

## SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-FEBRUARY 23,2004

Elizabeth Paterson called the Special Meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Schaefer, and Thorkelson

Absent: Bellm, Clouette, Paulhus

II. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. Meeting with State Legislators

Senator Donald Williams and Representative Denise Merrill discussed the legislative budget with the Council members.

Sen. Williams spoke on the fastest rising cost for persons who are on Medicaid and those persons who have no health insurance. Special Education costs are also a very difficult issue.

Rep. Merrill spoke on the malpractice insurance costs, which seem to be forcing doctors in our region to reconsider their practice.  
School bonding costs for construction are a big issue.

Revenues are questionable; some legislators are still trying to adopt a millionaire's tax.

Town Manager questioned the need to continue the conveyance tax of .0025 which is presently collected in the Town Clerks office when people buy or sell a piece of property or house.

Both legislators said that this is going to be a difficult budget year with so much attention focused on the possible impeachment of the Governor.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk