

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY MAY 2023

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on April 20. The date for the Garden Tour was set to June 17th and potential and definite garden hosts were discussed. The members voted on the grant applications that were received. Stacy Gibson for the Smart Start Pre-K and the Goff House Music Series were awarded the \$500 grants. The Student Art Award Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th at Sears Park.

The Arts & Culture Commission met on May 18. Members discussed the Student Art Award Reception and the June 17th Garden Tour/Plein Air Event. Members discussed the confirmed garden hosts and the confirmed artists for the event.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on May 15th for their regular meeting. They were met with public comments from several individuals concerned with the actions taken with the budget. The BOE FY 2023 Deficit was the only other discussion point in the meeting. Superintendent Smith, Ms. Asetta and Chairwoman Tamaro-Dzagan were in attendance. Discussions will continue until the fiscal year closes and the exact deficit is known and addressed.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on May 22. The members received updates from the Town Manager. There was discussion about the EPA grant, DECD grant, the CT State Historic Preservation Office, and the agency's by-laws. The members will review the by-laws before next month's meeting and will discuss any changes that may be needed. The members discussed being awarded the EPA grant. It was suggested to withdraw from the DECD grant funding after the contracts for the EPA grant were signed by the town. The members briefly discussed the agency's budget and asked to get an update at each meeting.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on May 2. The members discussed the solar project for the Middle School roof project. The members reviewed and updated each other on their progress in getting dealerships to attend the electric vehicle show. More dealerships will be contacted in the next couple of weeks. The members discussed where to place the outdoor signs and the flyers and posters around town. The members briefly discussed the May 2023 federal grant program for EV charging.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on May 11. The Chairman and Senior Center Director provided updates to the members. The Commission is working with UR Community Cares. They have discussed fundraising and promoting the program at community events. Dr. Rosenberg expressed his appreciation to Jeremy DeCarli for his efforts on the Accessory Dwelling Units and renovations needed for the public safety presentation. Ms. Greeno reported the Town departments are continuing to coordinate promotion of activities and programs that benefit seniors. Members reviewed the budget balance and made a motion to donate \$100 toward UCC to assist in the commencement of the program.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on May 11. The members received an update for the communication and liaison report, the watershed projects, federal funding, the sub-committee on

education, and the Lake Smart program. The members reviewed and discussed three plan reviews. Two for new house constructions and one for a proposed zone change for section 8.2 of the zoning regulations: non-conforming lots in the R-1 zone. The members approved of both new house constructions and recommended the zone regulations remain as they currently read with no changes made. The members discussed a way to purchase a 30-acre piece of land but tabled it for next month's meeting to search for more options.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on May 16. The members discussed the topics of new business of the month process and June nomination, business spotlight process and June nomination, ongoing EDC projects, EDC website, and the adjustments to the business incentive program. The members discussed making a donation to Old Homes Day and handing out the business pamphlets at the event.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on May 8. Margaret Clavette from PRCA Retirement Administrators attended the meeting to present to the members for the 2022 awards program. The members made sure the changes from last year were reflected in the results of the awards program. The members discussed the dry hydrant update, the fire boat, the awards program/1099, and the budget update. The members nominated Mr. Hurne to be the chairman. The members discussed divvying up the responsibilities of the chairman. The members will find a chance to discuss the changes to the commission.

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on May 31.

Continued Applications:

1. Application IW-23-006: James Marino, 65 West High St., Construction of a new residential duplex and associated improvements in upland review area. Map 19/ Block 46/ Lot 14. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form with conditions. Pete Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
2. Application IW-23-008: 86 Spellman LLC, 86 Spellman Point Rd., Construction of Single-Family Home in Upland Review Area. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 1. Pete Wall made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form with conditions. Dean Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
3. Application IW-23-009: Scott Sanicki, 102 Quiet Woods Rd., Install 3' x 3' x 3' concrete footing and electrical trench for future waterwheel. Map 14/ Block 32/ Lot 3A. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form with conditions. Pete Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
4. Application IW-23-010: Tucker Minor, Lake Dr., Construction of Single Family Home and associated improvements in the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/ Block 70B/ Lot 14. Josh Wilson made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form with conditions. Dave Boule seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0

New Applications:

Application IW-23-011: Kevin Kiely, Flanders Road, Install pipe within intermittent water course to create a crossing. Map 26/ Block 87/ Lot 10. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting June, 28, 2023. Josh Wilson seconded the motion.

New Business:

The Agency recommended that application IW:23-012: Adam Dawidowicz, 56 Tartia Road, construct 9' x 20' deck within upland review area, Map 27/Block 90/Lot 8 be reviewed by the Duly Authorized Agent.

Joint Facilities

The Colchester- East Hampton Joint Facilities met on May 16. Three (3) quotes were received for the PLC blower controls. The contract was awarded to NIC in the amount of \$30,600. The contract with AECOM was approved and signed to being the study on Middletown Ave. pump station (MAPS). Pending the arrival (1yr out) of the interior replacement parts for the septage receiving station the board approved an additional \$20,000 for alternative fixes. For the eighth year running, Joint Facilities received the NACWA Peak Performance Platinum Service Award. The members went into Executive Session to review a personnel issue. Following Executive Session, no decisions were made.

A Special Meeting was held on May 23. The members went into Executive Session to review a personnel issue. Following Executive Session, no decisions were made by the members.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on May 1. The library staff are working on the Bike Rodeo that was planned after receiving the CSL Summer Program Grant. Applications have been received for the Library Director position; they will be reviewed and interviews will be scheduled. The Friends of the Library will be holding a book sale June 9 and 10.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on May 25. The members reviewed and discussed two public hearing items. One application was to construct a three-rail fence with wooden posts for horses. And the other application was to replace an exterior entry door on the addition of the house with another nine lite door from a historic Virginia church. Both applications were approved by the members, with Mr. Walsh opposing the horse fence. The members discussed the reconsideration of applications 578/579 for Ms. Keefe about a stockade style privacy fence. The members briefly discussed the issue and the possible compromises provided by Arrow Fence on how to change the fence to have it comply with the regulations. Ms. Keefe is going door to door obtaining signatures for a petition about her fence. The members will further discuss and make a decision at next month's meeting. There was brief discussion of temporary and permanent tents in the historic district.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on May 2. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding for Tri County Baseball. National Trails Day is June 3 and a number of events are planned. The members discussed the distribution of the Jeffrey Leith Memorial Scholarship funds. The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 18. The members discussed possible locations for a sand volleyball court at Sears Park.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on May 3.
Public Hearings

- A. PZC-23-005: Lynn Robinson, 27 North Main Street, Special Permit for conversion to different non-conforming use, 8.2.D, Map 01A/ Block 39A/ Lot 15. Ray Zatorski made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions: Town Staff be notified before the start of construction, Town Staff approve of the parking plan, and any requirements of the Fire Marshal be met. Rowland Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- B. Text Amendment Regarding Required Setbacks on Non-Conforming Lots in the R-1 Zone: Section 8.2 of the East Hampton Zoning Regulations Ray Zatorski made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to the regular meeting on June 7, 2023. Angelus Tammaro seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

New Business

- A. PZC-23-010: Ismet Dedusaj, Lakeside Bar & Grill, 81 North Main Street, Site plan review to allow outdoor music per Sec. 5.2.B.7, Map 04A/ Block 45A/ Lot 21 The applicant was not present. Ray Zatorski made a motion to continue the application to the regular meeting of June 7, 2023. Rowland Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- B. PZC-23-011: Edgewater Hill, 10 Edgewater Circle, Text Amendment regarding water requirement in MUDD zone per Sec. 6.4.D.3.d.3, Map 10A/ Block 85/ Lot 5B Ray Zatorski made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the regular meeting of June 7, 2023. Rowland Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- C. PZC-23-012: Michael Bakaj, 37 South Main Street, a 22-lot (33 units) HOD subdivision in existing HOD Zone, Map 20 Block 51/ Lot 27 Ray Zatorski made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the regular meeting of July 5, 2023. Rowland Rux seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- D. Appointment to Regional Housing Committee with agreement from the members, Chairman Kuhr appointed Roy Gauthier as the liaison to the Regional Housing Committee and the Planning and Zoning Official as the Alternate.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority met on May 2. Three (3) quotes have been received for the Royal Oaks greensand filter and bladder tank project. Bids will be submitted to the Town Manager for review. The Board made the following Water budget recommendation for all systems totaling \$241,730.00 which represents an increase of 1.60% or \$3,806.00 over last year. The 2023/24 budget will require an increase in water rates to \$12.00/1000 gallons. The monthly meter charge will remain the same at \$40.00 per month/EMU. The recommended budget will be presented to the Town Council on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Public Hearing date for the Water budget is set for June 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on May 8.

Public Hearings

- A. ZBA-23-004: James Bansemer, 15 Tennyson Rd., Increase lot coverage from 20% to 39.3% for construction of a concrete driveway. Map 10A/ Block 81/ Lot 64. This item was tabled to the June 12, 2023 meeting due to errors in the required notification and the lack of presence by the applicant.
- B. ZBA-23-005: James Marino, 65 West High St., Reduce side setback from 25' to 10' for construction of a new residential duplex and associated improvements. Map 19/ Block 46/ Lot 14 George Pfaffenbach made a motion to deny the application. John Tuttle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0