

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: May 12, 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 Proposed Budget*
 - *Annual Town Meeting* – The Town of Mansfield **Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration** will be held on May 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of the Mansfield Middle School. Staff has advertised the meeting in the Chronicle with a box ad, issued a press release to local media and via the QNotify system, posted meeting information on cable channel 13 and the Town's Facebook page, placed signboards on town property in high traffic areas, posted flyers in town buildings, and mailed budget and Town Meeting information to every residence and business in town.
 - *Additional State Revenue* - attached please find the most recent analysis of the impact of the state budget on Mansfield. As indicated, this would provide a net increase of \$573,772 over the Council's adopted budget. Under Section C406(C) of the Town Charter, the Town Council has the authority to appropriate this funding. I know that during his presentation at the Town Meeting tomorrow, Finance Committee Chair Bill Ryan plans to inform the voters that the Town will receive this additional state revenue and to discuss the options that the Town Council has available to it under the Charter.
- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – Construction activities in Mansfield this week include the clearing of vegetation in the right-of-way in the vicinity of Stafford Road, Highland Road, Stone Ridge Lane and Stearns Road, the relocation of guy wires on existing structures in the vicinity of Hawthorne Lane, Bassetts Bridge Road and South Bedlam Road, and the installation of access roads and construction pads in the vicinity of Mansfield City Road and Crane Hill Road. Weekly construction updates can be found at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email NEEWS@NU.com for more information.
- *Regional School District #19 Budget Referendum* – Region 19 conducted its budget referendum in Mansfield, Ashford and Willington on May 6, 2014. The budget passed in all three towns (Mansfield: 210 Yes and 68 No; Ashford: 205 Yes and 105 No; Willington: 200 Yes and 112 No).

Departmental Reports

- *Planning and Zoning*
 - *Four Corners Sewer and Water Project* – At 6:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21st in the Council Chamber, the Town will hold a Community Information Meeting on the Four Corners Sewer and Water Project. This meeting will offer community members an opportunity to learn more about proposed sewer and water improvements in the Four Corners area. Information will include background on the need for public infrastructure, updates on the new water line that will be extended from Tolland to UCONN, proposed sewer service area boundaries, conceptual routes for the sewer system, preliminary cost estimates and next steps. This is the first in a series of community meetings that will be held in the coming months as the sewer system design progresses.

- *Town Manager's Office*
 - Maria Capriola was recently recognized by the UCONN Masters of Public Administration (MPA) Program as the 2014 recipient of its Recent Distinguished Alumni Award. The Award is given to a recent alumnus that has demonstrated leadership, high ethical standards, and achievements in the field of public administration. Congratulations, Maria!

Major Projects

- *Storrs Center*
 - *Educational Playcare* - construction has started on Educational Playcare.
 - *Eight Royce Circle* - Eight Royce Circle is under construction and the apartments are scheduled to open in August with CVS and Brueggers Bagels/Jamba Juice to open shortly thereafter.
 - *Phase 2* - on April 23, the Partnership Board of Directors held a public hearing on the zoning permit application for Phase 2 of Storrs Center (mixed-use development with approximately 200 apartments, and 34,000 square feet of commercial development). The Board closed the hearing and recommended to the Director of Planning and Development that the application satisfied the Storrs Center Special Design District regulations, including design guidelines. The Director of Planning and Development will review the plans and is expected to make her decision shortly. If final approvals are given in May, construction may start as early as June for an opening date of August 2015.
 - *Price Chopper* - Price Chopper is scheduled to open in June 2014.
 - *Town Square* – after a delayed start due to weather conditions, we are making good progress on the Town Square. Work on most of the horizontal elements should be completed by mid-May and we will be able to open the square to public use. Electrical work will continue this summer.

Upcoming Events

- *Square Fair* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership announces a new monthly series of events: the Square Fair! Every fourth Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM from May through September, the Partnership will host local artists and makers in Dog Lane. The first Square Fair will be held on Friday, May 23, 2014. A variety of artwork and crafts will be available for sale, including pottery, watercolors, oil paintings, jewelry, and hand-crafted soaps and lotions. The line-up of artists and makers varies from month to month, so there's always something new to see! Meet your friends for dinner or drinks, then browse the booths for unique art and gifts! Square Fair is free and open to the public. Rain cancels the event.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Farmers Market is now open for its 20th season. The Market is open every Saturday from May through Thanksgiving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just 12 miles! Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Special Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, May 12, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, May 13, 2014, 12:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, May 13, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration**, May 13, 2014, 7:00 PM, Auditorium, Mansfield Middle School
- Sustainability Committee, May 14, 2014, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Zoning Board of Appeals, May 14, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, May 15, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Committee on Committees Special Meeting, May 16, 2014, 8:10 AM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, May 19, 2014, 4:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning & Zoning Commission, May 19, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission Special Meeting, May 20, 2014, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Traffic Authority Meeting, May 21, 2014, 2:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Public Information Meeting, May 21, 2014, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, May 21, 2014, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Economic Development Commission, May 22, 2014, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Town Council**, May 27, 2014, 7:30PM, 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.*