

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY OCTOBER, 2016

Arts & Culture Commission

East Hampton Arts & Culture Commission met on October 20th at the Joseph N. Goff House. Josh Piteo was present to discuss the town's 250th Celebration event in 2017, shared proposed event, fundraising and publicity ideas. He invited the commission to submit ideas for the event to his email joshpiteo@yahoo.com

The commission discussed the upcoming EHACC Open Studio event on October 29th from 10 a.m. to 4 p. m. Eight East Hampton artists will participate.

Website Update – www.artsforeasthamptonct.org is live. The billing for the site is for the service itself and the hosting and totals \$168. Kevin Gunning will submit a bill to the town for reimbursement. The site includes an image of the art purchase award, a link to Facebook and town web site, the town seal, an announcement of the open studio and link to the Open studio map, a link to Podium, grant information, a list of grant recipients. There is a directory that includes events, a list of local artists, organizations and their contacts, contact information for the commission and commission members names and an about page that lists our mission statement and meeting information and a disclaimer.

Financial Report – A sheet on spending for the current fiscal year was reviewed. The commissioners will discuss upcoming budget issues and proposed items at the November meeting and contact Sue Berescik our town liaison, for assistance in submitting an EHACC budget summary.

Board of Finance

A Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. The meeting was held in order to discuss and take possible action on an additional appropriation for the hiring of a new police officer prior to the Town Council Meeting that had a similar agenda item. Vote: 4-0. Motion Passed.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance scheduled for October 17th was canceled due to no action items on the agenda.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on October 24th. A pre-construction meeting was held with Wiese and others involved in the demolition of 13 Watrous St. This is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving. Information will soon be updated in regards to Brownfields Agency on the town's website. A possible grant was discussed, but was deemed not fit for the Agency at this time.

Capital Committee

The Capital Committee met on October 20th in the Town Hall Meeting Room. They made a motion to move funds from two Public Works capital items to fund a masonry dump truck that was approved in Capital but was not funded. They also reviewed five and ten year capital plans, rolling stock lists and the Fire Department long term plans and facilities.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on October 13th at the Senior Center. The Commission discussed issues with the Everbridge system that they are working to get corrected so they can promote the system. The Commission is also working on a survey related to senior needs that they will present to the Town Council for approval soon.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held their regular meeting on October 13th. A plan for a seawall at 33 Day Point Road was reviewed and approved. Outreach to educate the public was discussed at length, especially in regards to articles, pictures and press releases in the Middletown Press, the Rivereast and the East Hampton Events magazine.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on October 18th. Councilor Piteo discussed the Town's 250th Anniversary and Planning & Zoning Official DeCarli discussed the POCD. The Lucky Goat has the Belltown Spotlight on business, and Ace Hardware will be the following business to be spotlighted. The EH Events magazine will be delivered to the Cobalt & Middle Haddam post offices starting with the next edition. Also discussed were initiatives to draw businesses to East Hampton (such as a bakery), the creation of the EDC Facebook page, and the addition of information about small business loans to the website. Ideas were discussed about possible upcoming business market and networking events.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 17th. An on-site incident command board was approved for purchase. The ladder truck is being built now, and discussion occurred about the ongoing need for a new boiler. The change to Glastonbury dispatch was discussed in detail, with Chief Voelker explaining some of the issues that are hampering the department. Also discussed were upcoming capital requests and the FD's ranking on the town's priority list for upgrading their facilities.

Lisa Seymour is working with Chairperson Salafia on ways to make the Worker's Comp process easier for firefighters that are hurt on the job.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held a special meeting on October 11th to authorize Downes Construction to engage with Summit Masonry to address the weep hole problem with the roof. The regular meeting was held on October 20th. Discussion occurred on the blue water issue at the school and what is being done to address it. As of now there is not potable water at the school. A specialty company is coming in to address the issue and the State is aware of the problem. Invoices and change orders were approved. The process for completing punch list items was talked about in detail.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency met on October 26, 2016.

Application of Dream Developers of Connecticut, for David and Tanya Potter, 33 Day Point Road, Construction of Sea Wall – Map 10A/ Block 83/ Lot 38.– Approved with Standard Conditions.

Application of Tom Burdick, for Peter Minoli, 135 Middle Haddam Road, Directional Drilling of Water Line from House to Cistern – Map 02/Block 18/Lot 21. Application accepted and continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

No meeting

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met on October 27, 2016. Application #507 COA at 66 Middle Haddam Road to do a variety of work for the installation of two condensing units outside of the Church for applicant Christ Episcopal Church of Middle Haddam.- Board members approved the COA.

Application #508 COA at 60 Middle Haddam Road to add fencing around the perimeter of the yard for applicant Christ Episcopal Church of Middle Haddam – Board members approved the COA.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on October 5, 2016.

The Commission accepted the application of Hubert E. Butler Construction, LLC, for a Renewal of Special Permit Pursuant to Section 7.6, 9 Young Street – Map 12/ Block 33/ Lot 7A.

There was discussion regarding the current Zoning Permit requirement and related fee. Currently all Zoning Permits issued should include a \$60 State Fee, which has not been being assessed. The regulations require updating to eliminate the need for a “permit” and instead require an approval or a review. PZC asked Staff to conduct a review of necessary changes and report back.

There was discussion regarding the creation of Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations. Most other towns, including all surrounding towns allow accessory units in one form or another. PZC want to stay ahead of the curve because it is known that several of these apartments exist in town. PZC asked Staff to draft regulations for further discussion at the next meeting.

There was discussion of the growing trend of Air BnB properties in town. The discussion concerned conflicts that may arise as a result of Air BnB Renting such as traffic issues, commercial ventures and lack of definition in our regulations. Staff provided examples of regulations from other towns and stated that he will research definitions of rental terms in other towns.

A Public Hearing was set for November 2, 2016 for the following:

- Application of Hubert E. Butler Construction, LLC 9 Young Street for a Renewal of Special Permit Pursuant to Section 7.6, 9 Young Street– Map 12/ Block 33/ Lot 7A
- Amendments to 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.
- Amendments to East Hampton Zoning Regulations- Section 8.4.M, Special Regulations, Standards For Specific Uses, Accessory Dwelling Units.

Water Development Task Force

The regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority Committee was held at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Thursday October 13th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was attended by Mr. Ed Jackowitz of American Distilling to discuss the importance of the need for town water which will benefit the future goals of his business as well as other businesses in town. The RFP for the engineering study on the Interconnection of the Town Water System went public on Monday October 3rd and will close Friday November 4th. Mr. Smith stated that there has been a quite a bit of interest. It was also requested for an addendum to remove the “Request for a Fee” from the RFP. Motion was made and unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith gave a description of the WUCC (Water Utility Coordinating Committee) and the WUCC report and how it relates to the Town of East Hampton. Currently East Hampton has 55 community water systems in the state and the Town of East Hampton is the ESA (Exclusive Service Area) provider for the East Hampton boundaries, with the exception of pre-existing areas. The WUCC has published a Water Assessment Plan which includes all concerns with the 55 Community and Non Community water systems in East Hampton. A water supply connection to MDC through Portland was discussed. A copy of the report has been forwarded to the Water Development Task Force for

review and comments. A draft report with comments will be submitted to the WUCC by October 26, 2016.

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 October 4th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was attended by Barbara Suprono, of 43 Walnut Avenue to discuss the increases in her sewer use fee. The determination to change the sewer use charge on 43 Walnut Avenue will be based on the Assessor's Office findings.

The meeting was also attended by Jen Czarnowski, of 23 Cornwell Terrace who petitioned the Board to have her property be exempted from hooking up to sewer. Board approved the request for the exemption, subject to approval by the Chatham Health Dept.

Mr. Barmasse provided a narrative from the MDC (Metropolitan District of CT), which highlighted the Town of Portland system upgrades, their request for membership to the MDC and an extension of the Portland system which could potentially allow East Hampton WPCA access to MDC water through the Portland system. Mr. Barmasse also reported that the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) came out with a report to identify the water needs in the Central region of the state which includes East Hampton. The report has been forwarded to the Water Development Task Force for review and comments.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on October 10, 2016.

Application of Cary & Sharon Rollins, 18 West Point Road East Hampton, CT. For the following: Northside yard setback variance from 15' to 8', southside yard setback variance from 15' to 2', maximum coverage variance from 20% to 25.4% and maximum livable space from 750 sq. ft. to 816 sq. ft. for the construction of a new single family home – Map 05A/Block 83/ Lot 12

Application of Jonathan & Nicole Palmer, 129 Main Street, East Hampton, CT. For the following: Northside yard setback variance from 25' to 19.5', southside yard setback variance from 25' to 21.5', front yard setback variance from 50' to 35' for the renovation of an existing single family home – Map 06A/Block 57/Lot 5F