

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: January 27, 2014
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *FY 2014/15 Financial and Budget Overview* – The Council held its annual financial and budget overview on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Staff provided the Council with an update regarding the Town's major projects and current financial position, and discussed preliminary revenue estimates and cost drivers for FY 2014/15.
- *RFQ for Town Attorney Services* – Responses to the Request for Qualifications for Town Attorney services were due January 16th. Staff has forwarded them on to the Council via email, and the Personnel Committee began its review of the proposals at its January 27, 2014 meeting.
- *UCONN Public Scoping Meetings* - UCONN will hold public scoping meetings the evening of Wednesday, February 5th for two proposed projects: a new 850 bed residence hall next to the Hilltop Residence Halls on Alumni Drive and a new Engineering and Science Building off of Glenbrook Road. The scoping meeting for the new residence hall will start at 7:00PM; the meeting for the engineering/science building will start at 7:30PM or immediately upon the close of the first meeting, whichever is later. The meetings will be held in Room 146 at Bishop Center; public comments may be submitted until February 20th.

Departmental Reports

- *Fire Services* - I am very pleased to announce that Mansfield Fire Chief David Dagon has been selected as one of 12 firefighters for induction into the Firefighters Association Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize firefighters that have demonstrated leadership and shown themselves to be a motivating force for the betterment of the fire service throughout Connecticut and the United States. Chief Dagon joins an impressive list of Eagleville/Mansfield Firefighters - Raymond Gergler, Ernie Herrick, Howard Reynolds, Gerald Schaffer, George Thompson Jr, and Alan Hawkins - as a member of this honored group. Chief Dagon will be honored and inducted into the Hall of Fame at a dinner on April 9, 2014 at the Aqua Turf in Southington, Connecticut. Congratulations, Chief Dagon, on this well deserved honor!

Upcoming Events

- *Connecticut Strategic Water Resources Planning Conference* – On February 3, 2014, the UCONN School of Law will host a “conference and workshop intended to help Connecticut policymakers, experts and residents start the process of creating a statewide plan for managing its water resources.” The session will run from 8:00AM – 5:00PM in Starr Hall at the Law School. Please see the attached communication for more detail.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* – The Storrs Winter Farmers Market will be held on Saturdays (Feb 8 & 22, March 8, 22, & 29, and April 12 & 26), 3:00 – 5:00PM, inside the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library. Storrs Farmers Market is the only year-round farmers market in Northeastern Connecticut. For more information or to sign up for the Market email newsletter, please visit: www.storrsfarmersmarket.org.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, January 28, 2014, 10:30AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Economic Development Commission, January 29, 2014, 5:30PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Planning and Zoning Commission, February 3, 2014, 7:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, February 4, 2014, 7:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, February 4, 2014, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, February 6, 2014, 4:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, February 10, 2014, 5:00PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, February 10, 2014, 6:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, February 10, 2014, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*



UConn to Host Wide-Ranging Conference on Statewide Water Strategic Planning Process

*Attendees to Discuss Guiding Principles of Creating Plan;
Gov. Malloy to Address Participants*

Jan. 13, 2014

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STORRS, Conn. – UConn today began accepting reservations for a conference and workshop intended to help Connecticut policymakers, experts and residents start the process of creating a statewide plan for managing its water resources.

The Connecticut Strategic Water Resources Planning Conference will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, in Starr Hall at the UConn School in Law in Hartford. Attendance is free and open to the public, but registration is limited to the first 150 people due to space constraints.

Participants can register through Jan. 24 at this site, which also includes the day's itinerary: www.regonline.com/waterplan2014

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy is scheduled to speak at 12:30 p.m. at the conference, which will include panel discussions and workshops with policymakers and experts. Topics will include state-of-the-art water resource plans in other states; models for determining the allocation of available water resources; and opportunities and obstacles to developing and implementing a state plan.

The interactive afternoon workshop will engage conference attendees in suggesting a vision for a Connecticut water resources plan, framing its guiding principles, and recommending next steps for moving forward.

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