

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

JANUARY, 2017

250th Anniversary Committee

The 250th Anniversary Committee held a workshop on January 30th to discuss fundraising. Funding for events such as the gala and the brew fest were discussed, along with business advertising and/or sponsorship.

Arts & Culture Commission

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on January 19th at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum. The 2017-18 budget expenses for the 2017 budget were discussed. The total proposed budget is \$3085. Two \$500 grants will be offered in addition to a \$250 grant for an art/culture related project for the town's 250th anniversary. There are two vacancies on the commission and the need for a new town liaison and student liaison from the high school were discussed. Commissioners reviewed financial sheet from finance department. The Seamster Park Rebuild Committee is holding a photography competition fundraiser (East Hampton and animal themes) in February to raise funds for the rebuild effort of the park and has asked if any EHACC members would like to judge. One of the incentives to participate in the contest is to have winning photos included in a calendar offered through the Parks and Recreation department. Judging would be held March 1 to 15.

Board of Finance

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at High School Library Media Center on January 17th. Discussion and action was taken on the following topics:

1. Capital Reserve Fund Appropriation for the Center School Boiler Project: Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.
2. Resolution appropriating \$475,000 for the Fuel Station Construction and Underground Fuel Storage Tank Removal Project and authorization of bonds and notes to be issued in the same amount to finance the appropriation: Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.
3. Approval of the Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2022 (after all discussed changes are reflected): Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

Mr. Jylkka also shared the final reports on the FY16 Audit with the Board Members and stated that he will be inviting the Partner from the auditing firm to a future meeting in order to present the findings.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency meeting for January was cancelled due to weather.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force held their organizational meeting on January 3rd. Pat Petrone was elected as Chairperson, Kurt Reichenbach as Vice Chair. Projects from 2016 were discussed along with possible projects for 2017.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging regular meeting was held on January 12th. The issue with CRT and senior meals was discussed along with the Everbridge system, a transportation listing for doctor's offices, the survey being submitted to the Town Council and the 250th Anniversary activities. A special meeting was held on January 26th with staff from CRT to discuss further the issue with meals at the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on January 12th. Discussed was the \$120,000 in Capital to be used to improve lake conditions. The Public Works department is planning on using that money to work on the catch basins on Clark Hill. During the meeting, some commission members questioned why that was the first thing to be tackled, as the 9 Point Plan has that as a third tier project, and there was a feeling that projects in the first or second tiers should be implemented first. The Commission approved the plans for the new dock at Sears Park boat launch and a new commercial building (Napa) at 00 E. High St. NEAR has been asked to submit the grant application for the 319 Federal Funds and to apply for a permit for an in-lake treatment.

Design Review Board

The Design Review Board held a special meeting on January 18th. Marquis signage was approved for Theater Square (11 N. Main). The new commercial building at 00 E. High St. was discussed with Mr. Flannery of T&O Enterprises. The Board made a number of recommendations for getting the building to look more colonial (like the style of CVS and the bank that it will be near), rather than the big metal buildings that are in the town. [Note: this application was later presented at the Inlands Wetlands meeting and the applicants followed the suggestions of the Design Review Board].

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on January 17th. At the regular meeting of March 21, East Hampton businesses will be invited to come and talk as well as hear from a representative of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce on small business loan opportunities and advantages of becoming a member. Members have started to plan a business showcase event at the high school; target date is August 26.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 9th. The Ladder Truck will be delivered the second week of February. It was also discussed that about \$7,800 will be returned to the Town by the manufacturer because of the delay. The three fire houses are being worked on to come up to code compliance per the Fire Marshal, they will be done by or before April. Possible Award Program changes were discussed; Chairman Salafia would like to see a written proposal from a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners and FD members.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on January 19th. A meeting was held with the State DPH regarding the water problem at the school. A corrosion expert will be hired to look into the chemical composition of the water as the report regarding possible electrical problems was non-specific. If the corrosion expert finds something problematic, a water treatment system will be designed and implemented to abate the issue. The State is well aware of all issues regarding the water, and testing and State involvement were discussed at length. The project as a whole is still on schedule and on budget to be substantially completed by May.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on January 25th. An application for directional drilling at 135 Middle Haddam Road 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). The application of the Town for replacement of the boat ramp at Sears Park was approved as was the application of T&O Enterprises for a new commercial building on E. High St.. An application for a re-subdivision at 109 Clark Hill was continued. The Agency also discussed adding an appendix to their regulations regarding suggestions to alternatives to concrete seawalls in the lake.

Joint Facilities

The meeting of the Colchester–East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee was held at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on January 17th at 5:00 P.M. The Rotary Drum Thickener (RDT) project is substantially complete. Final payment was made in January. The Joint Facilities committee reviewed and discussed the recommended operating and revenue budget for 17/18 fiscal year. Any changes or correction will be made at the February 21st 2017 meeting.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on January 9th. The board discussed the open Library Director position and the budget.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on January 26th. Application#510 for a COA at 32 Middle Haddam Road to install 2 replacement windows and patio door - Application was approved & COA granted. Application #511 for COA at 41 Middle Haddam Road to build a barn/garage toward rear of property – Application was approved & COA granted.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on January 3rd. The Board voted in a new Chairperson, Deb McKinney and Vice Chair, Tim Adams. Updates were provided on the Seamster Park Playground, winter programs, part time staff and the skate park.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on January 4th. Election of officers – Kevin Kuhr was voted Chairman and Ray Zatorski was voted Vice-Chairman. There was continued discussion about amendments to the East Hampton Zoning Regs – Section 8.4.M. Application of Theater Square for a commercial sign – was scheduled to the next meeting (applicant absent). Pre-Application for Pelletier Development for a conservation subdivision on 37 S. Main – members provided suggestions & applicant will return at a later date. Application of Text Amendment, Active Adult Congregate & Senior Housing, Sections 4.2.D.1; 8.5.B; 8.5.C.1; 8.5.E; 8.5.G – discussed and scheduled for the next meeting. Application of T&O Enterprises East High St for New Commercial construction – application presented & discussed, was continued to the next meeting. Application of Clark Hill Estates, 109 Clark Hill for re-subdivision: application was set for a public hearing in February. Bond reduction request for Skyline Estates, Phase 1B-application was continued to Feb pending a review by Anchor Engineering and clarification. 2017 meeting dates approved.

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 January 12th at 6:30 P.M. After receipt of the scores from the WDTF for the five firms, the top three were Tighe and Bond, Milone and MacBroom and Lenard Engineering. The Task Force will request a follow up RPF from the three top firms. Items will include but are not limited to, a detailed approach of the Scope of Work (SOW), cost proposals, financing and grant options as well as a cost out from other available well locations. Mr. Barmasse and Mr. Smith will provide an update of the WDTF progress to the Town Council at the January 24th meeting. Mr. Smith gave a run down on the property located at South Main St which is owned by Pelletier Development. As a part of a conservation development proposal, a portion of the property would be given to the Town as open space for the possibility of securing a water source for the town.

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 January 3rd at 6:00 P.M. Huntington Voelker of 52 Chestnut Hill Rd East Hampton attended the meeting to voice his concerns of lack of water in the town center. He mentioned that there is a well on the American Legion property at 55 Main St that may be available to the Town for town water. Mr. Smith will contact the appropriate parties to check out the well. Mr. Barmasse also explained that the Water Development Task Force is currently researching the possibility of interconnecting individual wells for the purpose of town water use. Mr. Smith spoke to Rick Kelsey, Portland Director of Public Works regarding the sewer agreement. Mr. Kelsey said that St Clements hasn't done anything to date so, Portland has placed the project on hold till they hear from St Clements.

Zoning Board of Appeals

ZBA did not meet in January – no applications.