

**MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 11, 2002
REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth A. Paterson at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad (arrived at 7:04) Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Stallard, Thorkelson (arrived at 7:02)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to approve the minutes of February 25, 2002, as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Bruce Borders, Ripley Road, Coventry, urged Council to continue going after a Small Cities Grant for the restoration of the attached sheep barn on the Farwell Barn on the University of Connecticut campus. Mr. Borders believes that this is an appropriate use of this grant. The sheep barn needs a roof at a cost of approximately \$50,000. He hoped that work on the main barn could begin and that if no grant materialized, nor funds raised, the sheep barn could sequentially be torn down. However all grant possibilities should be pursued. He spoke about the Town of Franklin, which received a grant for \$400,000 to turn a historic house into a museum. The sheep barn he felt, as a historic building, should be preserved and as such should be eligible for grant funds.

Jean Ann Kinney, 17 Lynwood Road, spoke about her well and the quality of water she receives since the development of the apartment complex by the University off of Separatist Road. She feels that she has not received adequate testing and information as to what is causing her water problems. She requested that the Town Council address quality of water for present residents before discussing providing water for future development in the town.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

No action needed to be taken.

2. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program-Wright's Village, Senior Housing Improvements

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to adopt the certified resolution necessary to submit the Town's application to the Small Cities

Community Development Block Grant Program to provide housing improvements at Wright's Village Senior Housing Complex.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move the item under new business #6 "Substance Abuse Prevention Education Grant up on the agenda".

So passed unanimously.

1. Substance Abuse Prevention Education Grant(Dare)

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to separate the total amount of the grant to specific programs.

Therefore, Mr. Schaefer moved to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application in the amount of \$5,825.00 for Substance Abuse Prevention Education activities and to receive grant funds for Project Adventure.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application in the amount of \$9,175.00 for Substance Abuse Prevention Education activities and to receive funds for the DARE program.

Mr. Fred Baruzzi, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Jeff Cryan, Assistant Principal spoke on the benefits of the DARE Program.

In favor: Hawkins, Holinko and Schaefer.

Against Bell, Haddad, Rosen, Schaefer and Thorkelson.

Abstained: Paterson

Motion failed.

I. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

5. Mansfield Water Supply Study

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, introduced two consultants from Milone and MacBroom Inc. of Cheshire Conn.

Jennie Bonin and David Murphy addressed about 55 persons and Council members on the Draft of the Water Study. They presented a PowerPoint delivery and then responded to questions and concerns of the persons present.

At 9:50 p.m. the public information meeting

IV. RETURNED TO OLD BUSINESS

1. CCM Amicus Curiae-Westport v CT Siting Council

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to authorize the Town Manager to appropriate \$350 toward CCM's amicus curiae intervention in the case of Westport v. Connecticut Siting Council.

So passed unanimously.

2. Farwell Barn Renovation Project

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to move to rescind all previous town council actions pertaining to the sheep barn and to authorize the Mayor to notify the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Historical Commission that the Mansfield Town Council fully supports the University of Connecticut's request to dismantle the sheep barn and initiate immediate restoration of the Farwell Barn.

Mr. Bellm moved the question. Mr. Thorkelson seconded motion.

So passed unanimously.

In favor: Hawkins, Holinko, Stallard

Against: Bellm, Haddad, Rosen, Schaefer, Thorkelson

Abstained: Paterson

Motion failed.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Capital Projects Fund

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to adjust the Capital Projects Fund as presented by the Director of Finance in his memorandum dated February 27, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

2. 2003 Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development-Timeline and Process Guidelines

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to accept the February 27, 2002 Draft Timeline and Process Guidelines for the 2003 Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development, as presented by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Greg Padick, Town Planner, discussed the two-year process of updating Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Conservation and Development, and recognized that some very important work is now in process, which will contribute to this plan. Lands of Unique Value Study, the ongoing Water Study and the Downtown Master Plan will greatly assist in this process. At this time an organizational framework and procedural guidelines involving boards and commissions, community organizations, staff and the general public needs to be established. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved this update time line and process guideline for submittal to the Town Council.

Motion so passed. Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

3. Library Renovation Project-Furniture Purchase

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to authorize the Town Manager to amend the Capital Budget to move the \$50,000 allocated for library furniture from fiscal year 2002/03 to fiscal year 2001/02.

So passed unanimously.

4. Downtown Master Plan and Implementation Alternatives

No action needed.

11.Mansfield 300th Celebration-Mansfield Homecoming Day

By consensus the Town Council endorsed the activities and events as scheduled. Town Council will co-sponsor the Homecoming Day on August 3, 2002 with the Army Corps of Engineers at Mansfield Hollow Dam.

12.WPCA-Proposed FY 2002-03 UConn Water/Sewer Budget

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and reconvene as the Water Pollution Control Authority.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2002/03 UConn Water/Sewer Budget, as presented by the Director of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to adjourn as the Water Pollution Control Authority and reconvene as the Mansfield Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

- I. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
- II. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee will be meeting at Mr. Rosen's home on Hanks Hill Road at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2002.

- III. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson announced that she had participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Savings Institute bank branch at the Eastbrook Mall today, March 11, 2002.

- IV. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

There will be a Public Information Meeting on March 21, 2002 at the Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed reconstruction of Maple Road between Davis Road and South Eagleville Road.

The Town Manager handed out Raised H.B. No. 5708 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

The Town Manager handed out the memo from Bart Russell, Executive Director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns containing his testimony before the Government Administration and Elections Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly on Raised HV 5698 concerning municipal ethics and Raised SB 579 an act adopting the model code of ethics for municipalities and special districts. He respectfully requested that the Committee defer action on the bills.

The Town Manager stated that the Director of Public Works, Lon Hultgren, had talked with Art Christian of the Department of Environmental Protection concerning the Detention Pond/Dam issue and that there will be public meetings beginning in April.

There will be a meeting on April 4 at the Friends Meeting House at the intersection of Hunting Lodge Rd. and North Eagleville Rd. on the UConn Landfill Project. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, the US Environmental Protection Agency, Town of Mansfield officials and consultants, Eastern Highland Health District, and UConn officials and consultants will review the public involvement assessment and will give an update on the project timeline and key questions. They will also report on the latest results of residential well sampling.

Eastern Highland Health District has begun well tests on Separatist Road.

- V. FUTURE AGENDAS
- VI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

13. "Symbiosis in Storrs" – Hartford Courant

14. University of Connecticut Graduate Housing Market Analysis

15. J. Petersen re: Well at 89 Separatist Road

16. University of Connecticut Job Posting-Director of Environmental Policy
17. State Board of Education-" The Board Report"
18. S. Thompson re: Application for Fifth Year of Funding for Mansfield School Readiness Program
19. Connecticut Siting Council re:Cell Tower at 31 Ridge Road, Chaplin Connecticut
20. WINCOG re: De-obligated Route 6 Expressway Funding
21. COST-"Urgent Capital Alert"

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 p.m. Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk