

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY FEBRUARY, 2017**

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

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held a regular meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Committee members volunteered to either head up or form subcommittees on upcoming tasks. The Gala has been booked for November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Clements from 5:00 – 9:00, \$50/person.

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Commission welcomed new member Ed Yocher. Carol Lane has submitted the budget to the Town finance department and the budget summary. Commissioners will attend the budget meeting in March. It was approved that the EHACC will offer a \$250 grant for an arts related project that honors the town's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration. Mindy will be a judge for the Seamster Park Photo contest. The EHACC grant application is usually due on March 1, but the group agreed that the deadline should be extended to April 3. CT Arts Day 2017 will be Thursday, March 2 in Hartford at the Bushnell. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carol Lane is going to attend.

### **Board of Finance**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at Public Library Community Room on February 21, 2017. Discussion and action was taken on the following topics:

1. Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation for the Town Hall/Police Department project architect and related services: *Vote 4-0. Motion Passed.*
2. FY 2017 Budget Transfer (Pension Contribution): *Vote 4-0. Motion Passed.*
3. Citizens Guide to the Budget 2017/2018: A draft will be created and distributed for review.
4. Town Facilities Building Committee: Marc Lambert will represent the BoF on the Committee.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the Town ownership of 1 Watrous and possible agency involvement. An update was given on the flowing water at 13 Watrous, with a possible fix coming shortly from Anchor/Weise Construction.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force held their organizational meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the solarize program was a success with 16 new people signing up. Possible sites for a solar array were discussed, with the task force wanting to look at the sewage treatment facility property.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. JoAnn Ewing provided an update on the issues with the elderly nutrition program. Also discussed was the Everbridge system, the survey that will be distributed later in March and the budget.

**Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission regular meeting was cancelled due to snow. They held a special meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> to approve the plans for re-subdivision of property at 109 Clark Hill Rd.

**Design Review Board**

No meeting.

**Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Rossini's, then KOCO are the next Belltown Spotlight on Businesses of the Month. At the March 21 meeting, all local businesses are encouraged to attend to hear Jeff Pugliese from the Middlesex Chamber discuss benefits. That meeting will be at the Middle School. A business showcase/vendor fair is being discussed and investigated for the end of the summer.

**Ethics Commission**

No meeting

**Fire Commission**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. New Scott packs and pack trackers were approved for purchase and the IM Responding service was renewed. Repairs to Tanker 3 because of a catastrophic engine failure were discussed. Public Works was in possession of the truck and working on it at the date of the meeting. The Awards Program payouts for 2016 were approved.

**High School Building Committee**

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Phase 5, which is the last phase of the plan, is being worked on now. At the date of the meeting, the water testing appeared to show a decline in copper. This is continuing to be monitored closely, and money was set aside for engineers to investigate the issue and design a water system (per the State Department of Health regs). The project is still on track for substantial completion by June.

**Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. An application for directional drilling at 135 Middle Haddam Rd. was continued, pending an investigation by a third soil scientist to give an opinion that will help the committee decide whether to approve (as they now have two opposing opinions from the applicants and the interveners). Application for re-subdivision at 109 Clark Hill Road was accepted, and applications for the EH Housing Authority new parking lot at Bellwood Court was continued. Applications for Fat Cat Brewery for a parking lot on Tartia Road and small additions to homes at 46 Meeks Point and 15 Wangonk were designated as agent approvals.

### **Joint Facilities**

No meeting.

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. They discussed having representatives from the High and Middle Schools attend their meetings, how the Friends of the Library can be helped and/or utilized and the upcoming budget.

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

No meeting.

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

At the February meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the board discussed the fundraising for the Seamster Park Playground project and the events scheduled for February, March and April. Shawn Mullen gave a report on the status of the upcoming Spring and Summer programs. The board also discussed a possible replacement of the Sears Park boat launch, kayak rental rack, and Concession options at the park.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Amendments to East Hampton Zoning Regulations- Section 8.4.M, Special Regulations, Standards For Specific Uses, Accessory Dwelling Units – continued to next meeting.

Application of Clark Hill Estates, 109 Clark Hill for a re-subdivision. Map 11-Block 39/ Lot 2-4 – continued to the next meeting.

Application of Bart Blau (Paug Dog's) for Hotdog Vending-Lake Pocotopaug-application voided by PZC.

Application of Sheila Mullen (Fat Orange Cat Brew Co.), 47 Tartia Rd., for additional parking on property. Map 27/ Block 55/ Lot 2 – continued to next meeting.

Application of Theater Square for a Commercial Sign. Map 01A/ Block 39A. Lot 28A – Approved.

Application of Text Amendment, Active Adult Congregate and Senior Housing, Sections 4.2.D.1; 8.5.B; 8.5.C.1; 8.5.D.1; 8.5.E; 8.5.G – Denied.

Application of T&O Enterprises East High Street for New Commercial Construction (13, 850 sq. ft.) Map 26/ Block 85/ Lot 14 – Moved to a public hearing for the next PZC meeting.

Bond Reduction Request, Skyline Estates, Phase 1B – Vote: No reduction granted.

### **Town Facilities Building Committee**

The Town Facilities Building Committee held their organizational meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Glenn Gollenberg was elected Chairman and Kurt Comisky Vice Chairman. All information was reviewed, particularly the RFP for the architect which was about to go out. Many clarifying questions were asked and answered. The Committee will be meeting weekly for now in order to meet the tight deadline.

### **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 February 7th at 6:00 P.M. The committee reviewed and discussed the CWWA (CT Water Works Assoc.) Legislation report. Mr. Smith did an overview of the January 17<sup>th</sup> Joint Facilities meeting. The primary discussion was the review of the 2017/18 JF fiscal budget and its impact to the WPCA budget. The lift stations on Hawthorne Rd and Princess Pocotopaug have had repeated problems. After checking/replacing all the mechanicals it was determined that the Force Mains were clogged. The cost for cleaning both lift station was approx. \$18K. Mr. Smith gave an update of the Water Development Task Force meeting and an overview of the property on South Main Street which a portion of the property may be given to the Town to secure a water source.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

No meeting.