

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY NOVEMBER, 2016

Arts & Culture Commission

The East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission Meeting was held on November 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Joseph N. Goff House. The Commission reviewed feedback from participating open studio artists. Comments included better signage, brochures, advertising, volunteer support during the event, involvement by high school art community, extend event to two days. The Commissioners discussed ways in which the EHACC could participate in the 250th Anniversary including hosting a permanent mural painting program, history of arts and cultural groups in town. Offer the annual EHACC grant program to go toward a work of art, sculpture, painting or public mural that would represent the town history. Other ideas included painted park benches, a “bell” contest where artists create bells that would be exhibited around town. The Commission also discussed the budget and filling open positions.

Board of Finance

A Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room on Monday, November 7, 2016. Appropriation for Land Purchase: The meeting was held to discuss and take possible action on an additional appropriation of \$85,000 and approval of the acquisition of 2 parcels of land. After a lengthy discussion the motion went to a vote and passed [Vote: 4-2 (Tokarz & Coshow)].

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was begun at the Town Hall Meeting room and concluded at the Middle School Library (after the Public Meeting for the purchase of property around Memorial School) on November 21, 2016.

FY2016 Year-end Transfers: A motion to approve the presented transfers for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and authorize the Finance Director to make any additional transfers, up to \$5,000 in aggregate, that may be needed in order to close out the books for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was made, seconded and passed with a vote of 5-0.

FY 2016 Transfer from G/F to Capital for (Mill Rate Stabilization/Debt): After a recap by Mr. Jylkka on a 9-8-15 Town Council passed motion to transfer \$21,105 from the lease payments fund into the debt sinking fund contingent on a recommendation by the BOF and the subsequent 9-21-15 BOF meeting passed motion by the BOF to table any transfer recommendations pending confirmation on state grant/municipal aid reductions and resulting impact to the general fund, a motion to not transfer \$21,105 from the general fund to the capital reserve fund was made, seconded and passed with a vote of 5-0.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on November 28th. Status of the work at 13 Watrous St. was discussed. 2017 meeting dates were approved; most meetings are being moved to the High School T-Bell.

Capital Committee

The Capital Committee held a meeting on November 16th. Discussion occurred on items submitted for capital expenditures for 2017/2018.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on November 10th at the Senior Center. The commission members discussed the survey they are preparing that they would like to send out to residents. They are putting together the information that will need to be presented to the Town Council for approval.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on November 10th. Discussion occurred on creating a website devoted to the Lake, continuing education efforts and the Town Council workshop on the Lake that was held. Meeting dates for 2017 were approved.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on November 15th. Jeff Pugliese from the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce came to discuss benefits of membership for EH businesses and small business loans available. Ace Hardware is the next Belltown Spotlight on Business (for December). A Business Before Hours networking event for EH business owners was approved, it will be held 4/12/17 from 7:30 – 9:30 AM at a location to be determined. Discussions were held on a possible business showcase event in the summer, the new EDC Facebook page, and other ideas to stimulate discussions with business owners. Meeting dates for 2017 were approved.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on November 14th. Purchases of a rescue and a chain saw were approved. An update on the situation with Glastonbury dispatch was given by the Chief. The ladder truck is being built and can be viewed online at <http://www.firematic.com/trucksnew.htm>. Building repairs are coming along and meeting dates for 2017 were approved.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on November 17th. The Committee will send a report to the Town Council outlining the issue with the water and

the steps taken to correct it. Discussions were held regarding the project budget to date, and the new interpretation of the six-month rule for change orders and how that might affect the overall budget. 2017 meeting dates were approved. It was noted that meetings will be cancelled as necessary as Downes stated that they will be done in May. A date for an open to the public school tour will be forthcoming.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting on November 30th. Applications for a timber harvest at 220 Tartia and a transfer of title for Salmon Run estates were approved. Applications for a new home construction at 18 West Point Road and for water line drilling at 135 Middle Haddam Road were continued. Discussion was held on what it means for a citizen to obtain “intervener status” regarding an application and how that process works, along with the possibility of creating an annex to the regulations regarding construction of seawalls and alternative options that could be healthier for the lake.

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 November 15th at 5:00 P.M. A review of the September and October Plant Operations report and Budget was completed. Winter preparation have begun i.e. generator servicing, Sodium Hypochlorite System shut down and wet well cleaning. Mr. Smith confirmed that the CIP projects funding has been approved. Bids should go out sometime in November and will be due by the second week of January. The RDT project is almost complete with the exception of the HVAC electrical panel and a few punch list items.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting on November 7th. Discussion occurred on the Edge survey that the library would like to send out to patrons and non-patrons, this will give them information about how tech is used, or could be utilized, at the library among other things. Discussion occurred on items that the physical building needs as well and it was decided that the board shall draft a letter to the Town Council outlining the desperate need for a roof. Meeting dates for 2017 were approved.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

At the November Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting the board discussed Seamster Park Playground fundraising ideas and met with the committee on the project. Also discussed was winter programs, Sears Park maintenance and meeting dates for 2017.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Planning & Zoning met on November 2nd. The Commission approved the Renewal of a Special Permit for Hubert E. Butler Construction. They accepted the Amendments to the East Hampton Zoning Regulations (Sections 2.2, 3.5.F, 3.5.K, 7.7.G, 9.4.C, 9.4.G, 9.4.H) with suggested grammatical changes. Recommendation to the Town Council for the purchase of 2 parcels of land to be purchased by the Town of East Hampton

Water Development Task Force

No meeting

Water Pollution Control Authority

No meeting

Zoning Board of Appeals

No meeting