

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

MARCH 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on March 21st. EHACC members will attend the budget Presentation on March 27th, 6:30 p.m., Middle School Library to give an overview of our mission statement and proposed budget items and explain that our funds are generally spent for projects that come at the end of the fiscal year. EHACC will present a certificate and a Bevin Bell engraved by Bill Devine to student artists whose work has been selected at the March 26 all district art show. EHACC members will serve as judges at the March 26 all district student art show from 5 to 7 p.m. at the High School. East Hampton Library Community Calendar will be discussed further. EHACC members agreed to support the idea of the Sculpture Mile initiative, which would bring sculptures made by New England artists into town. Jim Monahan reported that the town's insurance would cover the sculptures. Hollycroft, which oversees the initiative will present information at an upcoming EHACC meeting and the proposal will be presented to the town council for support. Goodspeed guest conductor Wade Russo will be invited to present a lecture and show tune singalong on Music Man in April or May at the East Hampton Public Library. EHACC members reviewed 3 Capstone grants submitted by East Hampton High School students and will invite them to attend a special EHACC meeting on April 4.

Board of Finance

The March Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was canceled. The 2019-2020 Budget meetings, however, began on March 25th with the presentations by the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools followed by budget workshops that took place March 26th-30th.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on March 25, 2019. The members discussed the updates they had for the DECD STEAP Grant Project for 13 Watrous Street, Main Street ELUR, and SEH Updates. It was suggested by the members that the agency gain another member to fill out the requirements for the board.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on March 5th. Staff member Glen LeConche provided information to the members regarding solar installations since 2010. He reviewed a sample plotting map that the group may be able to use to plot renewable energy projects in town. He also reviewed an upcoming speaker series that they would like to have the Clean Energy Task Force participate in.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on March 14th. The Advocacy Group is focusing on transportation. There was also discussion about proposed changes to the Medicare Savings Plan and letters were prepared for the legislators. Members discussed their plans for the Thriving in Place workshop. They will participate in the Lion's Club Health Fair.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on March 14th. The commission members welcomed a new alternate member Eleanor Robinson. There were two members of the public from two different lake associations. They want to help the commission and the lake, but they're not sure how they could be helpful. There were no plan reviews and no update for the Watershed Project(s)/ Federal Funding. The members were given an update on the Copper Sulfate Application Permit. The members discussed the Lake Smart Program and the Lake Level. Mr. Podskoch presented the committee with options in fighting off any invasive plants that may be on boats from entering the lake. A few different types of boat washing stations were described. The most practical and effective option was the stationary washing station. It could use electricity from the powerlines and could be stored in a shed during the winter when it won't be used.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on March 19th, 2019. The members discussed the topics of Business Package Promotion & Tourism, New Business Banner Location, Belltown Spotlight on Business, Encouraging Local Businesses to Attend EDC Meetings, and the Town Beautification. There were brief discussions about the EDC & Arts & Culture Commission Collaborative Event for 2019, Update on East Haddam Business Association Event, New Business Update/ New Business with Planning & Zoning Approval/ Review of P&Z Minutes, and Commission Members' Business Outreach Reports. The members nominated Stop & Shop as Business of the Month and The Little Fish for Spotlight on Business. The members reviewed the report given by the Town Manager.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners met on Monday, March 11th at 7:30 P.M. The Fire Marshal and Chief's Report were presented to the members present. There were updates on the topics of the Dry Hydrants Follow Up Scheduling, New Engine 212 Status, Award Program for 2018, and the Tax Abatement Program for 2018. The members were updated on the lights changing to LED. The existing light fixtures may need new hardware to transition to LED bulbs. There was a quote obtained from Higgins Electrical Inc. There should be enough in Capital to cover possible costs.

High School Building Committee

Minutes not yet available

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency held a special Meeting on March 5th.

Continued Applications:

- A. Application IW-19-002, WPCA, Pine Trail, install a backup generator within the wetlands. Map 10A/Block 79A/Lot 15 – Approved
- B. Application IW-19-003, WPCA, North Main Street, install a backup generator within the Upland Review Area. Map 4A/Block 45/Lot 24-1A - Approved
- C. Application IW-19-004, WPCA, Barbara Avenue, install a backup generator within Upland Review Area. Map 19/Block 45/Lot 1. - Approved
- D. Application IW-19-005, T&O Enterprises, LLC., 80 East High Street, to construct a 600 sq. ft. car port between 2 existing buildings – work within 200’ URA. Map 26/Block 85/Lot 13A. - Approved
- E. Application IW-19-006, Stanislaw Oleksenko, 15 Cone Road, construct a new single family home in the Upland Review Area. Map 06/Block 37/Lot 6A. Approved
- F. Application IW-19-007, East Hampton Ventures, LLC., 100 Main Street, work within 100’ of Pocotopaug stream. Map 02A/Block 49/Lot 2. Continued to April 24, 2019 Meeting

