



COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Zoning Commission approved a special permit for an addition to the former Zhangs restaurant and to change its use from a restaurant to an office. The office space will be for a food related business. They also approved a special permit for a major expansion of the Sift Bake Shop on Water Street.

The Inland Wetland Agency began review of an expansion of the Fields of Fire recreation area, a new four story hotel on Winding Hollow Road, and a modification to the Groton Middle School plan to allow for a gravity sewer.

The Conservation Commission finished their plastics reduction study and began to prepare a presentation to the Town Council scheduled for February.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Thames River Innovation Place (TRIP): Staff participated with individual TRIP projects including Thames River Reconnection and Naval and Maritime Consortium. There was an innovation session at the RD86 kitchen facility in New London. Additionally, TRIP Board of Directors has been active in addressing a vacancy with the Executive Director position. Meetings have been held with the www.feedeachother.com startup group that might fit well into the TRIP model.

Groton Economic Development Strategy: Town and City economic development staff coordinated by listing numerous future implementation steps that will ultimately be incorporated into the Groton Economic Development Strategy document. The document will illustrate various priorities and recommend how they should best be implemented.

Public Property Redevelopment (Colonel Ledyard School): Staff is preparing advertisement materials for publication to begin active marketing. Cut sheet project information pages are now complete and will be uploaded on the web. An RFP release is anticipated by summer 2019.

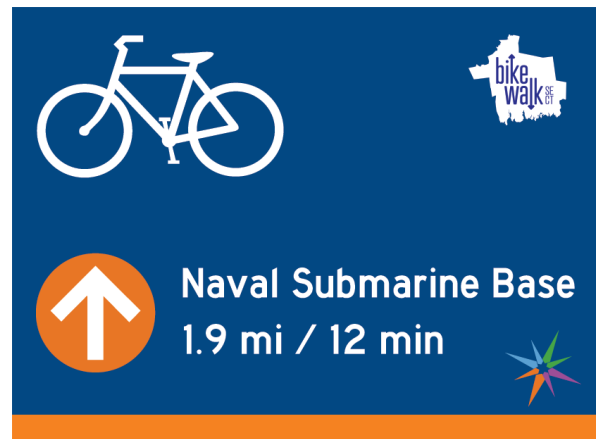
DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Planning staff held pre-application meetings to discuss an addition to Cardinal Honda on Route 12 and to discuss anew commercial development on the corner of Route 12 and Tollgate Road.

Staff attended a community meeting to discuss development options for the Groton Family Farm.

Bike Walk

The design of temporary signs to guide pedestrians and bicyclists from the Subase to the Gold Star Bridge was finalized and the sign locations were chosen. This pop up project is part of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Government's Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. The signs will be installed for two weeks in May.



INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS — JANUARY

- ◆ Total building fees collected for FYE 2019 less reimbursements: \$303,451
- ◆ Building permits were issued for the final two buildings at Groton Village which is situated at 10 Fort Hill Road. This will result in a total of 19 new single family living units at this location.
- ◆ Building continues at Pleasant Valley Apartments with a permit for the clubhouse located at 700 Pleasant Valley Road North.
- ◆ Elsewhere, TJ Maxx at 670 Long Hill Road is undergoing an interior remodel and Mystic Shipyard at 100 Essex Street has begun some outside general maintenance on a deck.
- ◆ A total of three sign permits were also issued as follows: 901 Route 12 to reface an existing sign with a new logo; 21 West Main Street to rebrand The Mariner Restaurant; 195 Sandy Hollow Road for Precious Memories Preschool to help direct parents and emergency services to the school's location.

ITEM	RECEIVED IN JANUARY	FISCAL YEAR 2019 TOTAL
BUILDING PERMITS	41	381
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	30	216
PLUMBING PERMITS	14	79
MECHANICAL PERMITS	31	250
SPRINKLER PERMIT	0	3
MOBILE HOME PERMITS	0	1
ESTIMATED VALUE	1,851,285	
RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ISSUED—NEW	5	13
ESTIMATED VALUE	1,659,500	6,153,301
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS	35	295
NEW COMMERCIAL PERMITS	1	4
COMMERCIAL ADDITIONS	2	30
SIGNS	3	14
POOL PERMITS	0	4
SHED PERMITS	0	8
SINGLE FAMILY/DUPLEX UNITS APPROVED	2	5
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED (less reimbursements)	31,096	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED	4	30
HDC CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS	3	32
CODE ENFORCEMENT		
SIGN VIOLATIONS	2	16
VEHICLES/WASTE	1	6
OTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS	1	6
PENDING LITIGATION	1	1
CASES RESOLVED	1	6
BLIGHT CODE	3	15