

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

JUNE 2022

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on June 16 at the Joseph N. Goff House. They discussed the upcoming Garden Tour/Plein Air Event. They discussed the Rotary Bells and a possible bell tour. The commission received a thank you from Stacey Gibson's students for the grant they were awarded for their activities. They discussed the budget and next year's student art awards.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met for the regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, 2022. Board Members unanimously approved the Tax Suspension list as presented and were informed by Superintendent Smith of the discussions being had around school safety. Members also began a preliminary discussion around the feasibility of consolidating/restructuring Town and BOE IT services.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

No meeting

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on June 7. Their discussion revolved around plans for the 2022 Electric Car Show scheduled for September 24 at the High School.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on June 9 at the Senior Center and via Zoom. Mr. Atherton provided an overview of the happenings at the Senior Center. The three sub-committees for the survey reported on their work to date and discussed how and what to present to the Town Council.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on June 9. An update for the communication and liaison report was given. The members reviewed the plans for the Stormwater Retrofit Projects for the Town of East Hampton. There was some discussion and clarification for some projects. The members made a motion to give their support of the projects to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. The town is waiting for the Attorney General to sign the contract for the projects. Once the contract is initiated, the RFP can be sent out and the projects can start. There were no updates for the Lake Smart Program and the Advisory Panel.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on June 21. There was discussion on the Bells on the Bridge event, New Business Update/New Business with Planning & Zoning Approval/ Review of P&Z Minutes, New Signage for Business Recognition, and Developing Guidelines on the Business Incentive Program. The members received an update from the Town Manager and a presentation on the new Village Center Streetscapes Improvements plan.

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on June 13. The Fire Chief's report was read out for the members to hear. There was discussion about the dry hydrants. The last in-lake pipe to fix at American Distilling has been scheduled to be fixed on June 30th. The Comstock Trail dry hydrant may need to have a scheduled cleaning since debris and leaves were found inside. The Ladder Truck is back fully in service and awaiting a few small fixes. The members discussed the need for a fire department boat. It was suggested to order the boat under the new budget for the next fiscal year. The list of members for the awards program was cleaned up and marked as either active, inactive, or terminated. The revised list was sent to Chairman Salafia to review. There was discussion about members taking leaves of absence and having their awards program change. The members went into executive session.

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

No meeting

Joint Facilities

Information will be included with July report.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on June 6 via Zoom. The members discussed a hybrid option for future meetings. The Library Board chairman resigned from the board. The members voted to name Jesse Alford as the new Chairman. Some board members volunteered to assist with the Summer Reading Kickoff. The Friends of the Library are planning a book sale in the fall.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission held a special meeting on June 16. The members reviewed and discussed four plan reviews. Two plans were to replace existing windows, one was for 25 feet of picket fence and privacy fence, and the last plan was to pave an existing dirt driveway. The members approved of all the plans with some conditions for the fence application. The members briefly discussed previous applicants, the Robinsons, with the progress on their property. The members discussed having the permission to put up a bulletin board at the post office to hang up flyers, ads, and announcements for the commission.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on June 7. The 2022 Enrichment Grant was not received this year. Updates were given from the Air Line Trail Sub-Committee and the Seamster Park Playground Committee. The money received through the golf tournament will be used for a new piece of playground equipment. The track portion of the High School Fields project is complete.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on June 1.

Public Hearings:

- a. PZC-22-006: James Marino, 27 Salmon Run for 2 lot Subdivision Map 35/ Block 95/ Lot 7/ 51. Vice-Chairman Kuhr made a motion to recognize map dated April 17, 2022 project 22-006 and approve application. Mr., Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 6-1 (Mr. Sennett)
- b. PZC-22-007: Carrie Sue Clausi, 124 Tartia Road, for 2 Subdivision Map 27/ Block 54/ Lot 7. Mr. Kuhr made a motion to approve the subdivision. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

Water Pollution Control Authority

Information will be included with July report.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 13.

Public Hearings:

- a. Application ZBA-22-003: Patricia Santangelo, 40 Eastham Bridge Rd., reduce front set back from 50' to 46' to build front porch. Map 24/ Block 64/ Lot 4A-17. Applicant withdrew application due to lack of sufficient hardship.
- b. Application ZBA-22-002: Atlantis Marketing, 1 Colchester Ave., 5 Colchester Ave. and 157 Main St for a variance to increase lot coverage from 30.4% to 36.9% and reconstruction and expansion of legal non-conforming uses in the R-2 Zone. Map 7A/ Block 56/ Lots 22, 21, and 24. John Tuttle made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Margaret Jacobson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0 George Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve the application as presented. John Tuttle seconded the motion. Vote: 0-5 Motion failed unanimously. Application denied.