

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY DECEMBER, 2015

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

At the December 14th Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance, Mr. Jylkka provided an overview of the 2015/16 FY Revenues and Expenditures, as well as the quarterly Banking and Investment Report and the results of the recent Bond /Note Sales. He also shared the Standard and Poor's rating upgrade for the Town from AA+ to AAA and explained the associated benefits. The 2016-2017 Budget Process and Calendar were reviewed with finalization to occur at the January Meeting.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

No meeting

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force held their regular meeting on December 1st. The members shared their ideas for public events and projects for 2016.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging discussed information that was obtained from the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments related to seniors and housing. The members discussed applying for grants and plans to invite the Town Manager to a future meeting to discuss housing developments in East Hampton.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on 12/10/15. The RFP for the Lake Consultant had been sent out. There was discussion in response to public questions/comments about the nine-point plan for the Lake and how that is moving along.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board heard comments from P&Z Liaison, Gary Hall, regarding changes to be made to the DRB Guidelines before they are published. Continued progress was made toward completing the DRB Standards List.

Economic Development Commission

No meeting

Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission discussed the handling of a anonymous correspondence that was reviewed at the October 21, 2015 regular meeting. The members read responses on the subject from the Town Attorney and discussed what the proper handling procedure of such anonymous letters should be going forward. The Commission also created a list of questions to be submitted to Town staff for response.

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners talked about the upcoming public vote on appropriation of the Ladder Truck and discussed a letter that the Commissioners were sending to the Rivereast to rally support from the town. A new grant sub-committee is being formed to find grants that can be used within the department. The Commissioners voted to purchase new sets of gear, new gas meters and new boots, vests and gloves for the department.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee had their regular meeting on 12/17/15. Construction updates were given in detail from the Project Manager, Downes Construction and SLAM Architects. A phasing plan was presented for each portion of the project. Phase I is scheduled to be completed in January 2016. A tour of the high school was conducted with Town Council Chairperson Anderson.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

No meeting

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

No meeting

Water Development Task Force

Following the Town Council approval to publish the Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI), the members agreed to publish in early January for 45 days. Discussion was also had around the possibility of requesting that the Town Council commission a study for phased development of a water system.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The December WPCA meeting was held on December 1, 2015. The members reviewed correspondence from the month of November related to budget status, public water system updates and sewer development updates. Royal Oaks Water Quality continues to be a topic of concern with a documented improvement plan and associated cost in development for future submission to the Council. A proposal from the Town of Portland / St. Clements Castle to connect a sewer main to East Hampton was also shared. With outstanding question of whether this item will fall under Joint Facilities or WPCA, it was decided that involved parties will come to both WPCA and JF Meetings in January to discuss.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. November 9, 2015 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 20 East High Street, to consider the Application of Amy Weber & Robert McLean, 28 Depot Hill Road, for reduction of minimum lot frontage 100' to 76.09', lot width 150' to 102.59', north side setback from 25' to 4.29' and increase of length of access maximum from 660' to 770' (Parcel B) and 988' (Parcel C) – Map 01/Block C-5/Lot 2 – Approved with Conditions.