

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JANUARY, 2016**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on January 28, 2016. Discussion included the two mini grants offered by the Commission. The grants will be \$500 each this year instead of \$300. The Open Studio event feedback was reviewed for planning of this year's event. The commission also discussed the budget and narrative.

### **Board of Finance**

The Board of Finance met on Tuesday January 19th at the Town Hall Meeting Room. Discussion included the distribution of financial audit final reports and Correspondence; approval of the 2016-2017 Budget Calendar and the 2016-2017 Citizens Guide to the Budget Sub-Committee was formed

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on January 25, 2016. The committee members discussed the US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Closeout. It was reported that the agency has paid outstanding invoices to the last two vendors and the financial reports and other requirements have been submitted to the town. Anchor Engineering subcontracted to Eagle Environmental to do a pre-renovation demolition inspection. Anchor did samplings and presented findings in a report. Anchor will prepare bid documents based on the report submitted and send to the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency to review.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

No meeting

### **Commission on Aging**

No meeting

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on January 14, 2016. Two new commission members were appointed in January. Northeast Aquatics sent their first update in for the Watershed Proposal: they are entering and analyzing data and they planned to meet with Mr. Sissick about nutrient load reduction and Anchor Engineering about budget/prices for watershed fixes. Budget was discussed as was community outreach such as another large public meeting in spring and updates to the Rivereast. Two meetings of interest coming up : 2/21/16 at Angelico's 1:00 open meet & greet for all Lake Associations and 3/12/16 in Goshen, CT Federation of Lakes Annual Meeting.

### **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board reviewed a plan submitted by the Hope Church for two signs. The Board discussed the proposal and voted unanimously to recommend the plan to P&Z for approval, including additional notes. The meeting was attended by Building Official, Glen LeConche, who gave an introduction and explained the function of his new role.

### **Economic Development Commission**

No meeting

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 11, 2016. They voted to purchase 4 helmets and lengths of replacement hose. The new ladder truck has been ordered and the Fire Department is looking to go out to bid on a UTV. Some radio equipment was stolen from an apparatus in the Co#1 parking lot; the Chief will look into outside security cameras. The upcoming budget was discussed, with an emphasis on the Co #1, 2 & 3 buildings as they are in need of many repairs. There was also discussion on hydrants that need to be fixed in town.

### **High School Building Committee**

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on January 21, 2016. Construction updates were given in detail from the Project Manager, Downes Construction and SLAM Architects. All report that the project is going well and things are on track. Change orders and invoices were reviewed and approved. The quarterly report will be on the February meeting agenda.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 27, 2016 to consider the following:

- Application of Charles E. Yenknor, 65 Spellman Point Road, Activity in the Upland Review Area to Demolish Existing Structure and Rebuild New Single Family Home – Map 09A/Block 70A/Lot 36 - Continued
- IWWA 2016 Meeting Calendar - Accepted
- Application of Rechovos Corporation, Extension of Salmon Run Open Space Subdivision – Map 35/Block 95/Lot 7 – Approved with Conditions
- Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Town Manager Letter to IWWA – Welcome Jeremy DeCarli
- Status on Lake Study – Update and Continued
- Review Open Permits – Update and Continued

### **Joint Facilities**

The Joint Facilities Committee Meeting was held at the Colchester - East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. Discussion included the Portland Sewer Commission Presentation. Representatives from Weston & Sampson Engineering Firm and St. Clement's Castle provided an introduction to a proposed development project that St. Clement's is looking to begin that would require a sewer agreement with this facility to accept up to 200,000gal/day of waste (up to 150,000gal/day from St. Clements and 50,000gal/day from the Great Hill Pond area of Portland). The decision on if this agreement will be with the East Hampton WPCA or the Colchester-East Hampton Joint Facilities still under discussion. Also discussed was the Proposed 16/17 FY Budget. Mr. Smith presented the proposed 2016/17 Operations Budget. Discussion began with a focus on the increase items and then evolved into a line by line review of the budget and detailed discussion. Further discussion and approval expected at the next meeting.

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

The regular meeting for the Middle Haddam Historic District Commission took place on Thursday January 28, 2016. There was an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a pole barn covering a parking area for 26 Shipyard Rd. The Certificate of Appropriateness was approved. The members agreed to elect and appoint offices at the next meeting.

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

The main topics that were discussed at the January Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting were the Rowing Club's use of Sears Park, an update on the status of Fall and Winter Programs and upcoming events, the possible addition of a dog park adjacent to the Air Line Trail expansion project, and the expansion of the Air Line Trail.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The East Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission held a regular meeting on January 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Hampton Town Hall to consider the following:

- Application of Sheila Mullen & Michael Klucznik, Fat Orange Cat Brew Company, 47 Tartia Road, for Special Permits pursuant to Section No. 4.4.D.2 for a Roadside Stand and Section No. 8.4.L for a Farm Brewery – Map 27/Block 55/Lot 2 – Approved with Conditions
- 8-24 Review: 2 Bevin Boulevard Purchase – Resolved to refer to Town Council as deemed appropriate by the PZC
- 2016 PZC Meeting Calendar - Accepted
- Extension of Permit: Application of Rechovos Corporation for Salmon Run Open Space Subdivision - Continued
- Update: POCD – Status and Plan for Mandatory
- Update: Design Review Board Guidelines – Continued

## **Water Development Task Force**

No meeting

## **Water Pollution Control Authority**

The Water Pollution Control Authority meeting was held at the Colchester - East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Aside from normal status on Public Water Systems and Sewer, discussion included the Portland Sewer Commission Presentation. Representatives from Weston & Sampson Engineering Firm and St. Clement's Castle provided an introduction to a proposed development project that St. Clement's is looking to begin that would require a sewer agreement with this facility to accept up to 200,000gal/day of waste (up to 150,000gal/day from St. Clements and 50,000gal/day from the Great Hill Pond area of Portland). The decision on if this agreement will be with the East Hampton WPCA or the Colchester-East Hampton Joint Facilities still under discussion.

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. January 11, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 20 East High Street, to consider the following:

- Application of Charles Yenker, 65 Spellman Point Road, for a North Side Yard Setback Variance from 15' to 12', a South Side Yard Setback Variance from 15' to 3', and a Lot Coverage Variance from 20% to 26% - Map 09A/Block 70A/Lot 36  
– Approved with Conditions.