

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY MAY 2021

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on May 20 at the Joseph N. Goff House. The members had a lengthy discussion on the renewal of the poet laureate position.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on May 17. Richard Brown was appointed as a liaison to the High School Athletic Fields Committee, with Alannah Coshow as an alternate.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on May 24. The members received updates from the Town Manager about the progress of two of the properties that are being worked on. The members discussed the 3 Walnut item under Continued Business. The members discussed more about how and when to do outreach to the other planning agencies within the town. There was also discussion on what the 3 Walnut property could be used for in the future for the town. The members want to use the property for something more than just another parking lot.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on May 4 via Zoom. The members looked through the different projects under the Renewable & Efficient Energy Infrastructure and Operations category on the Sustainable CT website. The members are interested in completing some or all of the projects to help the town and promote awareness of clean energy in the town. The members discussed holding an electric car show in town in September. The members want to invite John Greeno to next month's meeting for further discussion and guidance.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on May 13 via Zoom. Ms. Ewing reported that the Senior Center will open on June 1 with a modified schedule. Masks will be required inside. The members discussed creating a new survey. A motion was made to appropriate \$400 to Senior Center technology.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on May 13 in person and via Zoom. There are two new members on the commission. The Chairman and Vice Chairman both resigned from the commission. The members voted to appoint Chuck Yenkner as the new Chairman and Jack Solomon as the new Vice Chairman. The review of the commission ordinance was tabled to next month's meeting. The members then reviewed and discussed the plan review for 53 Long Hill Road for an 8-lot housing subdivision. Attorney Tim Furey and Wayne Rand both joined the Zoom call. The members made a motion to recommend approval to Planning and Zoning with some suggestions included. The members were updated on the watershed projects and federal funding, sub-committee report on education, the advisory panel, the lake smart program, and the lake level. The members discussed making a change so no Chairperson can be longer than a 1-year term. Once the year long term is up the Chairman will step down and the Vice Chairman will become the Chairman. The members will vote for a new Vice Chair after the switch.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on May 18. The members discussed the bells on the bridge event, the local business pamphlet, the business mixer hosted at Berkshire Hathaway, business of the month, new business in town, and they reviewed and briefly discussed the minutes and approvals from the Planning and Zoning meeting. The members talked about putting together a welcome basket or bag for new residents to promote and support local businesses. The discussion was only preliminary, there needs to be more discussion and planning put into it. The members received the Town Manager's update.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on May 10. The Fire Marshal's report was presented to the members. The blue book reports for the awards programs will be presented at next month's meeting. The members briefly discussed the updates for the dry hydrants, the AC upgrades, the budget, and the 2020 awards programs. A few minor changes to the awards program was presented to the members by Mr. Swan. A proposal will be drafted and presented to the Town Council for approval.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on May 26.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-21-011: Marozzi Construction, 22 West Point Road, to repair a stone seawall, add a new stone wall at boat launch, repair stonework and sturdy the walls under the dock. Work within the Upland Review Area. Map 05A/Block 83/Lot 11 – Approved (6-0)

New Applications:

- 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. Continued (6-0)

Joint Facilities

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Board met on May 18 via Zoom. Work began on the Plant (3 buildings) roofing project. The 1983 Vactor Truck and 2008 Ford F450 were sold on govdeals.com. Colchester reported that they are hoping to be going to bid on the Force Main repair on the Airline trail by mid-June and repair to be done in July-August. Colchester is also working on resolving the odor problem coming into the Village Center. Motion was made to transfer \$455,174 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Fund Balance. Vote 6-0 Motion Passed

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on May 3 via Zoom. The members discussed the space planning project. 4D Design and Decorating has completed the CAD drawings and met with board members and staff to review building challenges. The Library received an unsolicited \$17,000 grant from the CT State Library. No decisions have been made for their use. The

Library has applied for an Everyone Learns Grant that offers a subsidized WiFi service for increased internet access. The Board reviewed proposed COVID procedures for summer reading.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on May 27 via Zoom. The members discussed and reviewed five plan reviews. One to replace part of an existing driveway to widen and add to the driveway. The other four were for Mr. Rand's Long Hill Estates project on Long Hill Road. The members reviewed and discussed four different style house plans. The members made a motion to accept the replacement of the driveway for the first plan review and tabled the four applications for Mr. Rand for the next meeting so they can see more of the details and the materials that will go in to each house.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on May 4. The committee members received updates on the Air Line Trail, the Athletics Fields project and the programs for the summer. Pickle ball court lines and nets will be added to the tennis courts at Sears park. The members also discussed the possibility of having a dock at Sears park at the boat launch.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on May 5 via Zoom.

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 to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021 per the request of the applicant.
- B. 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. Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021
- C. Application PZC-21-009: Long Hill Estates, LLC., for a eight (8) lot subdivision on Long Hill Road Map 06/Block 12/Lot 8. Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021
- D. Update to Subdivision Regulations Sec. IV.10- Notification Requirements – Approved with an effective date of May 6, 2021.

New Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-011: Big Sky Dream, LLC., 101 Main St., Site Plan Modification for parking, landscaping and bay area Map 06A/Block 57/Lot 2. Approved

Old Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-008: Po's Rice and Spice, 97 Main St., Site Plan Modification for Phase II: a dumpster pad, fencing, gravel parking lot and greenery Map 06A/Block 57/Lot 1A. Approved
- B. Discussion: Pools and lot coverage – Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021.
- C. Discussion: Update Sign Regulation to Include PO/R Zone Sign Standards. Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021.
- D. Discussion: Home Based Occupations - Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021.

- E. Updates to the Official East Hampton Zoning Map - Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021.

Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on May 13 in person and via Zoom. Members rejected a change order for door locks. They approved a final payment to Amenta Emma and approved a reduced amount for Newfield Construction.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on May 4 via Zoom. The Board made the following recommendation for the Water Budget totaling \$233,712.00 which represents a decrease of 1.93% or \$4,592.00 over last year. The budget will not require an increase in water rates for F/Y 21-22. The recommended budget will be presented to the Town Council on Tuesday May 11, 2021 for review and will be set after the Public Hearing on June 1, 2021. Vote 6-0 Motion Passed. Water system flushing is scheduled for Village Center the week of May 10 and for Royal Oaks the week of May 17. The Royal Oaks Water System (ROWS) and Village Center Water System (VCWS) 2020 Annual Report on Drinking Water (CCR) was approved and will be submitted to the Department of Public Health and the ROWS and VCWS property owners. Motion was made to transfer \$71,403.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Fund Balance. Vote 6-0 Motion Passed

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on May 10.

Public Hearing:

- A. Application ZBA-21-005, Philip Rea, 63 Blue Heron Drive, to reduce the side setback from 25' to 23' to construct a 12' x 16' deck Map 24/Block 64/Lot 20-11. Approved