

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2022

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on September 15. The members will be sending a letter to the garden hosts and artists about a Spring reception. The Poet Laureate has been in contact with the Middle School librarian regarding an activity with students. The member reviewed the budget expenditures to date. There is a new Chairperson for the Art Association. There was discussion of the painted bells and a possible activity related to them.

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance met on September 19th for an Executive Session followed by their Regular Monthly Meeting. The 1-hour Executive Session was to discuss the East Hampton Schools' Security Protocol. The Regular meeting followed where a 5-1 vote approved the recommendation of an additional appropriation for the hiring of Armed Security Officers at Memorial, Center and EHMS. Discussion on the Town & BOE IT restructuring/consolidation was again postponed until the October 17th Regular Meeting unless interested parties met before that time.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency met on September 26. The members discussed finding new members to fill the vacancy on the agency. Ms. Nefeli Bompoti from UConn TAB was present at the meeting to help guide the members on what needs to be added and what needs to be cut from the grant application. There was a suggestion to add demographics statistics and data from the town in the application. The members discussed the member's roles and creating a timeline of action items.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on September 6. The members discussed updates, remaining tasks, High School student and faculty participation, and event assignments for the September Electric Vehicle Show. The members discussed all of the remaining last-minute tasks and updates for the event since there won't be another meeting before the event will be held. The members briefly discussed the fall Heat Smart Campaign and possible funding for the Task Force's initiatives. Eversource and CT Energy Network were both suggested for possible funding places for campaigns. The members will investigate more options for funding for programs and initiatives.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on September 8. State Representative Irene Haines was in attendance and answered questions of the members. Ms. Ewing provided an overview of activities at the Senior Center. Commission members will present survey recommendations to the Town Council on September 27th. The recycle bags and miscellaneous giveaway items have been ordered.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on September 8. Two members from the public discussed their concerns over the coon tail plants infesting the lake shore in their area. The members received a liaison report update from Mr. Hall. There are two options for dredging that the commission members will review and approve at their next meeting. The members received an update on the new six lake and watershed projects. Proposals for the new projects were drafted and ready to be sent out. The Town Council will review, discuss, and approve of the projects at their Tuesday meeting. The members discussed new plans for their educational meeting with the public. A tentative date for the meeting would be October 27. The drawdown of the lake was discussed. The members made a motion to draw the lake down by 28 inches by Thanksgiving. The drawdown should start on October 15th. The lily pad infestation

of Cranberry Bog was brought to the attention of the commission members by the owner of the pond. He was seeking guidance and help in resolving the problem.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on September 15. The members discussed the plan review for 70 Main Street to restore the façade of the building. The co-owner of the building joined the meeting to present and answer questions from the members on the proposed plan. A new black awning, four outdoor sconces, and sliding windows are included in the plan to be installed on the storefront of the building. The members suggested investigating ADA regulations for handicap accessibility for the entrance of the store. More space will be added to the sidewalk since the bump outs will not be re-built. The members made a motion with recommendations for the applicant to consider for their application. The members discussed the canopy sign at the Gulf gas station in the Village Center and the signage for Global Storage. The Gulf canopy sign will be changed out for a different style to fit the theme of the Village Center. And the storage facility added a new sign to their existing sign stating they take boats and cars for storing as well. The members discussed the original signage when the plan was presented at the various boards and commissions before construction started.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on September 20. The members briefly discussed the bells on the bridge event. The members discussed the revisions and modifications to the Business Incentive Program guidelines and guidance to make them more comprehensive and accessible for the members. The modifications and revisions or changes were approved by the members and will be sent to the Town Council for approval. The RiverCOG will be drafting an Economic Development survey. The members were encouraged to fill out the survey to help collect information. The members discussed drafting a document explaining the Incentive program to help gain more applications and to promote and spread the awareness. The STEAP Grant awardees were announced by the Governor's office; with East Hampton being one of the town's being awarded funding.

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on September 12. The members approved of the purchase of four new tires for the Ladder truck. Updates for the dry hydrants, the letter to the Town Manager, the fire boat, and the fire safety trailer were given to the members. The members discussed requests and items to include in the next fiscal year's capital and operating budget. A few properties in town were discussed as possible locations for the new Fire Department building. The members decided to change the meeting start time to 7:30 P.M. for the rest of the year.

Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on September 28.

New Applications:

- A. Application IW-22-020: Christopher Burt, 23 Day Point - Construction of New Single-Family Home in Upland Review Area. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 31. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Scott Hill seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- B. Application IW-22-021: Ed Basile, 53 Day Point - Construction of New Single-Family Home in Upland Review Area. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 36A. Dean Kavalkovich made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Pete Wall seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- C. Application IW-22-022: Town of East Hampton, Dredging of Lake Pocotopaug at Hawthorne Avenue drainage outlet. Map 10A/ Block 82/ Lot 33A. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dean Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

- D. Application IW-22-023: Town of East Hampton, Dredging of Christopher Brook at outlet to Lake Pocotopaug. Map 04A/ Block 63B/ Lot 21-5A. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dean Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0
- E. Application IW-22-024: Town of East Hampton, Reclamation of Beach Sand at Sears Park. Map 04A/ Block 63B/ Lot 20. Josh Wilson made a motion to continue the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dean Kavalkovich seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Joint Facilities

The Colchester- East Hampton Joint Facilities met on September 20 in person and via Zoom. Representatives from AECOM gave a brief overview of the MAPS study. Work continues on the aeration tanks. The job posting went out to fill two (2) Wastewater Operator positions.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on September 19. A new board member, Amie Meachum, was welcomed by the board. A new Adult/Young Adult Librarian was hired. Keri Blanda was promoted to the position. The results of the summer reading program were reviewed. Members discussed capital requests for the Library. The Circulation Policy and Proctoring Policy were approved by the Board. The library acquired a 3D printer. Members discussed service possibilities and a 3D Printing Policy for upcoming discussion. The Friends of the Library will be having their book sale on November 4 and 5.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on September 22. The members reviewed and discussed an application for a certificate of appropriateness at 57 Middle Haddam Road. The applicant joined the meeting via zoom to present to the commission members. The plan is to redo the stonework on the wall in front of the house and rebuild the stone walkway to the front and side doors. The members approved of the application as submitted by the applicant. The members discussed adding the application form and member's information to the bulletin board in the post office. The fence book was suggested to be dropped off to Ms. Schaffer for a point of reference for her privacy fence. The members also discussed contacting Mr. Rand to discuss taking the "Entering Historic District" sign from his building.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on September 6. The Air Line Trail Sub-Committee member reported there will be another trail cleanup day soon. The High School Fields project is in the final walkthrough phase. There was a request to form a Travel Basketball sub-committee. Interviews are being set up for the Program Leader Position. Mr. Hall presented a possible pocket park located off Walnut Avenue. Mr. Hall discussed capital projects.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on September 7.

Public Hearings:

- A. PZC-22-008: CLW Real Estate Developments LLC., Re-subdivision of Salmon Run Estates, Phase IV & V, 26 lots on Salmon Run / Deer Meadow. Original Parcel: Map 35/ Block 95/ Lot 7. Mr. Kuhr made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Sennett seconded the motion Vote: 7-0 Mr. Rux made a motion to approve the re-subdivision referencing the plans already on file for a length of time currently allowed by Statute with conditions. Mr. Kuhr seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0 6. New Business:

Old Business:

- A. Discussion: Adult Use Cannabis Regulations. Mr. Rux made a motion to set a public hearing for October 5, 2022. Mr. Gauthier seconded the motion. Vote: 7-0

Water Pollution Control Authority

The East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority met on September 6 in person and via Zoom. Mr. Clayton reported that the drilling at the Pine Brook aquifer is temporarily on hold. The Royal Oaks water system developed a few problems in September. Repairs were made and system was flushed. The bid package for the three (3) force mains is out and the bid opening is scheduled for September 15th.

A Public Hearing was held on September 6 to allow property owners to be heard regarding the proposed annual sewer use rates effective on October 1. The annual sewer user fee for gravity connections to be \$520.00/EDU and for those properties served by grinder pumps maintained by the WPCA the fee will be raised to \$300.00/EDU totaling \$820.00. Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 12.

Public Hearings:

- A. Application ZBA-22-005: Benjamin Leitch, 12 Lakewood Road, Increase lot coverage from 23.24% to 25.03% for covered deck. Map 03A/ Block 44/ Lot C-73. Vice-Chairman Reed made a motion to approve Application ZBA-22-005: Benjamin Leitch, 12 Lakewood Road, Increase lot coverage from 23.24% to 25.03% for covered deck. Map 03A/ Block 44/ Lot C-73. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jacobson. Vote: 5-0
- B. Application ZBA-22-006: Tyler Thompson, 127 Tartia Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 22' for barn addition. Map 27/ Block 53/ Lot 18B. Mr. Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve Application ZBA-22-006: Tyler Thompson, 127 Tartia Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 22' for barn addition. Map 27/ Block 53/ Lot 18B. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jacobson. Vote: 4-1
- C. Application ZBA-22-008: William & Kim Massie, 53 Depot Hill Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 10' and front setback from 50' to 15' for a shed. Map 05/ Block 3/ Lot 3D-1. Vice-Chairman Reed made a motion to approve Application ZBA-22-008: William & Kim Massie, 53 Depot Hill Road, Reduce the side setback from 25' to 10' and front setback from 50' to 15' for a shed. Map 05/ Block 3/ Lot 3D-1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pfaffenbach. Vote: 5-0
- D. Application ZBA-22-009: Helena Gatto-Supino, 6 Brook Trail, Reduce side setback from 15' to 1' for deck stairs. Map 10A/Block 79/Lot 9. Mr. Pfaffenbach made a motion to approve Application ZBA-22-009: Helena Gatto-Supino, 6 Brook Trail, Reduce side setback from 15' to 1' for deck stairs. Map 10A/Block 79/Lot 9. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jacobson. Vote: 5-0
- E. Application ZBA-22-010: Kyle St. George, 4 Terp Road, Reduce the front setback from 50' to 25' for a detached garage. Map 06/ Lot 14 Block 5-4. Ms. Jacobson made a motion to approve Application ZBA-22-010: Kyle St. George, 4 Terp Road, Reduce the front setback from 50' to 25' for a detached garage. Map 06/ Lot 14 Block 5-4. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Reed. Vote: 5-0
- F. Application ZBA-22-011: Chris Burt, 23 Day Point, Christopher Burt, 23 Day Point Road, Reduce side setback from 15' to 12.2'. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 31. Vice-Chairman Reed made a motion to approve Application ZBA-22-011: Chris Burt, 23 Day Point, Christopher Burt, 23 Day Point Road, Reduce side setback from 15' to 12.2'. Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 31. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pfaffenbach. **Vote: 5-0**