



OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

May 2018

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Planning Commission approved a new building at 90 Leonard Drive which will house the [CrossFit Inguz Gym](#). The building will have space for support services such as a chiropractor or physical therapist. The Commission also approved [The Hurne Estate](#), an event venue located on the site of a former nursery at 215 Thomas Road. The venue will host weddings, reunions and parties from April to October. The success of the owner's own wedding provided the business model for this new venture.

The Zoning Commission worked on the Parking and Sign sections of the Zoning Regulations. A number of different options will be available for businesses to meet parking requirements. The Commission will continue to allow shared and phased parking under certain circumstances. The sign regulations will address new types of signs and will be 'content neutral' in order to comply with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Staff held pre-application meetings for a new hotel on Route 184, a new development on Route 12, and for a fire training facility at the Town Hall Annex.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Marketing: Every year, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), www.iedconline.org, presents "Excellence in Economic Development Awards" recognizing the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders. These awards honor organizations and individuals for their efforts in creating positive change in urban, suburban, and rural communities. The Town of Groton's Office of Planning and Development Services (OPDS) recently submitted an entry for an "Internet & New Media Award" in the category of "General Purpose Website" for Groton's new economic development website found at www.exploremoregroton.com. This award recognizes exceptional and inventive use of the Internet and new media for economic development. Judging of the entries will occur in June with winners notified in August.

Winners are recognized at IEDC's Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA. Staff was also interviewed on the "Mystic Matters" show which will be released on Monday, June 11th.

Thames River Innovation Place (TRIP): Staff has been coordinating with the Undersea Supply Chain Consortium Manager, Alexandra Halvordson, who started on May 22nd. Her position is being paid for by TRIP by way of the CT Next Innovation grant funds. Preliminary discussions have occurred with CT Next Innovations with an indication that the Consortium budget should be increased given it is a high-profile state supported effort. Staff attended a joint U.S. and Australia announcement in Mystic that the two countries are working together to improve supply chain systems to assist Australia. A formal summit on this topic will occur this fall in Mystic with over 100 invited companies.

Economic Assistance Fund (EAF) Request: Staff sought and gained preliminary Council approval for the 10 Fort Hill Road project to partially fund infrastructure needs for a 19 unit residential unit development. Additionally, staff worked to prepare materials for another EAF request at 90 Leonard Drive for an athletic complex with supporting chiropractic offices. This gained support from the EAF Committee.



Coming Soon! [Beer'd Brewing Company](#) and [Mystic Cheese](#) will share this new building under construction at 225 Leonard Drive.

INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS — MAY

- ◇ Total building fees collected for FYE 2018 less reimbursements: \$329,778
- ◇ The permit for Groton Village Condominiums has been approved. This will be a multi-family complex of 19 Town-houses located at 10 Fort Hill Road.
- ◇ Permits were received for an owner build out of 774 Long Hill Road and 84 Plaza Court. These sites are undergoing renovation for the location of a new karate studio and the relocation of Groton Municipal Employees Credit Union respectively.
- ◇ Permits were approved for new signs at 27 West Main Street, where a new Korean restaurant is located, and for a canopy and signage upgrades at Fort Hill Citgo which is at 182 Fort Hill Road.
- ◇ A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for a new yoga studio located at 37 Water Street.

| ITEM | RECEIVED IN MAY | FISCAL YEAR 2018 TOTAL |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|
| BUILDING PERMITS | 57 | 581 |
| ELECTRICAL PERMITS | 25 | 293 |
| PLUMBING PERMITS | 18 | 138 |
| MECHANICAL PERMITS | 41 | 359 |
| SPRINKLER PERMIT | 0 | 7 |
| MOBILE HOME PERMITS | 0 | 6 |
| ESTIMATED VALUE | 3,063,690 | |
| RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW | 3 | 13 |
| ESTIMATED VALUE | 577,000 | 5,374,801 |
| RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS | 61 | 447 |
| NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS | 0 | 3 |
| COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS | 4 | 45 |
| SIGNS | 2 | 18 |
| POOL PERMITS | 2 | 10 |
| SHED PERMITS | 2 | 21 |
| SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED | 3 | 17 |
| TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements) | 48,847 | |
| CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED | 6 | 65 |
| HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS | 4 | 46 |
| CODE ENFORCEMENT | | |
| SIGN VIOLATIONS | 0 | 12 |
| VEHICLES/WASTE | 0 | 9 |
| OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS | 2 | 11 |
| PENDING LITIGATION | 0 | 3 |
| CASES RESOLVED | 1 | 14 |
| BLIGHT CODE | 2 | 19 |