

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JULY 2023

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met for their Regular Meeting on July 19. The FY2024 Real Estate and Personal Property Mill Rate (36.06) was adopted. Deb Cunningham was also introduced as the Board of Finance member to serve on the Ambulance Association Board.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on July 24. The members received an update from the Town Manager. The members reviewed, discussed, and approved of the proposed changes to the EHBRA by-laws section by section. There were updates and discussions on the EPA grant. The members discussed the grant work plan and the RFP/ RFQ process. The members and town staff will be drafting and revising an RFP/ RFQ to be approved and submitted by the September meeting. There was brief discussion of the CT DECD grant for the 3 Walnut dam. Mr. Baldassario was nominated and voted to be the chairman for the agency. A special election will be held at next month's meeting for Vice Chairman. The members held initial discussions on forming a sub-committee for community outreach.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on July 13. Ms. Ewing reported she is continuing to pursue grants to improve health and socialization in older adults, transportation and facility improvement at the Senior Center. Dr. Rosenberg presented an implementation plan for UR Community Cares and East Hampton Community Cares.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on July 13. Glenn Wattley and Scott Smith joined the meeting via Zoom to present to the commission members about their products. The members reviewed and discussed two plan reviews. One for a boat launch removal and the other for a change to section 8.2 of the Zoning Regulations for non-conforming lots in the R-1 zone. The members approved of the regulation change and gave advice and suggestions for the boat launch removal. The members received an update from the communication and liaison report. There was some discussion on the sub-committee report of education and the Lake Smart Program, the RFQ process for the new limnologist, and the MetaFloc and BioBlast treatments for the lake.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on July 18. The members received updates from the Town Manager. The members discussed the new business of the month process and August nomination, business spotlight process and August nomination, ongoing EDC projects, and the progress of the town survey. The members briefly discussed and approved of changing the meeting time to 5:30 P.M. going forward.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on July 10. The members welcomed a new member to the commission, Mr. William Abbott. Mr. Abbott introduced himself to the members and gave a brief background. The members approved of the cost of \$3,000 to paint the standpipes of the dry hydrants and \$18,000 of ARPA funds to purchase a Lucas Device. The members received updates on the dry hydrants, the Walnut Avenue water source problem, FEMA grant, and the new firehouse search committee. The members also briefly discussed the raise to the stipend and getting the topic onto the Town Council's agenda.

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on July 26.

Continued Applications

- A. Application IW-23-014: Princess Pocotopaug Association, Wangonk Trail, remove boat ramp to construct seawall and sidewalk along Lake Pocotopaug. Map 09A/ Block 70C/ Lot 44. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form permit with an additional condition that the recommendations from the Conservation Lake Commission regarding the installation of a buffer area and an increase in the height of the wall be implemented to block water from flowing directly into the lake be incorporated into the plans and approved by Town Staff for the reason that the current ramp is a safety issue and the project provides recreational value without further incursion into the lake. Derek Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

New Applications

- A. Application IW-23-016: Matthew Pegolo, 292 West High St., Construct a single-family home within Upland Review Area. Map 06/ Block 6/ Lot 3B. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 30, 2023. Pete Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- B. Application IW-23-017: Flanders Road Estates, LLC, Flanders Road, Fifteen (15) Lot Subdivision with 46,400 square feet of disturbance in the Upland Review Area, (Home Acres Estates), Map 26/ Block 87/ Lot 6. Dave Boule made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 30, 2023. Derek Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Joint Facilities

The Colchester- East Hampton Joint Facilities met on July 18. The Connecticut Clean Water Fund (CWF) form for funding assistance was forwarded to AECOM for completion. The replacement parts for the septage receiving station have all been ordered. Estimated arrival is one week (temporary parts) to 6 months. Ben Gilmore - Superintendent has submitted his resignation, his last day will be Friday July 28.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on July 10. Two new Public Service Associates have been hired. Mr. Cox reported he is in the final stage of the interview process for the vacant Library Director position and a decision will be made soon. The Friends of the Library raised \$1,200 with their book sale. CT SB 2 was signed into law and the library is awaiting further instruction from the CT State Library on how the process for designation and appropriation of funds will work.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on July 27. The members took a moment to say a few words of appreciation for Regina Starolis as a member and a friend. The members discussed and reviewed one application under public hearing for 34 Long Hill Road to replace 21 windows that match the existing grille pattern. The homeowner and a representative from Anderson attended the meeting to present to the members. The application was approved. There was a brief update on Judy Keefe's fence and there was a brief discussion of unapproved work done in the district. An aboveground pool with no permit or approval from the commission went in at 46 Middle Haddam Road, work on easement land on 33 High Point was brought to the town's attention, a homeowner at 72 Middle Haddam Road wants to replace the cedar clapboards on the garage, and there was some discussion and updates on a few neighboring properties to the members present. A new clerk should be nominated and voted on at next month's meeting.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on July 5.

Public Hearing

- A. PZC-23-011: Edgewater Hill, 10 Edgewater Circle, Text Amendment regarding water requirement in MUDD zone per Sec. 6.4.D.3.d.3, Map 10A/ Block 85/ Lot 5B. Ray Zatorski made a motion to approve the text change (emphasized below) as follows: "All uses in the MUDD shall be served by public water and municipal sewer facilities; provided, however, that not more than 14 single family dwellings units on individual lots within the MUDD shall be relieved of the obligation to interconnect to a public water supply in the event that a waiver of such interconnection has been granted by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and a well permit for each such lot has been issued by the Chatham Health District." Angelus Tammaro seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0-1 (Gauthier)
- B. PZC-23-012: Michael Bakaj, 37 South Main Street, a 22-lot (33 units) HOD subdivision in existing HOD Zone, Map 20 Block 51/ Lot 27 Ray Zatorski made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 2, 2023. Jim Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0 Ray Zatorski made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 2, 2023. Jim Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- C. PZC-23-013: M&J Bus, Inc., 9 Young Street, Special Permit to allow school bus storage per Sec. 5.3.C.6, Map 20/ Block 33/ Lot 7A. Ray Zatorski made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: 1. Town Staff must be notified prior to improvements being made to the property; 2. Gravel and/or process gravel is to be in place prior to any parking of school buses or vehicles on the site; 3. Any improvements made to the access road must be to the satisfaction of Town Staff; 4. All applicable State and local regulations must be adhered to. Jim Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- D. Text Amendment Regarding Required Setbacks on Non-Conforming Lots in the R-1 Zone: Section 8.2 of the East Hampton Zoning Regulations Ray Zatorski made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 2, 2023. Angelus Tammaro seconded the motions. Vote: 7-0

Water Pollution Control Authority

No meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting