

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY OCTOBER 2021**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on October 21 at the Joseph N. Goff House. The Poet Laureate application was printed and distributed to Town Hall, the Library and Dexters. The commission will do two \$250 High School Capstone grants and two \$500 Community Arts grants. Members discussed the request by Jacqueline Jones to purchase one of her paintings. She will be notified of the art purchase process. The website was discussed. Members also discussed new project opportunities.

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on October 18 for their regularly scheduled meeting. The Board Members unanimously approved a motion to approve the presented transfers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and authorize the Finance Director to make (and communicate back) any additional transfers, up to \$5,000 (in the aggregate), that may be needed in order to close the books for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on October 25. The members introduced themselves to the new member on the agency, Darlene Raffanello. The members discussed the updates for the properties of 1 and 13 Watrous, 3 Walnut, and 13 Summit. The members received updates for the RFP for the properties of 13 Summit, 1 and 13 Watrous that the town sent out for proposals. The members intend to investigate more grants to help for future funding for projects.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force met on October 5. The members discussed the success of the electric car show event. There were a couple decisions made for next year's event. The members discussed the new program the task force wants to set up and a possible Solar Event for some time next year. The members need to inquire to the Town Council about the resolution to become a member of the Sustainable CT.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on October 14. Jo Ann Ewing provided an overview of the Senior Center activities. The commission members discussed the survey noting over 300 had been completed at the time of the meeting. They discussed ways to get the word out about the survey including the members sending editorials to the Rivereast and an additional ad in the Rivereast. They also discussed the Medicare open enrollment period of October 15 through December 7.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on October 14. The members welcomed a new member to the commission. The members approved of a plan review to repair a sea wall at 31 and 33 Bay Road. The members discussed the federal funding/ watershed projects, the recommendations from Everblue Lakes and Northeast Aquatics and the new lake level plan.

### **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board held a special meeting on October 4. The members reviewed and discussed the revised plans for 193 East High Street for the Route 66 Package Store. All the suggestions made

from the last meeting were added into the plans and changed into the revised plans. The revisions were approved of with conditions for angling the rear parking, extend the sidewalk on the side of the building, add a concrete ballast to protect the rear building, add signage to the walk-in cooler outside wall, and add lighting for the rear parking on the building.

The Design Review Board held their regular meeting on October 21. The members reviewed and discussed one plan review to renovate and remodel the Sports on 66 building into a Global Storage building with 500 storage units. There will be two floors in the renovated building. The members approved of the plan review.

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on October 19. The members discussed the Bells on the Bridge event, the Ghost Run, Holiday Promotion, the online submission form for Business of the Month, minutes and motion from the Planning and Zoning commission, and the Business of the Month. The members were updated about a grant for the Air Line Trail. One update might be adding signs with information and tips along the trails.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on October 18. The members heard the reports for the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief. Updates for the dry hydrants, tanker truck, ladder truck, and the review of the reports for the tanker/ ladder incident was briefly discussed. An awards payout for Matt Walton was approved and his account will be closed out. The members also talked briefly and generally about an incident for a medical call that led to a member of the Fire Department to be suspended.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on October 27.

#### **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. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the November 17 regular meeting. Pete Wall Seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- B. IW-21-023: Christine Weidemer, 33 Bay Road – Repairs to Existing Seawall on Lake Pocotopaug and Installation of new drywell. Map 9A/ Block 70/ Lot 27. Josh Wilson made a motion to approve the application using the Standard short form with the additional condition that pre and post surveys be conducted before and after the work to verify that the wall does not encroach on the lake. Dean Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- C. IW-21-024: Susan Woodson, 31 Bay Road – Repairs to Existing Seawall on Lake Pocotopaug. Map 91/ Block 70/ Lot 26. Josh Wilson made a motion to approve the application using the Standard short form with the additional condition that pre and post surveys be conducted before and after the work to verify that the wall does not encroach on the lake. 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. The item was tabled to the November 17 Regular Meeting upon advice from Legal Counsel.

## Joint Facilities

No meeting

## Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on October 4. An update was provided to the members on the Space Planning project. The members discussed next steps with the Town Manager. He noted that first a cost estimate of the building changes needs to be done. After that the Town would have to strategize on how to pay for any building changes. Drawings, costs and payment strategy would need to be presented to the Town Council.

## Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on October 28. The members reviewed and discussed application 557 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 23 Knowles Road to repair and restore a wrap-around porch. The members approved the application as submitted. The members discussed a few updates for a couple of properties around town. There was land cleared at the top of Long Hill Road with the potential to have problems with an aquafer in the same area. Sports on 66 was bought by Wayne Rand to become a climate controlled self-storage building. And the old house and garage behind Cobalt Lodge was demolished.

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

## Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on October 6.

### Public Hearings

- A. Application PZC-21-017: Kim Novak, 26 Lakeview St., for a Zone Change: Commercial to R1. Map 05A/Block 85/Lot 18A. Kevin Kuhr made a motion to approve the zone change, the Motion was seconded by Jim Sennett. Vote: 7-0
- B. Application PZC-21-018: Tushar Shah, 193 East High St., Site Plan Modification in C Zone, Sec 5.2.B. Map 09A/Block 76/Lot 11-5. Rowland Rux made a motion to approve the application with conditions, the motion was seconded by Kevin Kuhr. Vote: 7-0
- C. Application PZC-21-019: Global 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Special Permit to convert a portion of Sports on 66 into storage units in C Zone, Sec 5.2.C. Map 6/Block 12/Lot 9. Rowland Rux made a motion to approve the application, Kevin Kuhr seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0
- D. Application PZC-21-020: Warren Scott Cross, 201 West High St., Special Permit to open a brewery and taproom in the C Zone, Sec 5.2.C. Map 12/ Block 36/ Lot 3-1. Meg Wright made a motion to approve the application with conditions, Kevin Kuhr seconded. Vote: 6-1(Rux)

### New Business:

- A. Application PZC-21-021: Global 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Site Plan Modification, Map 6/Block 12/Lot 9. Ray Zatorski made a motion to continue the application to November 3, Jim Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

### **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board met on October 3 via Zoom. The 2021/22 sewer bills were mailed out for October 1<sup>st</sup>. The members are reviewing the current connection charge rates along with the connection rates from surrounding towns.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on October 18.

#### **Public Hearings:**

- A. Application ZBA-21-009, Richard Fielding, 30 South Main Street, Application for Variance to reduce front setback from 50' to 18.8' to reconstruct and expand existing garage. Map 07A/Block 55/ Lot 29. George Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve the Application ZBA-21-009, Richard Fielding, 30 South Main Street, Application for Variance to reduce front setback from 50' to 18.8' to reconstruct and expand existing garage. Map 07A/Block 55/ Lot 29. Margaret Jacobson Seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
  
- B. Application ZBA-21-010, Global 66, LLC. 265 West High Street, Application for Variance to Increase allowed size of façade mounted sign from 198 sq. ft. to 290 sq. ft. and to allow the sign to be internally illuminated. Map 06/ Block 12/ Lot 9. George Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve Application ZBA-21-010, Global 66, LLC. 265 West High Street, Application for Variance to Increase allowed size of façade mounted sign from 198 sq. ft. to 290 sq. ft. and to allow the sign to be internally illuminated. Map 06/ Block 12/ Lot 9. Kevin Reed Seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0
  
- C. Application ZBA-21-011, Richard Vesce, 62 Main St, Application for Variance to allow additional dwelling unit on ground floor in Village Center Zone. Map 02A/ Block 47/ Lot 30. Margaret Jacobson made a motion to approve Application ZBA-21-011, Richard Vesce, 62 Main St, Application for Variance to allow additional dwelling unit on ground floor in Village Center Zone. Map 02A/ Block 47/ Lot 30. Kevin Reed Seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0