

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JUNE 14, 2004

The Mansfield Town Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of May 24, 2004 as presented with one correction. Under audience for citizens, Katherine Paulhus was neutral on the saying of the pledge of allegiance at Town Council meeting.

So passed as corrected.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move up item #5 on the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

New Business

## 5. Proclamation in Celebration of Dawn Clauson's Girl Scout "Gold Award"

Dawn Clauson, a life time resident of Fern Road in Mansfield has enjoyed Girl Scouting in Mansfield since starting as a Daisy Girl Scout in the fall of 1990. She presented Mayor Paterson with an album she completed for her Gold Award Project. This collection of photos and write-ups represented the businesses in a two-mile radius of her home in the year 2003. The album is presently in the Town Clerks office for public viewing.

Mayor Paterson then presented Dawn with a proclamation from the Council along with a pin of the Town. A lovely reception for Dawn followed the presentation.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that effective June 14, 2004, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in Celebration of Dawn Clauson's Girl Scout "Gold Award"

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCILIV. PUBLIC HEARING

## 1. "An Ordinance Designating the Municipal Aquifer Protection Agency for the Town of Mansfield"

Mr. Rudy Favretti, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission spoke on

behalf of the Commission and in support of the ordinance.

Mr. Gregory Padick, Town Planner for Mansfield, spoke on the ordinance and that the Planning and Zoning Commission is the appropriate agency to be so designated.

Public Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

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

Ongoing report, no action by Council necessary.

3. "An Ordinance Designating the Municipal Aquifer Agency for the Town of Mansfield"

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective June 14, 2004, to adopt "An Ordinance Designating the Municipal Aquifer Protection Agency for the Town of Mansfield," as proposed by staff in its draft dated June 14, 2004, and which ordinance shall become effective 21 days after publication in a newsletter having circulation in the Town of Mansfield".

So passed unanimously.

4. University Spring Weekend

No action taken. The Council has requested a report on the 2004 University Spring Weekend, however at this time staff has just received relevant information from the Connecticut State Police, and will now prepare the report.

The Council expressed concern that this issue may not be discussed as thoroughly as they would wish, however the Mayor assured the Council that this subject matter is very important to her and she will be sure a report will be given the Council.

## VI NEW BUSINESS

5. Proclamation in Celebration of Dawn Clauson's Girl Scout Award.

Issue completed earlier in meeting.

6. Memorandum of Understanding Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for FY 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Funds

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that retroactive to June 2, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for Fiscal Year 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Funds.

So passed unanimously.

7. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective June 14, 2004, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on June 28, 2004, to solicit public comment on the proposed amendment to the Emergency Preparedness Ordinance.

So passed unanimously.

#### 8. Adjustments to Capital Projects Fund

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective June 14, 2004, to authorize the adjustments to the Capital Projects Fund as recommended by the Director of Finance in his correspondence dated May 20, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

#### 9. Renovation of Reynolds School as Alternate High School

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Region 19 School District Board of Education has voted to request that the Town of Mansfield lease to it the former Reynolds School on Depot Road in Mansfield for a minimum period of twenty (20) years for the purpose of creating a regional Special Education Center or alternative high school expected to accommodate and address the educational needs of approximately 35 students at that location; and

Whereas, on June 1, 2004, said Region 19 Board of Education voted to establish a Building Committee, to authorize the preparation of schematics for the project, to authorize the filing of a grant application to the State Department of Education to fund the project, and to approve educational standards for the project; and

Whereas, in order for said project to be viable, the Town of Mansfield must advance to the Region 19 Board of Education its local share of the funds necessary for said Board to renovate said Reynolds School building for said purpose, which is expected to amount to no more than \$200,000.00 any such advance payment by the Town of Mansfield to be reimbursed to the Town by the board of Education in five equal installments during the five years following completion of the construction of said renovations; and

Whereas, it is determined to be in the best interests of the people of the Town of Mansfield that said regional Special Education Center be established at the former Reynolds School in accordance with the foregoing considerations, be it hereby

Resolved, that the Town Manager is authorized to negotiate a twenty (20) year lease of said Reynolds School Building to the Region 19 School District Board of Education in accordance with the foregoing considerations, and to advance to said Board of Education an amount up to \$200,000, as the Region's local share

of the cost of renovating said school building to serve as a Regional Special Education Center, under a contract which provides for the reimbursement of said funds to the Town of Mansfield in five equal annual installments, the first of which shall become payable one year after the completion of construction of said renovations.

So passed unanimously.

#### 10. Draft EIE-UConn Proposed Football Complex, Indoor Athletic Facility and Tennis Court relocation Project

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective June 14, 2004, to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse the Planning and Zoning Commission's comments to the draft environmental impact evaluation for UConn's Proposed Football Complex, Indoor Athletic Facility and Tennis Court Relocation Project.

So passed unanimously

### VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Haddad moved to accept the recommendations of the COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES for several appointments and reappointments

See attached

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad announced that the Committee hopes to put on a volunteer Recognition program for the many persons in Mansfield who give their time to town commissions and committees. The suggested date is August 29, 2004.

### IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mr. Chris Thorkelson announced to the Town Council that he would be resigning his position as a Town Council member effective in July. He is moving to Wales. He thanked the Council for the time he has been a member and said that he had enjoyed serving the Town as a Council member.

Mayor Paterson attended the opening of the Mansfield Historical Society's summer exhibits. One exhibit features long time Mansfield resident Claude McDaniels. On opening day there was a program dedicated to him, which featured poems, songs, photos and pictures.

Bruce Clouette was mentioned in a New York Times article on the Black Regiment from Connecticut.

### X. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Manager has spoken with Attorney Jon McGrath who is the executor of the Claude McDaniel's estate. At this time there is a legal dispute that needs to be settled before any discussions of purchasing Mr. McDaniel's property as an Open Space acquisition.

The Town Manager has met with the group of concerned sport parents who are interested in building a concession/bathroom stand at Southeast Field. These volunteers know persons who are willing to donate materials and build this structure. As soon as the group can finalize their plans the Manager will meet with them again.

The Downtown Partnership has held its Third Annual Meeting. There was a presentation on the UConn Fine Arts project. There is a good strong proposal from the Alliance of Partnership.

The Town will be submitting a proposal to DEP for funding an Open Space Project for the Dorwart 76 acre parcel.

The State Legislature has voted not to require revaluation of all towns each year if the Town was due for reval in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The town could choose, with governing approval to delay reval up to three years. Presently, Mansfield is doing its' reval for 2004 and is on schedule.

The Town Manager, the Town Planner and the Director of Public Works were in Hartford with UConn, DEP and DPHS to discuss the water supply issue.

#### XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

#### XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. The Sun Chronicle-: Mansfield(MA) Budget goes Down To Wire to Balance
12. Town of Mansfield-20034 Road Resurfacing Program
13. Connecticut DEP Forestry re: America-the-Beautiful Grant Program
14. G. Padick re: Assisted Living Conversion Zoning Review-Juniper Hill Village
15. M. Berliner re: Budget and Annual Town Meeting
16. Traffic Advisory Committee-Prioritized Mansfield Walkways.

#### XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Not needed.

#### XV. ADJORNMENT

At 9:37 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk