

## **BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2017**

### **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee held their regular meeting on November 2. They discussed the gala that was upcoming for that weekend and their December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be the last meeting. At that meeting a cake will be provided and the Governor's proclamation about the anniversary will be read.

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The Arts & Culture Commission met on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Joseph N. Goff House. Open Studio Review – Participating artists reported that the experience was a good one. Old Bank Flowers and Art/Marketplace has moved to a smaller 70 Main St. next door to the Old Bank building. A different space for the open studio exhibitors will need to be determined in 2018. Art Purchase Award Installment – Acting EHHS principal Nancy Briere has talked to the superintendent of schools Paul Smith who is excited about the art award. A date is still in the works, perhaps in January. The administration wants to have a ceremony. Budget Review and Financial Report – 2017 grant winners Creative Dance and Rebecca White will be invited to attend the EHACC January meeting to provide update on the programs the grants supported. The 2018 Meeting Dates were approved. The December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was moved to December 14<sup>th</sup>. The budget will be discussed.

### **Board of Finance**

On Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> an organizational meeting of the new Board of Finance was held. Michael Rose and Richard Brown were unanimously appointed Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Information on meeting dates and times and committees needing liaisons were distributed for review with action to be taken at the December meeting.

### **Brownfields Redevelopment Agency**

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting November 27. They discussed the progress of the work as related to the STEAP grant for 13 Watrous, along with the residential well that will be on that grant for 4 Starr. A grant extension has been granted (at least verbally) to 12/31/2018. The Agency is currently discussing specs for the soil remediation bid that they will put out for the remainder of the work at 13 Watrous.

### **Clean Energy Task Force**

No meeting

### **Commission on Aging**

The Commission on Aging met on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 meeting dates were approved. Energy and rental assistance funding was discussed as well as Dial A Ride transportation to Marlborough.

### **Conservation-Lake Commission**

The Conservation-Lake Commission met on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 meeting dates were approved. The commission discussed the Watershed Project grant.

### **Design Review Board**

No meeting

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Economic Development Committee held their regular meeting November 21. They are planning a spring event to celebrate businesses in town. This will be held in the village center, probably in April, and public will be invited. The EDC would like to partner with other committees or departments, such as Park & Rec to make this a large community event. ECO Coffee shop will be the next Belltown Spotlight on Business.

### **Ethics Commission**

No meeting

### **Fire Commission**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting November 13. Dry hydrants were discussed; all hydrants were tested by the volunteers and there are a few issues that need to be resolved. Chief Voelker will talk to Public Works Director Michelson about this to see if that Department. can help as the capital budget funds for fixing hydrants is no longer appearing in the Department's budget. Problems with dispatch were discussed; Chief is meeting with Police Chief Cox to talk further. The possibility of a new radio infrastructure in town was discussed. Implementation of this would incur a large cost to the Department as they would need to obtain all new equipment, along with maintaining the old so that it would be possible to communicate with our mutual aid partners. There may be some steps that can be taken by the Department, the radio consultant will be invited to the next meeting.

### **High School Building Committee**

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting November 16. The project is almost complete; the bulk of things on the punch list are landscape related and will be done in spring. Some items already approved will take place inside the school during the winter break. Samples of the existing copper pipe have been sent out for testing to see if there is a problem within the pipe that is causing the high copper issues, as there still seems to be no other explanation. Downes gave a large range of magnitude number for replacing all the copper piping in the school with plastic, which has worked in the kitchen so far. The other option is using a chemical treatment of orthophosphate, which requires maintenance by the school forever. Committee meeting dates through 2018 were approved.

### **Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency**

The Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Agency held their regular meeting November 29. Applications were approved for construction of a 3 car garage at 67 Gadpouch Rd. and extension of a culvert at Edgemere condos. A public hearing was set for 12/20/18 to discuss

proposed regulations change of expanding the upland review area to 200' from the lake (from the current 100'.)

### **Joint Facilities**

The regular 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 21st at 5:00 P.M. Members of the High Point Estate Homeowner Assoc. (HPEHA) attended the meeting with concerns within the High Point easement area, which consists of a fenced-in area that contains the sewer lines and manholes for the Facilities Outflow to the CT River. After a brief discussion regarding the property maintenance and fence, the parties agreed to separate padlocks for access to property. Joint Facilities will request Public Works to perform the seasonal maintenance prior to September if possible, and HPEHA will continue to maintain the open space area as needed. In addition, it was asked if it was allowable to put a dock in an area that is not obstructing the easement. Joint Facilities would have to review any engineering plans prior to making that determination. Mr. Clayton reported on the newly completed RAC system, Bar Screen compactor, Auto Septage system and Comcast phone system as well the monthly operations and maintenance for September and October. Committee unanimously approved the 2018 meeting calendar.

### **Library Advisory Board**

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting November 6. The community conversations were discussed and will be continued to the next meeting as the board utilizes that data for the good of the community.

### **Middle Haddam Historic District Commission**

No meeting

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

No meeting

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Application of Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Zone Change: from R-2 to Commercial. Map 2/Block 9A/Lot 4. *Denied.*

Application of Dollar General – Garrett Homes, 197 East High St., for a Zone Change: from R-4 to Commercial. Map 37/Block 71/Lot 1. *Vote: 3-Yes; 3-No; 1-Abstain. Application did not pass.*

Request for Authorization to Use Bond Money to Complete Site Work, Sports on 66, LLC, 265 West High St., Map 06/Block 12/Lot 9. *Approved.*

### **Town Facilities Building Committee**

The Town Facilities Building Committee held multiple meetings in November. The architects met again with Department heads to talk about each department's space within the building; a few minor adjustments were made. Newfield was signed into contract as Construction Manager (CM). The contract for Boundaries, the civil engineering company, was approved to be signed. Tentative timeline for upcoming approvals of P&Z and IWWA and for other milestones were discussed.

**Water Development Task Force**

No meeting

**Water Pollution Control Authority**

No meeting

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

No meeting