

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JANUARY 2018**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca White reported on her Senior Project. The Art Purchase Award installation is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8am at the High School. The budget was discussed

### **Board of Finance**

On Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the EHMS Library.

While no action was taken, the following items were discussed:

#### **1.) Audit**

Mr. Jylkka referenced the Audit results that were emailed as well as provided in hard copy to all Board Members and stated that the Lead Auditor is being scheduled to present to the Board at a future meeting.

#### **2.) Teacher Contract Negotiations**

Mr. Jylkka informed the Board that negotiations are scheduled to begin in August with invitations to the Board to participate being promised.

#### **3.) Tax Bill Modification**

At the request of Ms. McLennan, Mr. Jylkka shared multiple examples of tax distribution breakdowns provided by other cities and towns. After a brief discussion, Mr. Jylkka was asked to investigate the cost to have something similar to the Danbury example added to our tax bills. Further discussion to be had at the February meeting.

#### **4.) TIF Zone Proposal**

After a brief discussion resulting in conflicting views on the proposal, it was decided that the BOF would not provide a recommendation to the Town Council at this time.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting January 22. The residential well at 4 Starr (as a result of abandoning the well at 13 Watrous) has been dug, the contractor needs to submit a final well completion report to Chatham Health at this time. A RFP is being created for the final PCB removal work to be done at 13 Watrous.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

The Clean Energy Task Force held their regular meeting on January 2. There was discussion on possible programs and resources for 2018. As the State has de-funded the green energy bank, the credits currently held with Eversource for community programs are unable to be used. The second annual green car show will be held Saturday, September 8.

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. The Commission is in the process of sending out a transportation brochure for doctor's offices. The group discussed projects for 2018 including an advocacy group and discussing handicap accessibility at home.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting January 11. A sub-committee has been formed to investigate instituting a program on the lake, similar to the lake smart program in Maine, in which homeowners would be educated on best practices for the lake, and rewarded with recognition should they create positive changes on their property. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year was discussed, as was expenditure of the 319-federal funding. At the time of the meeting, the signing of the grant by Chuck Lee at DEEP was still being awaited to release the funds that would allow Anchor to dig test holes at the Clark Hill site to see if it is feasible to install drainage system(s) there. Other projects were discussed in case the Clark Hill project becomes unreasonable. There was discussion on the permit for the copper sulfate treatment for the lake, and it was noted that the decision to apply the treatment lies with the Town Council, though funding for this will be requested in the Commission's budget. The commission is recommending that Dr. George Knoecklein and his company, NEAR, remain the sole source provider for limnology for the lake. Lake clean-up day will be Saturday, April 21. Invasive species training for the summer staff at the lake and possible measuring devices for the water level near the dam was discussed.

### **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board met on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. The Chairman provided an overview from the last Planning & Zoning meeting. The Board reviewed plans for Nirvana Brewing Company at 13 North Main Street. They voted to send the proposal to Planning & Zoning with comments. They also discussed projects and businesses that have put up signs with no review from their Board.

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting January 16. Sports on 66 is the next Belltown Spotlight on Business, and an update on the water task force's findings was given to the Commission. Development of the Spring Business and Family Fest to be held in the Village Center on April 28 occurred. Budget for the upcoming year was discussed.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting January 8 and two special meetings later in the month. Paul Zito, the communications consultant for the Town addressed issues and resolutions to them with the BOFC and the Chiefs. Discussions occurred on the need to fund and fix the dry hydrants and possible changes to the Awards Program. The Fire Marshal's budget was addressed at length in all three meetings, with

the presentation of a recent state ruling that affects the town in regard to the Fire Marshal's obligations to inspect properties. Operating and Capital budget requests were discussed at length for both the Fire Marshal's office and the Fire Department.

### **High School Building Committee**

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting January 18. The majority of the discussion was about the blue water situation. Most likely the next step is to get quotes for an orthophosphate system, and have this approved by the State DPH for installation.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting January 31. An application for a new home at 9 Staeth Rd. was approved. An application for the Town of East Hampton to install a memorial bench at Sears Park on the lake front was referred for an agent approval. Other applications, including the application for the Town Hall facility, were continued to the next meeting. A public hearing will be held during the February meeting regarding the Town Facility application.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. The committee approved the transfer of Capital Funds to purchase a new Cummins Power Command 3.3 Control transfer switch at a cost of approx. \$56,599.00. The system currently requires a manual switch over which is a large safety issue. The Joint Facilities committee reviewed and discussed the recommended operating and revenue budget for 18/19 fiscal year. Any changes or correction will be made at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

### **Library Advisory Board**

No meeting

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

No meeting

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

At the January 2, 2018 Advisory Board Meeting Jeremy Hall updated the board on the Seamster Park Fundraising efforts and gave a report on the status of the Parks and Recreation Budget. The board also discussed implementing a new time clock management system that will be tested with the Afternoon Adventures Staff.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Meeting date – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Public Hearings:

- A. Tammy Strong, PZC-17-023, 78 Mott Hill Rd., for a re-subdivision for 2 lots. Map 24/Block 64/Lot 4D. Public hearing continued to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Continued: Amendments to East Hampton Zoning Regulations: Section 8.4.M, Special Regulations, Standards For Specific Uses, Accessory Dwelling Units. Continued to Feb. 7 meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. Tyler Seifert, PZC-17-025, Sears Park, 68 North Main St., to place a pre-made storage shed (8' x 14') at Sears Park. Map 04A/Block 63B/Lot 20. Approved.
- B. Christian Michalowski of the Black Walnut Artisan Bread Co., PZC-17-024, 201B West High St. for a Special Permit for a bakery. Map 12/Block 36/Lot 3-1. Public hearing was set for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Tyler Renovation, PZC-17-026, 13 North Main St., for a Commercial Site Plan Review and Special Permit for a brewery. Map 1A/Block 39A/Lot 28B. Public hearing was set for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

- A. Continued: Harry Freeman, PZC-17-019, 138 East High St., Amendment to Zoning Regulation: DHD Zone-Diverse Housing Development. Public hearing was set for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Continued: Global Self Storage, LLC., PZC-17-021, East High St. for a Zone Change from DD to Commercial. Map 32/Block 85/Lot 7B. Public hearing set for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Discussion of Temporary Health Care Legislation and associated changes to the Zoning Regulations. Public hearing set for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Farm Brewery Regulations/Discussion – Public hearing set for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Facilities Building Committee**

The Town Facilities Building Committee held meetings on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 25<sup>th</sup>. A six-month schedule was reviewed and invoices for Amenta Emma and C&E Enterprise were approved. The floor plans have all been reviewed and signed off on by each department. A few additional test pits and the geotechnical borings for the building site were to be dug the week following the meeting. Submissions have been made for the upcoming Planning & Zoning and Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses meetings.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Tighe and Bond presented a supplemental report to the 2017 Water System Interconnection Study report presenting additional analysis with the purpose of serving only the highest priority properties from existing wells. After a lengthy discussion the task force made the following recommendation which will be presented to the Town Council on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. (1) the continuation to pursue development of the Cobalt Landing Wellfield and Centralized Water System by updating projected cost and re-evaluating phasing

options to minimize initial capital investments and (2) Further pursue feasibility of purchasing water from the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) via construction of a new interconnection with the Town of Portland.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Dream Developers is closing on two units at Hampton Woods. An outside contractor has been hired to run the water system until the State of CT determines it to be a community water system and is transferred to the WPCA

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

No meeting