

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY

JUNE, 2017

250th Anniversary Committee

The 250th Anniversary Committee met on June 1st. The members discussed the upcoming events for the Anniversary including the Library Timeline, the birthday cards, the Old Home Day parade, the Longest Dinner Table, a proposal for a Block Party and trivia night. They also discussed the inventory for the 250th themed merchandise.

Arts & Culture Commission

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on June 15th. The Art Purchase Award will be held at the annual East Hampton Art Association art show on June 17 in the Village Center. Board members will select a painting that is created by and East Hampton artist and/or depicts an East Hampton theme. Open Studio is planned for the last weekend in October – a call to artists are circulating on social media and in the Riverast Newspaper. The commission has learned that the budget has been cut to \$1585 – we had requested \$3000. Our budget will now be \$1585 for the coming fiscal year. Commissioners agreed the cuts may hamper our ability to support the arts in town. The traffic on our web site www.artsforeasthamptonct.org has increased after one of the grant winners provided a link to the announcement on Facebook. Members discussed how to handle when past grant recipients apply again year to year. Magazine article for the East Hampton Events that explains who we are as a commission with a photo is ready to be submitted. There was further discussion on holding an open house where arts and culture groups could network and share their upcoming schedules and projects. Members agreed this would be a worthy event to host, perhaps right here in the Goff House Museum

Board of Finance

The regular meeting of the Board of Finance for June was cancelled but the Board met following the budget vote on June 13th to set the mill rate.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting June 26. Weise has started to work again on the 13 Watrous site. The grant for this site is expected to be extended through the end of 2017.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging held a special meeting on June 1st to choose a new logo for their commission. A regular meeting was held on June 8th. The commission discussed the congregate meal plan and meals on wheels, an ice cream social for the 250th anniversary of the town and updates to their brochure and senior discounts.

Conservation-Lake Commission

No meeting

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

No meeting

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Department Awards Program Trustees held a meeting June 12. They met with the investment advisor and discussed the plan and performance of funds.

The Board of Fire Commissioners held a regular meeting June 12 and a special meeting June 20. An estimate was obtained for the old ladder truck and it was authorized for the Finance Department to put it up on the Gov auction site. Fire lanes at the High School were approved and submitted to the Town Clerk. At the Special Meeting, accounts were reconciled and necessary equipment purchases were approved.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting June 15. As of the date of the meeting, the project was 95% complete. The pilot test of the aeration system for the blue water issue was completed. Tests were inconclusive, in that there will still some "good" test areas and some "bad", but the results were not in any sort of predictive pattern. The committee decided that the aeration system probably had not been up and running for enough time, and through extensive conversations with their engineers, decided to purchase an aeration system that would work to raise the pH of the water all the time. If this still does not work, addition of an orthophosphate to the water will occur. An additional special meeting was held June 27 to further discuss the blue water issue.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on June 28. Construction of a bio-basin at 13 N. Main St. was approved (old cabinet shop), as was a modification to an existing permit for a propane line for a new home at 15 Daly and modification to an existing permit for drainage at Edgewater Hills development. In July there will be public hearings during the meeting on amendments to the regulations for fire suppression and possible fee increases for agent approvals and other permit application services.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting June 5. Members and Library Director Ellen Paul discussed an initiative for hosting community conversations and joining the Association of CT Library Boards.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on June 22nd. Application #513 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 119 Middle Haddam Road to add front door lamps and historic plaque was approved.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the status of future and upcoming programs and the new addition of the “Teen Scene” program starting in July at Sears Park. Also discussed were fundraising efforts for Seamster Park. The board also made a motion to change wording on two of the rules of Sears Park. Details are outlined in the minutes from the meeting.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on June 7, 2017.

Application of Cobalt Lodge, 29 Middle Haddam Rd., for site plan modification for additional parking spots and a driveway. Map 01C/Block 9/Lot 7. – Approved for the following reasons:

1. the changes meet PZC regulations and this application and
2. the changes puts this property closer into compliance with the current regulations

The following conditions are to be applied:

1. That the buffer strip and plantings are planted as shown on the plans dated May 25, 2017,
2. That the plantings are maintained as shown on the plans dated May 25, 2017,
3. That Town Staff is notified prior to and at the start of construction,
4. That Erosion and Sediment Controls are in place prior to the start of construction,
5. That additional plantings are extended 15’ along the lot line between lots 7 and 7A,
6. That a revised site plan is submitted to Town Staff to the satisfaction of Town Staff prior to the start of construction and,
7. That the gate is in accordance with the gate design approved by the Middle Haddam Historic District dated May 25, 2017 with access limited to emergency vehicles.

Application of Susan Popielaski –ECO Coffee, 367 West High St, for Site Plan Modification. Map 01C/Block 10/Lot 1. – Approved for the following reasons:

1. It meets PZC regulations and is a new business in East Hampton/Cobalt

The following conditions are to be applied:

1. That Town Staff be notified prior to and at the start of construction,
2. That all other permits and approvals required are obtained to the satisfaction of Town Staff and,
3. That the project must be completed to the satisfaction of Town Staff prior to final approval.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee held multiple regular meetings in June. The RFP/Q for a construction manager was drafted and posted on DAS website; respondents will be forthcoming in mid-July. The Mottos hired a public relations consultant to help create materials to inform the public on the need for the new facilities. Sketches of possibilities for building configuration and situation onsite were presented to the Committee and one was chosen for further rendering by the Architects.

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 June 6th at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Smith provided an update on the three (3) water systems in town. The Town Center had its Sanitary Survey with the State of CT done on May 3, 2017 and no minor or major concerns were found. Royal Oaks had a situation where there was an overdose in bleach in the day tank. Because of the excess bleach, the Potassium permanganate (used to oxidize the iron) isn't being used, which caused the water to turn pink. Given that there were no health concerns and no valid email addresses or phone numbers, the residents were not notified. However, a Reverse 911 account will be created and will be used in the future if necessary. Hampton Woods has resumed operations. Steve Motto, of Edgewater Hall has taken over as project manager. Building Planning and Zoning has requested all supporting document from Peter Carli on the construction of the foundation of the Water Treatment building to insure building was properly constructed. Sewers pumps will be added and become operational once the water system is completed. The regular meeting broke off at 6:30 for the Water Budget Public Hearing. Two citizens who were representing their daughter (who lives at Royal Oaks) attended the hearing to learn more about the water system. There were no specific comments about the water rates or the budget as a whole. The members unanimously approved the operating and revenue Water Budget for 17/18 fiscal year.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 12, 2017.

Application of Ralph Landino, 32 Pine Trail, to construct a 7.05' x 31.96' addition for washer and dryer room. Map 10A/Block 79A/Lot 14 – Continued to the July 12, 2017 Regular Meeting

Application of Alan Chadwick, 5 Sears Lane, to reduce the north side setback from 15' to 6' and to reduce the rear yard setback from 25' to 1' to set a prefab gazebo over existing patio and sea wall. Map 4A/Block 63B/Lot 14. – Denied to lack of sufficient hardship.