

**REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
JUNE 24, 2002**

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

Absent: Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of June 10, 2002, as presented.

Mr. Schaefer noted that under Future Agendas the minutes should read: "Mr. Schaefer requested that a plaque be made with the names of the Community Center Building Committee".

So passed as corrected.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Kay Holt invited the Town Council to walk beside the Birthday Cake Float to celebrate Mansfield's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday in the Boom Box Parade on the Fourth of July in Willimantic. Mayor Elizabeth Paterson and Mr. Fred A. Cazel, Jr., Chairman of the 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be riding in a convertible. The parade will begin at the Frog Bridge and continue on up Main Street. Mrs. Holt thanked the Public Works department for their assistance with this project.

Beth Gankofskie, Hillyndale Road, spoke in support of the proposed application for grant funds to enhance the playing fields at the Southeast Park. She spoke of the excellent direction and support given to the Parks and Recreation Director Curt Vincente by the Parks Advisory Committee. The Southeast Park is used considerably and good facilities are needed.

Diane Nadeau, Thornbush Road, supports the proposed application for grant funds for the Southeast Park Restroom/Storage/Concession Building Project.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to move item #4. Agriculture Committee Report up on the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Al Cyr, spokesman for the Agriculture Committee presented the report to the Council and explained the past activities and future activities. The Council thanked Mr. Cyr for coming to present the annual report to them.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Stallard Resignation from Town Council

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to nominate Mr. JC Martin to replace Mr. Stallard as a Republican member of the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

The Town Clerk swore Mr. Martin in as a member of the Mansfield Town Council. Mr. Martin took his seat on the Council.

##### 2. Financial Statements Dated March 31, 2002

Mr. Schaefer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2002 as presented by the Director of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

##### 3. Pre-paid Fare Program

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to authorize the Transportation Advisory Committee to send the attached letter to the University of Connecticut requesting that the University reconsider its decision to withdraw from the Storrs to Willimantic pre-paid fare program.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to amend the letter and include the statement "Such transportation will become of even greater importance when the Downtown Project is completed and will help guarantee the success of that Project."

And "we believe that its discontinuation would be a real loss for our Town and University community."

Amendment so passed unanimously.

Amended motion passed unanimously.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### 4. Agriculture Committee-Annual Report

Already presented.

##### 5. Stallard Resignation from Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to appoint Mr. Chris Thorkelson from the Town Council to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

So passed unanimously.

6. NRPA-NFL Youth Football Grant

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of a grant application to the NRPA-NFL Grant Program to receive funding for the Southeast Park Restroom/Storage/Concession Building Project, and to submit the completed application to the Town Council for approval.

So passed unanimously.

7. Town of Mansfield Local Emergency Medical Services Plan

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to approve the Town of Mansfield Local Emergency Medical Services Plan and to authorize the Town Manager to submit the plan to the Connecticut Department of Health.

So passed unanimously.

8. Emergency Services Operations and Management Improvement Project-Action Plan

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the action plan to implement the Emergency Services and Management Improvement Project.

Mr. Schaefer moved to amend the motion to add a new item #18 "to review and analyze the new system; and to present it to the Town Council, to be done by the management team, and, if possible, Amy Donahue, by December 2004". Seconded by Mr. Rosen.

Amendment so passed unanimously.

Amended motion so passed unanimously.

9. Reclassification of Information Specialist III Position

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to set the pay scale for the Information Technology Manager position at grade 21 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan.

So passed unanimously.

10. Community Center Operations and Administration-Action Plan

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to table discussion of the Community Center Operations and Administration Action Plan.

So passed unanimously.

## VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr.Haddad, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, moved to accept the list of appointees to the various Town Committees and Boards.

So passed unanimously.

Mayor Paterson appointed JC Martin to the Finance Committee.

## VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson commended the various programs celebrating Mansfield's 300<sup>th</sup>.

The Stearns family made a successful trip from Brooklyn Conn. to Mansfield with their oxen cart re-enacting their family's original journey to Mansfield.

The Garden Gate Tour was successful. There were 11 gardens and 1 vineyard to tour. Jan Scottron, Ann Smith and Garden members served as hostesses at the gardens.

Three neighborhoods, Atwoodville, Mt. Hope, and Wormwood Hill held a picnic at the Lion's Club Pavilion followed by a bus tour of the three villages. Each bus had a tour guide and handed out historical material on homes in those areas. The trip was very successful.

## IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

On Wednesday June 26, 2002 there will be a meeting regarding the Separatist Road detention pond. The meeting is scheduled from 4-9 p.m.at the Town Hall.

When Anthem/Blue Cross demutualized the town received some stock that was sold and the funds placed in the insurance fund. The insurance costs continue to rise rapidly.

Town Manager has been appointed by COST to a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth incentives.

Town Manager just received an email regarding the proposed Amtrak shutdown. The email inquired if the town wanted to go on record to support Federal assistance for the railroad.

Town Manager handed out a press release on the Town receiving a grant of \$35,000 from the USDA Rural Development Enterprise for a study of the 45-acre parcel of land in Storrs Center to improve retail businesses and bring in additional small businesses to the area. The Town has applied for other grants for the Downtown Partnership Project.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met, which allows the Town to go forward to settle the agreement with Celeron Square.

The committee on the UConn Landfill met on June 13, 2002 and is continuing to meet on a regular basis. It is an ongoing process.

A meeting with Public Works was held on the Separatist road bikeway proposal. About a dozen neighbors were present and shared concerns. The consultants will respond and return with answers.

The Town/Gown committee met on June 11, 2002 and discussed at length the concerns of Spring Weekend. Further study needs to be done. This is an ongoing issue not easily answered.

Community Center Building Project is continuing. The footings and foundation are in and the steel is due to arrive shortly.

#### X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Schaefer would like to discuss the dedication plaque for the Community Center.

Mr. Martin would like to discuss the lights at the Eastern Ball Field.

#### XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Schilling re: Greek Campus Community & Central Dining Facility
12. Town of Mansfield 2002 Road Surfacing Program
13. L. Schilling re: Storm Water Sampling Report Stadium Detention Basin
14. R. Simmons re: Reallocated Route 6 Funds for the Construction of the Conn Tech Road Project
15. M. Berliner re: Route 89 Near Mount Hope Road
16. M. Gelston re: Telecommunications Facilities; North Eagleville Road
17. DEP re: Mosquito Trapping and Testing Program
18. DEP re: south Connector Road

#### XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### 19. Personnel Session

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Rosen, Chairman of the Personnel Committee moved to go into executive session on a personnel matter.

So passed unanimously.

At 9:30 p.m. the Council came out of Executive session.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adjourn the Town Council meeting.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor  
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk