

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY APRIL 2018**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission held a special meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the applications received for the 2018-2019 grant program. At the regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the applicants provided brief presentations on their applications. The two grants will be awarded to Epoch Arts and Stacey Gibson. The Commission also discussed their budget and future events including the Student Art Awards and the Wade Russo Meeting.

### **Board of Finance**

On Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room:

2018-2019 Budget Deliberations: Board Members discussed what steps they will follow if the Referendum does not pass on May 15<sup>th</sup> including, but not limited to, requesting more detailed budget breakdowns.

Tax Bill Modifications: Mr. Jylkka shared a timeline for tax bill production and processing by Quality Data Systems (QDS) and gained agreement from Board members that if a temporary mill rate is set (i.e. both budgets do not pass at referendum on 5/15), it does not make sense to add the spending breakdown as it will not be accurate.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting April 23. A treatment system for the residential well at 4 Starr Pl was approved for installation (related to the STEAP grant for 13 Watrous).

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

No meeting

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. The survey results will be presented to the Rotary Club on May 30<sup>th</sup> and to the Planning & Zoning Commission on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Advocacy Group met on March 20<sup>th</sup> and will be again to discuss the purpose of the group. The next Round Table meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at the East Hampton Senior Center. The Commission will participate in the Health Fair at the High School on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting April 12. The upcoming walkthrough with NEAR, public works, Anchor Engineering, etc. was discussed. The purpose of this is to identify the multiple sites around town that the Committee can allocate the Federal Funding to be used for improvements. The budget and the lack of funds for a copper sulfate treatment was discussed.

### **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board met on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed the plans for a sign for a new store opening in the village center. They discussed the style and appearance of the sign; and whether it would interfere with pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk and the stairwell leading into the store. They approved of the sign with a stipulation for the applicant to ensure there wasn't any impingement from the sign in the egress path and stairwell for the business itself. The Planning and Zoning report was shared with the members and a nonconforming and unapproved lighting issue was brought to the attention of the other members by Mr. Chicoine. Napa Auto installed lighting that is causing light spillage into other properties in the area. There will be further conversations with the owner of the property and business.

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission met on Tuesday, April 17. They welcomed a new member to the commission; Mr. Walt Jedziniak. New officers were nominated and voted on by the members. The EDC business banner was discussed and was approved to buy one for the commission. The next spotlight business was announced, and an article will be in the next issue of The Rivereast and Events Magazine. The Spring Business Showcase Event was discussed amongst the members. The members talked about what will happen at the event and make sure the citizens learn more about the new businesses opening in the town. The water connectivity topic was briefly discussed and analyzed by the members.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting April 9. Discussion occurred on fixing the dry hydrants that need it. A trailer was approved for purchase. The ISO rating was recently updated and received from that agency; we are still rated a 6 which is the best we can be without a hydrant system in town.

### **High School Building Committee**

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting April 19. The purpose of the meeting was to approve necessary invoices; no other discussion was held.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inland, Wetland and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting April 25. An application for a single-family home at 109 Colchester Ave. was approved.

### **Joint Facilities**

No meeting

### **Library Advisory Board**

No meeting

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

No meeting

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

No meeting

## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

PZC-17-026 - A. Tyler Renovation, 13 North Main St. Commercial Site Plan Review and Special Permit for a brewery. Map 1A/Block 39A/Lot28B. Approved

PZC-17-019 - Harry Freeman, 138 East High St., Amendment to Zoning Regulation: DHD Zone-Diverse Housing Development. Withdrawn

PZC-18-001 – Roncalli Institute, Dan Loos, 49 Oakum Dock Rd., for a Special Permit for R-2 Zone (church allowed with special permit Section 4.2.D.1.E. Map 02/Block 9A/Lot 4. Postponed to May

PZC-18-005 – Dean Brown – 26 Barton Hill, Amendment to Zoning Regulation: Section 8.4, I (B&B). Map 02A/Block 47/Lot 40. Continued

PZC-18-006 – Garrett Homes, LLC. – 197 East High Street, Commercial Site Plan Approval for 28,856 sq. ft. commercial site plan with retail store in the Lake Pocotopaug Protection Area. Map 32/Block 71/Lot 1-2. Continued

PZC-18-008 – Kevin Kuhr – 60 Spellman Point, Special Permit Sec. 8.4.M for Accessory Dwelling Unit – Detached. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 11. Approved

Updates to the Official East Hampton Zoning Map – Approved

## **Town Facilities Building Committee**

The Town Facilities Building Committee held meetings April 5 & 26. Changes to the BOE space were discussed with Superintendent Smith and interior design finish options were presented to the Committee members for discussion.

## **Water Development Task Force**

No meeting

## **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority Committee was held at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. The WPCA members welcomed Dave Terry as a new WPCA board member. The committee members approved the 18/19 WPCA Expense Budget of \$1,399,470 which reflects a proposed increase in expenses of \$136,966 or 10.85% over last year.

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

No meeting