

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

JULY 2020

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on July 20. Mr. Jylkka reviewed revenues and expenditures with the board. The tax mailer has been drafted with a QR code to make payments and they will go out by the end of July.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on July 27. The members discussed the progress of the projects at 1 Watrous Street, 13 Watrous Street, and 3 Walnut Avenue. The members also discussed how to function if the agency doesn't obtain a grant this year. The grant system with the State is being affected by the Covid pandemic. There may not be as many grants as there have been in the past years and it was discussed how the agency can perform with minimal funding for the projects that need to be addressed. The topic of gaining more members was briefly discussed as well.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on July 9. JoAnn Ewing provided an overview of Senior Center online and Zoom activities during COVID. Commission members are working with an aging mastery program. Members discussed many new changes to Medicare due to COVID. Workshops were held in July on managing loneliness and anxiety.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on July 9. The commission members were sent an update report for communications and the Watershed projects from Jeremy Hall. The members reviewed a plan for 82 Spellman Point Rd for Dave Bengston. There was discussion for the plan review. The members asked Mr. Bengston questions and made a few suggestions. The plan review was approved by the members. An updated budget review was emailed to the members. There was discussion on lake test monitoring, Chatham Health testing at Sears Park, the medallion for the Lake Smart award program, and the lake level. The members approved to order about 50 medallions for awarding for the Lake Smart Program. The dam is completely closed and is below the level it should be during this time of year. There was discussion of replacing broken or damaged buoys in the lake with new ones that the Friend of the Lake have in storage.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on July 21. The members held a discussion with the Building and Zoning officials and the Fire Marshal about opening a new business in East Hampton. The Fire Marshal explained what his duties entailed and discussed code requirements for building in town. Mr. DeCarli and Mr. LeConche discussed the zoning side of new businesses and possible new residents to the town. The members discussed the business package promotion and tourism pamphlet, reviewed the P&Z minutes and any new business updates, the new business banner locations, the Belltown spotlight on business, and the members will think of any projects for town beautification for the next meeting. A campaign to encourage residents to eat at local restaurants and to support local businesses was presented to the members by Mr. Reich. A few details need to be fixed before the campaign can be launched. The members decided to have this as an agenda item for their next meeting. The Town Manager gave an update about the aeration system in the lake and the possible grant for bringing drinking water to town.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on July 13. The members were presented with the ACG report for the 2019 awards program for the fire department. The members were able to review the report while the presentation was given. The members were informed about a complaint from some of the fire department about not receiving their stipend. Complaints about the installation of the flags in town were brought up as well. The members briefly discussed the dry hydrants, investigating new software for the fire department, and an ac upgrade for the fire department buildings.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-20-019: David Bengston, 82 Spellman Point Road, to demolish the existing home and construct a new 1,713.96 sq. ft. single family home within the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 3. Approved

New Applications:

- A. IW-20-020: James Marino, 106 Main Street, to construct a duplex, driveway and parking area in the Upland Review Area Map 02A/Block 49/Lot 3-1. Continued
- B. IW-20-022: Paul Catalano, 33 Spellman Point, to place a 16' x 12' shed within the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70A/Lot 25. Agent Approval
- C. IW-20-021: Andrew Priest, 19 Hawthorne, for an extension of Existing Permit IW92593-15, Map 10A/Block 82/Lot 28A. Extension approved

Joint Facilities

Mr. Clayton reported on the main sewer line break near Prospect Hill (Colchester) to Smith St (East Hampton) on the Airline Trail. The DEEP posted the East Hampton WPCA NPDES permit in the Hartford Courant on June 30. Permit is still pending approval. The new Grit classifier has been installed as well as the MAPS fuel storage tank. The replacement Crane truck was delivered in June. Mr. Gilmore presented specs on a used

2014 Jet/Vactor truck to replace the 1983 Vactor truck. The Board approved a purchase for and not to exceed \$150,000 a used 2014 Vactor Truck. Vote: 4-0.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on July 6. Members reviewed the Library's reopening plan and discussed phase two of reopening including expanding hours and programming. Members also discussed the Library's strategic plan.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on July 23. The commission members reviewed and discussed three public hearing items. One for alleviating standing ice during the winter by extending the roof line to have all the dormer windows match. There was another to replace and/or repair cedar clapboard siding for the house and the garage and to tear down a portion of a central chimney to repair and rebuild. And the last was to replace an existing shingle roof with a Tesla solar roof.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on July 1.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application PZC-20-001: Sports on 66, LLC., 265 West High St., for a Special Permit to sell Alcohol as an accessory use. (Sec. 8.4.B). Map 6/Block 12/Lot 20. Continued
- B. Application PZC-20-002: Stanislaw Oleksenko, 11 Cone Road, 4 lot subdivision of 14.766 acres parcel. Map 6/Block 36/Lot 6A. Approved (7-0)
- C. Application PZC-20-004: Lisa Sherman, 50 Main St., for a Zone Change: R-1 to PO/R. Map 02A/Block 47/Lot 25. Continued (7-0)
- D. Application PZC-20-010: Edgewater Hill Enterprises, East High St., for a Re-Subdivision for 2 lots. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. Approved (7-0)
- E. Updates to Sec. 3.1 Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone - Continued

New Business:

- A. Application PZC-20-013: Peter & Sheila Engel, 11 Markham Rd., for a Re-subdivision for 3 lots. Map 35/Block 91/Lot 2-3A. Public Hearing set for 8/5/2020 (7-0)

Old Business:

- A. Application PZC-20-011: Edgewater Hill Enterprises, East High St., for a site plan review for a new mixed-use building in accordance with the MUDD Zone Master Plan. Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. Approved (7-0)
- B. Application PZC-20-003: Lisa Sherman, for an Amendment to Zoning Regulation 5.4.A PO/R Zone. Continued (7-0)

Town Cemetery Board

The Town Cemetery Board met on July 9. The members did a site walk at Young Street Cemetery and discussed what steps needed for expansion of cemetery. An engineer is needed to map out the site, and plot location for road and additional plots. Staff will look

into what State and Town permits are needed. Members discussed planning for a workshop on headstone straightening/restoration. The group moved to the Skinnerville Cemetery to view work already started by Public Works, and to discuss additional work needed.

Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on July 2. The members received updates about the building from the project manager. There are two items that need to be fixed in order to obtain the Certificate of Occupancy and these problems are being dealt with. The members also approved of three change orders and two invoices.

The Town Facility Building Committee met on July 30. The members received an architect, construction manager, and OPM update on the status on the building. There were some last-minute fixes made, but two major issues have popped up. There are some issues with the HVAC and with the beads around the windows. Both issues are being addressed and will be fixed. The members were given a brief update on the remaining change orders. The members reviewed the plans for three plaques for the commission, the town council, and a memorial plaque for Robert McKinney. The members decided to table approving the plaques until the liaison can give their opinion. Two invoices were approved by the members and there was a brief discussion of possibly holding a party for the completed Town Hall building.

Water Pollution Control Authority

No meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting