

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY MAY, 2017

250th Anniversary Committee

The 250th Anniversary Committee held a regular meeting on May 4. Spencer's Funeral Home will donate a plaque commemorating the 250th Anniversary elm tree planted at Sears Park. The Committee will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Birthday Cards are out for signing through the end of June. Marchers dressed in any time period costuming (from present day back to 1767) will walk in the Old Home Day parade, carrying a 250th Anniversary banner. A potential EH Trivia Night, EH Longest Dinner Table and Block party were discussed.

Arts & Culture Commission

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on May 16 at Sears Park. The meeting featured a Student Art Award Presentation in the William O'Neill Performing Arts Gazebo; a discussion of Open Studio planned for Halloween weekend; a discussion of our budget which may be cut during the budget process by \$1500; a discussion of the EHACC grant programs including the \$250 grant and the \$500 Grant. Commissioners awarded \$500 grants to Creative Dance and EHHS student Rebecca White. Commissioners will attend the East Hampton Art Show on June 17 in the Village Center to select a piece of artwork which will be hung at the High School.

Board of Finance

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held in the Town Hall Meeting Room on May 15, 2017.

Tax Office related discussion:

- Mr. Hurst made a motion to approve the suspension of the accounts provided by the Tax Collector. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rose. Vote: 6-0. Motion Passed.
- Mr. Hurst made a motion to recommend to the Town Council that they adopt an ordinance authorizing the Tax Collector to retain overpayments if the amount is less than \$5.00 and an ordinance authorizing the Tax Collector to waive property taxes if the amount is less than \$5.00 (similar to existing ordinances in the Towns of Colchester and Hebron). The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow. Vote: 6-0. Motion Passed.

Budget discussion: State related updates to date were discussed. A discussion with Council Chair Anderson was also had around next steps and proper communication to tax payers.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting May 22. Weise has been given a preliminary go-ahead to complete the work at 13 Watrous including fixing the flowing water. There was discussion on possibly installing a well for a resident at 4 Starr Pl as that property is currently drawing water from the dug well at 13 Watrous that the Agency would like to see abandoned.

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force held their regular meeting May 2. Liaisons will be attending the Town Facilities Building Committee meetings to get clean energy on their radar; the Task Force has offered for the Town's Eversource representatives to meet with the Town Facilities Building Committee. Discussion occurred on the possibility of a town NAA liaison for businesses that want to apply for grants to help them obtain solar or other types of clean energy; this would be a town staff person, not a volunteer from the committee.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on May 11th. The Committee discussed the issues with the senior meals and CRT. The Committee voted to have a logo designed by Gioielli Design. They also reviewed the survey results.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held a regular meeting May 11. The application and fee for a permit for in-lake treatment was sent to Solitude, the treatment company, in hopes that it will be ready if needed this summer. Plans for renovations to an existing home at 57 Spellman Pt. Rd. were accepted. Moving forward Dr. George Knoecklein will be proving only minimal testing as required to keep the 319 Federal Funding plan in play per the request that no further funds are spent at this time.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on May 16. Jeff Pugliese of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce presented about their organization's benefits to EH businesses. The Village Center was discussed in detail, and Mr. Monahan wishes to create a focus group consisting of residents, business owners, Commission members, and more to discuss revitalization and issues obstructing such in the Village Center. There is a wish to create an accurate database of businesses in town; this will be discussed further in future meetings. Ellen Paul, Director of the Library, presented her idea to hold small business programming at the Library and received the full support of the EDC. Mr. Maniscalco discussed the idea of a tax increment district with the EDC.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held a regular meeting on May 8. The Chief was approved to purchase a used trailer to carry the UTV and related equipment. Dispatch issues were discussed, service seems to be improving. Discussion occurred on the Fire Marshal's need for more hours to provide required services; Chairman Salafia was going to try to get this on the Council's agenda.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting May 18. The inside of the building is done except for one classroom that still has a few minor changes and

interior painting that will take place in the summer. The site work and paving is anticipated to be complete before graduation. The pilot test for the water system that will hopefully treat the blue water is up and running; at the point of the meeting it was too soon to know if it was successful.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on May 31. An application for improvements to a home at 57 Spellman Point Rd. was approved. There was discussion on the possibility that the Conservation-Lake Commission may propose to this Agency that the upland review area around the lake be changed from 100' to 200'. A document regarding suggested guidelines for construction and repair of seawalls was approved for the P&Z and Building Departments to give to residents.

