

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY DECEMBER, 2016

Arts & Culture Commission

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission discussed the need for a new town liaison to be appointed to assist through the budget season since their liaison has retired, and they reviewed last year's budget summary to prepare for this year. They discussed their successes and accomplishments for 2016 and goals and priorities for 2017-2018. They also discussed their website www.artsforeasthamptonct.org. Kevin Gunning has been maintaining the new web site, Melissa Pionzio provides event content and will be meeting with Kevin in January to learn how to submit information directly to the site so it will be nice and full for the coming year and can be better promoted. There are also two open positions on the board to be filled as well as a student liaison

Board of Finance

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held on December 19, 2016. The meeting included an Executive Session for Potential Purchase of Property that lasted approximately ½ hour and included Mr. Jylkka, Mr. Maniscalco, Town Council Chair Patience Anderson and Town Council Members Mark Philhower and Josh Piteo as invited attendees. The Regular portion of the meeting involved approving the FY2018 Budget Calendar and review of the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan with detailed discussion had around why the Center School Boiler Replacement project and the Fuel Island Replacement Project were not included and instead will be seeking approval to move forward this FY. Planning of a Special Meeting to vote on one or both of these projects prior to the next Council meeting (1/10) was also discussed.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on December 19th. The building at 13 Watrous Street has been substantially demolished. There was discovery of a vault in the ground that is taking in water. The Town is working to determine the cause of the water and to stop it.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on December 8th. They discussed the increase in MAT bus service costs, the CRT lunch issue and the survey that they will be bringing to the Town Council for approval in January.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on December 8th. Plans were reviewed and rejected for a new home construction on 18 West Point Rd., based on the amount of lot coverage. The 9 Point Watershed Plan was forwarded to the EPA by Chuck Lee at CT DEP; Mr. Lee was impressed with the plan and is anticipating approval

that will allow the town to apply for Federal funding. Concern was expressed by Dr. Knoecklein that the current Public Works Director does not have as much knowledge regarding the lake and the processes needed to help it as the previous Director. Discussion occurred on asking the Town Manager to direct the current Director to take initiative on identified projects (such as catch basins, etc.) that can be done through the department to further lake health.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on December 20th. Ace Hardware is the current Belltown Spotlight on Business for the month; next up is Rossini's. Upcoming networking events and a business showcase (for spring & summer 2017) were discussed, along with the EDC budget and different strategies for attracting business and getting input from existing businesses in town.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on December 12th. Discussion occurred on the budget and Capital requests. Chief Voelker stated there are still some issues with the Glastonbury dispatch, such as alpha pagers and sirens. The Ladder Truck is being built with an anticipated finish date of January 24th. Assessment of the current ladder truck and auction of that was also discussed. The possibility of changing the annual Awards Program was raised, using data on the times of calls. It seems a good deal of calls happen during the typical work day when most members are out of town, making it almost impossible for them to make a "good year". This will be discussed more in the future.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on December 15th. The urgency regarding the water issues at the school were discussed. Testing is being completed, and Downes has offered to give an information session if needed regarding the process. They believe the issue to be from conduction of DC current, but where it is coming from still needs to be found. The state is being worked with closely and monitoring the situation as well. Accessibility solutions for the music room and handicapped parking spaces were discussed. The project is still on track to be completed by the end of May.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on December 21st. An application for a new home construction at 18 West Point Rd. was approved. Applications for water line drilling at 135 Middle Haddam Rd., a replacement

of the boat ramp at Sears Park, and a new commercial building at 00 East High Street (Napa) were continued.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting on December 5th. Discussion with Town Manager Maniscalco centered around the open Library Director position and how/if the Board could be of help.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on December 22nd. One application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Second Congregational Church on Middle Haddam Road was reviewed, to install copper conductor heads and downspouts on the face of the building between the main roof and the two steeples. The application was approved unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

No meeting

Water Development Task Force

The regular meeting of the Water Development Task Force was held at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Thursday December 8th at 6:30 P.M. The Task Force discussed the evaluation process for the five firms that submitted RFP's for the water system project. Once the short list of firms or a primary firm is determined the WDTF will submit their recommendation to the Town Council.

Mr. Smith will be attending the WUCC meeting on December 12th. At that time the WUCC will be voting to approve the Water Supply Assessment Plan to send to the State Health Dept., the assessment plan will include the Town of East Hamptons need of a proper public water system. Mr. Smith and Mr. Maniscalco met with the Selectwoman from the Town of Portland to discuss the possibility of a water hookup with the MDC which would require going through Portland. The Selectwoman gave her support if or when a pipe line is needed. On the opposite end, Portland is also interested in connecting to the Oakum Dock water system if completed to benefit the nearby Portland areas.

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 December 6th at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Smith provided copies of the comments from the Water Development Task Force (WDTF) that were presented to the Central Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC). These comments were prepared for the WUCC

describing the Town of East Hamptons need of a public water system. Vice Chairman Valentine did an overview of last Joint Facilities meeting and noted the completion of the RDT project. Mr. Smith discussed the recent video inspections at Royal Oaks. The videotaping for wells 3 & 4 showed iron staining in the wells to approx. 75-80ft. where it stopped. A new steel liner with a Jazz well seal was inserted at 80 ft. The wells are now producing good water at a rate of less than 1 part per million of iron. Video of well 1 didn't show any visible iron veins coming in through the rock and is still producing at a rate of 6 parts per million of iron.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA met on December 12th. One application for Marina Cottage, LLC. 40 Oakum Dock Rd., to reduce required front yard setback from 50' to 30' to construct a 20' x 17' sunroom addition to existing living room on the southwest corner of the house was reviewed. The application was approved unanimously.