

**REGULAR MEETING
MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer(arrived at 7:45 p.m.) Stallard, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to approve the minutes of May 27, 2002, as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Maria Gogarten, Rte. 89, spoke on concerns of proposed improvements to Rte. 89 and Mt. Hope Road intersection. She did not want to see a widening of the Rte. 89, however the hump could be taken out. The whole Rte. 89 project needs to be discussed again. The winding road slows the traffic down.

Alison Blair, 115 Coventry Road, requested the Council speak louder and to check the sound system in the Council Chamber. Sometimes it is difficult to hear what is being said at the Council table.

Tim Elder, Rte. 89, requested the Council not alter Rte. 89 as the speed will only increase. The winding road has a calming effect on the drivers. Suggestion-a few more signs?

Kenneth Foreman, Warrenville Road, spoke on Rte. 89 proposed changes. He would like to see Mt. Hope Road and the surrounding area remain a scenic road. He urged the Council to keep this project at a minimum amount of change. The hump needs to be lowered but the winding road should retain the beauty and tradition of the village.

Brad Elder, Rte. 89, urged the Council to have DOT look at the project again. The hump must go, but not the winding road. Do not straighten the road, as it will only increase the speed along the road. Speed limit should be enforced.

Chip Jordan, 243 So. Eagleville Road urged that the safety issues of the road, Rte. 89 be reinvestigated.

Tony Kirk, Rte. 89, urged the Council to keep the brakes on DOT project on Rte. 89.

Dave Dagon, 1011 Warrenville Road asked that the hump be removed but do not encourage speed by widening and straightening the road.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to move up Item #3 in the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

3. Route 89/Mt. Hope Intersection

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to write a letter responding to the Connecticut Department of Transportation expressing Town Council and citizen concerns regarding proposed improvements at the intersection of Conn. Route 89 and Mount Hope Road, specifically: 1. Too high design speed for the approach to an intersection, The Town Council would prefer a design speed of 35 mph. For these approaches and 2. A lack of "context sensitive" planning so far, with regard to the exceptional natural beauty and historic character of the site.

So passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

Town Council not required to take any action on this item.

2. Sunny Acres Park Management Plan

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the Sunny Acres Management Plan as submitted by the Recreation Advisory Committee.

So passed unanimously.

By consensus item #6 was moved up on the agenda.

6. Recognition of Council-member James Stallard

Mayor Paterson thanked Mr. Stallard for his tenure on the Town Council and presented him with a proclamation and a Mansfield gift of stoneware. Cake and coffee was served. Mr. and Mrs. Stallard will be moving to Virginia and becoming the owners of a bed and breakfast.

4. Water Supply Plan

Mr. Lon Hultgren, Public Works Director presented the recommendations of the Water Supply Plan to the Town Council. He urged the Council go forward with the

plans and to have the staff make the necessary contacts and begin negotiations with other entities. There will be further public comment and authorization of the Council.

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to direct the Town Manager to pursue the recommended options in the Water Supply Plan, and to make the necessary contacts and begin negotiations with other entities in order to develop further recommendations for Council action.

So passed unanimously.

5. CCM Amicus Curiae-Granite State Outdoor Advertising v. Zoning Board of Stamford

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to authorize the Town Manager to appropriate \$375 toward CCM's amicus curiae intervention in the case of Granite State Outdoor Advertising v. Zoning Board of Stamford.

Motion so passed. Mr. Holinko voted no.

V. NEW BUSINESS

7. Proclamation in Honor of the 75th Anniversary of Jensen's Retirement Communities, Inc.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation in honor of the 75th anniversary of Jensen's Residential Communities, Inc.

Motion so passed unanimously.

8. Proclamation Designating the Month of June as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the month of June 2002 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the Town of Mansfield

Motion so passed. Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

9. Recognition for Mansfield Supply

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter prepared by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to acknowledge Mansfield Supply for its continuing support of Town recycling and composting programs.

So passed unanimously.

10. Eastern Highlands Health District Board of Directors

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to appoint Town Manager Martin H. Berliner to a three year term on the Eastern Highlands Health District Board of Directors, effective immediately, and to direct the Committee on Committees to identify a third Mansfield representative for the Board.

So passed unanimously.

11. Suspense Tax Book

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to transfer \$30,095.08 in outstanding property taxes to the Mansfield Property Tax Suspense List, as recommended by the Collector of Revenue.

So passed unanimously.

12. Personnel Service Agreement-Day Care Support at Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is authorized to execute and submit the Personal Service Agreement for the Mansfield Discovery Depot for fiscal year 2002/03.

So passed unanimously.

13. Youth Service Bureau Grant Application to State Department of Education

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, be authorized to submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Education for the operation of the Mansfield Youth Service Bureau for the period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

14. Plains Road Recreation Area

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate a lease agreement with the University of Connecticut for the Town's recreational use of the University's property at Plains Road in Mansfield, and to submit the proposed lease agreement to the Town Council for approval.

So passed unanimously.

15. Pre-paid Fare Program-University of Connecticut's Participation in Fiscal Year 2002/03

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to table this item.

So passed unanimously.

16. Pay Grade for Information Specialist I

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to set the pay grade for the Information Specialist I position at grade 15 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan.

So passed unanimously.

17. FY 2002/03 Wage Adjustment for Nonunion Personnel

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to increase the pay grades in the Town Administrators Pay Plan by 3.2 percent, effective July 1, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

18. Community Center-Charter Memberships, Inaugural Memberships, Room Naming, Equipment Donations.

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the proposals from the Recreation Advisory Committee and staff concerning Charter Memberships, Inaugural Memberships, Room Naming and Equipment Donations for the Community Center, as presented in the Director of Parks and Recreation's memorandum dated May 23, 2002 to the Town Manager.

Motion so passed. Mr. Bellm and Mr. Thorkelson voted No.

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS

No comments.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Schaefer announced that the Finance Committee would be meeting on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Schaefer met with the Cynthia vanZelm of the Downtown Partnership to review his thoughts on the proposed by-laws.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Federal Grant application for Rural Enterprise for the Downtown Plan has been processed. Another grant will be completed as soon as possible.

Community Center building project is progressing, the footings, and walls are going up

around building. All will be up this week and steel will be arriving next week. Signs will be going up for the project.

The Town/Gown committee will be meeting this week at 4:00 p.m.

The Fire Service Committee met last week and will meet next week.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Thorkelson would like to discuss the overseeing of the Community Center.

Mr. Schaefer requested that a plaque be made with the names of the Community Center Building Committee. Town Manager said that a plaque would be ordered.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stallard moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk