

BOARD AND COMMISSION SUMMARY SEPTEMBER, 2016

Arts & Culture Commission

The Arts & Culture Commission met on September 15th at the Joseph N. Goff House Museum.

Open Studio is planned for October 29th. Several artists have agreed to open their studios in East Hampton. The commission is still looking for participants to exhibit at the Congregational Church. The commission will provide specific information to participants about exhibit size and suggestions on how many items to exhibit. Kevin Gunning will prepare a map/brochure for the event. The deadline is October 6 to sign up to participate. The commission will meet on October 6 to review the event.

The Arts & Culture Commission website has been approved by the Town. The members approved www.artsforeasthamptonct.org as the domain name.

Members of the Arts & Culture Commission present this year's art purchase award by artist Betsy Rich to the East Hampton Youth And Family Services department on September 20 at 6 p.m.

Board of Finance

The September Meeting of the Board of Finance was held at the Town Hall Meeting Room on Monday, September 19, 2016.

- **250th Celebration:** Josh Piteo, Council Member and Chair of the 250th Celebration Committee, was in attendance to inform the Board Members of activities to date and to request an appropriation of funds for associated costs. *Mr. Hurst made a motion in the form of the below resolution that was seconded by Mr. Lambert.*
Resolved: that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town Council appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for costs in connection with East Hampton's 250th Celebration; and the appropriation shall be funded from unassigned General Fund balance (\$20,000) and the total amount shall be transferred to the Park and Recreation Special Revenue Fund. The appropriation may be spent on expenses to celebrate and commemorate this historic event as determined by the 250th Celebration Committee. Upon completion of the celebration, unexpected funds and excess revenue not designated for a particular purpose shall be returned to the General Fund. Vote: 5-0. Motion Passed.
- **Police Canine Program:** In following with a motion at the beginning of the meeting to add this topic to the agenda, Board Members expressed concerns around the process, or lack thereof, followed for this new program that will have an ongoing annual cost. The lack of input sought from the Board coupled with no formal vote from Town Council were cited as some of the concerns along with the

simple fact that future funding decisions may impact a living being rather than a vehicle or other inanimate “thing”. Discussion then moved to the Members’ overall concern of the Departments ability to service the community considering not only the impact of canine handler training and unknown future program maintenance costs but the department’s consistent misfortune with officer injuries. While some Members discussed inviting the Chief in for a Pre-budget planning detailed discussion of the department, others felt that this pre-budget discussion which is truly being sparked by the Canine Program (which is incurring no cost to the town this fiscal year) is premature. While next year’s budget presentation will include a canine related line item, in the end it will be up to the Chief to re-prioritize his needs based on any cuts made. The Board will not have any authority to dictate what line items are impacted by cuts.

Brownfields Redevelopment Agency

The Brownfields Redevelopment Agency held their regular meeting on September 26th. The contract for the demo of 13 Watrous Street has been awarded to Weise Construction. Discussion occurred on changes and additions to the Brownfield’s web page.

Charter Revision Commission

The Charter Revision Commission held a regular meeting on September 6th. They reviewed and approved wording for Section 2.1, regarding elected official’s capacity to volunteer.

Clean Energy Task Force

No meeting

Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging met on September 8th. They discussed the September Round Table meeting, the Everbridge system and transportation. They also continued a workshop on a survey they will be presenting to the Town Council for approval.

Conservation-Lake Commission

The Conservation Lake Commission held their regular meeting on September 8th. David Lloyd, summer intern to the Planning & Zoning Department, made a presentation on possible zoning regulation changes based on the 9 Point Watershed Plan recommendations. Plans were reviewed and approved for a water line fix at 15 Hale Rd and a new home construction at 35 Day Point Rd.

Design Review Board

No meeting

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission held their regular meeting on September 20th. Discussion occurred on setting up an EDC Facebook page and the possibility of holding quarterly breakfast meetings for business owners in town. AirLine Cycles will be the

Belltown Spotlight on Business for the month, with The Lucky Goat being the following month's recipient.

Ethics Commission

No meeting

Fire Commission

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on September 12th. Lisa Seymour from Human Resources made a presentation on the process of Worker's Compensation. A thermal imaging camera was approved for purchase. Discussion occurred on ongoing work at the Fire Houses and the UTV.

High School Building Committee

The High School Building Committee held their regular meeting on September 15th. Discussions were held on the upcoming bidding of work for fixing the weep hole issue with the roof and the current FF&E (furniture, fixtures & equipment) phase along with possible future needs, and the fact that the State of CT has reinterpreted a statute regarding time frames for change orders and how this affects the project.

Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency: September 28, 2016

- Application of Sherry Rouleau and Jeff Kottke, 15 Hale Road, Replacement of Water Line from Street to Home Under Hale Brook and in Upland Review Area – Approved with Standard Conditions.
- Application of B&D Salem Realty, LLC, 35 Day Point Road, New Single Family Home in Upland Review Area – Approved with Standard Short Form Conditions.
- Application of Dream Developers of Connecticut, for David and Tanya Potter, 33 Day Point Road, Construction of Sea Wall – Application accepted and reviewed. Questions were asked regarding wall construction, whether natural stone wall may be a requirement. Application Continued to October meeting.

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 September 20th. A review of the July and August Plant Operations report and Budget was completed. There was a brief discussion of the ongoing RDT project. Congratulations to the Colchester-East Hampton Wastewater Treatment plant for receiving the NACWA (National Association of Clean Water) Peak Performance Award for their outstanding compliance record for 2015.

Library Advisory Board

The Library Advisory Board met on September 12th. Library Director Sue Berescik provided multiple data reports for the East Hampton Library as compared to other libraries. Members discussed facility maintenance and Capital projects.

Middle Haddam Historic District Commission

The Middle Haddam Historic District Commission met for their regular meeting on September 22, 2016. There was an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness at High Point Road to repair the driveway with asphalt millings for the Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam. The application was accepted unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

No meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission

Application of THAC, LLC dba Belltown Recycling Center, 24 Old Coach Road for a Major Site Plan Modification to construct a new material acceptance processing area – Map 12/ Block 33/ Lot 5A – Approved for the following reason:

It should be a benefit to the town both financially and environmentally and that it is in accordance with our planning and zoning regulations. The following conditions are to be applied:

1. That the site is constructed and operates in accordance with all State of CT including the DEEP Departments rules and regulations as well as the Town of East Hampton and all Federal regulations.
2. That the Town of East Hampton Building Department be notified prior to the start of construction and at the end of construction.
3. That the fences and berm be constructed in accordance with the Town of East Hampton regulations
4. That the hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. for commercial operation excluding office activities.

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.

Water Development Task Force

No meeting

Water Pollution Control Authority

A Special meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority Committee was held at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday September 20th. An overview of Operations and Budget for the WPCA was completed. The main meeting discussions revolved around the Royal Oaks Water System raw water

samples and depth of the wells, Sports on 66 connection charge agreement and Sewer Use billing which included a breaking the meeting for the WPCA Public Hearing on the Sewer Use Rate.

The Water Pollution Control Authority also held a Public Hearing at the Colchester-East Hampton Waste Water Treatment Plant Meeting Room on Tuesday September 20th. The public hearing was held to hear the proposed 2016/17 Sewer Use Rates. The notice of Public Hearing was read. No citizens were in attendance.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Application of Barbara, John and Glenn Suprono, 43 Walnut Ave, for a west side yard variance to reduce the setback requirement from 15'to 3' to construct a ClearSpan Master SolarGuard Building. – Denied. Applicant was unable to present a valid hardship. The project is a convenience, not a necessity.