the building permit and is anticipated to be ready by February 19th. John Faulise from Boundaries provided a review of their invoicing for the project. The fire suppression work had been re-bid and was approved and awarded to Hartford Sprinkler. The group discussed the report from Welte Geotechnical on the sub-base and additional materials that may need to be used. The committee approved change orders and invoices.

The Committee met again on January 24th. The committee voted on which glass will be used in the front entry. Mr. Motto reported the site is extremely wet. The ground is frozen but the water is running over the ice. Additional stone berms were put in place. There was lengthy discussion on runoff including the possibility of hiring a 3rd party to review what can be done. A meeting was held with the new Town Clerk and a better layout to maximize storage for the vault was prepared. The committee approved invoices.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Committee met on Tuesday January 8th. The owner of 18 Dogwood Dr. addressed the committee concerning her failed septic system. By ordinance a new septic system is not permitted, and the property is required to connect to city sewer. Attempt to connect stopped due to granite ledge. Owner appealed to neighbors to connect to private sewer line (15 and 17 Dogwood Dr.) would be possible only with the agreement that the WPCA would take over the private sewer line. Request denied, with the recommendation for the homeowner to work out an agreement with the private sewer owners. Committee welcomed Anthony DeSimone as a new WPCA board member. Request for Public Hearing was approved and set for February 5th for the approval of construction of a Re-subdivision "The Neighborhood at Edgewater Hill" Master Plan Development dated January 7, 2019, discharging into the public sewer. Mr. Smith and the Town Manager met with both CT Water Company and Aquarian Water to see if they could come up with any water source options. Committee reviewed the Developers Agreement for the Town Hall. Cost of sewer connection fees along with engineering and inspection fees of approx. \$25,000.00 will be paid by the Town by means of "In-Kind Services". Committee also reviewed the Developers Agreement for Phase 1 "The Neighborhood at Edgewater Hill."

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting