

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

JULY 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on Thursday, July 18th. There will not be an opportunity to have an event with Wade Russo this year. The commission members discussed the knitting group proposal. The art purchase award will be placed at Center School in early September and a date for the Senior Center placement has not been scheduled yet. The commission members discussed their budget from last year and the current year. There will be no August meeting scheduled.

Board of Finance

No meeting

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on July 22nd. The members received a town staff report from the acting town manager. The members discussed the updates for the DECD STEAP Grant, 103 Main Street, and the SEH project.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on July 11th. Ms. Ewing provided an overview of activities at the Senior Center. She also discussed the issues with the meals at the Center as there is no café manager at this time. The members discussed the upcoming Thriving in Place seminars. Senator Needleman will be attending the next Advocacy Meeting in August. A Round Table meeting is scheduled for July 18th.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on July 11th. The members went over the plan review for 45 Meeks Point Road for the construction of a new house. The members discussed the topics under old business and discussed how to enforce the people visiting the lake to clean off their boats.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on July 16th. The members heard from William McMinn of Essex Printing regarding the town visitor or local business guide for the town. The members discussed this topic at length deciding the title and figuring out how to get all the local businesses to join the guide.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commission met on July 8th. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal reports were given. They discussed the dry hydrants, engine 2-12 project, update on the Osha complaint, and the new tax abatement legislature. They discussed the payout for Harlon Bacon, the new bylaw change for the fire department, and the tanker accident on Chestnut Hill.

High School Building Committee

No minutes available

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

Continued Applications:

Application IW-19-012, Wesley Jenks, 45 Meeks Pt. Rd., to demolish existing house, foundation and barn. Excavate 1520 sq. ft. for new 38' x 40' foundation. Construct a 2200 sq. ft. home and a 576 sq. ft. garage within Upland Review Area. Map 10A/Block 83/Lot 9. Approved (6-0)

New Applications:

Application IW-19-033, Town of East Hampton, Abbey Road, Emergency replacement of culvert in Upland Review Area. Continued (6-0) B. Application IW-19-034, 31 East High St., remove underground tank and replace with new one in Upland Review Area. Map 05A/Block 83/Lot 4 Agent Approval (6-0)

Joint Facilities

The meeting of the Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee was held on Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Clayton officially accepted the position of the Public Utilities Administrator. Committee discussed creating a longer range (10-20yr) asset management contingency plan, with the plan of controlling fiscal impacts to the customers for future large cost projects. The suggestion of a computerized preventative maintenance system which will assist in determining frequency of maintenance and anticipated repairs or replacement of equipment was also proposed. Members entered into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on July 1st. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Cynthia Shirshac. The new children's librarian introduced herself to the board. Ms. Paul gave the members an update on the library operations. The members discussed the old business topics of the library budget, the library roof, and the strategic planning.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

Public Hearings

- A. PZC-19-008: Patricia Banning, Flanders Road, to create a 2-lot subdivision (1 buildable lot and 1 forestry lot). Map 26/Block 87/Lot 6. Approved

New Business:

- A. PZC-19-010: Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Zone Change from R-2/Commercial to Commercial. Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 2. Public hearing scheduled for September 4, 2019
- B. PZC-19-011: Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Special Permit to construct an Assembly Hall. Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 2. Public hearing set for September 4, 2019
- C. PZC-19-012: ECO Coffee House, 82 Main St., for a modification to Special Permit: PZC-19-002 to allow for outdoor seating. Map 02A/Block 48/Lot 32. Public hearing set for August 7, 2019

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on July 2nd and July 18th. The fire tank is being backfilled. The Fire Marshal's concern about no blocking for the antennas will be taken care of. They are working on the exterior. The windows should arrive in approximately two weeks. The first floor will be poured next week. The seeding on the access road needs to be checked on. They are hoping to be weather tight by mid-August. They are still waiting on the Town Attorney for the easement for electrical. The ADA doors are being reviewed. A meeting was held with the Police Chief and the architect to confirm some details in the Police Department including the card reader/keypads, interview room recording, Glastonbury being able to unlock the cells remotely (would be a network issue) and the garage door openers. The project is still on schedule. The masonry for the stairwell will be next week, the steel stairs will be in on August 5th, partitions for the Town Hall portion are almost done. The sheathing is complete. They are working on the plumbing above ceiling. The Town Hall portion should be water tight next week. The vault should be arriving on August 12th. The committee members had questions on packing and moving. More information will be obtained on dates and who does what. Suburban Stationers is working on information for the furnishings. The Eversource easement is being worked on by the Town Attorney. There was discussion on the approvals for the fire tank and whether the stamped and signed document from the manufacturer is sufficient. The conduit for the roof antenna will be done. The antenna will be a roof mount rather than gable mount. The committee members also approved change orders and invoices.

Water Pollution Control Authority

No meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting