

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY OCTOBER 2023**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on October 19. Members discussed the Art Purchase Award artwork as well as the possible locations for the artwork. There was discussion regarding communication from a grant applicant and a budget review.

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on October 16 for their regular, and last for this Board, meeting. FY2023 End of Year Budget Transfers as well as an additional appropriation to cover the BOE deficit were approved.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on October 23. The November 27 regular meeting will be cancelled, and a special meeting will be held on November 13. Members discussed the RFQ grading process and the plan for the interviews of the firms.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force met on October 3. Resident John Switzer sat in on the meeting to see what the task force is about. He expressed interest in community solar and what the task force does in town. The members discussed gaining more membership and advertising for people to join. There was discussion and an update on the fall energy fair. The members went through the list of potential companies. The members will follow up with undecided and/or unresponsive companies to see if they will be in attendance. There was a brief discussion on community solar in town.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on October 12. Ms. Ewing provided an update on activities at the Senior Center. Members discussed long term steps to promote East Hampton Community Cares. Fundraising for EHCC was also discussed.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on October 12. The members received updates on the Lake Smart Program and the newly drafted criteria for Homeowners Associations in town. The members reviewed and discussed two plan reviews. Both were voted to be approved with no further recommendations to Planning and Zoning. The members discussed the watershed projects, federal funding, the invasive plants in the lake, the update from GZA on water quality testing, Aquaflex, and drafting an ordinance in town against phosphorous fertilizer in the watershed.

### **Design Review Board**

No meeting

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on October 17. Members discussed the process for the New Business of the Month and the Business Spotlight programs. The December New Business of the Month will be The Pinshack. The Business Spotlight will be Serra & Associates. These businesses will be invited to the November EDC meeting.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Fire Commission met on October 16. The members approved the purchase of 5 sets of gear in the amount of \$17,000 from capital account 23010. The members discussed the updates for the dry hydrants, the Walnut Avenue water source problem, the safety concern about the Air Line Trail, the update from the new firehouse search committee, and the awards program payout for Judson E. Turney. The Fire Commission Trustee Board met on October 16 following the Regular Meeting. The members discussed the payout for Judson E. Turney. The members approved the payout in the full amount.

### **Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency**

No meeting

### **Joint Facilities**

No meeting

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board met on October 2. Ms. Cachuela provided an update on the new Circulation Desk that was originally delivered damaged. The new desk should be installed the last week of October. The Friends of the Library set tentative dates for their next book sale in May, 2024. The members discussed a future community survey that will be brought to the Town Council as part of their Strategic Plan for 2024.

### **Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on October 12 for a Special Meeting. A Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for 2 Knowles Road correcting the dimensions of the covered porch. A Certificate of Appropriateness was denied for 49 Middle Haddam Road for a 24' above ground pool and deck. The applicant will present a new application with more details that will include a fence. A Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for 6 Blacksmith Hill Road for the replacement of 12 double-hung windows to match the existing style.

The Commission also met on October 26 for the Regular Meeting. A Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for 16 Schoolhouse Lane for the repair and rebuild of the chimney using the existing bricks. The Commission approved the 2024 meeting dates.

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on October 3. The Air Line Trail Subcommittee provided an update on plans for the trail cleanup day on October 28. Mr. Mullen provided an update on the programs being offered and on the transition of grounds maintenance to the Public Works Department. Trunk or Treat and the Ghost Run are the next big events for the department.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on October 4.

#### **Public Hearings**

- A. 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 27B. Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0. Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to continue the application to the regular meeting of November 1, 2023. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

- B. PZC-23-014: Flanders Road Estates LLC, Flanders Road, Fifteen (15) Lot subdivision, (Home Acres Estates), Map 26/ Block 87/ Lot 6 Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to the regular meeting of November 1, 2023. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0. Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to continue the application to the regular meeting of November 1, 2023. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.
- C. Text Amendment Regarding Required Setbacks on Non-Conforming Lots in the R1 Zone: Section 8.2 of the East Hampton Zoning Regulations. Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to continue the Public Hearing to January 3, 2024. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0. Vice-Chairman Zatorski made a motion to continue the application to January 3, 2024. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

### **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The East Hampton WPCA met on October 3. The property owners of 55 Clark Hill Rd requested a variance to repair their septic system instead of hooking up to the public sewer system as the WPCA ordinance requires. The house sits approximately 400 feet back from the road and has a brook running through the property that the sewer line would have to go underneath to connect. The Board accepted the variance with the stipulation that the inspection results proved that it's a fully operational system and repairs are approved by Chatham Health Dept. Vote: 5-0.

The Board discussed management's recommendation to hold off capital projects for a year or two to build back up reserves and have funds for emergencies.

The Board approved the transfer of \$116,029 from the Reserve for Capital & Non-recurring Fund to Capital Fund Balance. Vote 5-0

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

No meeting