

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY AUGUST, 2017

250th Anniversary Committee

The 250th Anniversary Committee held a meeting on August 3. A second restaurant week is scheduled for 9/11-9/17/17. Trivia night will take place 10/2, EH250 Festival in the Village will take place 10/7, and the Gala will be held 11/5 (tickets are \$55/person).

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on August 17th. The members discussed the Art Purchase Award for the High School; a gathering at Epoch Arts on August 27th; Wade Russo's presentation; the planning for the Open Studio event; and the 250th Anniversary Open Air Festival.

Board of Finance

On Monday August 14th, at a Special Meeting of the Board of Finance, presentations and discussion were had in regard to the Town Hall and Police Station proposed project. In a 4-2 vote, the Board passed a motion to recommend an appropriation for the acquisition of a parcel of land off of East High Street near its intersection with Lake Vista Drive in East Hampton, and the construction thereon of a Town Hall and Police Station including Board of Education Offices and a Community Room; and the authorization of Bonds and Notes to finance the appropriation.

The August 21st Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was cancelled.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting August 28. Work on 13 Watrous is mostly complete. Some quotes were received for installation of a residential well at 4 Starr Place (this would be part of the STEAP Grant for 13 Watrous). A special meeting will be held to discuss this further once the homeowner approves the well on his property. There will be enough money left in the grant for site remediation. However, an extension on the grant will be obtained as there will not be enough time. This was verbally approved by the State already. It was noted that the focus group for the Village Center was disbanded by the founder.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force held their regular meeting August 1. They discussed the upcoming green/electric car show at Sears Park on Saturday, September 9 from 12 – 4. Also discussed were efforts to work with the Town Facilities Building Committee to secure efficiency in that building as plans are made and Eversource energy credits and how they can be used in the community.

Commission on Aging

No meeting

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held a meeting August 10. Plans were approved for a single-family home at 59 Spellman Point and seawall reconstruction at 8 West Point. The commission put forth a recommendation that P&Z Official DeCarli investigate the feasibility of requiring individual erosion & sedimentation control bonds on construction projects as these are causing runoff issues around the lake. A proposal to change the upland review area around the lake from 100' to 200' was discussed; a liaison will go to the Inlands Wetlands Agency to discuss at the end of the month. It was noted that the catch basins around the lake need cleaning; Mr. Hall was asked to speak to Public Works about this.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met on August 17th. A plan review for ECO Coffee Shop was approved. A sign for Yellow Marigold Massage required additional information and the item was tabled. Tom Adams was voted in as the new Chairman and Mike Chicoine was voted in as the new Vice Chairman.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on August 15. The EDC decided to distribute territories amongst members. When a new business opens in that territory, a member will go visit and talk about the EDC and how they can help. American Distilling is this month's spotlight business. An inaugural business networking event is to take place at the Bevin House on 8/23.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held a regular meeting August 14. The old ladder truck was placed on a government auction site. A bid was received but later rescinded and a second bid did not meet the reserve; the issue is back in Mr. Jylkka's hands as of the date of the meeting. The fire at St. Clements and the zoning of the building was discussed with the Fire Marshal & Deputy Fire Marshal. As of the meeting date they were still waiting on a report from the state to determine cause & origin. The hours that the Fire Marshal's office work was also discussed. Mr. Salafia will speak to the Town Council about how to proceed when that office's work starts piling up.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting August 17. There are some items left on the interior and exterior punch lists but work is almost complete. Downes will be leaving the building. The blue water issue is ongoing with the State DPH. Plastic PEX piping has been routed in the kitchen and a water fountain on a trial; if this solves the copper issue it is possible that it can be used in the rest of the building where potable water is needed. Naming and/or renaming the High School was discussed as this is part of the resolution of the Committee. They voted to turn that responsibility over to the Board of

Education. The Committee also voted to pay the Town for the Fire Marshal's fees that were incurred due to inspections and other work at the High School.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on August 30. No applications were approved; all presented were continued to the next meeting or slated for field agent approval. There was discussion on a proposed upland review change for the lake; a public hearing will be held, most likely in October, regarding this change. An issue of enforcement was discussed for 21 Day Pt. Rd., the situation is being actively monitored. It seems there is unpermitted activity happening at the lake. The Agency voted to recommend to P&Z that Jeremy DeCarli be given authority to require erosion & sedimentation control bonds on individual contractors/properties as these have been failing during construction projects, causing more issues with the lake.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting and a workshop on August 7. The plan to join the LION consortium was discussed; the migration will happen by January 2018. The library's 120th anniversary also falls in that month so a celebration may occur. The community conversations are ongoing.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Town Council appointed Chris Hanson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The board discussed the Seamster Park fundraising progress, the status of summer and fall programming and field use regulations.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning met on August 2nd.

Public Hearing: Application of Town of East Hampton – Special Permit for a Municipal Fueling Station, 5 Gildersleeve Drive, Map 06/Block 6/Lot 1. – Approved.

8-24 Review: Police Department Town Hall Complex, 0000 East High Street, Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5C. – Approved to move project forward.

Application of Edgewater Hill Properties, LLC – 130 East High Street, MUDD Site Plan Phase 1 – Map 10A/Block 85/Lot 5B. – Approved.

Application of Main St Venture, LLC, 3 Main St, for a Text Amendment for PO/R Zone – Continued to next meeting as a Public Hearing.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee held a meeting on August 16 in which upcoming dates for approvals by the Town Council were discussed. Public relations and the upcoming public forum were discussed. At their meeting on August 23rd the upcoming public forum plans were finalized. It was noted that the booth and flyers handed out at the fireworks display was a success. During the public forum on 8/29, Chair Gollenberg moderated a Q&A with the public and a panel made up of presenters, Town Manager Maniscalco, Finance Director Jylkka, Police Chief Cox and Architect Tony Amenta.

Water Development Task Force

The Water Development Task Force met on August 22nd. The members met with Tighe and Bond regarding the expectations for the interconnection study.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority met on August 1st. A review of the public water systems were reviewed. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the sewer system throughout town and the interconnected towns. Sewer use fees recommendations and a summary were revisited prior to setting the public hearing date. The public hearing will be held on September 5th. The WPCA offices have been having phone system issues and will get quotes from vendors.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 14th. Only 1 application was presented: Application of Paul & Winifred Cerreta of 39 Cobalt Rd., to reduce front setback from 50' to 24' to construct a new single family home. Map 5/Block 1/Lot 7B. Vote: 3-Yes; 1-No. The motion did not pass. Application denied.