

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2020

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on November 19 via Zoom. Mrs. Sennett reported on the Town Hall Grand Opening noting it was a fabulous day and there is a large space for the East Hampton Art Association Gallery on the 2nd floor. There is also a space for student artwork outside the Board of Education suite. The Capstone grant and the community grants are still available. The members approved the 2021 meeting dates.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on November 16 via Zoom. A motion was made and passed for modifications to the High School Renovations, Improvements and Additions project to include work on the baseball field, tennis court and track. Mr. Jylkka reviewed revenues and expenditures. There was discussion about meeting with the Board of Education regarding the budget.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on November 23 via Zoom. The members received updates and discussed the topics of 1 Watrous Street and 13 Watrous Street/DECD STEAP Grant under continued business. There was a brief update for the new building at St Clements on the Oakum Dock side of the property. The members planned the information they want to use in the presentation to the Town Council. The 2021 meeting dates were approved.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on November 12 via Zoom. Commission members received an update from Ms. Ewing on the activities being arranged by the Senior Center. Dr. Rosenberg reached out to a colleague about the use of a list of emergency notifications for primary care and it was noted the primary care doctors don't utilize such a list. Eversource will take a form from a doctor to not turn off power for non-payment due to medical reasons but does not utilize that list during natural disaster situations. The members approved the 2021 meeting dates. The commission would like to look into working closer with the Housing Authority.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on November 12 via Zoom. A presentation from In-Situ explained the different equipment and tools from the company for lake data retrieval and analysis. Some of the tools are a water quality observation, water level measurement tool, data logger, and telemetry reader tool. The results are uploaded into a corresponding computer software. The members decided to do more research. There were four plan reviews for the members to discuss and approve. There was discussion for the budget, the watershed project/federal funding, the Lake Smart Program, and the Lake Level. The meeting dates for 2021 were approved. The members were told about a webinar

on November 30 from 7-9 on how to deal with hazardous algae blooms. Mr. Carbonell will send an invite for the webinar to the members.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on November 19 via Zoom. Members reviewed a plan for signage at 100 Main Street for the new Gulf gas station. The plan was rejected as the signs are not in conformance with the Village Center district and do not comply with the Zoning code. Members approved the 2021 meeting dates.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on November 17 via Zoom. Members received an update on the East Hampton Eats campaign. Members reviewed the Planning & Zoning minutes and home-based businesses were discussed. It was noted there are no provisions in the code for home-based businesses and there is a need for a reasonable regulation. The new business banner will go to Willow next. The Belltown Spotlight on Business will go to CZ Equipment next. Ideas for a project at the Main Street bridge was briefly discussed. Members approved the 2021 meeting dates. Town Council member Dean Markham commented that the EDC does not have a charge or policy direction and suggested they put something together.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on November 17 via Zoom. The company wants to renumber Engine 2-12 and it will cost \$600. Both the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief reports were given. The members briefly discussed the topics of the dry hydrants follow up, the AC upgrade status, the software migration progress, and the background screening in-house process.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on November 18 via Zoom.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-20-025: Joseph Perko, 501 Moodus Road, to construct a 20' x 45' 2 story outbuilding within the Upland Review Area. Map 15/Block 28A/Lot 1. Approved
- B. IW-20-026: Steven Phillips, 16 Maplewood Dr., to install a 16' x 32' in ground pool within the Upland Review Area. Map 19/Block 39A/Lot 10A-4. Approved
- C. IW-20-027: Robert B. Wallace, 4 Lakewood Rd., demolition of existing cottage within the Upland Review Area. Map 03A/Block 44/Lot C-67. Approved
- D. IW-20-028: Bryson HYTE, 202 Lake Drive, to install an 18'x37'x29' pool and to relocate and rebuild an existing retaining wall within the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70B/Lot 17A. Approved
- E. IW-20-030: Kevin Herrick, 49 Bay Rd., to restore existing stone wall by lake and install a new pervious paver patio and seat wall. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 33. Approved

- F. IW-20-031: Tony Flannery, 101 Main St., clear brush, trees and stumps. Add gravel and top with millings. Remove UG fuel tank. Install a wash bay for the existing recycling yard operation. Work is within the upland review area. Map 06A/Block 57/Lot 2. Approved

New Applications:

