

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-OCTOBER 12, 2004

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of September 27, 2004 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No persons appeared.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Open Space Acquisition-Morneau Property

Town Manager described the property on the corner of Clover Mill Road that abuts the Harrison Marsh portion of Schoolhouse Brook Park. The Open Space Committee approves this acquisition.

Ms. Betsy Parker, 710 Storrs Road, spoke in favor of the purchase.

2. MRRA-Amendment to Solid Waste Regulations

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the MRRA.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, spoke on the amendment. The regulations will be amended to change three or more dwelling units to two or more dwellings that may have a dumpster.

No comments from the public.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn as the MRRA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

3. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2004

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective October 12, 2004, to accept the Financial Statements dated June 30, 2004 as prepared and submitted by the Department of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

4. Issues Regarding the UConn landfill including the UConn consent order, public participation relative to the consent order and well testing.

No action taken.

5. Open Space Acquisition

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective October 12, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the attached tentative purchase agreement for the .9 acre Morneau property on Clover Mill Road.

So passed unanimously.

6. MRRA-Amendment to Solid Waste Regulations

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the MRRA.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective October 12, 2004, to approve the attached amendment to Section A196-6(L) of the Solid Waste Regulations.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaeffer seconded to adjourn as the MRRA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

7. Goal Setting and Strategic Planning

Information only, no action necessary. This is a copy of a presentation given to Town department heads concerning goal setting and strategic planning. The subject will be reviewed in more detail at further staff meetings, and the Council will be kept informed.

8. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations

Mr. Clouette spoke on the Town/Gown meeting, which was held earlier today. The University members reiterated their support of working with the Town to

eliminate the instances of large parties off campus. They passed a motion to request that the University administration investigate expediting their judicial process for students involved in serious offenses off-campus

At 6:30 p.m. the Committee on the Community Quality of Life met. Two residents attended the meeting- Mr. Bob Cook and a Minister from an UConn Campus Ministry. Discussion continued on off campus parties and possible solutions. The committee had hoped that they would be able to bring to the Council a report by the end of October however; it will not be ready until November.

Mayor Paterson has met with the new interim Dean of Students to discuss a task force that will be meeting hopefully on a regular basis, perhaps twice a month.

There are four students who will participate on this task force. The Mayor extended thanks to Sgt. Sean Cox of the Town Police Force, for his support dealing with these large gatherings/parties. The Mayor stated that these parties must end for the safety and well being of all Mansfield residents.

Mr. Hawkins requested that some of these committee meetings be held in the evening so working residents may attend.

Mr. Paulhus attended the Town/Gown meeting and felt that some progress has been made with the University on the problem of off-campus parties.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

9. Proclamation Designating the Month of October as "Meet the Blind Month" in Mansfield.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective October 12, 2004, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the month of October as "Meet the Blind Month" in Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

10. Resolution regarding the Use of LEED Building Standards for Municipal buildings

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective October 12, 2004, to issue the attached resolution regarding the use of "LEED" building standards for municipal buildings.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to table this issue until the next Council meeting.

So passed unanimously.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

No comments.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Committees

Mr. Haddad moved the acceptance of the following reappointments to the following committees:

Commission on Aging: Carol Phillips and Kenneth Doeg
 Correctional Facility Liaison & Public Safety: Richard Pellegrine and Major Ronald Blicher UConn
 Board of Ethics: Gertrude Lamb and Nora Stevens
 Transportation: Jack Stephens

So passed unanimously.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carl Schaefer reported that there were two articles regarding the parties at UConn- one in the Daily Campus and an editorial in the Hartford Courant.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There will be a meeting at the Bishops Center at UConn at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 13, 2004 to discuss UConn's Master Plan.

There will be a meeting on October 21, 2004 at the Bishops Center at UConn at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the storm water management program at the Burton Building.

The Town Manager handed out the initial statement of CCM Priorities for 2005 for the State Legislative Committee.

UN Day will be held on October 25, 2004 from 5-6 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. The UN flag will be raised outside the building.

The two newly purchased fire trucks have arrived in Connecticut.

Suggestion by Council member Mr. Clouette: put progress reports on such projects at the Bikeways on the webpage.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11.m. Ryan re: Small Town Economic Assistance Program Award for Downtown Revitalization and Enhancement Project

12. The Day-"Quiet Corner Tourism Gets a Boost"

13. Connecticut Council of Small Towns-"Town Leaders Bulletin"

14. J. Mordkoff re: Work on Gal Line Along Storrs Road

15. Transportation Advisory Committee Press Release-Mansfield Rideshare Page

16. C. & R. Pellegrine re: Recent Actions of Resident State Trooper

17. R. Miller re: Second Quarter 2004 Separatist Road, Storm Water Sampling Report date August 200.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:23 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to go into executive session for a personnel matter.

So passed unanimously. At 8:26 p.m. the Council came out of executive session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:27 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk