



OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

August 2018

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Zoning Board of Appeals granted variances of the landscaping requirements and the placement of drive through facilities for a commercial building on Route 12. The new owner plans to demolish the existing building and build a new structure.

The Zoning Commission granted a special permit to allow a speaker to play outside music for a restaurant in Mystic. This was a relatively small application but it generated a good deal of Commission discussion about how to regulate outside music in a mixed use area.

The Wetland Agency approved a new building and expanded parking for the Groton Bible Chapel on Toll Gate Road.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Department met with Dennis Goderre, the new City Planner, and with Felix Reyes, the new New London Director of Development and Planning, in an effort to continue our good working relationship with these neighboring communities.

The Department began a review of the Blight Ordinance in order to streamline enforcement and to refine the definition of blight.

Staff met with owners of the industrial property off of Hazelnut Hill Road and Flanders Road. They are in the early stages of planning several projects for the property. The land is currently being logged under a plan prepared by a certified forester that was reviewed last year by the Inland Wetland Agency.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Marketing: Staff continues to increase use of social media to compliment our website at <http://www.exploremoregroton.com/groton>. Find us on [Face-](#)

[book](#) and give us a “Like” and “Share”. Doing this really makes a difference in expanding our reach. Staff and Town Councilor Lian Obrey participated in the Groton-New London Aviation Day event with a Groton promotional table on Sunday, August 19th where over 700 people attended. Staff has signed up to participate in the Fall Festival on October 6th at Poquonnock Plains Park, stop by and say hello.

Public Property Redevelopment (Mystic Education Center): Discussions and meetings with finalists are ongoing.

Public Property Redevelopment (Groton Heights): The submittal deadline was extended from its original date in August to September 17th. This was done at the request of the development community. Staff continues to conduct showings for the property.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who bought the Bank of America building in downtown Mystic and what will go in there?

No word yet on the new buyer.

When will the scaffolding come down on Central Hall?

The scaffolding should be down in October and new commercial tenants should move in Spring of 2019.

When will Beer'd and Mystic Cheese on Leonard Drive be open?

In November.

What is being built at the entrance to Sutton Park?

That is a decorative wall and new sign for Grasso Tech.

INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS — AUGUST

- ◆ Total building fees collected for FYE 2019 less reimbursements: \$61,207
- ◆ Building permits were issued this month for an office space fit out at 120B Leonard Drive, for a roofing project at Poquonock Bridge fire station on Long Hill Road, and a roofing project for the church at 1230 Flanders Road.
- ◆ Core Plus Credit Union will be moving its offices to Lighthouse Square at 441 Long Hill Road. A permit was submitted for the interior fit out for the new location.
- ◆ Permits have also been issued for the new Public Library and Senior Center Sign to be located at the entrance off Newtown Road.

ITEM	RECEIVED IN AUGUST	FISCAL YEAR 2019 TOTAL
BUILDING PERMITS	54	107
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	40	63
PLUMBING PERMITS	18	23
MECHANICAL PERMITS	48	75
SPRINKLER PERMIT	1	1
MOBILE HOME PERMITS	1	1
ESTIMATED VALUE	6,827,227	
RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW	2	2
ESTIMATED VALUE	325,000	325,000
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS	38	86
NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS	0	0
COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS	4	7
SIGNS	1	5
POOL PERMITS	1	2
SHED PERMITS	1	1
SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED	1	1
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements)	35,404	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED	3	9
HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS	7	13
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
SIGN VIOLATIONS	2	2
VEHICLES/WASTE	1	2
OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	2	2
PENDING LITIGATION	0	0
CASES RESOLVED	1	2
BLIGHT CODE	2	4