- A. IW-20-032: Aquarian Water Company of CT, 49 Lakewood Road, to add an addition to the existing water treatment facility. Project is within the Upland Review Area. Map 03A/Block 44/Lot 23A. Deemed "As of Right Use"
- B. IW-20-033: Joseph Ploszay, 39 Blue Heron, to construct a 676 sq. ft. IG pool within the Upland Review Area. Map 24/Block 64/Lot 20-16. Continued to December 30, 2020 Meeting

Joint Facilities

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Board held a virtual Regular meeting on November 17. Roof repairs have started on the main building. Bids went out for the other accessory buildings. Estimates cost is approx. \$211, 000. Mr. Paggioli, Public Works Director for the Town of Colchester reported on the status of Colchester Main repair. An engineering firm has been chosen and the contract for design work is in the process of being finalizing. Odor control in Colchester and East Hampton is being mitigated as needed.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on November 2 via Zoom. Members discussed an Internet Safety Policy and a Circulation Policy. They approved the 2021 meeting dates.

The Library Advisory Board met again on November 23 via Zoom. Members approved the Internet Safety Policy. This policy is being presented to the Town Council for approval.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on November 19 via Zoom. The members reviewed an application for Cobalt Lodge to build a new one-story building on the property connecting to the main building. The existing house and garage on the property needs to be demolished to make way for and gain more space for the planned building. The members told the applicants that the demolition of the existing house and garage need to be a separate application to be approved. The only item that can be approved is the one-story building. The members did approve of the proposed building as long as the existing house and garage can be torn down. The minutes from September 2019 and August 2020 were tabled for the next meeting. The 2021 meeting dates were approved by the members. The members also briefly discussed a new veterinary clinic coming to town and the area the business will be moving into.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on December 1. Board members received a presentation by GreenPlay and discussed the master plan. Members approved the 2021 meeting dates. The Town Council approved the Memorial Bench Policy. Members received an update on the Air Line Trail, program updates and the RFP for the baseball field, tennis court and track at the High School.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on November 4 via Zoom.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application PZC-20-018: Atlantis Marketing, 157 Main St., 5 Colchester and 1 Colchester Ave. for a zone change from R-2 to Commercial. Map 07A/Block 56/Lot 24, Map 07A/Block 56/Lot 21 and Map 07A/Block 56/Lot 22. Continued to December 2nd meeting
- B. Application PZC-20-022: East Hampton Rotary Club Foundation, 45 Daly Rd., for a Special Permit for parks, playgrounds and public recreation Sec. 4.4.D.1.d - Map 33/Block 87/Lot 3. Continued to December 2nd meeting.
- C. Application PZC-20-023: JCG Properties, LLC., 9 Middle Haddam Rd., for a Zone Change from R2 to Commercial for approximately 5 acres to operate a veterinary clinic. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 5. Continued to December 2nd meeting.
- D. Updates to Sec. 3.1 Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone - Approved

New Business:

- A. Whispering Woods Performance Bond Release Request - Approved

Old Business:

- A. Discussion: Update Sign Regulation to Include PO/R Zone Sign Standards. Continued to December 2nd meeting.
- B. Discussion: Home Based Occupations - Continued to December 2nd meeting.
- C. Updates to the Official East Hampton Zoning Map – Continued to December 2nd meeting

Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on November 5 via Zoom. The members received the architect update, the construction manager update, and the OPM update. The members also discussed the final or closeout projects. The potential projects would be a carport with solar panels on top for the police department and the installation of a shed or a bigger garage for extra storage for tables, chairs, and other bigger items. There was discussion of the payment timing for the Newfield applications #21 and #22. It was decided to have the funds released from hold to pay the applications for Newfield. Three invoices were approved by the members.

The Town Facility Building Committee met on November 19 via Zoom. Members received an update from the OPM noting the audio visual still needs to be completed. There was discussion about the water pressure issues in the restrooms. Two change orders were approved, and one was rejected. Members also approved Newfield Payment Application #23 at a reduced amount.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board held a virtual Public Hearing meeting on November 3rd. A new budget report line item has been created specifically for Grinder Pumps. The addition of the line item allows for a clearer account of the moneys spent on grinder pump repairs and maintenance. Water shut off notices have been sent out to approx. 15 water customers. The generators are in place at Barbara Ave. and Pine Trail

pump stations with a projected finish for mid-December. The board continued discussion on the Sewer Connection fees as well as commercial meter accounts.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on November 9 via Zoom.

Public Hearing:

- A. Application ZBA-20-015, Kevin Herrick, 49 Bay Road, to reduce side setback 15' to 12' to construct a 4' wide deck to allow for access and egress from the main floor. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot33. Approved