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-19-008, Natural Aquatics, LLC., 58 Middle Haddam Rd., to install a 16’ x 23’ pool and move the leaching fields within the Upland Review Area. Map 02C/Block 11/Lot 8.- Continued to April 24, 2019 meeting
- B. Application IW-19-009, Limitless Logging, Colchester Ave., Timber Harvesting within 50 linear feet of wetlands/watercourse. Map 27/Block 87A/Lot 14. – Approved as Right of Way
- C. Application IW-19-010, Paul Catalano, 49 Bay Rd., modification to Permit# IW- 18-020. Remove existing house and rebuild in same footprint. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 33. Approved

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on March 27th

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- A. Application IW-19-007, East Hampton Ventures, LLC., 100 Main Street, work within 100’ of Pocotopaug stream. Map 02A/Block 49/Lot 2. Approved (6-0)
- B. Application IW-19-008, Natural Aquatics, LLC., 58 Middle Haddam Rd., to install a 16’ x 23’ pool and move the leaching fields within the Upland Approved (6-0) Review Area. Map 02C/Block 11/Lot 8.

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-19-011, Alison Richard, 22 Knowles Rd., to construct a new single-family home within Upland Review Area. Map 02C/Block 19A/Lot 6 Application continued to next meeting (6-0)

Joint Facilities

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee met on Tuesday March 19th at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Clayton delivered the Joint Facilities Operations and Maintenance reports for January and February. After a final review the members approved the 2019/20 Joint Facilities Operating Budget as amended totaling \$2,422,118.00 which reflects a proposed increase in expenses of \$191,299.00 or 8.58% over last year. Vote: 5-0

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on March 4th, 2019. The members reviewed the report given by the Library Director Ellen Paul. The members were discussed the library budget,

the roof project, the library website, and the sub-committee to explore library fines. The members also discussed forming a sub-committee for the library building and facility. This sub-committee will work together with the community to help better improve the building and facilities for the library. This topic will be added to the agenda to discuss further.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the March 2019 meeting the Advisory Board discussed proposed bill No.7004 (concussion education) and what it would mean for the Parks and Recreation Department. We will wait to see if it passes before addressing its impact. The board also discussed the negative impact that an increased minimum wage would have on the department should it pass. Dan Roy summarized the Airline Trail Sub-Committee's last meeting and discussed plans for National Trails day. Jeremy Hall updated the board on the status of Seamster Park playground and Shawn Mullen gave a report on recreation programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on March 6th.

Public Hearings:

A. PZC-19-001: Larry Marsiglio, 14 Flanders, for a Special Permit for a 900 sq. ft. accessory dwelling unit for rental purposes. Map 5A/Block 59/Lot 31. Approved

B. Proposed Updates to Section 3.5 Floodplain Overlay Zone. Approved

New Business:

A. PZC-19-003: Sheila Mullen, 91 Main St., for a Special Permit to sell alcohol as an accessory to a used book/record shop. Map 06A/Block 60/Lot 3. Public Hearing set for April 3rd.

B. 8-24 Review: Public Safety Radio System Upgrades Project – Approved

C. Updates to Sec. 3.5 Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone – Continued to April 3rd.

Old Business:

A. Amendments to Regulation requiring Public Hearing for new Commercial construction. Continued to April 3rd.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on March 7th, 2019. The members received updates from the architect, construction manager, and the OPM. The members also approved of 3 new change orders and 2 new invoices. There was a brief update from the public relations sub-committee.

The Town Facility Building Committee met again on March 21st, 2019. There was an update from the Architect, Construction Manager, and OPM. The members also approved of 8 change orders and 5 invoices during the meeting. There was a brief discussion of a topping off ceremony once all of the steel is installed, but there were no firm plans yet.

Water Pollution Control Authority

No meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 11th.

Public Hearings:

A. Application ZBA-19-002, Jonathan Palmer, 12 Forest St., for a variance to increase the lot coverage from 20% to 24.2% to install a 27' AG pool and to extend the covered porch another 369 sq. ft. Map 02A/Block 36/Lot 23. Approved