

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY**

### **JUNE 2021**

#### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on June 17 at the Joseph N. Goff House. New member Mindy Maynard was welcomed back to the Commission. The members reviewed information on the poet laureate, the budget balance and the cancellation of the student art award. The student art award will be reinstated next year. The members recognized Shirley Brooks, an original commission member who has retired and moved.

#### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on June 14 for a special meeting where they unanimously approved the mill rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (34.53). The Board also met for their regularly scheduled meeting on June 21 where they unanimously approved a motion to approve the FY21 Tax Suspension List.

#### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on June 28. The members received updates on the properties of 1 and 13 Watrous. The members briefly discussed the Brownfields webinars and the possible outreach to and collaborations with sister agencies about future projects. There was discussion of possibly nominating a new Chairman and the announcement of Mr. Bristol stepping down from the agency.

#### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force met on June 1. Members welcomed new member Russ Kaplan. John Greeno of New England Conservation Services provided additional information on the programs available for clean energy including solar canopies and heat pumps. The members discussed the upcoming electric car show in September.

#### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on June 10. Ms. Ewing provided an update on the Senior Center opening to visitors beginning June 1. Dr. Rosenberg provided an update on the housing survey being drafted for the commission. Members decided to hold on reinstating the Roundtable Meetings until early 2022. The July meeting will be held in person and via Zoom. The August meeting will be cancelled. The commission received \$1,200 for next year's budget.

#### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on June 10. The commission welcomed three new members. There was discussion and review of one plan review for an addition. The members approved the plan review. The members received updates on the watershed projects and federal funding, the sub-committee report on education, the advisory panel, the lake smart program, and the lake level. The members reviewed and discussed the commission's ordinance. There was discussion of the project for the Christopher Brook property.

#### **Design Review Board**

No meeting

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on June 15. The members discussed the Bells on the Bridge event, the local business pamphlet, the new business mixer, the minutes and motions from the P&Z meeting, the new business banner, and the Business of the Month under old business. The members also discussed the Village Center direction signs and Town Hall signs, the draft for the commission mission statement, and whether the members would want to go back to in-person meetings. The Town Manager gave his updates to the members on what is happening in and for the town.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on June 14. The members received the blue books and presentation from Rick from ACG about the 2020 awards program. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief gave their reports to the members. The members received updates on the dry hydrants, the AC upgrades, the budget, and the new system for report the NFIRS to the state. The members were updated on the damaged hoses and the 3-year hose testing contract was approved.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on June 30.

Continued Business:

- A. IW-21-012: Maurice Gagnon, Clark Hill Road, to construct a new home in the Upland Review Area. Map 11/Block 40/Lot 11B. Vice-Chairman Wilson made a motion to approve Application IW-21-012 using the standard short form with no special conditions for the following reason: the applicant has shown adequate protection of the wetlands and watercourses on the site. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. Vote: 4-0

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-21-013: Dream Developers, 1 West Street, demolish existing two-story deck and construct a two-story addition in its place with a foundation in the Upland Review Area. Map 03A/Block 44/Lot 59. Vice-Chairman Wilson made a motion to have the Agent approve Application IW-21-013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. Vote: 4-0
- B. Application IW-21-014: Rocco Nozzolini, to construct a 572 sq. ft. garage in the Upland Review Area. Map 36/Block 96/Lot L-3. Vice-Chairman Wilson made a motion to continue Application IW-21-014 to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. Vote: 4-0
- C. Application IW-21-015: Brookhaven Park Inc., Brookhaven Beach, Park Road, Reclamation of approximately 495 sq. ft. of beach sand from Lake Pocotopaug to restore the beach area. Map 10A/Block 82/Lot 26A. Mr. Boule made a motion to continue Application IW-21-015 to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. Vote: 4-0

- D. Application IW-21-016: East Hampton WPCA, Replacement of sewer force main between Pine Trail and Poe Road on 4 properties along Lake Pocotopaug shoreline in the Upland Review Area. Mr. Boule made a motion to continue Application IW-21-016 to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Wilson. Vote: 4-0

**Election of Officers:**

Mr. Wall made a motion to elect Mr. Foran as Chairman and to elect Mr. Wilson as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Boule seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

**Joint Facilities**

No meeting

**Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board met on June 7. The members received an update on the library space planning project. Members provided feedback on the drawings and discussed future building space needs. The Library received an unsolicited grant of \$17,000 from the Connecticut State Library. The funds originated from the American Rescue Plan Act and are to be used to respond to the pandemic. Members suggested possible uses including adding mobile shelving for increased flexibility in library spaces, adding charging stations and replacing old and worn out furniture.

**Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on June 24. The members reviewed and discussed an application to construct a modern farmhouse at lot #5 on Long Hill Road. The members made a motion to approve the application. The members then reviewed and discussed applications 551, 552, 553, and 554 from the previous month's meeting. The new property owner and the construction manager were present to answer questions and show the chosen materials for the proposed house plans. The members made a motion to approve of all four applications with the condition that no two houses of the same style be built next to each other.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on June 1. Mr. Hall discussed several grants for summer camp programs that the department was awarded. Members received updates on the Air Line Trail and the sports facilities projects. The master plan was cut from the budget for this season. The department will be looking at other ways to proceed with a similar project run in house. Sports on 66 was sold at auction. The members discussed a possible dock by the boat launch at Sears Park. The status of all parks and recreation summer programs were reviewed. COVID guidelines for summer programs were also reviewed.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on June 2.

**Public Hearings:**

- A. Application PZC-20-024: Paula Free, 249 West High St., for a special permit per Sec. 8.4 Motor Fuel Filling Station with a proposed convenience store in the Commercial Zone, Section 5.2. Map 06/Block 12/Lot 1B. Continued

- B. Application PZC-21-012: Reno DeNovellis, 11 Daly Rd., for a Special Permit per Sec. 8.4.M for a 900 sq. ft. in-law dwelling Map 87/Block 26/Lot 9. Approved
- C. Application PZC-21-009: Long Hill Estates, LLC., for an eight (8) lot subdivision on Long Hill Road Map 06/Block 12/Lot 8. Approved

Old Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-007: Atlantis Marketing, 157 Main Street, 1 Colchester Ave., and 5 Colchester Ave., for a zone change from R-2 to Commercial Map 07A/Block 56/ Lots 21,22,24. Denied

**Town Facility Building Committee**

No meeting

**Water Pollution Control Authority**

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on June 1 via Zoom. The Sewer Use fees are reporting at 102% collected. The switch to a 2x billing for sewer use (October and April) appears to be very successful. Mr. Clayton gave a brief report on the Municipal Water System. Mr. DeSimone noted that the WPCA may want to look at adding sewers to those sections of the RT 66 corridor that will be opened up during the construction of a water line. The engineering firm (CLA) is finalizing the design plans for the Pine Trail and North Maple pumps stations. Estimating bids in July/August for fall construction. A Public Hearing was held for the proposed 2021-22 Water Budget and recommended water rates for the customers of the Village Center and Royal Oaks. The Budget will not require a rate change in FY 21-22. No public attended. The Water Budget will go to Town Council on June 8, 2021 for final approval.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 14.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-21-006, Michael Epright, Esq., 145 Main St., to reduce the side setback from 25' to 10' and to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 12.64% to construct a 24' x 36' accessory building with detached garage Map 6A/Block 56/Lot 27. Ms. Jacobson made a motion to approve Application ZBA-21-006, Michael Epright, Esq., 145 Main St., to reduce the side setback from 25' to 10' and to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 12.64% to construct a 24' x 36' accessory building with detached garage Map 6A/Block 56/Lot 27. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pfaffenbach. Vote: 5-Yes; 0-No
- B. Application ZBA-21-007, Philip Healey, 63 Skyline Drive, to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 12% for a 420 SF pool and 592 SF deck Map 18/Block 44/Lot 48. Vice-Chairman Spack made a motion to approve Application ZBA-21-007, Philip Healey, 63 Skyline Drive, to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 12% for a 420 SF pool and 592 SF deck Map 18/Block 44/Lot 48 with the noted hardship. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Vote: 5-Yes; 0-No.