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 Tuesday May 16th at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Clayton delivered the Joint Facilities Operations and Maintenance reports for March and April. He gave a brief overview of routine repairs. Key items discussed were; ongoing repairs/replacements at the Millstream Pump Station (PS), substantial repairs at the Raymond Brook PS, camera work done in April, and new operator started in March and a Hazardous Waste Collection Day held at the plant in April. Mr. Smith reported on the current operating budget and the status of the Barscreen Compactor and Auto Septage Station which should be ready in June and September respectively and the administrative office personnel reported on adding a Joint Facilities web page to the Town of East Hampton web site.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting May 1. New Library Director Ellen Paul gave her first Director's Report and discussed the direction she'd like to take the Library. Budget information, related to Town and State cuts was discussed in detail.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on May 25th. Application #512 for a COA at 29 Middle Haddam Road to establish a parking lot and appropriate landscaping along Fern Lane for applicant Cobalt Lodge Health and Rehab Center. Approved.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

May Meeting Summary – At the May Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting an Eagle Scout presented a possible project to build another shed at Sears Park to aid in storage. Jessica Rurka motioned to approve the potential project, Dick Edmonds seconded and all approved. Also discussed was the new upcoming Teen Scene program , Seamster Park playground fundraising efforts and spring and summer programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on May 3rd.

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

- Application of Susan Popielaski –ECO Coffee, 367 West High St, for Special Permit/Site Plan Modification. Map 01C/Block 10/Lot 1 – Continued
- Application of Main St Venture, LLC, 3 Main St, for a Text Amendment for PO/R Zone- Applicant not present – was continued.
- 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. – Continued for public hearing.
- Application of Main St Venture, LLC, 3 Main St, for zone change from R1 to PO/R. Map 05A/Block 62/Lot 11 – Denied.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee held regular meetings on May 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. After much consideration the Committee decided to hire a Construction Manager for the project (rather than a General Contractor). The draft Construction Manager RFP/Q was reviewed. The architects met with all Town Departments and created an estimate for programming. The Committee decided what to present to the Council in regards to programming needs and specific cost related to potential additions of the BOE, Chatham Health and Probate Court spaces. Boundaries Civil Engineering firm contract was approved for pre-referendum services. The Mottos have contracted with a community outreach PR firm to provide information for this project to the public. Finance Director Jeff Jylkka presented the committee with a possible debt forecast for this specific project.

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 May 11th at 6:30 P.M. After a review of the 3 RFP's that were received, the Water Development Task Force decided on Tighe and Bond to do the East Hampton Interconnection Water Study. Monies for this project are coming from an already designated public water fund that is available and not yet spent. Mr. Smith will present the recommendation to the Town Council on June 13, 2017.

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 May 2nd at 6:00 P.M. After a final review, the members approved the 2017/18 fiscal year WPCA Operating Budget. The WPCA committee agreed on a recommended operating and revenue budget for 17/18 fiscal year Water Budget. The recommended Water Budget will be presented to the Town Council on May 9th for approval, if approved the Public Hearing for the Water Budget will be on June 6th at 6:30 pm at the WPCA plant meeting room. The committee also approved the Consumer Confidence Report for 2016. The Annual Report on Drinking Water will be submitted to the Dept. of Public Health and the Royal Oaks and Village Center property owners. The administrative office personnel reported on updates to the WPCA web page which is located on the Town of East Hampton web site.

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting