

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY MAY, 2016

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on May 19th at Sears Park. Student Art Awards and a Reception for East Hampton Students Justin Hotchkiss, Leah Kohler, Rachel Sweeney, Carli D'Antonio and Alyssa Sweet was held. The artwork will be hung in the Town Hall art gallery during the month of June. The regular portion of the meeting followed at the Goff House Museum. The commission needs approval from the town to create a web site that is separate from the town web site. Sue Berescik from the Library, who is the commission's town liaison, will discuss the matter with town officials and get back to us. The web site is for arts and culture related events and photos from East Hampton.

Grants - Once the Chatham Historical Society purchases its proposed display case, the bill will be submitted to the finance department for payment. Blackledge Music will provide an update on their proposal to book a venue for a concert in town.

Art Purchase Award – A piece of artwork will be selected at 10 a.m. during the Strawberry Fest/East Hampton Art Association Art Show on the church green on June 18. The work will be hung in the youth and family services department offices. A plaque for the artists and a placard for the artwork will be made.

Open Studio is planned for November. Goodspeed music director Wade Russo Presentation is tentatively scheduled for June 28. The Commission will not have a booth at Old Home Day this year. The Goff House Museum will be the new meeting location for the commission. The new Parks & Recreation director has been invited to come to an arts commission meeting. Josh Piteo of the Town Council will attend the meeting in June to discuss the town's 250th anniversary celebration.

Commission Reports & Event Announcements – Town wide tag sale June 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$15 for an application and to have tag sale site on the map. Rain date is the following Saturday. Applications are available at the town hall and library or from Debbie Day, 49 Champion Hill Road. Shirley will be passing out the maps at the historical society grounds the day of the sale. Strawberry Fest/Art Show is also June 18 on the church lawn and Center School Gazebo, live music, food, and vendors, starts at 10 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony at the Rock Landing Cemetery in Haddam Neck, Sunday, 2 p.m. Art Association of East Hampton meeting is June 25 at the library community room features a potluck supper at 6 p.m. followed by a program with Daniel Riccio who teaches metalsmithing at CCSU and creates miniatures. Mindy spoke with parks and rec this month and she has been given approval to put in a community garden, most of which will benefit the food pantry and area soup kitchens. She is going to get the high school botany club, local boy scouts and garden clubs will be invited to participate. Volunteers will be able to work in the garden and take home produce. She hopes to have picnic tables put in. FROTH and Po's Rice and Spice are interested in doing a signature dish using some of the produce. Elementary school concert at the high school is Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and the high school concert is Thursday at 7 p.m.

Board of Finance

The May Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room on Monday, May 16th. As a result of the events that transpired at the Town Meeting held just prior to the Board of Finance meeting, the bulk of the meeting revolved around submission of a budget back to the Town Council. Also, in following with Connecticut state statute, the auditor, Cohn Reznick, was appointed, through a unanimous vote, as the auditor for the 2015/2016 FY audit.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on May 23rd. Anchor Engineering is finalizing the bid plan for 13 Watrous Street and it will shortly be submitted for approval to DECD. The Agency authorized Anchor to continue with tasks as related to 13 Watrous. Also discussed were the Agency storage website, the POCD draft and a possible clean-up of the parking lot at 103 Main.

Charter Revision Commission

The Charter Revision Commission held meetings on May 4th & 18th. Language was adopted for charter revision of section 2.1 (under Town Council chapter) as related to volunteering of post-term elected officials. Proposed text was voted on for a new charter section (1.4) as related to oaths of office. Budget bifurcation was discussed in-depth at both meetings, with all commission members being in favor of it. A vote on this possible change will be taken in June when all members can be present. The June 1st meeting has been cancelled.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

No meeting

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on May 12th. Plans were reviewed/approved for 73 Meeks Point improvements. Northeast Aquatic Research is close to having a first draft of the watershed 9 point plan. In-lake treatment beta testing was discussed as a possibility for this year.

Design Review Board

The Board reviewed a sign application submitted by Tang Asian Bistro, LLC. A motion was passed to accept Board recommendations. The Board also reviewed a proposal submitted by Bevin House Bed and Breakfast for signage and changes to the parking area. A motion was passed to recommend the proposal as presented. The Board passed a motion to move their Regular Meetings to the third Thursday of the month. A motion was passed that the Hearing Review Checklist be given to applicants by P&Z Staff and completed prior to the DRB plan review. It was also decided that the DRB recording

clerk will communicate DRB recommendations to P&Z staff in the form of a letter prior to the next PZC Meeting when possible.

The Board also met on May 19th to review an application for a sign permit for 70 Main Street. A motion was passed to recommend approval of the sign to Planning & Zoning with concerns noted of the scale in association with the building and the final height of the sign off of the ground.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on May 17th. The Commission voted to move forward with the East Hampton Events publication, which is a magazine that will be provided to the townspeople with articles, info and photos provided by the town departments/civic groups. Lakeside Designs is the first Belltown Spotlight on Business recipient for the month.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on May 9th. Fireworks display is scheduled for August 20th, fundraising underway. Purchases approved include: annual mandated physicals for members, 4 replacement Scott bottles and 4 replacement helmets. Incident during training at Sears Park was addressed. There is one vacancy on the Board as Mr. Palmer intends to resign. A motion was made to pay Harlan Bacon \$2,500 from his awards program funds as he meets all requirements for disbursement.

A special meeting was held May 12th in which replacement of the servers at companies #1 & #2 was approved and the signing of the Spillman software agreement (for Glastonbury dispatch needs) was discussed.

High School Building Committee

The EH High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on May 19th. Work continues to progress on schedule. The building will be closed for the summer; outside athletic fields will remain open. Excessive copper in some water is being tested and investigated (not a global issue, only in certain areas) and potable water is being provided for students/staff. Invoices and the quarterly report were reviewed and approved. Discussion occurred around removing a time capsule that was placed behind the cornerstone in 1963. It will be removed, but a date for opening it will be determined at a later time, as well on discussion on putting in a new time capsule.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016 the IWWA received a report from the Upland Review Agent indicating he had granted an approval for activity in the uplands review area at 16 Maplewood Drive to Steven Phillips for the installation of a 12' x 16' shed on a crushed stone pad (Map 19/Block 39A/Lot 10A-4) with conditions.

The Agency also heard and approved with conditions the application of Christopher Cozzi, 73 Meeks Point Road, for residential alterations in the upland review area (Map 10A/Block 82/Lot 12).

The Agency received a status report on Lake Study and reviewed open permits with the Planning and Zoning Official.

Joint Facilities

The Meeting of the Town of Colchester – Town of East Hampton Joint Facilities Committee was held at the Colchester - East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday May 17, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. After a tour of the RDT unit and progress, the members met with Mr. Kovacs of Kovacs Construction to allow him to provide his side to the issues with the project.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on Thursday, May 26th. The Commission approved Application #503 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 66 Middle Haddam Road to remove the chimney at the rear of the building, patch the cross, close the holes in the roof and to repoint the chimney in the parish hall for Christ Episcopal Church. The Commission also discussed a letter from Jeremy DeCarli, Planning & Zoning Official, regarding a new parking area at Cobalt Lodge Health & Rehabilitation Center that was installed without the proper permits.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the May 3, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the board discussed the plans and options for the Seamster Park Playground project. There were several members of the public in attendance that gave opinions about the options that were presented. The advisory board also discussed summer seasonal staffing, summer programs and future plans for fall and winter programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016 the PZC heard the following:

- The application of Clark Hill Estates LLC, 0000 Clark Hill Road, for a 3-Lot Subdivision – Map 11/Block 39/Lot 2 – Approved with conditions;
- The application of Stephen Acerbo, 000 Rear Old Young Street (AKA: Sexton Hill Road), for a 4-Lot Subdivision – Map 4/Block 31A/Lot – Continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting;
- The application of Dean Brown, 26 Barton Hill Road, Bevin Mansion Bed & Breakfast, for a Special Permit pursuant to Section 8.4.I. Standards for Specific Uses – Bed and Breakfasts – Approved with Conditions;
- July 1, 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development: Adopted (Effective July 1, 2016); and
- Extension of Permit: Application of Skyline Estates LLC for Five-Year Extensions of Permit Nos. PZ92335, PZ92364, and PZ92392 for the Skyline Estates Subdivision – Extended per Connecticut General Statute for the maximum of an additional Five- Years.

Additionally, the PZC continued to discuss the process and expectations for the Design Review Board and their Guidelines.

Water Development Task Force

No meeting

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Meeting of the Town of East Hampton Water Pollution Control Authority was held at the Colchester - East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. Initial review of the FY 2016-2017 water budget was conducted with further review, discussion and approval to occur at the June Meeting. Discussion was also begun around reviewing and re-evaluating the connection fee policy. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting. Finally, Mr. Smith shared our lawyer's version of the Portland Sewer Commission/St. Clements agreement. The members agreed to accept this version and to move forward with sending it back to Portland.

Zoning Board of Appeals

On Monday, May 9, 2016 the ZBA heard the application of Robert & Tammy Filbig, 8 Fairlawn Avenue, for a Side Yard Variance to Reduce the Setback Requirement from 15' to 10' to Construct a Two-Car Garage – Approved with Conditions.

The Agency also amended the approval of the variance for Charles Yenker, 65 Spellman Point Road – Map 09A/Block 70A/Lot 36 - Amendment to Variance Granted on 01/11/2016.