

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

JUNE 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on June 20th. Art awards were presented on June 6th at Sears Park. Ms. Lane is waiting to talk to Wade Russo regarding the theater chat. This year's art purchases will be installed at the Senior Center and Center School. The commission plans to give an additional grant of \$600 to Epoch Arts for scholarships to summer camp.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met twice in the month of June. The Regular Meeting took place on June 17th and a Special Budget Meeting occurred on June 18th after the Referendum.

June 17th

The Board reviewed and approved the Tax Suspension List for Grand List 2017/FY 2018/2019 (608 accounts = \$267,392.25). Vote: 5-0. Possible mill rate options were also discussed in anticipation of the budget's passing at the Referendum on June 18th.

June 18th

After a failed motion (by Ms. Moore) to set the mill rate at 33.17 [a .96 increase (utilization of all but \$36,000 of ECS funding to reduce the mill rate and allow for the \$36,000 appropriation being requested by the BOE for chrome books)]. Vote: 2-5 (Brown, Jiantonio, Coshow, McLennan & Peterson); Ms. Coshow made a motion to set the mill rate at 33.14 [a .93 increase (utilization of the entire \$7,039,597 of ECS funding to reduce the mill rate)]. Vote: 5-2 (Moore & Turner). Motion Passed.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on June 24th. The members discussed the topics of the DECD STEAP Grant, the Main Street ELUR, SEH Updates, and the US EPA Grant application results. The members talked about the 3 Walnut project, the hillside at 103 Main Street, and picked a volunteer for the US conference to represent the agency.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on June 6th. The members discussed the benefits of the town entering into a contract with Citrine Solar for the carbon credits. The 2019 Electric Car Show was discussed among the members and the date for the show was established. The members talked about getting more people to join the task force.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on June 13th. The Chair sadly announced that Monica Kangley, long time Children's Librarian and Senior Center volunteer passed away. Two other members have resigned from the commission as they are moving out of town. The members discussed the Thriving in Place workshops. The Advocacy group is still working on transportation with future topics of affordable housing and nutrition. The commission will be sending a letter to the Town Council regarding new member interviews.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on June 13th. Chuck Yanker and David Bengston attended the meeting and spoke with the members. The members briefly discussed the old business for the sub-committee report on education, advisory panel update, lake smart program sub-committee, and the lake level sub-committee resolution. The members were told of Ms. Holmes's resignation, updates on the lake core samples starting to be analyzed, suggested getting a booth for Old Home Day, and the members were informed of the Lake Aide event that Mr. Jenks is hosting.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on June 16th. The members discussed the old business topics for the business package promotion, the new business banner, spotlight on business, outreach reports, encouraging attendance for the EDC meetings, town beautification, and the CEDAS membership. Mr. Turner informed the members about the Town Council's opinion of the tax abatement scoring for KOCO.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners met on June 10th. The members were presented with the 2018 Awards Program by Rick from ACG Associates. The Fire Chief requested to zero out account 5652 and \$10,000 from capital to cover new gear and jackets. The Fire Marshal's report and Fire Chief's report were read aloud to be added onto the recording. The members received updates for the dry hydrant follow up, new engine 2-12, OSHA complaint follow up, and the physicals/ provider update. The members discussed the new Fire Department Bylaw changes, but the topic was tabled for next meeting for more discussion when more personnel will be in attendance.

High School Building Committee

No minutes available

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on June 26th.

Continued Applications:

- A. Application IW-19-012, Wesley Jenks, 45 Meeks Pt. Rd., to excavate the foundation to provide waterproofing and to repair existing I-beam within the Upland Review Area. Map 10A/Block 83/Lot 9 – Applicant requested postponement per his letter dated May 22, 2019. Continued to July 31, 2019 meeting. (5-0)
- B. Application IW-19-014, Michael and Nicole Rall, 76 Spellman Point Rd., to construct a 240 sq. ft. enclosed front porch and a 288 sq. ft. deck within the 200' Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 6. Approved (5-0)

- C. Application IW-19-019, William J. Dennehy & Patricia Daly Banning, Flanders/Daly Rd., to create a 2 lot subdivision (1 buildable lot and 1 forestry lot). Map 26/Block 87/Lot 6. Approved (5-0)
- D. Application IW-19-022, Brian and Rebecca O'Connor, 18 West Lane, installation of retaining wall to hold up waterfront between hedges and waterline within 200' of upland review area. Map 03A/Block 44B/Lot 24. Approved (5-0)
- E. Application IW-19-026, Town of East Hampton, Clark Hill Road, installation of a bio retention system, grass swale and overflow pipe 180' from edge of Lake Pocotopaug. Map 03A/Block 45/Lot 2C. Approved (5-0)
- F. Application IW-19-027, Town of East Hampton, Boulder Road, installation of a short wet swale within right of way. Work within 50' of wetlands. Approved (5-0)
- G. Application IW-19-028, Town of East Hampton, Mott Hill Road, installation of short wet swale within right of way. Approved (5-0)

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-19-032, Limb-It-Less Logging, LLC., 6 Collie Brook Rd., select Timber Harvest and partial Ash salvage harvest done in stages now through the fall of 2020. Map 20/Block 55/Lot 36. Approved (5-0)

Public Hearings:

- A. Application IW-19-029, Daryl Aresco, Wopowog Rd., replace existing culvert with an extended one to support a future driveway. Work is within an intermittent stream. Map 21/Block 52/Lot 7. Approved (5-0)

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on June 3rd. The members discussed the Library budget and cuts that have been made to the budget for the next referendum. Ms. Paul noted that some items that have been cut can be purchased with funds from this year's budget. The Library roof should be done the second week in June. The members decided not to form a strategic planning sub-committee. Ms. Shirshac will work closely with Ms. Paul to investigate a state grant for strategic planning.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on June 19th. The members asked applicant Kayla Bueno questions about the proposed windows. There was some discussion between the members and the attending public. The members approved of the application with Chairman Roberts voting against. The members tabled the application for Commissioner Starolis and tabled the minutes for the next meeting.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the June Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, the board discussed the planned increase in minimum wage and the negative effect that it will have on Parks and Recreation Departments. The board also discussed the plans for the build of Seamster Park Playground, the status of volunteers and logistics.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on June 5th.

New Business:

- A. PZC-19-006: West High Enterprises, LLC., 201 West High St., for a site plan modification for changes to the parking area for unit D and to change 8 units from storage to retail/personal service. Map 12/Block 36/3-1. *Approved with conditions (8-0)*
- B. 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. *Public Hearing scheduled for July 3, 2019.*
- C. Pre-application discussion: 1 Colchester Ave. (Citgo Station), upgrades to existing facility.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on June 5th and June 20th. The members received updates from the architect, construction manager, and OPM. The members reviewed and either approved or tabled the change orders and invoices. The members were updated on the article for the project in the Events Magazine.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Committee held their regular meeting on Tuesday June 4th. A Public Hearing was held to announce the proposed 2018-19 water budget and recommended water rates for the customers of the Village Center, Royal Oaks and Hampton Woods Water Systems. No public attended. A Public Hearing was held to consider a proposed extension of the public sewer system for Phase II and Phase III of Skyline Estates. Wayne Rand, managing member of Skyline Estate addressed the committee for the rest of the lots at Skyline Estates be charged at a \$1600.00 connection fee. Raw water sample in well 1 at Village Center came back positive for PFAS at 80 parts per trillion. Well 1 has been shut down until resampling done and results are determined. Transfers were approved for WPCA, Village Center Water System and Royal Oak Water System from their recognized "Reserve for Capital" accounts to their "Capital" accounts.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 10th.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-19-007, Wesley Jenks, 45 Meeks Point Road, for a variance to decrease the north side setback from 15' to 10' to build a garage and a variance to increase the 1st floor habitable square footage from 1100 sq. ft. to 1368 sq. ft. for a future home on a non-conforming lot. Map10A/Block 83/Lot 9. *Approved (5-0)*