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To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: June 13, 2016
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Council Business

- *Chaplin/Mansfield Boundary Line* – Tomorrow, June 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chamber at the Beck Municipal Building (Mansfield Town Hall), the towns of Mansfield and Chaplin will co-sponsor an informational meeting regarding the Chaplin/Mansfield boundary line survey. The Towns mailed an invitation to the meeting to all property owners within 500' of both sides of the boundary line. At the session, the surveyor hired by the towns will present his findings; Town Attorney Kevin Deneen and Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter will attend to assist with questions.
- *Mansfield/Willington Cooperative Agreement* – In April, the Mansfield Board of Education received a request from the Willington Board of Education to begin a conversation to explore the potential of a cooperative arrangement in which children from Willington would be accepted into the Mansfield Schools as tuitioning students. The Mansfield Board accepted the request to explore this topic. The Mansfield Board of Education's finance committee members along with the Superintendent, Mayor Paul Shapiro, and town administrators will meet with our Willington counterparts to begin this conversation on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 7:30 PM in Council Chamber. Officials from the Connecticut State Department of Education will also be present to discuss some of the implications of such an agreement. We hope this will be the first of several conversations to explore the advantages such an arrangement would have for both communities. This, and all subsequent meetings, are open to the public and will include an opportunity for public comment.
- *Region 19/UConn Project* – In response to concerns expressed by the regional community, the Regional School District No. 19 Board of Education voted last week to postpone consideration of its school building project until the late summer/fall of 2016. As a result, the Region's Building Committee cancelled last week's public workshop to discuss the proposal with residents. The Region does not plan to conduct a referendum on a school building project during the November 2016 election.
- *Sawmill Brook Preserve* – Last week, the Town Attorney and I closed on the 61-acre Meadowbrook Lane LLC property, which will become part of the 223-acre Sawmill Brook Preserve. The Town received a state grant covering 65% of the purchase price; this property is valuable for habitat preservation and recreational purposes. I would to thank local resident Jack Guarnaccia for his role in working with the members of his family to make this acquisition happen.
- *Special Meeting on Mansfield/UCONN Sewer Agreement* – At 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, we will hold a special meeting in the Council Chamber to begin discussion of a new sewer use agreement between the Town and UCONN. This is an important agreement and I encourage all councilors to attend.

Departmental Reports

- *Facilities Management* – The exterior painting of the Town Hall is underway. The contractor, Evergreen Construction, has cleaned the exterior surfaces of the building and is now proceeding with painting.
- *Town Manager's Office* – Last week Mayor Shapiro and I attended the annual meeting of the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). UCONN President Susan Herbst was the guest speaker and the Town received two awards as part of CRCOG's annual awards program – one for a regional recreation initiative and the other for our *Mansfield Tomorrow* Plan of Conservation and Development.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Four Corners Water & Sewer Project* – Today, I met with representatives of the Connecticut Water Company (CWC) and they have informed me that they are on-track to complete the interconnection to Mansfield and to begin serving local customers by August 15, 2016. We will collaborate with Connecticut Water to make sure that all affected customers are aware of the transition from UCONN to the CWC. Also, for the Four Corners sewer project the Town has filed the draft record of decision (RoD) supporting the environmental impact evaluation with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and has responded to DEEP's comments. We expect that DEEP will issue the completed RoD by the end of the summer, which will allow us to complete the final design and bid the project later this year for a spring 2017 start of construction.

Upcoming Events

- *John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* – Registration for the 11th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield is now open! The Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Downtown Partnership, and Mansfield Community Center invite bicyclists of all skill levels to participate in the 11th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield on Saturday, June 18, 2016 (the rain date is Sunday, June 19). The John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield features three different routes for cyclists of all experience levels to enjoy the scenic beauty of Mansfield's villages while also promoting fun and healthy social and recreational activity. The Town of Mansfield, Mansfield Community Center, and Mansfield Downtown Partnership host this ride annually in celebration of John E. Jackman, who served the Town for twenty-seven years and was a strong advocate for cycling in Mansfield. Read more about and register for the 11th Annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield at mansfieldct.gov/biketour.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* - Storrs Farmers Market began its 22nd season this past weekend. The Market is open every Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM from now through Thanksgiving on the front lawn of the Mansfield Town Hall. Everything sold at the Market is grown and produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just under 10 miles! For more information, please visit storrsfarmersmarket.org.
- *Summer Concerts on the Square* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Town of Mansfield invite residents to attend the 2016 Summer Concerts on the Square, presented by Connecticut Water! Every Thursday in June and July, enjoy live music on the Town Square from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The concerts are free and open to the public. See the full schedule and videos of each band at mansfieldmusic.org. The Summer Concerts on the Square are made possible with the generous support of Connecticut Water, UConn First Summer, Main Street Homes at Storrs Center, The Oaks on the Square, and Storrs Center Retail.
- *Summer Fun in Storrs* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites children and their families to a special performance by the Kidsville Kuckoo Revue on Wednesday, June 15. The "Kidsville Summer Kickoff!" will take place on the Town Square from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited to sing and dance and celebrate the start of summer vacation! The fun doesn't stop there: Visit mansfieldct.gov/summer for a

look at all of the activities planned in the downtown this summer. From movies and musicals to concerts and puppets, there's something for every age to enjoy!

Upcoming Meetings*

- Town-University Relations Committee, June 14, 2016, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, June 14, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, June 15, 2016, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, June 20, 2016, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning & Zoning Commission, June 20, 2016, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, June 21, 2016, 6:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Open Space Preservation Committee, June 21, 2016, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Economic Development Commission, June 23, 2016, 5:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Meeting, June 27, 2016, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, 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.*