

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY OCTOBER 2017

250th Anniversary Committee

No meeting

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts and Culture Commission met on October 19th at the Joseph N. Goff House. The commission welcomed new commission member Shauna Lee Lange. The Open Studio Event will be held October 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature the studios of Dianne Gorrick, Eileen McNamara, Lucy Sander Sceery, Lesley Braren, David Money Penny, Shauna Lee Lange, Kate Avery, Brian Avery. Five artists will exhibit at the Old Bank space which is overseen by Lori Caldwell and commissioner Mindy Mills Maynard. Melissa Pionzio has been distributing signs, Kevin Gunning designed a promotional board for the Stop & Shop Plaza billboard which parks and recreation hung up last week. The dates on the sign can be removed so the sign can be used again. Kevin also created the studio map which includes the addresses, descriptions and contact information of the artists and their studios and the Old Bank location information and artists. Commission members reviewed and discussed the map. The map will be available on the EHACC web site, at Old Bank and the various participating studios, the town hall and library. The commission is still working to schedule a date to install the art purchase award at the East Hampton High School. Commissioners reviewed the EHACC budget and discussed the lack of a state budget and how it would affect future funding from the town. Shauna Lee Lange said there is an idea to form a writers and readers guild in town. There is a small Facebook group that has about 40 members. Events that are happening at local libraries, reading and writing tools are provided. Shauna asked if this is an initiative that is worth exploring. Carol Lane said as a commission we are here to encourage initiatives, help promote but not necessarily form/oversee the group. Mindy Mills Maynard suggested the EHACC host writers/readers event that could include book signings, readings, poetry events etc. Ellen said there is an author coming to the library this Saturday. Ellen Paul said she would be interested in meeting with Shauna to discuss the idea.

Board of Finance

Due to a lack of a quorum, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance on October 16th was unable to take place. Discussion was had about trying to schedule a Special Meeting on October 23rd in order to take action on outstanding minutes and FY2017 budget transfers before termed Board members are no longer members.

On Monday October 23rd, a Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the East Hampton High School Library. After approval of all outstanding meeting minutes, FY2017 End of Year Budget Transfers were approved and outgoing Board members reflected on each of their experiences on the Board and were thanked for their service.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

No meeting

Clean Energy Task Force

The Clean Energy Task Force held their regular meeting October. 3. The green car show held in September was a success, and the hope is to plan it more ahead of time and make

it even larger for next year. Eversource credits toward a mini grant will be earned for this activity, and there was discussion on what they should do with the credits for the town. Also discussed was updating content on the Town's website for the task force.

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on October 12th. Fall activities were discussed. The Round table meeting in October was a success. The flyer for transportation information for doctor's offices was reviewed prior to printing. The senior discount listing was updated. The commission will begin to review the follow up activities based on the survey.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation-Lake Commission held a meeting October 12. Ehren Messinger, a URI student from East Hampton, discussed the work he is doing there on sustainable bio fil filters that can grow produce on the top, and how they might be used to mitigate algae in inlets on the lake. There was discussion around the announcement that the Federal 319 funding has been granted based on the 9-point watershed plan. Also discussed was the possible upland review changes being implemented by the Inlands Wetlands, a lake drawdown date and how to communicate with the dam liaison.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission met on October 17. A spring business showcase to be held in the Village Center was discussed.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting October 16. Approvals of expenditures include: sending Chief's secretary to a grant writing class, a snow blower for Co#3, and labeled incident command vests. Deputy Chief Bochinski has resigned his position. Annual elections will be held in December and he will be replaced at that time. The old ladder truck is still in the Town's possession. The fire report from the St. Clement's fire has been completed. Fire lanes were approved and marked by the BOE for Center School around the island.

The FD Awards Program Board of Trustees held a meeting October 16. They elected to meet when the matching funds are available from the town and decide on the distribution at that time.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting October 19. The project is close to completion. There is still some outstanding site work and one or two things that need to be fixed on the inside of the building. The State DPH rejected both proposals sent in for the blue water issue. This was discussed at length, with the committee asking for an order of magnitude for the next meeting on the cost, schedule, etc. of running non-metal piping to all taps in the building. There was discussion on the possibility of obtaining an independent audit at the close of the project, (with the State's permission), as the state is

taking 7+ years to audit schools now, and changing the rules of eligibility whenever they want, while enforcing those rules retroactively.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

The Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency met on October 25th.

- Show Cause Hearing, Cease and Desist Order, Christopher Burt, 21 Day Point Road for unpermitted reconstruction of seawall. Determined after the fact permit and cease and desist order remains.
- Application of Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, after the fact permit for paving of an existing parking lot in upland review area along the CT River and Great Hill Brook. Determined a short form approval.
- Application of Edgemere Condominiums, 85 North Main St., to extend existing culvert near water supply building to comply with DPH Regulations. Continued to next meeting as public hearing.
- Application of Michael Olzacki, 15 Maplewood Dr., to clean out existing drainage swale and create approximately 3600 sq. ft. of lawn area in Upland Review Area. Continued to next meeting.
- Application of John Trowbridge, Timber Harvest As-of Right Determination, Chestnut Hill Rd. Declared as an as-of-right agricultural activity.

Joint Facilities

No meeting

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board held their regular meeting October 2. The Friends of the Library will hold an organizational meeting to get back up and running at the end of the month. Director Paul presented the Board with summaries of the community conversations and a draft of changes to the community room agreement for review. A new logo for the Library is being drafted.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

No meeting

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on October 3rd. Seamster Park Playground fundraising was discussed. The approval of the final proposal for field use rules/regulars are in process. The boat launch repair will most likely need to go out to bid. A memorial bench was approved for the Kings.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on October 4th.

- Application of Main St Venture, LLC, 3 Main St, for a Text Amendment for PO/R Zone. – Approved.
- Application of Roncalli Institute, Inc., 49 Oakum Dock, for a Zone Change: from R-2 to Commercial. Continued to next meeting.
- Application of Dollar General- Garrett Homes, 197 East High St., for a Zone Change: from R-4 to Commercial. Continued to next meeting.
- Application of Bay Point Club, LLC., 24 Spellman Point Rd., for a site plan modification to allow storage of boats for club members only. No approval needed.

- Application of CT Water Company, for Westchester East Pump Station design. Approved.

Town Facilities Building Committee

The Town Facilities Building Committee held a meeting on October 4th. Public relations was discussed at length. A representative of the newly formed PAC was present to discuss as well. Mr. Maniscalco outlined the town's tax mitigation plan in case of cuts from the State. The Committee also met on October 26th. The final construction contract is nearly completed and will be ready for the referendum date. The land agreement has almost been finalized with only a few details to be worked out. The Public Relations Sub-Committee discussed how to get the word out to the public.

Water Development Task Force

No meeting

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 3rd at 6:00pm. Mr. Smith reported on the three public water systems, Village Center is running as expected. Work has begun on the addition of a 4th green sand filter at Royal Oaks which will also include replacing all piping and waterline valves. Total cost will be approx. \$14, 000 and should be completed mid-October. Hampton Woods water system building structure is 95% complete with all necessary equipment. Still waiting on Eversource to set the meters. A final walk through is expected to be in approximately 2 weeks.

The Water Development Task Force met with representatives from Tighe & Bond Engineering on August 22nd. Tighe & Bond will begin working on the Interconnection Water Study which will look at interconnecting the Towns existing water systems along with the possibility of interconnecting with privately owned high capacity wells.

Mr. Valentine announced that he will be resigning from the WPCA committee effective immediately. Mr. Valentine be greatly missed and we all wish him well.

Sewer Use bills went out on October 1st. Customer are now able to pay their bill online through the Town website as well as mail or in person.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on October 16th.

- Application of Stacey Golub/CT Draft Horse Rescue of 113 Chestnut Hill Rd., to reduce front setback (east side) from 100' to 40' to fence pasture for horses. Reduce the front setback from 50' to 30' to replace existing house with an accessory building. Approved.
- Application of Robert & Michelle Currier of 172 Lake Dr., for 23' at end of driveway to place a moveable pre-fab structure to use as a garage. Approved.
- Application of Cary & Sharon Rollins of 18 West Point Rd., to add 165 sq. ft. for a complete driveway. Approved.