

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2020

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on September 21, 2020. Mr. Jylkka provided an update on revenues and expenses. He also shared the reports for the recent sale and closure of bonds that took advantage of current rates on ten-year bonds. There was also a discussion of COVID expenses.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

No meeting

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on September 1, 2020. There was a presentation by Nicholas Zuba and Emily Basham of CT Green Bank. The members learned about the different programs and financial solutions the organization provides to towns and homeowners. The few questions the members had were answered by Mr. Zuba and Ms. Basham. The members briefly discussed having Sustainable CT join a meeting via Zoom to have a presentation like CT Green Bank. The presentations that were planned for the year had to be canceled due to Covid. The members also want to form an informational campaign to educate about the programs from the CT Green Bank.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on September 10, 2020. Members received an update from Senior Center Director Jo Ann Ewing on the re-opening options for the Senior Center and the online activities that are being presented. Emergency Management Director Rich Klotzbier and CERT team member Karen Olson were in attendance to discuss the Town's Emergency Alert System. The Senior Center will host a drive through picnic on September 30th at the Town Hall.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on September 10, 2020. The members reviewed and approved a plan review for 43 East High Street for Residential Improvements. The members discussed the new budget, the aeration system, the watershed projects, and the lake test monitoring. For new business, the members discussed buying new watershed signs to be installed around the lake. There are a few existing signs for the watershed in town. Sign companies and quotes will be investigated.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on September 15, 2020. The members discussed the last remaining details and deadlines for the East Hampton Eats campaign. There are four restaurants remaining to talk to about participating in the campaign. The deadline for the proper information on the flyer is Wednesday the 23rd; and the date for the launch of the campaign would be October 2nd to November 30th. The members reviewed the minutes and approvals from Planning and Zoning. The members also briefly discussed the town pamphlet, new business banner location, the Belltown Spotlight on Business, and the town beautification topics. The members briefly discussed the new business sandwich board sign and an idea for a campaign to shop local during the holiday season. The Town Manager gave a brief update on a few topics developing in the town. Barbara Moore made a few comments about enjoying the meeting and the town beautification ideas brought up by the members.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on September 14, 2020. The Fire Marshal and Fire Chief both gave their reports to the commission members. The members discussed the topics of the dry hydrant repairs, the upgrade for the AC system, and the possibility of switching to a different software. The members will be waiting for an official report by Underwater Construction about the dry hydrant pipes in the lake. The members approved of four quotes for upgrading the AC system at Company 1 and Company 2. And the members also approved of switching from the current ESO software to Alpine's software RedNMX software. The members briefly discussed the temporary signs for the Airline Trail while it is being rerouted. The permanent signs will be installed by Parks & Rec and will be a guide for where the trail goes for the pedestrians.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency met on September 30, 2020.

Continued Applications:

- A. IW-20-023: Christopher and Laura Nash, 43 East High Street, to install a boat dock, a paver walkway and add landscaping within the Upland Review Area. Map 05A/Block 83/Lot 21. Approved
- B. IW-20-024: Rocco Nozzolini, 59-61 Waterhole Rd., to construct a 17.1' x 25' 1 story addition within the Upland Review Area. Map 35/Block 95/Lot L-3. Approved

New Applications:

- A. IW-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

Joint Facilities

The Colchester –East Hampton Joint Facilities Board held a virtual Regular meeting on September 15, 2020. There have been odor complaints reported coming from the Colchester and Marlborough sewer mains. A Bio Safe chemical treatment was used to help control odor. Mr. Paggioli, Public Works Director for the Town of Colchester reported that

the contract for design work is in the process of being finalizing for the Colchester Main repair. The Facility was awarded the 2019/20 NAWA Platinum Peak Performance award for 5 years of 100% compliance. Facility will be recognized at the NAWA virtual awards ceremony on Wednesday October 28th.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on September 14, 2020. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the Town Council on September 22. The Library re-opening continues to go well, and the Library resumed normal operating hours on September 8. The Library Internet Policy will be reviewed and revised in the next few months. The Fines and Fees Policy will also be reviewed for possible revisions.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on September 1, 2020. The members received an update on the Air Line Trail. The golf tournament sponsors and raffle items were reviewed. An update was provided on fall and winter programs and the summer programs were reviewed. The Afternoon Adventures program was discussed.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on September 2, 2020.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application PZC-20-004: Lisa Sherman, 50 Main St., for a Zone Change: R-1 to PO/R. Map 02A/Block 47/Lot 25. Denied
- B. Application PZC-20-016: James Marino, 106 Main St., for a zone change: VC to VHO (4.5) Map 02A/Block 48/Lot 3-1. Approved
- C. Application PZC-20-015: James Marino, 106 Main St., for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review for a duplex in the VHO. Map 02A/Block 48/Lot 3-1. Approved
- D. 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. Continued
- E. Application PZC-20-018: Atlantis Marketing, 157 Main St. for a zone change from R-2 to Commercial for future merge with 1 Colchester Avenue. Map 07A/Block 56/Lot 24. Continued
- F. Application PZC20-020: Jacqueline Montanez-Colon, 46 Skinner St. for a Special Permit to operate a car repair and used car sales business in the Industrial Zone (Sec 5.3.C), Map 20/Block 48C/ Lot 17A. Approved
- G. Updates to Sec. 3.1 Lake Pocotopaug Protection Zone - Continued

Old Business:

- A. 8-24 Review: Acceptance of Salmon Run Phase III Road – Deer Meadow
- B. Application PZC-20-003: Lisa Sherman, for an Amendment to Zoning Regulation 5.4.A PO/R Zone. Continued
- C. Discussion: Update Sign Regulation to Include PO/R Zone Sign Standards. Continued

- D. Discussion: Home Based Occupations. Continued
- E. Updates to the Official East Hampton Zoning Map. Continued

Town Facility Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on September 3, 2020. The members received an architect update, a construction manager's update on the remaining items on the punch list, and the OPM update. The members approved of two remaining change orders and approved of one invoice to add a few switches and parts to the existing switch for the AV in the Council Chambers.

The Town Facility Building Committee met again on September 24, 2020. The members briefly discussed a letter pertaining to the placement of the clock tower. The members received an Architect/ Construction Manager/ OPM update on the project. There were no change orders and the members approved of three invoices to be paid. The members received an update on the plans for the Grand Opening Ceremony for the building on Sunday, October 18th.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board held a virtual Public Hearing meeting on September 1st to allow property owners to be heard regarding the proposed annual sewer use rates effective on October 1, 2020. The proposed sewer rate increase would be \$495.00/EDU and for those properties served by grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA the WPCA fee will increase to \$175.00/EDU totaling \$670.00. Vote: 6-0. Motion Passed.

The Water Pollution Control Authority Board held a virtual Regular meeting on September 1st. Mr. Clayton reported on the following items: The control panel need to be replaced at the Laurel Ridge pump station #1, at a cost of approx. \$30,000. The concrete work is done and the conduits are in place at Barbara Ave and Pine Trail. Generators and control panel delivery is expected for the end of October and a finished project by mid-December. Mr. Clayton and Mr. Cox met with a representative from the State to discuss the approved grant money (\$250,000) which would be used for finding a new water supply and the design to bring that water to the Route 66 corridor.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 14, 2020.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-20-008, Enrique & Brenda Diaz, 5 Poe Road, to reduce the front setback from 25' to 16' to remove unsafe patio and construct a 16' x 20' deck. Map 10A/Block 81/Lot 233. Approved
- B. Application ZBA-20-009, Rocco Nozzolini, 59 Waterhole Road, to reduce the side setback from 25' to 23' to construct a 17.1' x 25' addition with garage. Map 35/Block 95/Lot L-3. Approved
- C. Application ZBA-20-010, Spencer Killian, 15 Mark Twain Dr., to reduce the rear setback from 25' to 3.79' to place a 12' x 24' prebuilt shed. Map 10A/Block 81/Lot 103. Approved