

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY OCTOBER 2020

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on October 15. Betty Sennett will attend the Town Hall Grand Opening. She has requested that paintings be hung in the new art gallery. There have been no responses to the Capstone grant yet. Many of the commission's activities are on hold due to COVID.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on October 19. The Board voted to approve the FY2020 end of year budget transfers. They also discussed the High School baseball field, the FY2022 budget and the Sears Park boat launch.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on October 26. The members welcomed a new member to the agency. There was discussion and updates for the 1 Watrous Street project and the 13 Watrous Street/DECD STEAP Grant project as well. The members discussed joining another commission's project in the future to have a way to get more projects finished. A presentation for the Town Council was discussed.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on October 8. JoAnn Ewing discussed the Senior Center re-opening plan. They plan to be open by appointment only as of November 2. The Commission had reached out to Eversource to see what services they offer for residents with special needs such as oxygen dependency and refrigeration for medications. They don't have a program during a natural disaster situation but only for planned outages. The members reviewed voting for seniors, Medicare open enrollment and received a report from the Housing Authority.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on October 8. The members were given a presentation about the progress of the lake with the new aeration system by John Tucci of Everblue Lakes. The members discussed the budget, the watershed projects, the sub-committee report on education, the new meeting dates for the advisory panel, the lake smart program, and the lake level. The members discussed who is on the advisory panel and how to make it more transparent to the members of the commission. They just want to know what goes on during the panel meetings. It was brought up that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the commission are members of the panel along with town officials and Dr. George and Hillary from NEAR. The meetings are also open to the public but are held during the day. A member brought up a concern they had about a new neighbor cutting down 5 or 6 trees on their property. The trees didn't need to be cut down and could have

stayed standing. The members were informed that Mr. DeCarli is drafting a new town regulation and policies on cutting trees will be added to the regulation.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on October 15. The members discussed a plan review at 62 Main Street to enlarge the front porch. The plan was recommended for approval with stipulations for the applicant to take into consideration.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on October 20. The members discussed the East Hampton Eats Campaign, the Business Package, New Business Banner Location, Belltown Spotlight on Business, and Town Beautification. The East Hampton Eats campaign had a successful rollout and launch. There are two weeks until the first prize drawing. The end of the campaign is November 30th. There are 250 copies of the pamphlet that were delivered to the Town Hall and have been circulated around the town. The pictures and articles for the previous Business of the Month businesses have been submitted to the Rivereast and the Events Magazine. The members nominated CZ Equipment for Business of the Month for November. The members are flexible with zoom meetings and with possible in person meetings. The members would rather have zoom meetings for now and take it month by month.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on October 19. The members discussed the dry hydrant repairs, the new AC upgrades, and the new software update as well. The dry hydrants in the lake needs to be repaired. The parts have been ordered and it will probably take two days to complete. The building has been mapped out for the new AC upgrades and the new software received a copy of the database. Only a portion of the database has been copied over to the new software. The new Airline Trail signs have been ordered and waiting for delivery. The 2021 meeting dates were approved by the members.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on October 28.

Agent Approvals:

- A. IW-20-029: Sean & Sarah Flynn, 15 Peach Farm Rd., to complete a previously approved and unfinished 31' x 30' two car garage within the Upland Review Area on the southeast side of property. Map 33/Block 88/Lot 14C-1

Continued Applications:

- A. I W-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. Continued to Nov. 25, 2020 meeting.

New Applications:

- A. 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. Continued to Nov. 25, 2020 meeting.

- B. 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. Continued to Nov. 25, 2020 meeting.
- C. IW-20-028: Bryson Hyte, 202 Lake Drive, to install a 18'x37'x29' pool and to relocate and rebuild an existing retaining wall within the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70B/Lot 17A. Continued to Nov. 25, 2020 meeting.
- D. 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. Continued to Nov. 25, 2020 meeting.
- E. 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. Continued to Nov. 25, 2020 meeting.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on October 5. It was reported that the Town Council approved the Library Strategic Plan. They also discussed Capital budget requests.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on October 6. The members received an update on the Air Line Trail noting new stone dust will be delivered and installed at the Cranberry Bog section of the trail on October 19. The Golf Tournament was a success with over \$11,000 raised. Members received an update on fall and winter programming and landscaping projects at Sears Park. They also discussed memorial benches.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a special meeting on October 14.

Public Hearings

- A. Application PZC-20-017: Atlantis Marketing, for an Amendment to the Zoning Regulations: to amend Section 5.2 and add Sec. 5.2.C.6. Gasoline or motor fuel filling stations in conjunction with a retail store in the Commercial Zone. Approved
- B. Application PZC-20-018: Atlantis Marketing, 157 Main St. and 1 Colchester Ave. for a zone change from R-2 to Commercial. Map 07A/Block 56/Lot 24 and Map 07A/Block 56/Lot 22. Continued to Nov. 4, 2020
- C. Updates to Sec. 3.1 Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone- Continued to Nov. 4, 2020

New Business:

- A. Application PZC-20-021: Loco Perro Restaurant, 191 East High St., for a Site Plan Modification to build a 731 sq. ft. addition. Map 09A/Block 76/Lot 11A. Approved
- 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. Public hearing set for Nov. 4, 2020

- 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. Public hearing set for Nov. 4, 2020

Town Facility Building Committee

No meeting

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board held a virtual Public Hearing meeting on October 6. The 2020/21 sewer bills went out for October 1. With the implementation of the 2-installment payment program, the Tax Collector reported that the majority of people are still paying their sewer bill in full. Reminder notices will be posted in the paper and town website in April for the 2nd installment of the sewer bills. The board unanimously approved the completion of the Phase 1B Skyline Estate sewer system, contingent upon the manhole frames (7 manholes) brought up to grade. Barbara Avenue/Pine Trail generator upgrades are on track. A change order was needed to run new conduits to the meter boxes at an additional estimated cost of \$20,000.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on October 19.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-20-012, John Uliano, 29 Pocotopaug Drive, to increase the lot coverage from 10% to 14.7% to install a 35' x 14'8" pool and a 30' x 15' pool house. Map 25/Block 64/Lot 20A-1. Approved
- B. Application ZBA-20-013, Andrew & Elizabeth Priest, 19 Hawthorne Rd., to reduce the east side setback from 13' to 7.5' to construct a 1 car garage. Map 10A/Block 82/Lot 28A. Approved
- C. Application ZBA-20-014, Brian & Elise Montanari, 47 Bay Rd., to increase the lot coverage from 20% to 25% to place a 12' x 16' shed. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 32. Approved