

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Special Town Council Meeting
Mansfield Senior Center
Saturday, December 14, 2002**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Mayor Betsy Paterson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: B. Bellm, G. Haddad, A. Hawkins, E. Holinko, E. Paterson, C. Schaefer, C. Thorkelson, W. Rosen

III. Business

The council members present determined that, due to a full agenda, they would not be able to take public comment at today's meeting.

1. *Nomination of Member to Mansfield Housing Authority.* Greg Haddad made a motion to reconsider the appointment of Alice Kinne to the Mansfield Housing Authority. Al Hawkins seconded the motion. Greg indicated that Ms. Kinne's appointment should be reconsidered because, as a housing authority resident, she would not be allowed to vote on certain financial and residential matters. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Haddad then made a motion to reject the appointment of Alice Kinne to the Mansfield Housing Authority. Al Hawkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Committee on Committees will work to identify another nominee for the council's review.

2. *Business Sponsorship and Commercial Advertising in Town Parks.* Carl Schaefer made a motion to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the town council's regular meeting on January 27, 2003 to solicit public comment concerning the proposed amendment to the Parks Regulations to allow the location of temporary sponsorship signs/banners in town parks. Greg Haddad seconded. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The council also directed staff to modify the language in section 194-1(J)(8) to limit the location of signs/banners to the three sites listed in subsection (2).

3. *Community Center Staffing Proposal.* Al Hawkins made a motion to reconsider Bill Rosen's December 9, 2002 motion to: "establish [effective December 9, 2002] the positions of assistant director of parks and recreation, aquatic director, health and fitness director, director of marketing and special events, head lifeguard, health and fitness specialist, administrative office supervisor, receptionist, head custodian and custodian, and to authorize the town manager to negotiate with the appropriate bargaining units to set salary ranges for these positions." Eric Holinko seconded. The motion to reconsider passed 7-0-1 (Chris Thorkelson abstaining).

After considerable discussion, Bill Rosen moved the question. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Holiday Lighting in Storrs Center.* Matt Hart reported that the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's Advertising Committee was considering the placement of holiday lighting at various commercial and public buildings in the Storrs Center area, and desired the council's input regarding the idea. The consensus among the council members was in support of the proposal as long as the town would not incur any additional costs for the lighting.
5. *Federal Homeland Security Funding for First Responders.* Carl Schaefer made a motion to authorize the mayor to submit a letter to the president requesting federal funding for first responders. Bruce Bellm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. *Major Projects Update.* In the interest of time, Matt Hart and Martin Berliner provided a very brief overview of town staff's current major projects.

IV. Adjournment

The mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W. Hart
Assistant Town Manager