

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2019

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

The Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held on September 16th at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. While no actionable items were discussed, Board members welcomed a representative from Citrine Power who presented information in regard to the solar power project underway on Skinner St and the virtual metering opportunity available for the town.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on September 23rd. The new Town Manager introduced himself to the committee members. The members briefly spoke about Mr. Wolfram resigning from the committee. The members discussed the DECD STEAP Grant project, 103 Main Street, and the SEH updates. The members were informed of the Brownfields Rodeo at the December Brownfields conference in California. They discussed the process of the 'rodeo' and which properties to involve in the rodeo.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging held a special meeting on September 26th. Commission members received an update on senior services. There are two upcoming Thriving in Place seminars in October – How Not to Fall and A Roadmap for Medicare Covered Home Health Care. The Advocacy Group is planning a Candidate forum at the Senior Center on October 23rd. The Commission approved a letter to be sent to Town Council regarding the Commission's desire to be involved in the selection process for new members. The Housing Authority representative noted they are awaiting word on a grant for driveway improvements.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on September 12th. The members received a communications report from Mr. Hall. The public asked a few questions of the commission members. There was no plan review for the members to evaluate. The topics of the watershed projects, sub-committee report on education, advisory panel update, lake smart program, and the lake level were discussed. An aeration system by Mr. John Tucci of Everblue Lakes was brought up and talked about during New Business.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on September 19th. The members were presented with a plan review for a new building to replace an existing building damaged from a fire for applicant Saint Clements Marina. The members recommended approval of the plan once

they reviewed the plan and asked any questions they had for the presenters. The members elected Denise Carnahan as the new vice chairman for the board.

Economic Development Commission

The East Hampton Economic Development Commission met on September 17th. They discussed the business and tourism package, they reviewed the new businesses and the minutes from the last P&Z meeting, the new banner location and the spotlight on business, outreach reports, gaining attendance from the public for the meeting, town beautification, and the economic development association. The members talked with two business owners in the Village Center about having more signs added to the town directing people to the Village Center for shopping. They members also briefly discussed the East Haddam Business Expo.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners met on September 9th. New member Darius Ledas was introduced to the rest of the commission. There were no bills or budget reports. Both the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief's reports were reviewed. They discussed fixing the priority list of dry hydrants, they received a brief update on the engine 2-12 project, they were updated on the OSHA complaint and the physicals, and the members discussed which building repairs and upgrading were needed.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on September 25th.

Agent Approvals:

The IWWA Agency unanimously voted at the last meeting to have Vice-Chairman Wilson do an agent approval for the following applications:

- Application IW-19-035, DCT, LLC., 86 Spellman Point Rd., to install a new patio and walkway from the road to the house within Upland Review Area Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 1.
- Application IW-19-040, Kevin Kuhr, 60 Spellman Point Road, Construction of a retaining wall within the Upland Review Area. Map 09A/ Block 70/ Lot 11

New Applications:

- IW-19-041, James Marino, 100 Young St., demolition of existing house and construction of a new single-family home, and associated improvements, partially in the Upland Review Area. Map 21/Block 52/Lot 23A. Continued (5-0)
- IW-19-042, James Marino, 8 Carriage Dr., construction of a new single-family home and associated improvements, partially in the Upland Review Area. Map 21/Block 52/Lot 23-1. Continued (5-0)
- IW-19-043, Town of East Hampton, 60 North Main St., construction of water quality bio-swale and parking lot modifications at Sears Park. Map 04A/Block 63B/Lot 20. Continued (5-0)

- IW-19-044, Dean Brown, 207 Middle Haddam Rd., construction of deck and stairs to river in order to correct an error on a previously issued permit. Map 03/Block 18/Lot 36A Continued (5-0)

Joint Facilities

A Special meeting of the Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee was held on Tuesday September 3rd. After weighing the cost of repairs at approx. \$24K vs replacement at approx. \$80K for the 2009 F450 Crane truck. The Board approved the replacement of “same as” type of truck.

Library Advisory Board

No meeting

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on September 26th. The following Certificate of Appropriateness applications were reviewed and approved unanimously: Application 530 for 17 Fern Lane to install replacement entry door with sidelights for applicants Mark and Paula Deighton; Application 531 for 2 Keighley Pond Road to install new rain gutters for applicant Michael Gingras; Application 532 for 22 Knowles Road to amend the original house design to include elimination of the railings at the front stone steps leading to the street and to change the metal railings at the front steps to wood for applicant Alison F. Richard; Application 533 for 20 Keighley Pond Road to install solar panels on the back side of detached garage for applicant Aaron Loitz.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the September Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting Jeremy Hall thanked all of the Seamster Park Playground Committee and a group picture was taken. Jeremy Hall then updated the group on the status of the Airline Trail project. A motion will be needed at a future meeting on a request from Glastonbury Rowing Club to use Lake Pocotopaug and Sears Park for practices, more details are needed. Shawn Mullen gave a report and wrap-up of summer programming and gave a detailed layout of Fall and Winter upcoming programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on September 4th.

Public Hearings:

- PZC-19-013: Aaron Tyler, 13 North Main St., for a Special Permit (Sec.8.4.B.1.2) to sell alcohol at Sweet Jean’s Café. Map 01A/Block 39A/Lot 28B. Approved
- PZC-19-015: Kellie Gosselin, 27 Flanders Rd., for a Zone Change from R-4 to R-1. Map 26/Block 85/Lot 31. Approved
- PZC-19-014: Kellie Gosselin, 27 Flanders Rd., for a Special Permit for an accessory dwelling unit (Sec. 8.4.M). Map 26/Block 85/Lot 31. Approved
- PZC-19-010: Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Zone Change from R-2 to Commercial. Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 2. Continued
- PZC-19-011: Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Special Permit to construct an Assembly Hall in the Commercial Zone (Sec. 5.2.C). Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 2. Continued

New Business:

- PZC-19-016: Dean Brown, 26 Barton Hill Rd., for an Amendment to the Zoning Regulation (Sec. 8.4.I), Bed & Breakfast. Map 02A/Block 47/Lot 40. Public hearing scheduled for October 2, 2019
- PZC-19-017: South Road Marlborough, LLC., 98 Middletown Ave., for a zone change from Industrial to R-4. Map 12/Block 48C/Lot 4. Continued

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on September 5th. Dave Schulman from Suburban Stationers presented to the committee about furnishings for the new building. The members received an update from the architect, construction manager, and the OPM. There was a discussion about Coastal Materials and their contract. The members approved four invoices. The members were told about the article that went into the latest Events Magazine and suggested getting an interior photo for the next article.

The Town Facility Building Committee met on September 19th. The members received updates on the progress. Photos and pricing on the furnishings have been received from Suburban and Strategic. They are looking at pricing on the radio tower antenna conduit. They are prepping for the sallyport stairs. CNG is starting work on Monday. They are getting ready for the fine grading of the road and parking lot. The top coat of asphalt will be done in October. Line striping is scheduled between October 30th and November 5th. There was discussion on moving the top coat to spring. Mr. Motto will look into this. Windows will be in on Friday. The vestibule glass is on hold. Interior drywall will be starting soon. They are able to sheetrock one side of each interior wall. The Eversource easement is waiting on subordinations then it can be filed. There is an issue with the folding partition in the community room. It is supposed to have wall covering on it to match the other wall coverings. The specs indicate that it is to be supplied by the owner but that is incorrect. Invoices were approved for Amenta Emma and E2 Engineers.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Committee held their regular meeting on Tuesday September 3rd. The WPCA was notified of iron in the drinking water at Village Center. Well 2 has been scheduled for a storage tank inspection, green sand filter replacement (2), storage tank cleaning and system flushing to be done in the next few weeks. Notices have been sent to the Village Center property owners and posted on the Town web site. The Pine Trail Force Main design has been submitted and it should be ready for bid in December with an estimated spring start. Work has started on the North Main Street pump station and should be completed by December. Contribution of \$20k to the Public Works Old Marlborough Rd paving project was approved.

A Public Hearing was held at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday September 3rd. The purpose being to hear the proposed 2019/20 Sewer Use Rates. The notice of Public Hearing was read. Approx. 9 citizens were in attendance. Sewer Rates were unanimously approved. Vote 5-0

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 9th.

Public Hearings:

- Application ZBA-19-009, Brian Galovich, 35 Highland Terrace, for a variance to Increase the lot coverage from 10% to 13.5% to pave a driveway. Map 18/Block 44/Lot 78-28. Approved (5-0)
- Application ZBA-19-010, Laura Kupper, 32 Colchester Ave., for a variance to reduce the side setback from 25' to 7.5' to place a 12' x 20' pre-fab shed for storage. Map 07A/Block 55/Lot 16A. Approved (5-0)