

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2021

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on November 18th at the Joseph N. Goff House. Three applications were received for the Poet Laureate position. The commission will meet with each applicant at their December meeting. No applications have been received to date for the Capstone or other grants. The 2022 meeting dates were approved.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met for the Organizational Meeting for the newly elected Board on Monday, November 29th. A list of the organizational items discussed and voted on are listed below:

- Chairperson – Alannah Coshow
- Vice Chairperson – Bridget McLennan
- Rules of Procedure – Robert’s Rules
- Meeting Times and Dates for 2022 - 3rd Monday of the month or Tuesday when Monday is a holiday at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted
- Committee/Liaison Assignment Discussion
 - Town Council (Coshow / McLennan)
 - Board of Education (Bonaccorso / Bennington)
 - Economic Development Commission (Cunningham)
 - Lake / Conservation (Jenks*)
 - Fire Commissioners (Bonaccorso)
 - Brownfields/Redevelopment (Cunningham)
 - Park & Rec. Advisory Board (Coshow)
 - HS Athletic Field Renovation (Brown)
 - Capital Committee (Brown / Bennington)

* Mr. Jenks informed the members that due to his party affiliation change (to Republican) and the results of the election (Republican sweep) he will most likely need to resign as of January 22, 2022. While still considering his options, Mr. Jenks agreed to continue to be liaison for the Lake Commission until such time that he is no longer on the Board.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on November 22nd. The well at 13 Watrous Street was filled in by the Department of Public Works in collaboration with a well driller. The paperwork is being submitted for the final payout and closeout of the grant. There was discussion of using ARP funds for projects at 3 Walnut Avenue. The Phase I for 13 Summit Street is underway. No proposals were received for the RFP for 13 Summit/1 Watrous/13 Watrous. The 2022 meeting dates were approved with a change in meeting start time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on November 9th. The members discussed clean energy solutions and programs with guest John Greeno. There were great points and ideas that came from the discussion. There were many organizations and contacts mentioned for the members to start

discussions with and to obtain help for future programs. The members discussed their presentation to the Town Council to join Sustainable CT. The 2022 meeting dates were approved.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on November 18th. Members received updates from the Senior Center Director and the Housing Authority liaison. The 2022 meeting dates were approved. The main discussion of the meeting was the results of the survey. Members will work to prepare a presentation for the Town Council.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on November 18th. The members received a presentation from John Tucci of Everblue Lakes. The data collected from the lake by NEAR for 2019, 2020, and 2021 was evaluated and analyzed by Mr. Tucci. The members reviewed and discussed a plan review for 23 Bay Road for a sea wall reconstruct. The members moved to send it back to the Land Use Department with some recommendations. The members were given updates for the watershed projects and federal funding and received updates for the lake level and lake smart program. The 2022 meeting dates were approved, and the meeting time will remain 7:00pm. The members discussed the possible implementation of an ordinance or regulation banning fertilizer in the Lake Pocotopaug watershed. The document will be drafted for review, possible approval and implementation. The members suggested taking that time to educate the homeowners about the regulation.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on November 16th. A presentation for the Village Center Plan was given to the commission members by Jeremy DeCarli. Points included increasing the interconnectivity of the Airline Trail and the businesses in the Village Center and building up the pedestrian and bike friendly infrastructure. The determined study area within the Village Center spans from Memorial School to Epoch Arts. The members discussed the signs promoting the Village Center, the bells on the bridge and holiday tie in, the online submission form for Business of the Month and recognition of New Business, and businesses and approvals by the Planning and Zoning commission. The 2022 meeting dates were approved

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on November 8. The members received the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief's reports. The members were updated on the dry hydrant project, the tanker and ladder truck progress, and the possible increase to the stipend. The 2022 meeting dates were approved.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on November 29th.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-21-022: Global 66, LLC. 265 West High Street – Site Plan Modification including new drive aisle and parking area, installation of culvert to carry existing drainage, installation of a retaining wall, and new drainage facilities within the Upland Review Area. Map 06/ Block 12/

Lot 9. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to approve the application using the standard short form. Pete Wall seconded the motions. Vote: 5-0

New Applications:

- A. IW-21-025: Middletown Sportsmen's Club, Champion Hill Road – Construction of Fire Access Road partially in Upland Review Area and a bridge over intermittent stream. Map 11/ Block 40A/ Lot 18. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the December 22 meeting. Pete Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- B. Show Cause Hearing: Cease & Desist, 23 Bay Road, Amy Rio & William Carter. Construction of seawall without Permit. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 23. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to leave the Cease & Desist in Place. Josh Wilson seconded the motions. Vote: 5-0
- C. Application IW-21-026: William Carter, 23 Bay Road. Construct seawall along Lake Pocotopaug. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 23. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the December 22 meeting and Dean Kavalkovich seconded the motion with the following conditions:
 - 1. The stone wall be built as shown on plans to prevent the erosion of the shoreline as the lake level rises
 - 2. The wall location must be shown on an A-2 survey prior to the next meeting
 - 3. Staff is to determine whether or not other work that has taken place on the property is covered under a previously issued permit. Vote: 5-0

New Business

- A. Approval of 2022 Meeting Calendar - Josh Wilson made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Pete Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Old Business

- A. Review and Approval of Proposed Settlement of Appeal in Throckmorton v. East Hampton IWWA, regarding activities at 135 & 136 Middle Haddam Road. Scott Hill made a motion to approve the Propose Settlement of Appeal as presented. Dave Boule Seconded. Vote: 5-0

Joint Facilities

Information will be included in December Report

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on November 1st. The Library Director provided an update on the library space planning project. She also presented a draft FY 22/23 budget. The 2022 meeting dates were approved.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on November 18. The members reviewed and discussed two plan reviews. One was to replace four windows and a French wooden door. The other was for white fencing 4 to 4 ½ feet high to enclose the back, sides, and front yard around the house. The two plans were approved by the members. The 2022 meeting dates were approved.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on November 2nd. Greenplay LLC conducted a focus group and fielded public comments.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on November 3.

New Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-022: Atlantis Marketing, 1&5 Colchester Ave and 157 Main St. for a Zone Change from R-2 to Commercial. Map 07A/ Block 56/ Lots 21, 22, 24 Motion to Accept Application and Set a Public Hearing for January 5, 2022 by Roy Gauthier, Second By Rowland Rux. Vote: 5-2 7.

Old Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-021: Global 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Site Plan Modification, Map 6/Block 12/Lot 9 Motion to continue Application to December 1, 2021 Regular Meeting by Kevin Kuhr per applicant's request, Second by Rowland Rux. Vote: 7-0 B.
- B. Discussion: Accessory Dwelling Units "As of Right". Tabled to December 1, 2021 Meeting by Chairman.
- C. Discussion: Update Sign Regulation to Include PO/R Zone Sign Standards. Tabled to December 1, 2021 Meeting by Chairman.
- D. Discussion: Home Based Occupations Tabled to December 1, 2021 Meeting by Chairman

Water Pollution Control Authority

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Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting