

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY DECEMBER 2017**

### **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held their final meeting with a birthday celebration and proclamation from the Governor's office.

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Commission discussed the installment of the EHACC art purchase award at the East Hampton High School. Due to the loss of Principal Fidler, the installment has been put on hold until the new principal officially takes his position. The commission discussed initiatives that need to be paid for in the current fiscal year. Future projects to be included in the next fiscal year budget were reviewed and include the annual grant program; art purchase award; student art awards; annual web site fee; communication – publicity/signage/congratulatory spots in community theater programs. Commission members attendance at upcoming budget/board of finance meetings was discussed. Our town liaison Ellen Paul will alert us of the budge submission deadline. East Hampton Events Magazine submission deadline was reviewed along with what types of information would be submitted. Commissioners discussed an idea to propose an electronic community board sign to be included in the new town hall project. The board could be used by all community groups to promote their events, as we, as town boards and commission meetings. Commission members also discussed the need to learn what will happen to the art gallery that is available in the current town hall space.

### **Board of Finance**

On Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The following items were discussed/approved:

- 2018 regular meeting times and dates were approved
- Committee Liaison Assignments were finalized
- FY 17-18 Revenues and Expenditures to date were reviewed

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting December 18. Drilling has begun for the residential well at 4 Starr Place, which is part of the extended STEAP grant for 13 Watrous Street. A change order related to that project was approved. A sub-committee has been formed and is working on bid specs for the soil remediation work that will occur within the next year that will eventually close out the work for the STEAP grant.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

No meeting

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Commission discussed the brochure for transportation for doctor's offices and possible projects for the upcoming year.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting December 14. Initial engineering plans for test holes for the Clark Hill proposed drainage site were discussed; Anchor Engineering should be beginning this work shortly. This will be the first step toward using the Federal funding from the 319 grant. A sub-committee has been formed to look into implementing a "lake smart" program in which homeowners on the lake would be recognized for improvements on their properties that promote lake health.

### **Design Review Board**

No meeting

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Committee held their regular meeting December 19. The EDC was informed about the water interconnectivity report and the proposed TIF district for the Village Center. A business showcase will be held April 28 at the Congregational Church in the Center. Initiatives for supporting local businesses were discussed.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting December 11. Purchase of replacement turnout gear was approved. Standard operating procedures for member background checks were discussed along with possible changes to the structure of payouts for the awards program. The Commission voted to change the payout to a tiered program based on the percentage of calls that volunteers go to, contingent upon approval by the Town Council. A retired firefighter was approved for his award program payout request.

The Awards Program Trustees (for the Firefighter awards program) held a meeting on December 11. They signed a dealer authorization change form to stay with their long-time broker as he moves firms. Disbursement of funds for a retired firefighter requesting his vested balance was approved.

### **High School Building Committee**

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting December 21. The blue water situation was discussed – options such as re-plumbing the entire building using non-copper piping and/or using an orthophosphate treatment system, possibly in conjunction with water aeration were discussed. An in-depth cost benefit analysis for both options is forthcoming, along with quotes for setting up a pilot test of the orthophosphate system since aeration alone did not work previously. Other than that, only a few small punch list items are being worked on now. The old time capsule has been sent to live with the Chatham Historical Society.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting December 20. Applications were approved for a seawall modification at 8 West Point, a lawn at 15 Maplewood, a propane fire pit at 56 Spellman Point, and a re-subdivision at 78 Mott Hill. Tyler Siefert will be placing a shed in Sears Park for the use of storage for the EHHS crew team for his Eagle Scout project. A public hearing was held to amend the regulations that the upland review area within the lake watershed be changed to 200' (from 100'). This change was approved and will go into effect 2/1/18.

### **Joint Facilities**

No meeting

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting December 4. A big picture view of the library's budgeting and focus of direction was discussed. Drafts of some policy changes were approved to be sent to the Town Council. Community conversations were discussed and will continue to be discussed over the next months. A 120<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for the library is being planned for 1/11/17, this will also be a celebration of the library re-joining the LION consortium.

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

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on December 28<sup>th</sup>. An application for a Certificate of Approval at 23 High Point Drive to construct a new private residence and in-ground pool was reviewed and unanimously approved. The Commission approved the 2018 meeting dates.

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

At the December 5<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board Meeting, Jeremy Hall updated the board on the status of the Seamster Park Fundraising efforts, and the status of the Airline Trail expansion project. Shawn Mullen updated the board on the status of Winter Programs.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Harry Freeman, PZC-17-019, Amendment to Zoning Regulation: DHD Zone – Diverse Housing Development. – *Continued to next meeting.*
- Global Self Storage, LLC., PZC-17-021, East High St. for a Zone Change from DD to Commercial. Map 32/Block 85/Lot 7B. – *Continued to next meeting.*
- Eleven West High Street, LLC., PZC-17-022, 11 West High St., for a site plan modification for unpermitted paving of front parking lot up to sidewalk. Map 01A/Block 47/Lot 6B. – *Approved with conditions.*
- Tammy Strong, PZC-17-023, 78 Mott Hill Rd., for a re-subdivision for 2 lots. Map 24/Block 64/Lot 4D. – *Public hearing set for next meeting.*
- Discussion of Temporary Health Care Legislation and associated changes to the Zoning Regulations. - *Continued to the next meeting.*
- Farm Brewery Regulations/Discussion – *Continued to the next meeting.*

### **Town Facilities Building Committee**

The Town Facilities Building Committee met on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Draft plans for the building were reviewed including the need for a generator for the entire building. The bids for geotechnical services were reviewed with Soil Technology Associates awarded the bid unanimously. Test pits were completed and no ledge was found and all looked good. An invoice for Boundaries LLC was approved. Quarterly report formats were discussed. The clock from the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee that was originally slated to be in the Village Center will be worked into the plans for the project.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Paul Malmrose, Vice President and Heather Doolittle of Tighe and Bond presented the first phase of the Water System Interconnection Study by providing an update on the status of the study based on identified supplies, potential water main routes for the interconnection, and estimated water use along each route. The information presented was preliminary and may change as more information is gathered and assumptions change.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Smith reported on the November 15<sup>th</sup> Joint Facilities meeting. Lisa Motto of Dream Developers and Harry Freeman, HHF Consulting attended the meeting to discuss the Hampton Woods sewer connection fees. The Developer asked the Board to help with relief on the fees in any way that they can. The Board is taking it under advisement.

The committee unanimously approved the following changes for the 2018 calendar year:

- a) Accepted the resignation of Ralph Nesci.
- b) Appointed Peter Villa to the Joint Facilities Board.
- c) Appointed John Suprono as Vice Chairperson.
- d) Approved the 2018 meeting schedule.

All other items on the agenda were tabled till January 2, 2018 meeting.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on December 11, 2017.

Application of ZBA-17-014, Jennifer Yetishefsky and Karl Sanduig, 18 South Main Street, for a south side setback reduction from 25' to 2' to construct a garage, a north side setback reduction from 25' to 5.3' to construct a deck and for a lot coverage increase from 10% to 16.9%. Map 07A/Block 55/Lot 27. *Approved – Variance Granted.*