

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY JUNE 2018

Arts & Culture Commission

No meeting

Board of Finance

On Monday June 18th, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room:

- a) Approval of Tax Collector Suspense List - Upon a motion from Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. McLennan, the Board approved the Tax Collector to move forward with the provided suspension list. Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed.
- b) ECS Fund Discussion - Mr. Jylkka projected a brief presentation on ECS funding to further help Board members and public present to understand how the ECS funding impacts the overall budget(s).
- c) Discuss and possible recommendation on the 2018-2019 budget for Town Council (Town Operations only) – 3rd referendum - Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Budget discussion was tabled until such time that the full Board can be in attendance (Regular meeting of the BOF scheduled for July 16th, 2018 or a Special Meeting to take place before July 16th, 2018.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

No meeting

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force met on June 5th. John Greeno, a former member of the Task Force, was present to review Green Energy Programs and other opportunities for the Task Force to consider. The Clean Energy Facebook page is now live. A Green Car Show will be held on September 8th.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on June 14th. Tax Assessor Gail Gwiazdowski provided an overview of the property tax relief programs available for veterans, seniors and disabled persons. Activities at the Senior Center were reviewed. The latest Advocacy meeting was reviewed where they worked on a mission statement and possible name. The recent Round Table meeting was a success. Marlborough will host the next Round Table in the fall. The Commission will begin working on an Aging in Place series of seminars.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission met on June 14, 2018. The members reviewed the budget for the commission and received a communication and liaison report. They were presented with a plan review to build platforms for future developers and/or buyers. They made their concerns over water drainage into the lake and had suggestions for the civil engineer on how to better maintain the drainage water. They made sure to keep the health of the lake in the forefront of the discussion. They discussed their new brochure and made sure to have them ready to pass out at Old Home Day. The members also discussed their booths at Old Home Day and had some members volunteer to pass the handouts around and talk about the Lake Smart Program. The commission briefly discussed the topic of

unregistered boats on the lake. A suggestion was made to have the police monitor the boats when they could to ensure only registered boats were going into the lake. The kayak stuck in the dam was brought up and was suggested to have a grate installed to prevent future incidents from occurring. A member briefly updated the commission on the progress of the core drilling and samples that were taken and brought to UMASS to be tested.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. They discussed a new idea to get more tourism and revenue into the town by offering package deals when doing business within the town. For instance, if a couple stays at the Bevin House they could get a coupon or a percentage off to go kayaking on the lake. This could increase the business in the town and gain more tourism in the process. The members discussed the businesses being showcased in the Business of the Month and which business will get the EDC banner in the coming months. The commission members also voted to use most of their budget to order copies of a town business brochure. The brochures could gain more tourism and business for the local business owners in town. A new idea for a town wide scavenger hunt was proposed and discussed with the attending members. There is a solid plan in place for its launch and the different locations for the hunt. An event featuring the EDC and the Arts & Culture Commission was briefly discussed.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Fire Commission met on June 11, 2018. They received the Chief's Report and Fire Marshal's Report. Purchase orders were issued for the new budget year. A special meeting is scheduled for June 19th to discuss the budget and the hiring of a Board of Fire Commissioner's secretary.

The Fire Commission held a special meeting on June 19, 2018. A discussion of the end of year budget was conducted. A motion was approved unanimously for the purchase of A/C units not to exceed \$9,000. An executive session was held to discuss the hiring of a Fire Commission part time secretary.

High School Building Committee

June report will be included with July

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on June 27, 2018 and took action on the following applications:

Application IW-18-011, Dennis Jenks, 23 Bay Rd., to demolish the existing building. 1200 sq. ft. house in Upland Review Area. Map 09A/Block 70/Lot 2. Unanimous vote for Agent Approval.

Application IW-18-012, WPCA, Lake Dr., to install backup generator at the existing Princess Pocotopaug and Hawthorne pump stations. Map 9A/Block 70B/Lot 14. Unanimous vote to continue to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 25, 2018.

Application IW-18-013, WPCA, 26 Emerson Road, to install backup generator at the existing Princess Pocotopaug and Hawthorne pump stations. Map 10A/Block 82/Lot 3. Unanimous vote for Agent Approval

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on June 4th in the Library Community Room. They discussed the Director's Report on how well the library is doing and were updated on the staff vacancies that may be filled in the coming weeks. They discussed briefly the 120th anniversary celebration that is being planned and the float that the Friends of the Library are hoping to get volunteers for. The float will promote the Library's 120th anniversary at Old Home Day. The 2018/2019 library goals list was discussed at length. Adding more children's, teens, and adult programs and activities was briefly discussed. The committee had a lengthy discussion about the library website and how it will be beneficial for the library, the town, and the community.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on June 28, 2018. They were presented with two applications and the applicants described the changes they want to make to their property. Both applicant's applications were approved by the commission. There was a letter sent from Jeremy DeCarli about an unapproved driveway and grading at 48 Long Hill Road. Commissioner Starolis brought to the attention of the commission that a resident wants to install a new driveway. She will come before the commission with her plans. The hazardous tree on Knowles Road was briefly discussed. The limbs were removed by the town but the whole tree remains.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on June 5, 2018. Jeremy Hall provided an update on the Seamster Park fundraising and reviewed the budget for the department. All summer staff have been hired and training is being completed.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on June 6, 2018 and took action on the following applications:

PZC-18-005 – Dean Brown – 26 Barton Hill, Amendment to Zoning Regulation: Section 8.4, I (B&B). Map 02A/Block 47/Lot 40. Applicant requested an extension. The application was continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2018. Vote: 7-0

PZC-18-009 – Jill and Karin Bromley, 19 Flanders Rd., for a Special Permit for a 60' x 100' Commercial Stable. Map 26/Block 85/Lot 29. The application was approved with conditions. Vote: 7-0

PZC-18-014 – Aaron Tyler, 13 North Main St., for a Special Permit for a Café - Sec. 5.2.C. Map 01A/Block 39A/Lot 28B. The application was continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2018. Vote: 7-0

PZC-18-015 – Global Self Storage, LLC. Wayne Rand, 182 East High St., Special Permit for excavation, filling and grading of 4.88 acres of commercial property. Map 32/Block 85/Lots 7B & 7C. A public hearing was set for the regular meeting on August 1, 2018. Vote 7-0

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facility Building Committee met on Thursday, June 7, 2018. They discussed the DD estimate and received an update on the progress of the estimate. The timeline was also briefly discussed. The changes being made to the building plans was brought up but the committee will be discussing those changes at length at the next meeting. The changes were presented to the committee to inform them and to prepare them for the lengthy discussion. The members approved, and revised, the invoices that were to be paid. There was a brief conversation about the articles in Events Magazine. It was agreed there should be more sent to the magazine to keep the community up to date and aware of the progress of the project.

Another meeting was held on June 19th. The Committee met with Amenta Emma Architects and Newfield Construction to review the design development estimates line by line to confirm if the items were Recommended; Recommended as an Add Alternate; or Not Recommended/Rejected. The Committee accepted the revised design development cost estimates.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Water Pollution Control Authority Committee held their regular meeting on Tuesday June 5th at 6:00 P.M. A Public Hearing was held on June 5, 2018 to announce the proposed 2018-19 water budget and recommended water rates for the customers of the Village Center, Royal Oaks and Hampton Woods Water Systems. No public attended. Committee approved two resolutions. 1: Management recommends the Water rate for FY 18/19 is \$40 / Meter fee and \$9.25 / 1000 gals. Commodity charge. This is no change from the current rates. 2: Management recommends the annual DPH Safe Drinking Water Fee (PA17-2 effective October 2017) of \$2.57 (per customer) and will be added to the 1st billing in July. Mr. Smith will be attending the June 12th Town Council meeting to address the second and final approval. Mr. Smith and Mr. Maniscalco recently met with MDC about a potential interconnection via Portland and with the possibility of a 50% grant from the DPH. WPCA has official taken ownership of the Hampton Woods lift station.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting