



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, February 28, 2005**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-FEBRUARY 10, 2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the Special Meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center on February 10, 2005.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. BUSINESS

1. General Discussion of Financial items.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

It was moved and seconded and approved to refer the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report to the Finance Committee. Vote 9-0

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 9:00 p.m.

Martin H. Berliner, Recording Secretary

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REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-FEBRUARY 14, 2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:34 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 (arrived at 7:40 p.m.) Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of January 31, 2005.

So passed. Ms. Blair abstained.

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of January 24, 2005 as corrected.

So passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson asked for a moment of silence to remember all those persons serving in Iraq and in uniform abroad, for all those citizens whose lives have been disrupted in Iraq, and for the victims of the Tsunami.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The Mayor welcomed the Journalism class from the University of Connecticut.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance regulating Litter

The agenda item summary was handed out to Council members.

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Koehn seconded effective February 14, 2005, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on February 28, 2005, to solicit public input regarding the proposed Ordinance Regulating Litter.

So passed unanimously.

2. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2005.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the Annual Financial Report for year ended June 30, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

3. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations.

Mayor Paterson stated that the Campus Community Relations Committee met last week. There was a presentation by the Liquor Control Commission. The discussion was focused on licensing and what was legal when purchasing kegs and alcoholic beverages. There were students at the meeting and consensus was that this session was productive. There will be another meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> in which the State Prosecutor for Rockville Court will speak on court procedures.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to add 4a to the agenda. Application to Department of Economic and Community Development for Small Cities Program Funds.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to add 4b to the agenda. Financial statement from 12/31/04.

So passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Proposed Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget Review Calendar

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective February 14, 2005, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget Review Calendar, as proposed by staff.

So passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

5. Committee on Committees

- a. Appointments to Mansfield Housing Authority
- b. Appointments to Historic District Commission
- c. Appointments to Other Appointive Positions

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to appoint the following persons:

Mansfield Housing Authority

- D William Simonsen, 43 Chatham Dr. term to end 10/31/09
- R Dexter Eddy 403 Wrights Way term to end 10/31/07

Mansfield Historic District Commission

- D Jody Newmyer 19 Centre Street reappointed term to end 1/1/2010

Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

- D Joan Seliger Sidney 74 Lynwood Road term to end 6/30/08

Open Space Preservation Committee

- U Vicky Wetherell 33 Summit Road reappointed term to end 12/31/06
- R Stephen Lowry 21 Stafford Road reappointed term to end 12/31/08

Cemetery Committee

- D Rudy Favretti 1066 Middle Turnpike reappointed term to end 7/01/07
- R Winston Hawkins PO Box 82 MC reappointed term to end 12/31/08
- U Barry Burnham 78 Atwoodville Road, MC reappointed term to end 12/31/08

Council confirmed the Mayor's appointment to the Windham Regional Transit District:

- U Paul Aho, 20 Eastwood Road, term to end 5/1/08

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member Ms. Blair reported that she had attended E.O. Smith's play South Pacific and that it was a great production.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town/University Committee met last Tuesday. Mr. Adam Rabonowitz, President of the Graduate Student Senate, gave a presentation regarding the Senate's proposed Center for off-campus Services.

The Superintendent of Schools will be making a presentation to the Republican Town Committee on the possible renovation and use of the Reynolds School for education. All are invited.

The town has bought into a large 34-month energy program and will not be able to participate in the 20/10 clean energy program.

The town did not receive a FEMA Fire Act grant for the Mansfield Volunteer fire department, however Eagleville Fire Department is still in the running for a grant.

Thank you from Audrey Barberet was sent and received by all the Council members for her reception as she retired from Planning and Zoning Commission.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. E. Paterson re: Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project
7. C.van Zelm re: December 31, 2004 Progress Report for Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project
8. VNA East re: Annual Report for Services and First Quarter Report
9. Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA)-Risk Management Achievement Awards
10. Connecticut Charts-a-Course re: Tuition Assistance for Mansfield Discovery Depot Employees
11. Land Grant Preservation Committee re: UConn Yellow Dairy Barn
12. National League of Cities Early Care and Education City Network-January/February 2005
13. Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials re: Real Estate Conveyance Tax
14. Eastern CT Workforce Investment Council-Bimonthly Report to the Windham Council of Governments
15. The Daily Campus January 21, 2005-"Grant Programs Change, Campus Projects Continue"
16. Bittersweet Dispatch -Vol. II Winter 2005
17. Press Release-: "Windham Hospitality Center for Homeless to Reopen"
18. Senator C. Dodd re: No Child Left Behind Reform Act
19. Planning and Zoning Commission Application Referral-5 Lot Subdivision on Wormwood Hill Road
20. Planning and Zoning Commission Application Referral-25 Lot Subdivision off Mansfield City Road

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m. Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING LITTER

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on February 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building to hear public comment on the proposed Ordinance Regulating Litter. At this time persons may be heard and written communication received.

The entire ordinance is available at the Town Clerks office, 4 South Eagleville Road and on the Town of Mansfield's web page.

Dated at Mansfield, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

Joan E. Gerdson  
Town Clerk

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**Town of Mansfield  
Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*  
**CC:** Martin Berliner, Town Manager; Linda Patenaude, Capital Projects Assistant  
**Date:** February 28, 2005  
**Re:** Application(s) to Department of Economic and Community Development for Small Cities Program Funds

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**Subject Matter/Background**

At staff's request, the Town Council has scheduled a public hearing for March 14, 2005 to solicit public comment to prepare the town's next application to the Small Cities Community Development Program. We have subsequently learned that our Small Cities Program consultant will be unavailable for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Consequently, we respectfully request that the Council reschedule the hearing to March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The public hearing is a required element of the grant process, and is designed to obtain input on community development and housing needs, and to review specific projects related to housing, and economic and community development.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Council reschedule the public hearing from March 14 to March 28, 2005.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

*Move, effective February 28, 2005, to reschedule the March 14, 2005 public hearing to solicit public comment regarding an Application to the Department of Economic and Community Development for Small Cities Program Funds until 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 28, 2005.*

**Attachments**

- 1) Legal Notice

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**Town of Mansfield  
Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*  
**CC:** Martin Berliner, Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works;  
Dennis O'Brien, Town Attorney  
**Date:** February 28, 2005  
**Re:** An Ordinance Regulating Litter

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**Subject Matter/Background**

Attached please find a revised draft of the proposed "Ordinance Regulating Litter."

Based on the comments that we have received to date, we have made the following changes to the draft:

- Section 4(A)(3) – eliminated the phrase "as expressed by persistent complaints from adjoining property owners." Our Town Attorney finds that language to be too restrictive.
- Section 4(F) – added a definition of the term "person," in case the Enforcement Officer's use of the term is ever questioned.
- Section 4(G) – added the phrase "sidewalk and abutting edge of the street" to the definition of private premises.
- Section 7 and 8 - added the duty for private persons and merchants to keep the sidewalk or "abutting edge of the street" in front of their premises clean. This makes sense in Mansfield, as so few of our streets have sidewalks.
- Section 14 and elsewhere - used the phrase "owner, agent or person in control" throughout the ordinance, to provide consistency and to clearly demonstrate that tenants and other persons in control of a property also have an obligation to maintain the premises.
- Section 15 - added a new section 15(A), to provide the Enforcement Officer with the ability to immediately issue a citation to someone who has violated the ordinance. (This would be particularly useful when the officer observes someone littering along a roadway, for example.) Furthermore, new section 15(A)(2) specifies that, pursuant to state statute, the town has the ability to lien a property where a citation is unpaid. Lastly, we have revised section 15(B) to clarify that the town may issue a notice of violation before issuing a citation.
- Section 15 - based on the Town Council's suggestion, we have reduced the fine for a citation to \$90 per violation. The reasoning behind this change is that under state law most municipal fines of \$90 or less are treated as infractions, whereas fines in excess of \$90 usually qualify as misdemeanors and require the officer to issue a summons to superior court. In general, an infraction is much simpler to

administer and less time consuming to process for the issuing officer and the court.

- Section 16 – provided language to show that in lieu of or in addition to the remedies provided to the town in section 15, the town has the ability in limited circumstances to enter property to dispose of litter.

Upon reviewing the draft, you will find that new language is in **bold and underlined**. Deleted language is in ~~strikeouts~~.

### **Financial Impact**

At the moment, we believe the ordinance could be effectively enforced with existing personnel, including the Refuse and Recycling Agent, the Zoning Enforcement Officer and our police officers. After we gain some experience with the ordinance, our opinion on this issue could change. Our enforcement of the ordinance would raise some limited revenue that would help to cover administrative expenses, but we do not anticipate that it would be sufficient to cover the cost of additional personnel.

### **Legal Review**

Staff has prepared the proposed ordinance in consultation with the Town Attorney.

### **Recommendation**

Staff believes that the ordinance would provide us with a valuable tool to address quality of life issues associated with litter. Consequently, unless comments received at the public hearing raise some additional issue or concern that the Town Council wishes to investigate, we recommend that the Council adopt the ordinance as proposed.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

*Move, effective February 28, 2005, to adopt an "Ordinance Regulating Litter" as presented by staff in its draft dated February 28, 2005, and which ordinance shall become effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.*

### **Attachments**

- 1) Proposed Ordinance



**Town of Mansfield  
Code of Ordinances  
“An Ordinance Regulating Litter”**

*February 28, 2005 Draft*

**Section 1. Title.**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Ordinance Regulating Litter” or “Litter Ordinance.”

**Section 2. Legislative Authority.**

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of *Connecticut General Statutes* §7-148 *et seq.*, as amended.

**Section 3. Findings and Purpose.**

The Town Council of the Town of Mansfield finds that the improper dispersion of litter and garbage within the community creates a public health hazard and blight, and is therefore detrimental to the general welfare, health and safety of all residents of Mansfield. Therefore, pursuant to the various police, health and public safety powers granted to municipalities under *Connecticut General Statutes* § 7-148, the Town of Mansfield seeks to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of all its residents by regulating the dispersion of litter and garbage.

**Section 4. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the words and phrases used herein shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context:

- A. “Blight” or “Blighted premises” shall mean any parcel of land where at least one of the following conditions exists:
  - 1) It has been determined by an Enforcement Officer, acting within the scope of his/her authority, that a condition exists that poses a serious or immediate threat to the health, safety or general welfare of the community.

- 2) The property is in a physically deteriorating condition causing unsafe or unsanitary conditions or a nuisance to the general public, as evidenced by one or more of the following conditions:
  - a. Rodent harborage and/or infestation.
  - b. Persistent garbage or rubbish on the property.
- 3) The overall condition of the property causes an unreasonable impact on the enjoyment of or value of neighboring properties ~~as expressed by persistent complaints from adjoining property owners.~~

- B. "Enforcement Officer" shall mean one or more employees or agents of the town, designated by the Town Manager to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
- C. "Garbage" shall mean putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
- D. "Litter" shall mean any discarded, used or consumed substance or waste material, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper or other material or synthetic material or combination thereof, which has not been deposited in a refuse receptacle.
- E. "Park" shall mean a park, reservation, playground, recreation center or any other public area in town, owned or used by the town and devoted to active or passive recreation.
- F. **"Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association, syndicate, company, trust, corporation, limited-liability company, municipality, agency, or political or administrative subdivision of the state or other legal entity of any kind.**
- G. "Private premises" shall mean any dwelling, house, building, or other structure, designed or used, either wholly or in part, for private residential purposes, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant, and shall include any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, **sidewalk and abutting edge of the street**, vestibule or mailbox belonging or appurtenant to such dwelling, house, building or other structure.
- H. "Public place" shall mean any area that is used or is held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by public or private interests.
- I. "Refuse" shall mean both garbage and rubbish.
- J. "Rubbish" shall mean non-putrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, such as paper, wrappings, cigarettes, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, wood glass, bedding, crockery and similar materials.
- K. "Vehicle" is every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway.

**Section 5. Littering in public places.**

No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the town except in public receptacles, in authorized private receptacles for collection, or in official town disposal areas.

**Section 6. Placing of litter in receptacles to prevent scattering.**

Persons placing litter in public receptacles or in private receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon private property.

**Section 7. Sweeping litter into public places; duty to keep sidewalks clean.**

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the town the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning, controlling or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk or **abutting edge of** the street in front of their premises free of litter.

**Section 8. Merchants to keep sidewalks, public places free of litter.**

No person owning, controlling or occupying a place of business shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the town the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning, controlling or occupying places of business within the town shall keep the sidewalk or **abutting edge of** the street in front of their business premises free of litter.

**Section 9. Throwing litter from vehicles.**

No person, while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public place within the town, or upon private property.

**Section 10. Vehicles causing litter.**

No person shall drive or move any truck or other vehicle within the town unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any load, contents or litter from being blown or deposited upon any street or other public place, or upon private property.

**Section 11. Litter in parks.**

No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the town except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place or upon private property. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided herein.

**Section 12. Littering fountains or bodies of water.**

No person shall throw or deposit or cause to be blown, scattered, spilled or otherwise dispose of any litter in any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in a park or elsewhere within the town.

**Section 13. Litter on private property.**

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any private property within the town, whether owned by such person or not, except that the owner or person in control of occupied private property may maintain private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

**Section 14. Duty to maintain premises free of litter or blight.**

The owner, **agent, tenant** or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter or blight; provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in private receptacles for collection.

**Section 15. Enforcement, Violations and Penalties.**

Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- A. The Town Manager shall designate one or more Enforcement Officers, who are empowered to take such enforcement actions as authorized in this Ordinance.
  1. **Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed an infraction and may be issued a citation. Said citation shall inform the person named therein of the allegations against him or her, the amount of the fine due, and the date on which payment of the fine is due, which shall be no later than ten (10) days after the date of the citation. Said citation shall be hand delivered or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the person named therein at his or her last known address. Citations shall be punishable with a fine of ninety (\$90) dollars for each violation. Each separate**

day that a violation exists after the issuance of a citation shall be subject to a separate additional fine without the issuance of a separate citation.

2. Per Connecticut General Statutes section 7-148aa, any unpaid fine imposed by the Town pursuant to this Ordinance regulating litter and blight shall constitute a lien on the real estate against which the fine was imposed from the date of the fine. Each such lien may be continued, recorded and released in the manner provided by the general statutes for continuing, recording and releasing property tax liens. Each such lien shall take precedence over all other liens filed after July 1, 1997, and encumbrances except taxes and may be enforced in the same manner as property tax liens.

- B. In lieu of issuing a citation per Section 15.A. of this Ordinance, the Enforcement Officer may serve written notice of the violation(s) of this Ordinance to the owner, agent, tenant or person in control of any occupied or vacant property within the town. Such notice shall be hand delivered or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to said owner, agent, tenant or person in control of the subject property at the last known address.

Such notice shall state the violation(s) as outlined hereinafter, demand its correction within ten (10) calendar days, and state that if the person cited fails to correct the violation before the deadline, the Town may issue a citation to the owner, agent, tenant or person in control of the subject property per Section 15.A.1. of this Ordinance.

- C. In addition to any other remedy authorized by this Ordinance, if any such fine issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance is unpaid beyond the due date, the Town may initiate proceedings under the authority of *Connecticut General Statutes* §7-152c and the Town of Mansfield "Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance" to collect such fine.

## Section 16. Removal by town.

- A. *Notice to remove.* In lieu of or in addition to the remedies authorized in Section 15 of this Ordinance, the Enforcement Officer is authorized and empowered to notify the owner, agent, tenant or person in control of any occupied or vacant private property within the town to properly dispose of litter located on the subject property that is in violation of this Ordinance. Such notice shall be by certified mail, addressed to said owner, agent, tenant or person in control of the subject property at his/her last known address.
- B. *Action upon noncompliance.* Upon the failure, neglect or refusal of any owner, agent, tenant or person in control of the subject property so notified to properly dispose of litter or blight within ten (10) days after receipt of the written notice provided for in subsection A above, the Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to pay for the disposing of such litter or to order its disposal by the Town.

C. *Recorded statement constitutes lien.* Upon completion of such work, the Enforcement Officer shall determine the reasonable cost thereof and bill the owner, agent, tenant or person in control of the subject property. Upon failure of the owner, agent, tenant or person in control of the subject property to remit to the town the amount of such charge within thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, the Enforcement Officer, within ninety (90) days from the date of such notice, shall record in the land records of the Town a sworn statement showing the cost and expense incurred for the work, the date the work was performed and the location of the property on which said work was performed. The recordation of such sworn statement shall constitute a lien and privilege on the property and shall remain in full force and effect for the amount due in principal and legal interest, plus costs in court, if any, for collection, until final payment has been made. Sworn statements recorded in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be *prima facie* evidence that all work has been completed properly and satisfactorily, and shall be full notice to every person concerned that the amount of the statement, plus interest, constitutes a charge against the property designated or described in the statement and the same is due and collectible as provided by law. Said lien shall have the same effect and may be foreclosed in the same manner as a tax lien.

#### **Section 17. Appeals Procedure.**

Any person fined pursuant to this Ordinance may appeal such fine pursuant to the provisions of the Town of Mansfield Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance.

#### **Section 18. Construction.**

Whenever used, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of either gender shall include both genders.

#### **Section 19. Savings Clause.**

Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section or clause or provision of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional or *ultra vires*, such decision shall affect only such section, clause or provision so declared unconstitutional and shall not affect any other section, clause or provision of this Ordinance.



**Town of Mansfield  
Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*  
**CC:** Martin Berliner, Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance  
**Date:** February 28, 2005  
**Re:** Proposed Willimantic Sewer Budget 2004/05

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**Subject Matter/Background**

Attached please find the proposed Willimantic Sewer Budget for 2004/05, as prepared by the Department of Finance. The budget funds the water and sewer service for those Mansfield residents connected to the Willimantic system. The town does bill the users a fee that is appropriate to fund the budget.

**Financial Impact**

As explained by the Director of Finance, the proposed budget anticipates no change in revenue. However, we do estimate that retained earnings would increase somewhat.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the budget as proposed.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

*Move, effective February 28, 2005, to adopt the proposed Willimantic Sewer Budget for 2004/05, as presented by the Department of Finance.*

**Attachments**

- 1) Proposed Budget

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**FINANCE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF MANSFIELD**

**To:** Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager  
**From:** Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance   
**Subject:** Proposed Willimantic Sewer Budget 2004/05  
**Date:** February 2, 2005

Attached is a proposed 2004/05 budget for the Willimantic sewer users.

This budget anticipates no revenue change to the fund and will result in estimated operating income of \$7,925. Based on this budget we estimate that retained earnings will increase from \$707,974 to \$715,899 at June 30, 2005.

It is respectfully requested that the Town Council adopt the Willimantic Sewer Budget as presented.

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Attachment

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
WILLIMANTIC SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS

	2003/04 Actual*	2004/05 Proposed
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>		
Sewer Charges	\$98,000	\$98,000
Other Revenues	842	500
Total Operating Revenues	98,842	98,500
 <b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Sewer Billings	63,980	51,302
Purchased Services & Supplies	2,706	25,000
Depreciation	14,273	14,273
Total Operating Expenses	80,959	90,575
Operating Income	17,883	7,925
Retained Earnings/(Deficit), July 1	690,091	707,974
Retained Earnings/(Deficit), June 30	\$707,974	\$715,899

Estimate of Willimantic Sewer Expense 2004/2005

Over-Estimate for Jan - Jun 2004		\$ (5,106.98)
Actual for July - December 2004		26,998.98
Estimate for January through June 2005		
15.50 m/gallons at \$1,897.40 m/gallons		29,409.70
Total		\$ 51,301.70

\* Agrees with Exhibit H of 2003/04 CAFR

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Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*  
**CC:** Martin Berliner, Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** February 28, 2005  
**Re:** Amendment to Solid Waste Regulations, Section A196-12(G)

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**Subject Matter/Background**

Attached please find a proposal from staff to amend Section A196-12(G) of the Solid Waste Regulations to allow for twice-a-week collection of eight-cubic yard dumpsters. This proposal results from a request by a manager of one of the multi-family units in town, who finds that the once-per-week collection is insufficient.

**Financial Impact**

The proposed fee for the new service is \$566.00 per month. As explained by staff, we calculated the proposed fee using the same ratio used to create the twice-a-week collection rate for the six-cubic yard dumpster.

**Recommendation**

Staff believes that the new service would benefit the various family complexes in town, by enabling those customers to better control trash and garbage. Consequently, in keeping with our customary procedure, staff recommends that the Town Council, acting as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority (MRRA), schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment regarding the proposal.

If the Town Council, acting as the MRRA, supports this recommendation, the following motions are in order:

*Move, to convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority.*

*Move, effective February 28, 2005, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 14, 2005, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendment to Section A196-12(G) of the Solid Waste Regulations.*

**Attachments**

1) Staff proposal, including text of proposed amendment to Solid Waste Regulations

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
MEMORANDUM  
2/14/05

TO: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager  
FROM: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works   
Virginia Walton, Recycling/Refuse Coordinator *V. W.*  
RE: **Change to solid waste regulations 8-cubic-yard twice a week collection (set fee)**

Recently one of the Town's multi-family managers requested a change in their trash service. The owners of the 160-unit apartment complex want to keep the area around the dumpsters more tidy. In certain locations where the quantity of trash has gotten out of hand, they would like to go to twice a week collection of 8 cubic yard dumpsters. They currently are being serviced with 10 cubic yard dumpsters, our largest dumpster service, but this is inadequate. The solid waste regulations provide rates for once per week dumpster service, with the exception of six cubic yard dumpsters. There are two multi-family locations where twice a week collection has been warranted (one due to space constraints and the other with dining services). To reduce their service to six cubic yard containers emptied twice a week would not provide the extra capacity that this apartment complex needs.

We are recommending that this new multi-family service (8 cubic yard collected twice a week) be added to the Town's solid waste regulations. The rate that we suggest is based on the same ratio that was used to create the twice a week collection rate for the six cubic yard dumpster. The weekly collection of an 8 cubic yard dumpster is now \$303 per month, which ratios to \$566 for twice a week. In order to reflect this change, section A196-12 (G) of the solid waste regulations needs to be modified. Below is the proposed regulation change:

G. 8-cubic-yard container (twice a week)	Providing and emptying a 8-cubic-yard covered refuse container twice per week. Pickup of mixed paper, flattened corrugated cardboard and commingled containers in centralized recycling containers at or adjacent to the refuse container every week.	\$566
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Council's action, acting as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority, is respectfully requested to adopt this regulation change.

Cc: File



**Town of Mansfield  
Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Town Council  
**From:** Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*  
**CC:** Martin Berliner, Town Manager; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning  
**Date:** February 28, 2005  
**Re:** Zoning Board of Appeals Concerns, Legal Issue

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**Subject Matter/Background**

Attached please find a request for advice from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Due to scheduled vacations, staff has not had the opportunity to review the request in sufficient detail to provide the Town Council with a recommendation as to how to proceed. Consequently, we request that the Council table this item to a future meeting.

**Attachments**

- 1) Correspondence from Zoning Board of Appeals

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING  
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD  
MANSFIELD, CT 06268  
(860) 429-3386

February 10, 2005

Mansfield Town Council  
Mansfield, CT 06268

Re: ZBA Concerns, Legal Issue

Dear Town Council:

About a year ago the Zoning Board of Appeals discussed the idea of using signs on applicant's property to notify neighbors and passerby's of an upcoming hearing. The sign would be temporary, like a building permit, and state the date, time, location and phone number for the hearing. We had seen such signs in neighboring towns, and thought that they might open the process to more people, even though we presently notify abutters by mail, and issue a public notice in the newspaper. We discussed the idea with Curt Hirsch and Greg Padick.

When the idea was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission, they directed it to their Regulatory Review Committee. They appropriately addressed issues of concern including administration, legality and aesthetics. We knew there were items to discuss, and looked forward to trying the concept out, for a possible trial period. At this time, however, the PZC rejected the idea at their January 20, 2004 meeting.

The Zoning Board of Appeals then sought a legal opinion from Town Attorney, Dennis O'Brien as to the right of the ZBA to make its rules for application. Although the Zoning Regulations provide the PZC authority to make regulations, Attorney O'Brien suggested a meeting with officers of the ZBA and PZC, along with Planning Office staff. The PZC would not reconsider their decision, and would not meet with us. They also questioned an "appearance of impropriety" in that a ZBA officer was an assistant clerk in the Windham Probate Court where Attorney O'Brien serves as Judge.

The Zoning Board of Appeals, at its January 12, 2005 meeting instructed me to communicate with you with regard to this issue. Our concerns are:

1. We are in need of a legal opinion as to our use of a sign or notice, not a request for permission to use them.

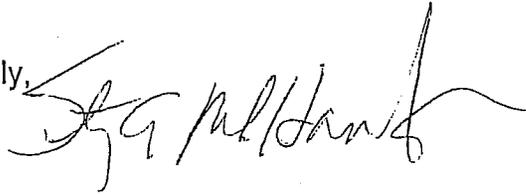
Mansfield Town Council  
Re: ZBA Concerns, Legal Issue  
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2. In that Attorney O'Brien cites an "apparent conflict of interest" do we, the ZBA, have legal representation on any matter?

The ZBA believes that the purported "conflict of interest" must be questioned, very closely scrutinized, and its implication for the resolution of future disputes examined very closely. The ZBA hopes that the Town Council will consider this situation and advise it of its opinion.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Marks-Hamilton", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Marks-Hamilton  
Chairman, Mansfield Zoning Board of Appeals

SMH/ch

cc: Martin Berliner, Town Manager  
Gregory Padick, Town Planner  
Curt Hirsch, Zoning Agent  
Rudy Favretti, PZC Chair

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## MINUTES

### Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday Jan. 25, 2005

2:30 PM - Conference Room C - Audrey P. Beck Building

- I. Attendance: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Hasson (Acting Chair), J. Sidney (prospective member), T. Miller, C. Vincente (staff), W. Gibbs, D. Korbel (guest), J. O'Keefe
- II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of Oct. 26, 2004: minutes were approved as written, with the correction that K. Grunwald and J. Sidney were not present at the meeting.
- III. New Business
  - a. K. Grunwald distributed information on a proposed legislative request to provide matching funding to municipalities to provide transportation to people over 60 and those with disabilities. This bill was passed in 1999, but has not been funded.
  - b. Agency Funding Request: K. Grunwald distributed copies of the agency funding request for WRCC Dial-A-Ride, and the ADA Dial-A-Ride component. After some discussion the committee voted

unanimously to approve the funding in the amounts requested.

#### IV. Old Business

- a. Membership: J. Sidney has submitted a letter of interest to the Town Manager's office, requesting that she be appointed to this committee. It was noted that the membership of the committee is predominantly connected to UConn, and there was some discussion about recruiting other community members who may be disabled or who may have family members who have disabilities. K. Grunwald volunteered to place notices on the Town's website and municipal television channel to recruit new members, and to contact Gail Daley of the Willimantic Chronicle to see if she will do an article on the committee.
- b. Update on ADA corridor/Dial-A-Ride: K. Grunwald reported that there are no immediate plans to expand this corridor.
- c. Update on ADA compliance – Community Center: C. Vincente and J. O'Keefe distributed copies of a report on shower accessibility that was done by David Hoyle. It has been determined that the shower seat in the women's "roll-in" shower needs to be moved to be closer to the shower control. There was some question raised re: the apparent discrepancy between the building codes and ADA requirements. D. Korb asked if it may be easier to move the controls rather than the seat, and also suggested that it may make more sense to use a shower chair rather than moving the bench or the

controls. She pointed out that in her experience at UConn, compliance with ADA requirements does not necessarily meet each individual's needs, and a chair provides more flexibility. There was also discussion about adding a second pull-down bar. D. Korb and J. Sidney agreed to meet with Community Center staff to explore the use of a chair and other options that may be easily implemented.

- d. "Other": There was brief discussion re: the committee being proactive in the development of the proposed Storrs downtown project, and also having input on the new theatres that are being built at the Eastbrook Mall. A brief update was given on the assisted living initiative in Mansfield.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM; next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22 at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Grunwald

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting  
February 10, 2005  
Minutes**

**Attendees:** William Simpson, Chair; Mary Feathers, Vice Chair; April Holinko, Secretary; Chris Kueffner, Shamim Patwa; Mary Perry, Anneliese Reilly; John Thacher; Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent

**Absent:** Dudley Hamlin, Jeff Smith

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by William Simpson, Chairman.

**II. Approval of Minutes from 1/27/05**

- MOTION: by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Dr. Patwa, to approve the minutes of 1/27/05

VOTE: unanimous in favor

**III. Hearing for Visitors**

- Kurt Schletter, 19 Boulder Lane, spoke in opposition of full-day kindergarten.
- Gordon Clark, 263 Browns Road, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten.
- John Vampatella, 16 Woodmont Drive, spoke in opposition to full-day kindergarten.
- Monica Vanbeusekom, 98 Candid Lane, spoke on behalf of herself and Samuel Martinez, in support of full-day kindergarten.
- Mark Sheehan, 42, Bassettes Bridge Road, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten.
- Tyler Morrison, 32 Caya Lane, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten.
- Sarah Cook-Curtis, 10 Fern Road, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten.
- Michael Coyne, 310 Gurleyville Road, spoke on behalf of himself and Susannah Everett, in support of full-day kindergarten.
- Sally Milius, 148 Chaffeeville Road, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten.
- Teri Bohn, Stonemill Road, spoke in support of full-day kindergarten.

**IV. Communications**

- Ms Holinko noted letters from Deborah Pacik, in support of full-day kindergarten and from Reese Lacasse, opposing full-day kindergarten.
- Ms Reilly spoke on behalf of Jamie Pociask, 34 Willowbrook Road, who does not support an "imbedded" half-day kindergarten program.

V. Additions to present Agenda

- Because of a scheduling conflict, Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, was not able to attend the meeting, to discuss budget transfers. In his place, MMS Technology Coordinator, Jamie Russell will speak on a grant recently received by the district.

VI. Committee Reports

- Mr. Kueffner spoke about the continued Region 19 discussion to convert the Reynold's school building into an alternative, special needs high school.
- Mr. Thacher announced that the boys and girls basketball team both advanced to the finals in the NECCA and congratulated them on their second place trophies.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- Jeffrey Cryan, MMS principal, reported on a possible China School Partnership and presented a slide show with highlights.
- Fred Baruzzi, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed Mansfield's Connecticut Mastery Test results.
- Dr. Schimmel presented 2005-2006 school year calendar

MOTION: by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Ms Feathers to accept the 2005-2006 school year calendar as presented.

VOTE: unanimous in favor

- Mr. Russell presented details of a technology grant received that could potentially be as much as \$150,000 to install a town wide fiber optic network.
- Dr. Schimmel recommended Mary Kegler for a Mansfield vacancy on Region 19's Agricultural Consulting Committee.

MOTION: by Ms Holinko, seconded by Mr. Thacher to appoint Mary Kegler, MBOE Representative on the Region 19 Agricultural Consulting Committee

VOTE: unanimous in favor

- Dr. Schimmel recommended the Board approve the MBOE 2005-2006 school budget as proposed.

MOTION: by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Ms. Feathers to approve the MBOE 2005-2006 budget as presented.

Friendly amendment by Chris Kueffner to separate the budget into two components: one without full-day kindergarten and one with full-day kindergarten. Amendment accepted by Mr. Thacher.

MOTION: by Mr. Thacher, seconded by Ms Feathers to approve the MBOE 2005-2006 budget as submitted, excluding the full-day kindergarten component

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

MOTION: BY Mr. Thacher, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to approve the 2005-2006 MBOE budget including full-day kindergarten component.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Dr. Patwa, aye; Mr. Thacher, aye; Ms Feathers, aye; Ms Holinko, nay; Mr. Kueffner, nay; Ms Reilly, nay; Ms Perry, aye. The motion carried.

- Dr. Schimmel recommended the BOE grant maternity leave to Susan Irvine.

MOTION: by Ms Feathers, seconded by Mr. Thacher to grant Susan Irvine maternity leave as outlined in the MBOE contract.

VOTE: unanimous in favor

VIII. Suggestions for Future Agenda

- Dr. Patwa asked to discuss the food program; Ms Holinko asked for a report on the Spanish program; Mr. Thacher requested a report on diversity.

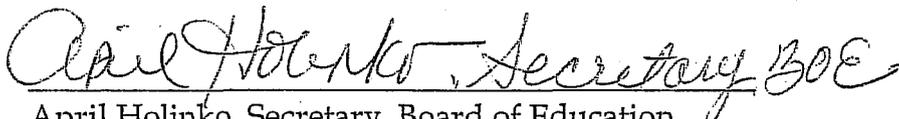
IX. Executive Session

- None

X. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ms Holinko, seconded by Dr. Patwa to adjourn at 11:53 p.m.

VOTE: unanimous in favor

  
April Holinko, Secretary, Board of Education

**Mansfield Commission on Aging Agenda**  
**Monday, January 10, 2005, 2004 2:30 PM – Senior Center**

**PRESENT:** K. Doeg, P. Hope (staff), M. Thatcher, C. Phillips, B. Acebo, E. Norris, N. Stevens, J. Brubacher, C. McMillan, K. Grunwald (staff)

**REGRETS:** S. Thomas, D. Mercier, P. Secker

- I. **Call to Order:** meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM by assistant Chair E. Norris
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. Acceptance of **Minutes** of the December 13, 2004 meeting were accepted, with the correction that Barbara Levine should be changed to Barbara Lavoie.
- IV. **Correspondence** - Chair and Staff: none
- V. **Optional Reports on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations**

A. **Health Care Services**

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – P. Hope reported for J. Kenny, who was not present, and a copy of her report was distributed. N. Stevens asked about the use of volunteer drivers, and K. Grunwald and P. Hope talked about a manual that they recently worked on to identify guidelines for the use of volunteer drivers. The staff is interested in putting together a program to support the use of volunteer drivers, and the program needs to be reviewed by the Town's attorney.

K. Doeg asked about the diabetes support group that is meeting, and wondered if staff is aware that there is a Diabetes Educator at Windham Hospital. Has she been invited to attend this support group? Also, can the Center provide transportation to get to the group at the hospital? P. Hope stated that the focus of the group is more on providing emotional support. Ken feels that the group at the hospital needs to be publicized better.

B. **Social, Recreational and Educational**

Senior Center – P. Hope distributed copies of her report; and stated that Linda Wohllebe is back to work on a part-time basis. Many members have been out due to illness.

Senior Center Assoc. – J. Brubacher reported that he has received a list from Barbara Lavoie at Juniper Hill of items that are needed by residents that lost their apartments in the recent fire. He has asked Jean Kenny to coordinate donations for these residents. He also mentioned that the Town Council will be discussing a proposal to hire a consultant to conduct a market analysis for the development of an assisted living facility in the area. K. Doeg made a motion that the Commission strongly supports the move towards assisted living in Mansfield starting with the adoption of an agreement to undertake the market feasibility study that is being considered tonight. The Commission also requests that the Council keep them informed and

involved regarding the status of the assisted living initiative, through the Chair, Susanna Thomas. Seconded and agreed to by all members.

### C. Housing

Assisted Living Project: see earlier discussion re: J. Brubacher's comments.  
Juniper Hill, Jensen's Park, Other: There was a discussion of the impact of the recent fire at Juniper Hill. It was noted that there is no representative on the Commission from Jensen's. P. Hope suggested that she can follow-up with them to see if someone is interested. Members felt that it is important to have an individual appointed to the Commission.

### D. Related Town and Regional Organizations

Com. on Physically and Sensorily Impaired – no meeting in December.

Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no report.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development: no report

Town Community Center: no report

## VI Old Business

Process for up-dating **the Long Range Plan (2004-2014)** – K. Grunwald distributed copies of a document that he created summarizing the work of the COA on the Long Range Plan since April 2004. The proposed plan is for five years; 2005-09. He suggested that for the next meeting members do the following:

- Review this document to become familiar with what has been done
- Review the existing plan to note accomplishments and areas needing continued attention
- Identify comments and concerns in each of the 6 dimensions for each area of the plan.

## VII New Business: none

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM

(next meeting set for Tuesday, **February 14, 2004** at 2:30, Senior Center)

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of the January 19, 2005 Meeting  
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (chair), Jennifer Kaufman, Quentin Kessel, Lanse Minkler, and John Silander.

Absent: Denise Burchsted, Robert Thorson, and Frank Trainor.

Guest: Dean Gustafson

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

2. IWA Referrals (taken out of sequence to accommodate Mr. Gustafson).

a) W1282 - Kohl's Department Stores, Inc. - Storrs Road. Map date, 12/14/04. This application is for a roadway and associated work within 30 feet of a wetland area. Soil Scientist Gustafson made a short presentation on behalf of the proposed Kohl's Department Store. A portion of the south end of the old Caldor's store will be removed, and it is proposed to plant a building buffer, construct a road and retaining wall. Kessel moved, and Silander seconded that the project would not have a significant additional negative impact on the wetlands. The term "additional" referring to the fact that the area had been badly disturbed when the mall was originally constructed. After an extensive discussion with Gustafson, the motion lost with zero voting for and four against the motion.

Items considered during the discussion included:

a) possible disruption of a breeding area for an endangered species,  
b) inclusion of an invasive species (barberry) on the landscaping list,  
and c) the need for the wide buffer between the proposed road and the building. It was pointed out that by pushing back the south wall of the current structure a "brownfield strip" was being created that might as well be used for the roadway, keeping the construction activity that much further away from the wetlands.

Gustafson replied that Meitzler had mentioned a), that for b) they would remove all invasive species from their landscaping list, but with regard to c), he remarked that the width of the buffer between the road and the building was chosen to permit the buffer to be converted to additional parking should that be deemed necessary at a later date.

Kessel moved, and Silander seconded, that if the width of the landscaped buffer between the roadway and the building was decreased to a minimum width so that the proposed road could be moved that much further from the wetland (to lessen the impact on the wetland), then the work should have no significant additional negative impact on the wetland ("additional," referring to the original construction and disturbance of the area) provided that the sedimentation and erosion controls shown on the maps are in place during the construction and removed after the site is stabilized. This motion passed unanimously.

W1284 - Grover - Hickory Lane, Map date 7/5/91, but with a recently attached insert. This application is for a driveway within 150 feet of a wetland area. The applicant notes

that the route chosen passes over a high part of the property and will avoid crossing a wetland area on Hickory Lane which is not currently a useful road. The origin of the insert on the original map was not clear, e.g., was the line indicating the wet area from an official wetland mapping by a soil scientist, or was it just a sketch done by the applicant? It was decided that there was no enough information available so no action was taken on this application.

3. Kaufman moved, and Dahn seconded, that the minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Kaufman moved, and Dahn seconded, that the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

4. The CC reviewed the January 6, 2005 communication from Parks Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman and its attached proposal, "Commonfields Improvements Proposed as Part of the 2005 Recreational Trails program Grant, Draft Project Description." Kessel moved, and Kaufman seconded, that the OSPC endorse this grant proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Silander reported on a meeting he attended of groups (including the Nature Conservancy and the Green Valley Institute) interested in the contributories to the Quinnebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor. A question was raised at this meeting as to whether the impact of the University of Connecticut well fields compromised the integrity of the Fenton River.

The CC took note of the fine article CC member Professor Robert Thorson wrote for the Winter 2005 issue of *Connecticut Woodlands*, the magazine of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. The article was titled, "Stone Walls Disappearing," notes that today, stone walls are seen principally as an aesthetic and environmental resource.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Kessel  
Secretary

## Mansfield Historic Commission

A meeting of the Mansfield Historic Commission was held on February 8, 2005 in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. In attendance were Gail Bruhn, Chair, Herman Marshall and Isabelle Atwood.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Three members of the Mansfield Baptist Church on Spring Hill were present to discuss the procedures required by the Commission when changes to structures on Church property were being considered. They also asked permission to cut a cherry tree on the property, which we gave permission.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Isabelle Atwood, Acting Secretary

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD**  
**OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting

Members Present: Ken Feathers, Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowery, Jim Morrow (chair), David Silsbee, and Vicky Wetherell.

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.**
2. The minutes of the December 21, 2004 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. The OSPC reviewed the January 6, 2005 communication from Parks Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman and its attached proposal, "Commonfields Improvements Proposed as Part of the 2005 Recreational Trails program Grant, Draft Project Description." Kessel moved and Wetherell seconded that the OSPC endorse this grant proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Wetherell reported that the Town Committee on Committees would be meeting this Spring and that it would be wise for the OSPC to have recommendations ready. Lowery, Morrow and Wetherell agreed to continue to serve on the OSPC should the Town reappoint them. Several other candidates with qualifications needed by the committee were discussed. Wetherell will meet to discuss OSPC membership with Vincente.
5. Schoolhouse Brook Park Boundary Marking (Swanson Property): It was agreed that sometime during the spring would be a better time to visit this wetlands.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted

Quentin Kessel  
Secretary

**Town of Mansfield  
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

**MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER**

Conference Room - 7:30 pm

**AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (Sept. 22, 2004; Oct. 27, 2004; Jan. 26, 2005)
- C. Co-Sponsorship Reviews
  - 1. Mansfield Junior Soccer Assoc.
  - 2. Mansfield Little League
  - 3. Tri-Town Youth Football & Cheerleading Assoc.
- D. Old Business
  - 1. Community Center Update
    - a. Construction Update
    - b. Marketing Update
    - c. Membership Sales Update
    - d. Facility Usage Report (Jan. 05)
  - 2. Southeast Park Improvement Update
  - 3. Other Old Business
- E. Correspondence
- F. Director's Report
- G. New Business
  - 1. Fall Quarterly Report (to be handed out at mtg.)
  - 2. Winter Program Update
  - 3. Spring Program Planning/Brochure
  - 4. PZC Referral: Sunrise Estates
  - 5. PZC Referral: Mulwood East
  - 6. Other New Business
  - 7. Future Agendas (Mar. 23, 2005)

*Please call the Parks & Recreation Department if you cannot attend - 429-3015.*

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES – January 26, 2005**

Due to a lack of a quorum, general notes were recorded, but no formal action was taken.

**ATTENDING:** Sheldon Dyer  
**STAFF:** Jay O'Keefe, Curt Vincente  
**GUEST:** Adrienne Marks

- A. Call to Order – Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:45p.m.
- B. Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes of September 22, 2004 and October 27, 2004 were tabled due to lack of a quorum.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Update – The three co-sponsored organizations, Mansfield Junior Soccer Association (MJSA), Mansfield Little League (MLL) and Tri-town Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (TTYFCA) will be invited to the February meeting to present their renewal application. J. O'Keefe reviewed the agenda for the new Youth Sports Coordinators meeting that was held in the Fall.
- D. Old Business –C. Vincente gave a brief update on outstanding Community Center construction issues. The current marketing strategies were discussed and the membership base was analyzed. The October, November, and December facility usage reports were also reviewed. C. Vincente noted that a new internal membership management team is now working on member service issues. S. Dyer inquired about the progress on securing local contractors to support the potential Southeast Park restroom/concession/storage project. C. Vincente noted that most trade areas are now committed and that supplemental support funding has again been requested as part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program.
- E. Correspondence – None
- F. Director's Report – C. Vincente noted that most of his report was covered under Old Business or will be discussed under New Business items.
- G. New Business – J. O'Keefe and C. Vincente briefly reviewed the Summer Quarterly Report. J. O'Keefe gave a brief overview of the Winter programs and the brochure. C. Vincente noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission is drafting the Plan of Development update and the draft language for the recreation related sections was reviewed.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.



Town of Mansfield  
Recreation Advisory Committee

*Sheldon Dyer, Chairman*  
*Darren Cook*  
*Donald Field*  
*Nellie Hankins*  
*David Hoyle*  
*Lauren Moran*  
*Anne Rash*

Ten South Eagleville Road  
Storrs/Mansfield, Connecticut 06268  
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Email: Parks&Rec@MansfieldCT.org

January 31, 2005

Mr. Dan Reilly  
Mansfield Junior Soccer Assoc.  
218 Woodland Rd..  
Storrs, CT 06268

Also sent to: Charlie Eaton

Dear Dan:

The Recreation Advisory Committee would like to meet with you or a representative of your association at their February meeting for the purpose of reviewing co-sponsorship status with the Town of Mansfield. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2005 beginning at 7:30pm in the Conference Room at the Mansfield Community Center.

Enclosed is a copy of the Town's Co-Sponsorship Policy including an "Application for Organization Co-Sponsorship." Please complete the application and return it to the Parks and Recreation Department along with any other appropriate attachments (Item 3 of the Application) so that we can prepare copies of the information for the committee meeting. You will be asked to present your association's application and provide a brief status report. Also enclosed for your information is a copy of MJSA's application from last year.

Please be advised that we are in the process of updating this policy, which will require Town Council approval. We are currently requiring all youth sport organizations to conduct background checks on their volunteer coaches and league administrators. If you have any questions regarding the Town's Co-Sponsorship Policy and application procedure, please contact: Jay O'Keefe, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation at 429-3015 ext. 104 or by email at [okeefeim@mansfieldct.org](mailto:okeefeim@mansfieldct.org).

We look forward to seeing you on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee

Enclosures

**RAC - Feb. 23, 2005**



## Town of Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee

*Sheldon Dyer, Chairman*  
*Darren Cook*  
*Donald Field*  
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January 31, 2005

Mr. Charlie Eaton  
Mansfield Junior Soccer Assoc.  
89 Lorraine Dr.  
Storrs, CT 06268

Also sent to: Dan Reilly

Dear Charlie:

The Recreation Advisory Committee would like to meet with you or a representative of your association at their February meeting for the purpose of reviewing co-sponsorship status with the Town of Mansfield. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2005 beginning at 7:30pm in the Conference Room at the Mansfield Community Center.

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We look forward to seeing you on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee

Enclosures



## Town of Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee

*Sheldon Dyer, Chairman*  
*Darren Cook*  
*Donald Field*  
*Nellie Hankins*  
*David Hoyle*  
*Lauren Moran*  
*Anne Rash*

Ten South Eagleville Road  
Storrs/Mansfield, Connecticut 06268  
Tel: (860) 429-3015 Fax: (860) 429-9773  
Email: Parks&Rec@MansfieldCT.org

January 31, 2005

Ms. Diane Nadeau  
Mansfield Little League  
150 Thornbush Rd.  
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Dear Diane:

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**RAC - Feb. 23, 2005**



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Tel: (860) 429-3015 Fax: (860) 429-9773  
Email: Parks&Rec@MansfieldCT.org

January 31, 2005

Mrs. Anne Tucker  
Tri-Town Youth Football & Cheerleading Association  
225 Beaver Hill Rd.  
Windham, CT 06280

Dear Anne:

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Mansfield Recreation Advisory Committee

Enclosures

**RAC - Feb. 23, 2005**

**Community Center  
Membership Base  
as of 2/18/05**

**RAC - Feb. 23, 2005**

<b>Resident:</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Family - Full Use	739	\$ 500.00	\$ 369,500.00
Family - Additional	1,833	\$ 20.00	\$ 36,660.00
Adult/Child - Full Use	44	\$ 290.00	\$ 12,760.00
Adult/Child - Additional	62	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,550.00
Individual - Full Use	452	\$ 275.00	\$ 124,300.00
Family - Off peak	78	\$ 375.00	\$ 29,250.00
Family - Off peak - Additional	98	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,960.00
Adult/Child - Off Peak	2	\$ 235.00	\$ 470.00
Adult/Child - Additional	3	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00
Individual - Off peak	110	\$ 225.00	\$ 24,750.00
<b>Total Memberships:</b>	<b>1,425</b>		<b>\$ 601,275.00</b>
<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>3,421</b>		

<b>Ashford/Willington</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Family - Full Use	146	\$ 540.00	\$ 78,840.00
Family - Additional	340	\$ 20.00	\$ 6,800.00
Adult/Child - Full Use	15	\$ 315.00	\$ 4,725.00
Adult/Child - Additional	19	\$ 25.00	\$ 475.00
Individual - Full Use	117	\$ 300.00	\$ 35,100.00
Family - Off peak	9	\$ 415.00	\$ 3,735.00
Family - Off peak - Additional	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 200.00
Adult/Child - Off Peak	2	\$ 265.00	\$ 530.00
Adult/Child - Additional	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Individual - Off peak	25	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,250.00
<b>Total Memberships:</b>	<b>314</b>		<b>\$ 123,925.00</b>
<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>685</b>		

<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Family - Full Use	301	\$ 575.00	\$ 173,075.00
Family - Additional	674	\$ 20.00	\$ 13,480.00
Adult/Child - Full Use	32	\$ 340.00	\$ 10,880.00
Adult/Child - Additional	48	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,200.00
Individual - Full Use	297	\$ 325.00	\$ 96,525.00
Family - Off peak	33	\$ 450.00	\$ 14,850.00
Family - Off peak - Additional	39	\$ 20.00	\$ 780.00
Adult/Child - Off Peak	2	\$ 290.00	\$ 580.00
Adult/Child - Additional	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Individual - Off peak	76	\$ 275.00	\$ 20,900.00
<b>Total Memberships:</b>	<b>741</b>		<b>\$ 332,320.00</b>
<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>1,504</b>		

<b>Total Resident and Non-Resident Memberships:</b>	<b>2,480</b>		<b>\$ 1,057,520.00</b>
<b>Total Members:</b>	<b>5,610</b>		

# Mansfield Community Center

## January 2005 Facility Usage

DATE	Member Visits	Non-Member / Program Visits	Misc. / Meetings	Rental / Party	Daily Admissions	Other	DAILY TOTAL	COMMENTS
Saturday, January 01, 2005	274				26	37	337	
Sunday, January 02, 2005	527			35	30	49	641	
Monday, January 03, 2005	734		15		21	82	852	
Tuesday, January 04, 2005	681		20		9	200	910	
Wednesday, January 05, 2005	632				25	105	762	
Thursday, January 06, 2005	291				18	78	387	
Friday, January 07, 2005	564				21	215	800	
Saturday, January 08, 2005	473			15	41	58	587	
Sunday, January 09, 2005	521			40	45	58	664	
Monday, January 10, 2005	782	37	20		7	74	920	
Tuesday, January 11, 2005	601	18			12	92	723	
Wednesday, January 12, 2005	586	30			19	82	717	
Thursday, January 13, 2005	609	14	30		15	104	772	
Friday, January 14, 2005	621	4	30		24	91	770	
Saturday, January 15, 2005	576			20	37	64	697	
Sunday, January 16, 2005	549			70	26	49	694	
Monday, January 17, 2005	701	137			67	140	1,045	
Tuesday, January 18, 2005	666	18		30	18	209	941	
Wednesday, January 19, 2005	679	46			23	89	837	
Thursday, January 20, 2005	606	29	10	30	15	96	786	
Friday, January 21, 2005	576				36	69	681	
Saturday, January 22, 2005	520			50	19	33	622	
Sunday, January 23, 2005	169	154			19	26	368	
Monday, January 24, 2005	762	37	20		12	55	886	
Tuesday, January 25, 2005	707	18	17		15	78	835	
Wednesday, January 26, 2005	480	36			11	82	609	
Thursday, January 27, 2005	695	24			14	72	805	
Friday, January 28, 2005	581	17			17	91	706	
Saturday, January 29, 2005	532				32	68	632	
Sunday, January 30, 2005	502	9		30	27	265	833	
Monday, January 31, 2005	812	58			16	73	959	
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>	<b>18,009</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>22,778</b>	

RAC - Feb. 23, 2005

## Mansfield Community Center

### 2005 Facility Usage Totals

DATE	Member Visits	Non-Member / Program Visits	Misc. / Meetings	Rental / Party	Daily Admissions	Other	MONTHLY TOTAL	COMMENTS
JANUARY	18,009	686	162	320	717	2,884	22,778	
FEBRUARY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MARCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
APRIL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
JULY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
YEARLY TOTAL	18,009	686	162	320	717	2,884	22,778	

## Mansfield Community Center

### 2004 Facility Usage Totals

DATE	Member Visits	Non-Member / Program Visits	Misc. / Meetings	Rental / Party	Daily Admissions	Other	MONTHLY TOTAL	COMMENTS
JANUARY	18,369	86	150	55	688	1,297	20,645	
FEBRUARY	18,717	141	140	191	1,185	1,143	21,517	
MARCH	18,882	150	235	151	1,110	1,065	21,593	
APRIL	15,452	687	495	237	665	412	17,948	
MAY	13,198	747	713	112	396	334	15,500	
JUNE	11,952	328	629	139	356	347	13,751	
JULY	13,052	965	890	15	565	421	15,908	
AUGUST	9,935	292	108	35	512	317	11,199	
SEPTEMBER	13,470	322	140	0	386	2,780	17,098	
OCTOBER	13,536	584	81	76	290	2,121	16,688	
NOVEMBER	14,453	779	60	295	538	1,209	17,334	
DECEMBER	13,256	102	40	170	515	1,310	15,393	
YEARLY TOTAL	174,272	5,183	3,681	1,476	7,206	12,756	204,574	

## 2003 Facility Usage Totals

DATE	Member Visits	Non-Member / Program Visits	Misc. / Meetings	Rental / Party	Daily Admissions	Other	MONTHLY TOTAL	COMMENTS
NOVEMBER	13,151	933	97	0	837	1165	16,183	
DECEMBER	11,392	625	120	0	621	479	13,237	
YEARLY TOTAL	24,543	1558	217	0	1458	1644	29,420	

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APPLICATION REFERRAL

Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission

- TO:
- |                                     |  |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public Works Dep't., c/o Ass't. Town Eng'r.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recreation Advisory Committee     |
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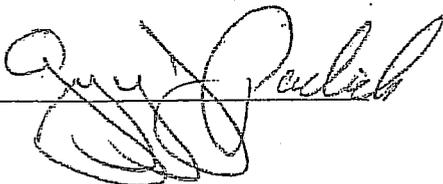
The Planning and Zoning Commission has received a 25 lot subdivision application and will consider the application at a Public Hearing/~~Regular~~ meeting on April 4, 2005. Please review the application and reply with your comments to the Planning Office before March 31, 2005. For more information, please contact the Planning Office, 429-3330.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

**RAC - Feb. 23, 2005  
Agenda Item # G.4**

Applicant: Smith Farms Development Group LLC  
Owner: SAME  
Agent(s): MESSIER ASSOCIATES  
Proposed use: 25 lot subdivision / proposed town road  
Location: Mansfield City Rd  
Zone classification: RAR-40  
Other pertinent information:

- Full sized plans available in Planning Office
- Inland Wetland License Application also pending
- Proposal includes open space areas to be decided to the Town + trail improvements
- Proposal includes new roadways to be decided to the Town

signed 

date 2/9/05

file # 1214-2  
filing date 2/3/05

MANSFIELD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OR RESUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Name of subdivision "Sunrise Estates"

Name of subdivider (applicant)  
Smith Farm Development Group, LLC. Phone # 860-649-4800  
(please PRINT)

Address C/O Thomas Boyle P.O. Box 855 Manchester, CT 06040  
(street) (town) (state) (zip)

Signature [Signature] (owner )  
(optionee)  Date 2/02/05

OWNER (IF OTHER THAN SUBDIVIDER)

Name Same As Above Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please PRINT)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (town) (state) (zip)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FEES - See Town Council-approved Fee Schedule and  
Eastern Highlands Health District Plan Review Fee Schedule

SUBDIVISION DATA

Location:  
Manchester City Road

Zoning district R 40 Total # of acres 86 AC  
Total # of lots 25

EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Section 8-26d, subsection (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the undersigned applicant hereby consents to an extension of time within which the Planning and Zoning Commission is required by law to approve, modify and approve or disapprove a subdivision plan known as

\_\_\_\_\_ and located at/on \_\_\_\_\_

It is agreed that such extension of time shall not exceed 65 days and it is understood that this extension of time is in addition to the first 65-day period after the receipt of the application by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# "SUNRISE ESTATES"

TO BE DEVELOPED BY

## "SMITH FARMS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC"

MANSFIELD CITY ROAD  
MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

JANUARY, 2005

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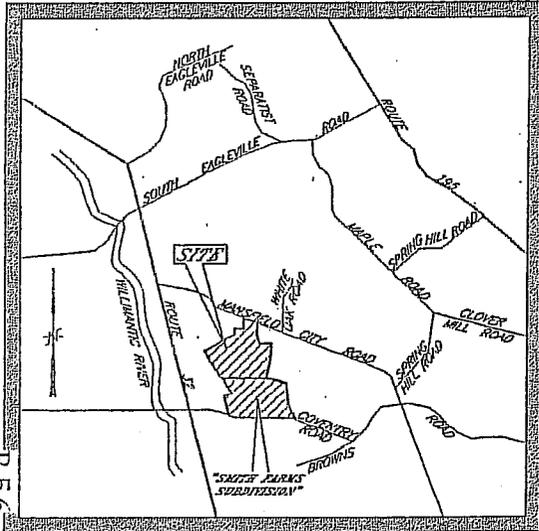
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#### PROJECT DESIGN TEAM

**LAND SURVEYOR & SITE CIVIL ENGINEER**  
MESSIER & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
288 MAIN STREET  
MANCHESTER, CT 06040

**WETLAND & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT**  
CONNECTICUT ECOSYSTEMS, LLC  
58 WESTLAND AVENUE  
WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**  
JULIUS GYULA FABOS, PHD  
45 CANTON AVENUE  
AMHERST, MA 01002



LOCATION MAP  
(NOT TO SCALE)

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RECEIVED FOR RECORDING
APPROVED BY THE MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
APPROVED BY THE MANSFIELD INLAND WETLAND AGENCY

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR CONDUITORS OF APPROVAL**  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-23 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES PROVIDING THAT THE ACTS OF THE MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION SPECIFICALLY APPROVED THE PROPOSED WETLAND CHANGES, RESUBMITTING WETLAND CHANGES AND OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION THE PROPOSED WETLAND CHANGES SHALL BE VALID AND SHALL REMAIN VALID UNLESS OTHERWISE REVOKED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 17 OF THE CHARTER RELATING TO A CHANGE OF SUCH CHANGES AND APPROVALS SHALL BE REVOKED AT THE MANSFIELD LAND RECORDS.

This subdivision is approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut.  
Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pursuant to Section 8-23 of the Connecticut General Statutes this plan was delivered to the applicant on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut within sixty (60) days of that date.

**OWNER:**  
SMITH FARM DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC APPLICANT/SUBDIVIDER:  
C/O THOMAS BOYLE  
P.O. BOX 855  
MANCHESTER, CT 06040

SMITH FARMS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC  
P.O. BOX 855  
MANCHESTER, CT 06040

		COPYRIGHT © 2005 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED MESSIER & ASSOCIATES, INC. 288 MAIN STREET MANCHESTER, CT 06040 (860) 616-0013	MESSIER & ASSOCIATES, Inc. SURVEYORS - ENGINEERS MANCHESTER, CT (860) 616-0013 PUTNAM, CT (860) 628-1971
		PLANNING - SURVEY - DESIGN - CONSTRUCTION	



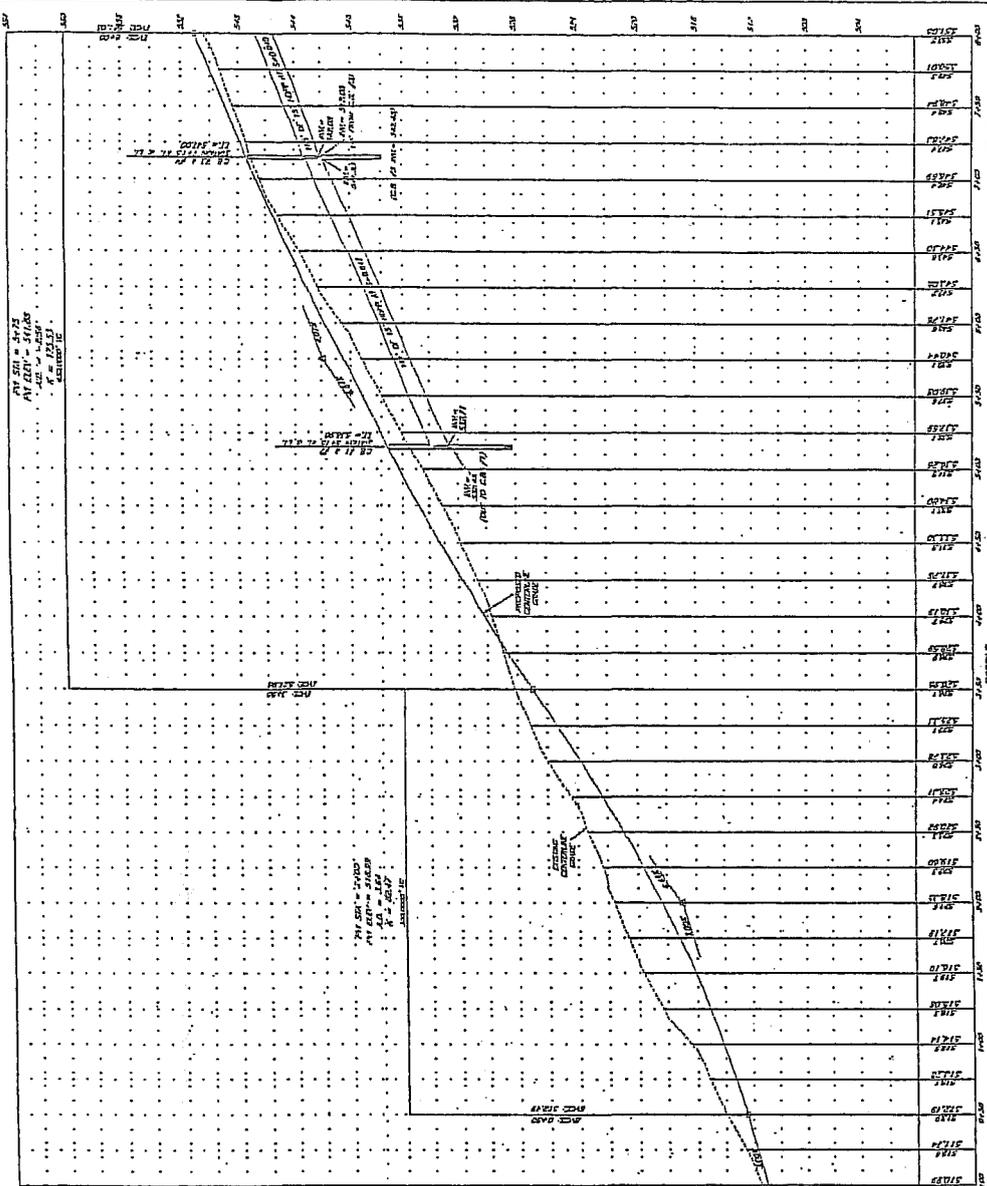




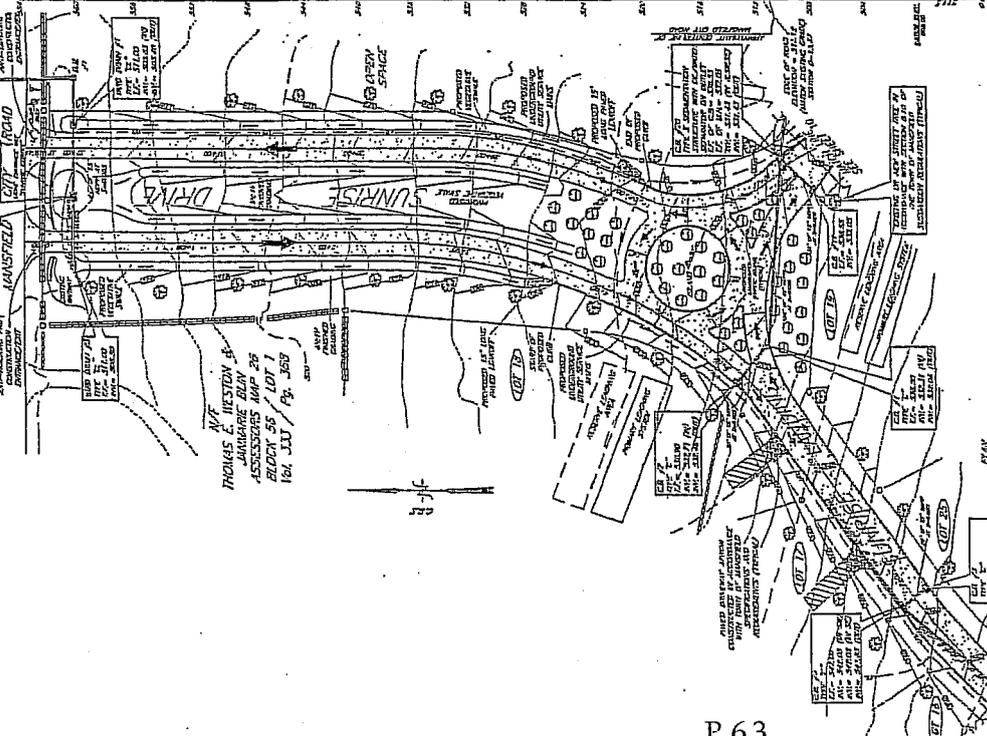








OWNER	APPLICANT
MESSIER & ASSOCIATES, INC. SURVEYORS - ENGINEERS 10000 N. 10TH ST. SUITE 100 DENVER, CO 80231	PLANNING - SURVEY - DESIGN - CONSTRUCTION
"SUNRISE ESTIMATES" SOUTH PARKS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC MANHATTAN CENTER	



MANHATTAN CENTER	LAND RECORDS
APPROVED FOR RECORDING	APPROVED FOR RECORDING
APPROVED BY THE MANHATTAN CENTER	APPROVED BY THE MANHATTAN CENTER
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APPLICATION REFERRAL

Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission

- TO:
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The Planning and Zoning Commission has received a 5 lot subdivision application and will consider the application at a ~~Public Hearing~~ regular meeting on March 7, 2005. Please review the application and reply with your comments to the Planning Office before March 3, 2005. For more information, please contact the Planning Office, 429-3330.

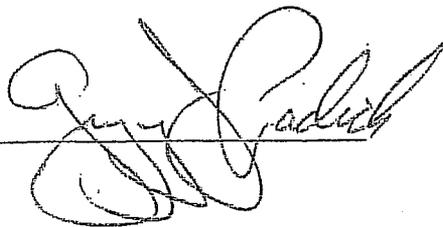
APPLICATION INFORMATION

**RAC - Feb. 23, 2005  
Agenda Item # G.5**

Applicant: Dorwart Family Trust  
Owner: SAME  
Agent(s): Minutti Group, Hellston Engineering & Surveying  
Proposed use: 5 lot subdivision  
Location: Wormwood Hill Rd. south of Mulberry Rd.  
Zone classification: R1A-R-90  
Other pertinent information:

- Full sized plans available in the Planning Office
- Initial wetland License Application also pending
- Proposal includes conservation easements to address open space dedication requirements

signed



date

2/9/05

file # 1228  
filing date 11/31/05

MANSFIELD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OR RESUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Name of subdivision MULWOOD EAST

Name of subdivider (applicant)

REINHOLD A. & JUANITA M. DORWART FAMILY TRUST Phone # 860-429-4114

(please PRINT)

Address 187 WORMWOOD HILL RD., MANSFIELD CT 06250  
(street) (town) (state) (zip)

Signature A.C. Dorwart Trustee (owner   
(optionee)  Date 31 JAN 05

OWNER (IF OTHER THAN SUBDIVIDER)

Name SAME AS APPLICANT Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please PRINT)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (town) (state) (zip)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FEES - See Town Council-approved Fee Schedule and  
Eastern Highlands Health District Plan Review Fee Schedule

SUBDIVISION DATA

Location: NORMWOOD HILL RD., MANSFIELD CT 06250

Zoning district RAR90

Total # of acres 19.01  
Total # of lots 5 (FIVE)

EXTENSION OF TIME

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ P.65 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Project:

# Mulwood East

Subdivision of Land  
@ Wormwood Hill Road

Owner:

**Dorwart Family Trust**  
187 Wormwood Hill road  
Mansfield Ct. 06250

Applicant:

**David Dorwart Trustee**  
187 Wormwood Hill road  
Mansfield Ct. 06250

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§ 66 Planning,  
Landscape Architecture &  
Landscape Assessment:

 **The Minlutti Group, LLC**  
11 Storrs Heights Road  
Storrs, Connecticut 06268  
(860) 429-0696  
www.minluttigroup.com

Survey and Engineering:

**Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying**  
32 Main Street  
Hebron, Ct.  
P.O. Box 497  
Columbia, Ct. 06237-0497  
(860) 228-9853

Soil Scientist:

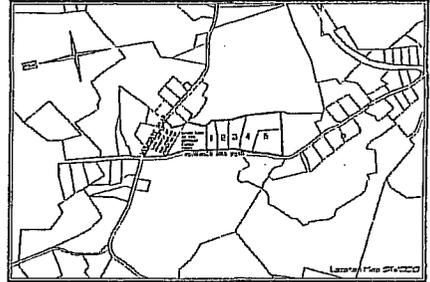
**Highland Soils**  
John Ianni  
P.O. Box 337  
Storrs, Ct. 06268  
(860) 742-5868

Approved By The Town Of Mansfield Land Wetland Agency

Approved By The Mansfield Planning And Zoning Commission

Approved By The Director Of Health

Approved By The Director Of Public Works



Zoning Table	Zoning Table
Zone:	RAR50
Min. Lot Area:	90,000 SQ.FT.
Min. Lot Frontage:	200 FT.
Min. Front Yard Setback:	60 FT.
Min. Side Yard Setback:	35 FT.
Min. Rear Yard Setback:	50 FT.
Max. Height:	35 FT.

**Character of Open Space Dedication**  
Area of Subdivision = 18.02 acres

Item	Quantity	Req. Required	Provided
Net land less than 500 sqm	10.76 acres	0.01 acres	3.18 acres
Slope greater than 5%	0.00 acres	0.00 acres	0.00 acres
Wetlands	2.26 acres	0.02 acres	0.00 acres
<b>Total Open Space</b>		<b>0.04 acres</b>	<b>0.18 acres</b>

\*Open Space calculations are based on land covered by lots numbered 1-8 only.

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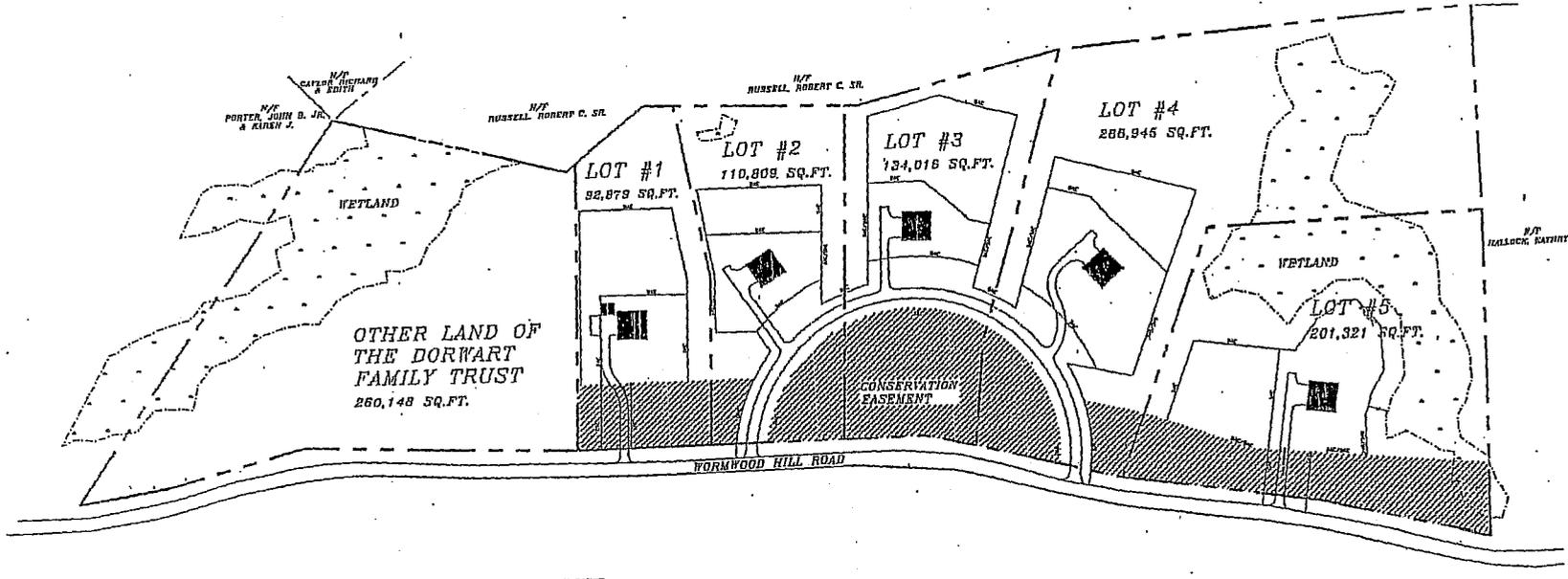
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**Mulwood Ec**  
 Subdivision of Land  
 @  
 Wormwood Hill Road  
 Mansfield, Ct.

Owner: Dorwart Family Trust  
 Architects: Dorwart Engineering & Surveying  
 1480 Main St., Mansfield, CT 06250  
 Phone: 860-487-1111

**ROD HELSTROM**  
 LAND SURVEYING  
 25 MAIN STREET  
 MANSFIELD, CT 06250-2197  
 860-487-1111

Map Notes:



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**Zoning Table**  
 Zone:  
 Min. Lot Area:  
 Min. Lot Frontage:  
 Min. Front Yard Setback:  
 Min. Side Yard Setback:  
 Min. Rear Yard Setback:  
 Max. Height:

**Zoning Table**  
**R4250**  
**30,000 SQ.FT.**  
**200 FT.**  
**60 FT.**  
**35 FT.**  
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**35 FT.**

**Character of Open Space Dedication**

Item	Quantity	18% Required	Provided
Dry land less than 80% slope	10.76 acres	2.81 acres	2.14 acres
Slope greater than 20%	0.00 acres	0.00 acres	0.00 acres
Wetlands	2.49 acres	0.00 acres	0.00 acres
<b>Total Open Space</b>		<b>2.81 acres</b>	<b>2.14 acres</b>

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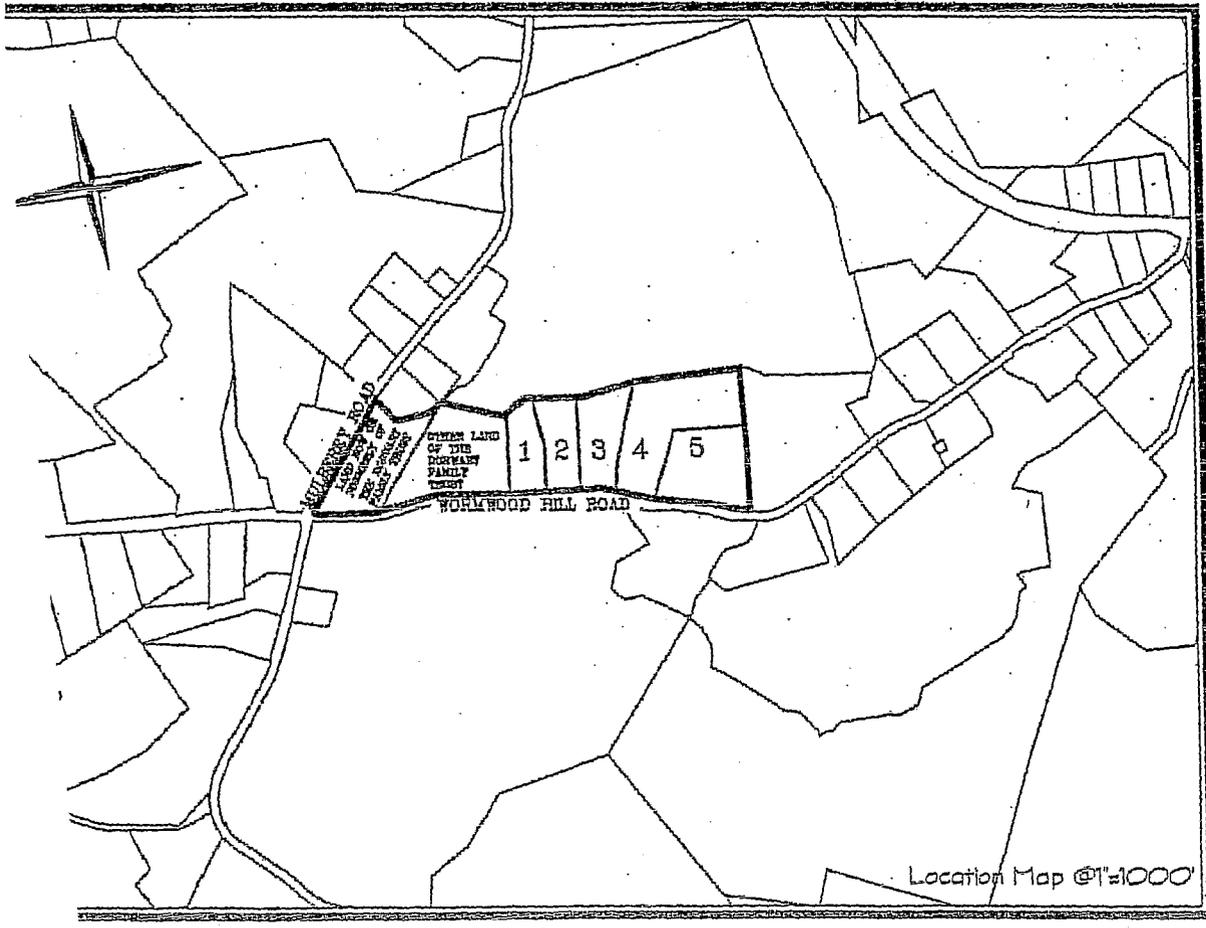
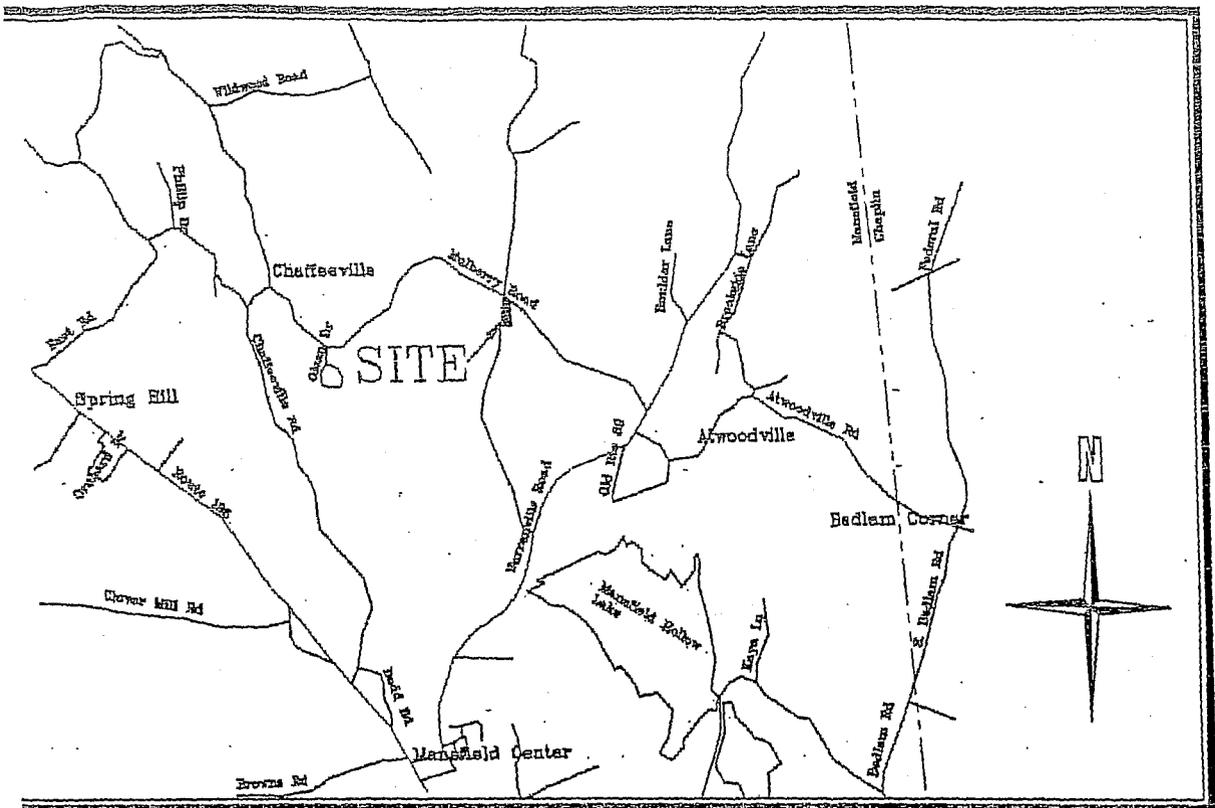
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APPROVED BY THE CHURCH OF NILES MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION DIAGRAM



*Reinhold A. Dorwart and Juanita M. Dorwart Family Trust*

*David A. Dorwart, Trustee  
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Mansfield Center, Connecticut 06250*

*Home: 860.429.4114 / Cell: 212.807.9845  
[DADorwart@aol.com](mailto:DADorwart@aol.com)*

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January 25, 2005

Michael Moran  
71 Browns Rd.  
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Michael:

I am writing you as neighbor and as Trustee of the Reinhold A. Dorwart and Juanita M. Dorwart Family Trust to let you know that the Trust is developing a portion of its property holdings into a residential subdivision. Presently, an application for a five-lot subdivision on Wormwood Hill Road entitled Mulwood East (see attached schematic) is being submitted to the Town Planning and Zoning Commission and to the Inland Wetlands Agency.

In developing this subdivision, the Trust has collaborated with the Miniutti Group's landscape architect and the Town Planners. We have paid scrupulous attention to preserving the road frontage and tree canopy. Furthermore, all building will adhere to strict guidelines established by the Trust in a comprehensive Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. Our approach should ensure bountiful open space and the maintenance of the overall integrity and character of the neighborhood.

You may wish to contact the Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agent for addition information. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me or stop by.

Sincerely,

*David*

Natural & Cultural Resources

Natural	De-GIS	Affected	Site
Lake			
Stream			
Classified Wetlands			
Stream Bedrock			
Stream Bed Def.			
Soils for Classif.			
Farm Ede			
Classified Land			
Unfragmented Forests			
Shaded Bedrock			
SOCS- Sites			
SOCS- Edge			
Drains			
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Tomcows			
Wood & Stream			
Ballfield			
Cedar Swamps			
NOCS			
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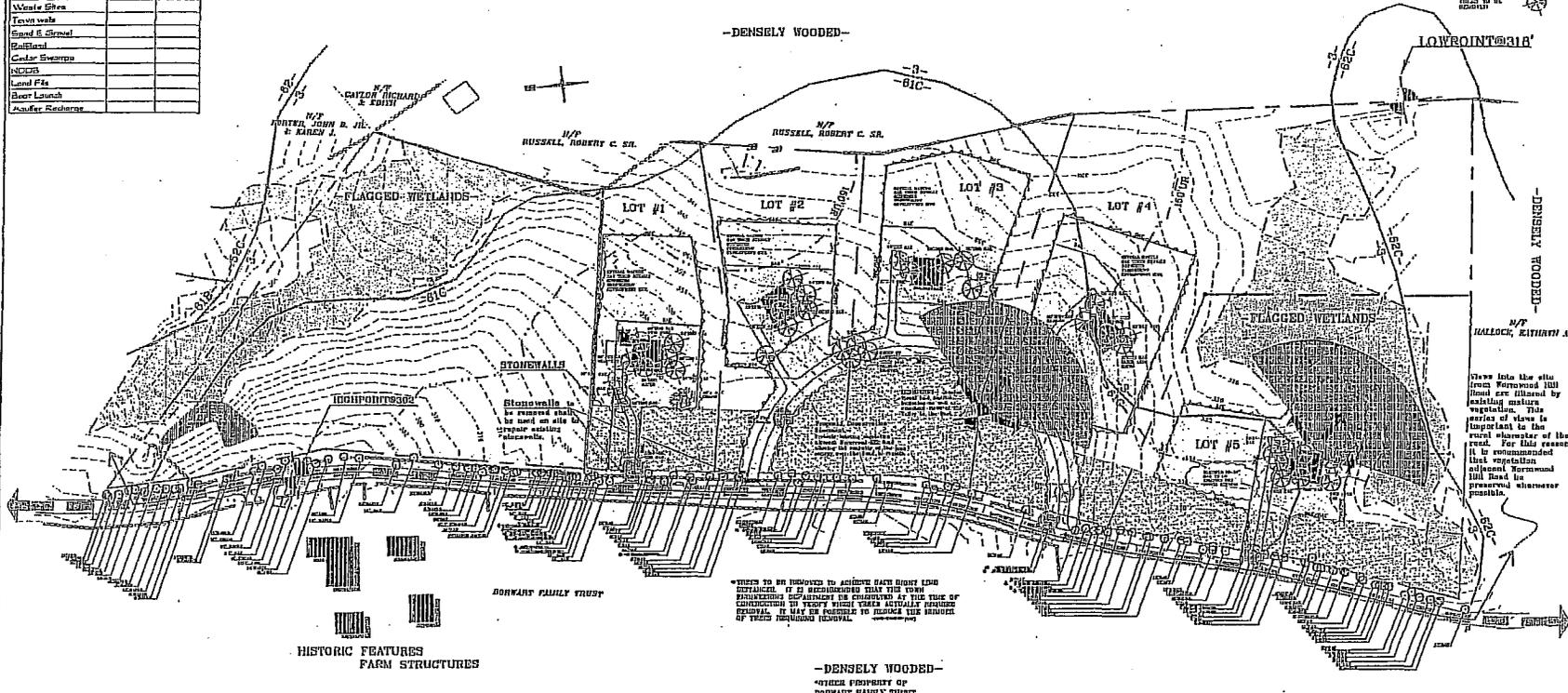
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Trees			

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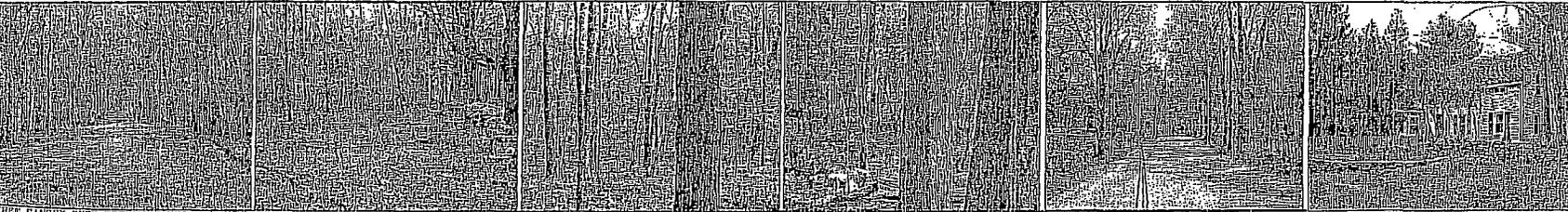
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 820- ROXBURY, FOXBORO AND BUTTRICK SOILS, EXTREMELY STONY  
 830- BUTTRICK FINE SANDY LOAM, DISCONTINUOUS, EXTREMELY STONY  
 \* NO FARM SOILS OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE EXIST ON THIS SITE

PROJECT NUMBER: 123  
 PROJECT NAME: 456789  
 DATE: 10/1/2023  
 SCALE: 1" = 100'  
 DRAWN BY: J. SMITH  
 CHECKED BY: M. JONES

Subdivision of Land  
 @  
 Wormwood Hill Road  
 Mansfield, CT  
 Owner: Dorward Family Trust  
 Address: 123 Wormwood Hill Road  
 Mansfield, CT 06255  
 Surveyor: J. SMITH  
 License: 12345  
 Date: 10/1/2023



Map Notes:  
 1. This map was prepared from a field survey conducted on 10/1/2023.  
 2. The boundary lines shown on this map are based on the field notes and are not guaranteed to be accurate.  
 3. The owner of the land shown on this map is the Dorward Family Trust.  
 4. The survey was conducted by J. SMITH, a Licensed Professional Surveyor in the State of Connecticut.  
 5. The map is subject to change without notice.  
 6. The map is not to be used for any other purpose without the written consent of the surveyor.



**LOW POINT OVER WORMWOOD HILL ROAD**  
 The aerial photograph shows a low point over Wormwood Hill Road. This low point is the result of the road's construction and is not a natural feature. It is recommended that the road be widened to provide a better view of the road.

**EXISTING STONEWALLS**  
 The existing stone walls are made of field stones and are in good condition. They are located on the western side of the lots and are a significant feature of the site. It is recommended that the stone walls be maintained and repaired as needed.

**VEGETATION**  
 The site is densely wooded with a variety of species and age. The vegetation is in good health and is a significant feature of the site. It is recommended that the vegetation be maintained and protected.

**THRESH OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
 The site is located on a slope and is subject to erosion. It is recommended that the site be protected from erosion by the construction of a retaining wall.

**VIEWS**  
 The site has a view of the surrounding landscape. It is recommended that the view be maintained and protected by the construction of a fence or wall.

**HISTORIC FEATURES**  
 The site has several historic features, including the stone walls and the farm structures. It is recommended that these features be maintained and protected.

APPROVED BY:  
 Approved By the Town of Mansfield  
 Approved By the State of Connecticut  
 Approved By the Department of Planning and Economic Development  
 Approved By the Department of Public Works  
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Site Analysis & Vegetation Management Plan







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The Daily Campus - News

Issue: 2/18/05

### **Mansfield council supports litter ban**

*By Emily O'Brien*

The Mansfield Town Council unanimously supported a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would increase the number of fines given out to landlords and tenants for litter on their property at Monday night's meeting.

The proposed ordinance would fine not only those caught littering, but also landlords or tenants whose property becomes refused. Someone caught littering would be fined \$90, according to Mayor Elizabeth C. Paterson.

"It will allow an officer to ticket on site, but it will also go beyond that," Town Manager Martin H. Berliner said. It will be the "responsibility of the owner and tenant," he added.

Paterson hopes the law will encourage landlords to "take responsibility for what goes on on their property."

The entire town of Mansfield will be covered by the ordinance, but the town council is especially concerned with areas that have large student populations, including North Eagleville Road and Hunting Lodge Road.

"Obviously we will look where there have been large congregations of people in the past," said councilman Bruce Clouette, who chairs a committee that he described as dealing "with student weekend type issues. "

"There has got to be some other way of having a good time that doesn't endanger housing," Clouette said.

"Lately it has become worse," he said. "It used to be a little disorder spring weekend-now any warm weekend," he continued.

A public hearing was held to discuss the ordinance Jan. 10. At the meeting there was no opposition.

Town resident Richard Cowles suggested that, "maybe the punishment for students, who have gotten in trouble with the university, would be to clean up the areas of town affected by litter from parties of university students."

Clouette hopes that as a result of the ordinance "landlords will articulate to renters expectations about leaving trash on lawn."

Students who live off-campus are concerned that they may be fined when they are not to blame for the litter.

"A lot of empty beer boxes and things get thrown on peoples property - it doesn't necessarily mean its theirs," said Wesson Dodge, a 6th-semester marketing major who lives on Birch Road.

"It's not fair for us to get fined for the garbage freshmen bring," said Brian Wright, a 6th-semester finance major who lives in Carriage House Apartments.

"It is not necessarily renters who throw a 30 pack of empties on their lawn," Clouette said.

However, although the renters would not be fined under the proposed ordinance, it is uncertain how or if landlords would pass the fine on to their tenants.

Dodge also worries that the ordinance will not be enforced evenly.  
"It will be more unfair to students," he said.

A public hearing to "solicit public input for the proposed ordinance" will be held Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

## FY 2006 Federal Budget Proposal

On Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, President Bush unveiled his \$2.57 trillion fiscal year 2006 budget. The budget proposes significant cuts in discretionary domestic spending with the goal of reducing the deficit in half by 2009. Overall, the FY 2006 budget proposal requests a five percent increase in defense spending, a three percent increase in non-defense homeland security spending, and a one percent decrease in spending for other the remaining non-defense, non-security discretionary programs.

The proposed budget would place mandatory spending caps on domestic discretionary spending, freezing programs through 2010. Factoring in inflation, these federal spending caps would actually equal program cuts for discretionary programs through 2010. Homeland Security and defense programs are exempt from the mandatory spending caps.

The budget proposes more than 150 reductions and eliminations in non-defense discretionary programs. Among these are many important NLC priorities, including Community Development Block Grants, the long-time funding source for urban renewal, housing assistance, first responder funding, Amtrak, and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

The budget further attacks several programs assisting low-income individuals, many of whom live in cities. Spending for Medicaid, the joint federal-state program that provides health care for the poor and disabled, would be cut by \$60 billion over 10 years. States would be forced to pick up additional Medicaid expenditures, jeopardizing their annual budget allocations to local governments.

Critics of the President's budget are calling the budget plan deceptive. The document does not address the cost of the war in Iraq, and the cost of implementing the President's proposed permanent tax cuts and private personal accounts for Social Security.

On Capitol Hill, Democrats and Republicans alike have vowed to fight for the restoration of many of the discretionary programs cut or eliminated from the budget. Many of the funding cuts are already being called "dead on arrival." Others will have Congressional champions along with interest groups to lobby against their elimination. A long and arduous appropriations season is expected for the first session of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Specific NLC priority programs and other programs important to cities are highlighted below and in the attached chart.

### **Transportation**

The Bush Administration used its fiscal year 2006 budget proposal to signal its willingness to accept a higher overall funding level for transportation reauthorization. The Administration's \$284 billion figure to fund surface transportation through fiscal year 2009 is a \$28 billion increase from its proposed \$256 billion reauthorization package last year.

The Administration's \$57.5 billion FY 2006 transportation budget proposal, one percent less than last year's proposed budget, represents funding continuity for municipalities. For Amtrak, however, the Administration's budget proposes to end its federal operating subsidies.

**Amtrak.** The FY 2006 budget proposal provides only \$360 million in capital funds for Amtrak's commuter services along the Northeast Corridor and elsewhere. This represents a 70 percent cut to Amtrak's current FY 2005 federal support of \$1.2 billion. The Administration, clearly frustrated that its Amtrak reform proposal is stalled, argues that "with no subsidies, Amtrak would quickly enter bankruptcy, which would likely lead to the elimination of inefficient operations and the reorganization of the railroad through bankruptcy procedures." The Administration maintains its offer to support more money for Amtrak if Congress enacts the Administration's Amtrak management and financial reform legislation. According to the Administration, reform would put Amtrak on track to financial stability and provide states and localities with flexibility to integrate intercity passenger rail locally. The Administration's FY 2006 budget would also eliminate funding for high speed rail.

**Highways.** The budget would obligate \$34.7 billion for highways, almost \$1 billion more than last year's request (and \$300 million more than appropriations), reflecting the Administration's continued commitment to improve highway safety and mobility.

**Mass Transit.** For transit, the Bush administration budget obligates approximately \$7.8 billion in funding, up from last year's request of \$7.6 billion. Within this total is a request for \$1.53 billion in major capital investment grants for the "New Starts" program to finance commuter rail, light rail, heavy rail, and bus rapid transit projects. This figure is slightly higher than the FY 2005 request of \$1.45 billion because program efficiencies pleased the Administration and it wants to help grow the "Small Starts" category of smaller-scale projects.

The Administration's proposal also calls for \$6.1 billion in formula grants, including:

- \$3.7 billion for transit formula grants to urbanized areas, which increases the program above its FY 2005 level of \$3.3 billion; and
- \$1.3 billion for rail modernization projects in urbanized areas.

**Airport Improvement.** The Administration's budget proposes \$3 billion for airport grants-in-aid under the Airport Improvement Program, a 17 percent decrease from fiscal year 2005 appropriation of \$3.5 billion. The proposed budget also requests \$50 million for the Essential Air Services program and a general provision to restructure it. This is a 50 percent reduction from fiscal year 2005.

## **Community and Economic Development**

**Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** As promised, the President unveiled his proposal to merge CDBG along with 17 other direct grant programs into a new \$3.71 billion Strengthening America's Communities Initiative (SACI) to be administered by the Department of Commerce. For the previous budget year, funding for all 18 programs totaled roughly \$5.3 billion. CDBG, by itself totaled just over \$4.7 billion in 2004.

The President argues that the new proposal would "strengthen America's transitioning and most needy communities, while making use of taxpayer dollars by reforming and restructuring many of the existing Federal economic and community development programs." SACI would, according to the Commerce Department, "simplify access to the Federal system, set new eligibility criteria, and establish strong accountability standards all in exchange for the flexible use of the funds so the communities most in need will be assisted." The program will "better target assistance and achieve greater results for low-income persons and economically-distressed areas."

**Section 8 Housing Vouchers.** For FY 2005, Congress divides the Section 8 program into two separate accounts: Tenant-Based Vouchers and Project Based Vouchers. The two accounts together totaled \$20.079 billion in FY 2005. The budget request proposes that the combined accounts receive nearly \$21 billion in funding for FY 2006, a five percent increase.

In FY 2005, Congress made several changes to the Tenant-based Rental Assistance Program (also known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program) that allowed only limited flexibility on the part of Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to adjust to those changes. The proposal would increase the Tenant-based account by over \$1 billion to \$15.845 billion to restore "reductions imposed by the 2005 pro-rations" and add to the account to factor in inflation.

Congress also made several changes to the Tenant-based Rental Assistance Program that reduced the flexibility of Public Housing Authorities to adjust rental vouchers based on actual costs. The President will propose legislation it claims will give Public Housing Authorities "greater discretion in meeting local housing objectives and provides for steady and predictable funding levels adjusted annually for inflation." But most housing advocates argue that it was this annualize inflation calculation that created last year's funding short-falls in many communities in the first place. The old method of factoring in inflation on a quarterly basis was much more accurate and efficient according to most housing experts. In essence, they contend, the annualized inflation factor now used amounts to nothing more than a budget cap for each Public Housing Authority. Based on last year's experience, the legislative language proposed in the President's budget documents for FY 06 is an expansion of what many housing official agree doesn't work.

**HOPE VI.** Once again, the President's FY 2006 budget proposal recommends eliminating funding for the HOPE VI program. It also proposes to rescind the entire \$143 million appropriated in the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which would essentially make those funds unusable for this year.

**HOME.** In FY 2005, the HOME program received roughly \$1.9 billion with nearly \$49 million going to the President's American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI). The President's budget request adds an additional \$41 million to the program. However, the request also carves out \$200 million for ADDI.

**Opportunity Zones.** The President's proposed budget creates 40 opportunity zones (28 urban and 12 rural) selected through a competitive process and decided by the Secretary of Commerce. The tax incentives for the zones would be in effect from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2015

at a cost of \$9.594 billion over that time period. A local government desiring this incentive would first be designated as a *Community in Transition* if it has experienced the following during 1993-2003:

- Loss of at least 3% of manufacturing establishments;
- Loss of at least 3% of its retail establishments; and
- Loss of at least 20% of its manufacturing jobs.

Communities previously benefiting from *Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Renewal Communities* programs would be eligible to apply for opportunity zone status but must relinquish their current status and benefit if selected. Opportunity zone status offers the following tax incentives:

- Exclusion of 25% of taxable income for business with average gross receipts of \$5 million or less;
- Ability to expense qualified zone property, up to an additional \$100,000 above the amount generally available under section 179;
- Commercial revitalization deduction; and
- Wage credit for businesses that employ opportunity zone residents within the zone.

## **Homeland Security**

The President's proposed budget for funding of first responders programs under the Department of Homeland Security is almost identical to the dollars appropriated by Congress for fiscal year 2005. The Administration has proposed \$1.02 billion each for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and Urban Area Security Initiative Program (UASI). However, states and local governments will receive less state homeland security grant funding because the Administration has proposed reducing the distribution formula from .75 percent to .25 percent. If approved, each state would receive a minimum of \$2.6 million in state homeland security grants based on "risk, and an application-based review of need, and consistency with national priorities."

In addition, twenty percent, approximately \$200 million must be extracted from both the SHSGP and UASI program to fund law enforcement terrorism prevention activities, effectively eliminating direct funding for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant. Further complicating matters, the Administration proposes that local government use their state homeland security funds for services such as the Urban Search and Rescue and the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) – programs for which funding was eliminated.

The requested budget, proposes changing the distribution formula for homeland security grants, and the expectation that local governments will use state homeland security grants to fund programs for which funding has been eliminated means that cities will have to compete with each other and within their own priorities to receive funding.

The good news is that the President's budget request preserves the Congressional directive that 80% of State Homeland Security Grants must go directly to local governments.

## **Human Development**

**Title I, No Child Left Behind (NCLB).** The President's budget would increase funding for Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which provides grants to low-income school districts, by \$603 million to \$13.3 billion. This is still \$9.4 billion below the amount authorized by law and advocated by NLC.

**Individuals With Disabilities Act (IDEA).** The President proposes a \$500 million increase for the IDEA. This would bring the federal commitment to \$11.1 billion for FY 2006. This proposed increase would fall short of the funding needed to meet the commitment in the recent IDEA reauthorization to fund 40% of local special education costs within eight years.

**Afterschool.** The Administration proposes level funding of \$999 million for afterschool programs -- the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers -- for the fourth straight year.

**High Schools.** The highlight of President Bush's education budget is an emphasis on increased academic standards in high schools to ensure seniors graduate with the necessary skills needed to move on to higher education or directly to the workforce. In response to a study that found American high school students lag far behind their international peers in math and technology skills, the President has proposed \$1.5 billion for a high school achievement program.

**Head Start.** Head Start is level funded at \$6.9 billion. In addition the President's budget includes \$45 million to support the President's initiative to improve Head Start by funding nine state pilot projects to coordinate state preschool programs and federal child care grants. NLC will oppose any attempt to block grant this successful local-federal partnership to the states.

**TANF.** The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) is level funded at \$16.5 billion for fiscal year 2006. TANF provides states funds to administer cash assistance and work supports to families working to leave the welfare rolls within five years as required by the law.

**Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG).** CCDBG, which provides child care assistance funds to low-income working families, is level funded at \$4.9 billion. NLC supports a significant increase in CCDBG in the TANF reauthorization bill to assist low-income working families striving to achieve self-sufficiency.

**Ryan White CARE ACT.** The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency Resources (CARE) Act provides funding for care and services to uninsured and underinsured individuals with HIV/AIDS in the United States. The President's FY 2006 budget seeks \$2.1 billion for the CARE Act, a \$10 million increase from fiscal year 2005. This is of significant interest to cities; presently, 40% of CARE Act funds go directly to cities.

## **Energy Environment and Natural Resources**

With the exception of funding for municipal wastewater, programs of interest to cities and towns would receive modest increases under the President's proposed fiscal year 2006 budget request for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Wastewater.** Of the 150 programs the administration is proposing to eliminate or significantly reduce, four are within the purview of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Reductions are proposed in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) (proposed reduction of \$274 million to \$730 million) and funding for Alaska Native Village wastewater needs (reduced from \$40 to \$15 million because of poor performance and poor results). The proposed budget would also eliminate earmarks for special projects (\$500 million) and funding for Water Quality Cooperative Agreements and wastewater operator training programs (\$22 million).

Reductions in funding for the CWSRF have consistently been proposed for over 8 years by both the Clinton and Bush Administrations. As budget documents again indicate, “[m]ore than \$22 billion has already been provided to capitalize the CWSRF, well over twice the original Clean Water Act authorized level of \$8.4 billion.” Over \$52 billion, which includes state match and repayments to the fund, has been made available since the 1987 Clean Water Act Amendments, of which “more than \$48 billion has been provided to communities as financial assistance.”

**Drinking Water.** The President proposes to restore funding for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to its fiscal year level of \$850 million. While Congress appropriated \$850 million for the program in FY 2005, the omnibus appropriations measure subjected all programs to an across the board .08 percent reduction, which reduced funding for the drinking water loan program to \$782 million for the current fiscal year. Since the program was enacted in 1996 (and funding begun in 1997), the DWSRF has made \$7.9 billion available primarily to small drinking water systems not in compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act standards.

The administration is again requesting that Congress continue state authority, first approved in the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, to transfer up to 35 percent of DWSRF funds to the CWSRF and vice versa.

In addition, the administration is requesting enactment of a Water Sentinel Initiative, a \$44 million pilot project in five major cities to “develop an operational water monitoring and surveillance system for dangerous contaminants” in drinking water. “The program will demonstrate a standardized, cost-effective approach . . . to enhance water security.”

**Superfund.** The Administration’s budget proposes to increase funding for the nation’s hazardous waste site clean up program to \$1.3 billion, \$32 million above the current funding level. The budget proposal indicates that the increase is necessary to address the size and complexity of cleaning up the remaining sites on the National Priorities List (NPL). According to the budget, EPA estimates that remedial action at the approximately 80 plus large sites remaining on the NPL can cost \$132 million per site.

**Brownfields.** The President is seeking an increase of \$46 million over current funding levels for Brownfields remediation for a total of \$210 million for fiscal year 2006. Brownfields are old abandoned industrial sites with modest contamination requiring cleanup before being available for productive reuse. Funding is available for site assessment, cleanup and job training activities. The proposed amount would fund remediation at about 6,000 sites.

## Public Safety

The President's budget proposal reduces or eliminates several programs that the Administration claims "do not have a record of demonstration results." For example, the Administration argues that programs such as the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants, COPS Law Enforcement Technology Grants, Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG), and Byrne Discretionary Grants have not had a demonstrably effective impact on reducing crime. The Administration proposes eliminating these programs, which it claims will save \$940 million a year.

The President's budget allocated \$118 million for the COPS account, but proposes to cancel \$95.5 million of un-obligated balances available under the COPS account -- leaving only \$22 million in new budget authority. It is unclear whether multi-year grants that are currently in their second or third year would be cancelled under the budget proposal.

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February 10, 2005

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, State Senate, Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael P. Lawlor, State Representative, Co-chair

Joint Standing Committee on Public Safety and Security  
The Honorable Ernest E. Newton, State Senate, Co-chair  
The Honorable Stephen D. Dargan, State Representative, Co-chair

**Re: Annual Report for 2004**

Dear co-chair and committee members:

In accordance with Section 18-81h of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Public Safety Committee of the Town of Mansfield hereby submits its report due for November 1, 2004. Our Chairperson, Ms. Audrey Barberet, has recently resigned after many long years of faithful service to the town, and I am preparing this report in my role as staff to the committee.

As set out within the statute, the mission of Mansfield's Public Safety Committee is to review safety and security concerns related to our local correctional facility, the Donald T. Bergin Correctional Institution. Mansfield's Public Safety Committee also serves as the Correctional Facility Liaison Committee, which is charged with similar duties. The membership of our Public Safety Committee is comprised of Warden Eileen Higgins of Bergin CI, as well as eleven citizen representatives appointed by the Mayor of the Town of Mansfield. Our committee meets on a quarterly basis during the months of January, April, July and October.

The current capacity of Bergin CI is 962 inmates, and the population has consistently remained close to that level over the past few years.

With regard to public safety concerns, the facility did experience three "walk-aways" in 2004. This number is of some concern, as we have had very few escapes in the past several years. Perhaps 2004 was something of an anomaly, but the committee does plan to explore this issue in more detail in consultation with Warden Higgins and town staff. We do have a functional community notification system in place, and we would like Bergin CI to be included in future upgrades as the capability of that technology continues to improve.

Another concern would be the Department of Correction's continued ability to fund the level of staff that we enjoy at Bergin CI. Warden Higgins and her staff have been exemplary in adhering

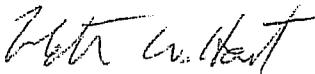
to the admission criteria for Bergin CI and in pursuing the goals of the Commissioner and the Town of Mansfield. The educational programming at Bergin CI is of good quality, and it is important to our committee to maintain this level of programming to encourage restorative justice and to facilitate the development of skills necessary to deter recidivism.

Bergin CI has often demonstrated its willingness to be a "good neighbor." For example, the facility has frequently donated the services of a community outreach work detail to assist with tasks such as roadside clean up and with moving books for our local library book sale.

In closing, I wish to emphasize that the Department of Correction and the Town of Mansfield enjoy a congenial relationship. We are working together to mitigate any issues of concern and to continue Bergin CI's reputation as a pre-release model for the State of Connecticut.

I can be reached at (860) 429-3339 with any questions or concerns regarding this report.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart  
Assistant Town Manager

CC: ✓ Martin Berliner, Town Manager  
Mansfield Public Safety Committee  
Mansfield Town Council  
State Senator Donald E. Williams  
State Representative Denise W. Merrill



February 14, 2005

# DRAFT GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET: IMPACT ON TOWNS AND CITIES FY 2005-06

## Proposal Highlights:

### ➔ Overall Funding –

The Governor's budget proposal would increase statutory formula aid to municipalities in FY 2005-06 by **\$85 million (+3.8%)** compared to this year. Of the \$2.343 billion in proposed statutory aid, \$1.976 billion is in the area of education and \$367.4 million is in non-education spending. Of the \$85 million increase in statutory aid, **\$83.8 million** is in the area of education and **\$1.2 million** is in non-education aid.



### ➔ Education Funding –

**2% Increase in ECS funding** – The Governor's proposal increases the Education Cost Sharing Grant by \$31 million, from \$1.563 billion in FY 2004-05 to \$1.594 billion in FY 2005-06. Each municipality would receive a 2% increase over this year's (FY 2004-05) grant. The Governor's proposal is \$34 million less than the \$1.628 billion called for under current statutes.

**Increase in Excess Cost (Special Education) Grant** – The Governor's proposal increases the Excess Cost Grant from \$67 million this year (FY 2004-05) to \$93 million in FY 2005-06. The \$25.5 million increase is 38% greater than the FY 2004-05 amount. The increase results from the Governor's proposal to lower the State's reimbursement level from 5 times to 4.5 times the average per pupil expenditure per school district. However, the \$93 million proposal falls \$22.7 million short of the \$115.7 million required to fund a "4.5 times" reimbursement threshold.

**Increase in Magnet School Grant** – The Governor's proposal includes \$15 million more for the Magnet School program. Magnet school funding has increased in each of the last three years, from \$57 million in 2003-04 to \$70 million in 2004-05 to \$93 million in the Governor's proposed budget for 2005-06.

### ➔ Non-Education Funding –

The Governor proposed level funding for many non-education programs. The PILOT programs for state-owned property and for colleges and hospitals were level-funded, as was funding for the manufacturing, machinery, and equipment PILOT. The Governor's proposal also level-funds the Town Aid Roads Grant, the Public School Transportation Grant, and the Local Capital Improvement Program Grant.

➔ **Non-freight Commercial Vehicles No Longer Tax-exempt** – The Governor's proposal allows municipalities to tax the value of non-freight, commercial motor vehicles. OPM estimates that removing these vehicles from tax-exempt property rolls results in a \$2.6 million revenue increase for municipalities.

➔ **Small Change to the Mashantucket Pequot/Mohegan Grant** – Under the Governor's proposal, the MP&M grant would increase by \$1.2 million in FY 2005-06. This new revenue amounts to a 1.5% increase

*"I wish all state aid to municipalities on all levels could have been higher. I agree with those who will say they should be higher."*

*Gov. M. Jodi Rell  
Budget Address  
February 9, 2005*

over this year's (FY 2004-05) payment. The revenue would be shared by the casinos' five "host" communities. Each of the following towns would receive an additional \$250,000: Ledyard, Montville, North Stonington, Norwich, and Preston.

- ➔ **No change in "Sunset" of Real Estate Conveyance Tax** – In her 2005-06 proposal, the Governor remained silent on the real estate conveyance tax and the scheduled sunset. Legislation needs to be enacted in order to continue the tax at present levels.

## Other

- ➔ **Transportation Initiative** – The Governor has proposed a multi-year initiative to break-up transportation gridlock statewide. To finance the various projects, the Governor proposes instituting a \$1.00 per ticket surcharge on New Haven Line travelers, using Transportation Strategy Board Project Account fund and incrementally raising the gasoline tax (by one cent per gallon on July 1, 2005, one cent/gallon on July 1, 2006, two cents/gallon on July 1, 2007, one cent/gallon on July 1, 2008, and one cent/gallon on July 1, 2013. It would then be reduced by one cent/gallon on July 1, 2016).
- ➔ **Other increases** – Increased state bond funding over the biennium for farmland preservation (\$10 million), open space acquisition (\$20 million), clean water grants (\$40 million), municipal economic development (urban act and small town economic assistance program -- \$100 million), technology wiring in schools (\$10 million), and laptop computers for high-school English classes (\$15.5 million).
- ➔ **ECS Study** – The Governor proposes that the State "conduct an extensive study of the current funding formula and revamp it in time for the next legislative session."

**For more information on the Governor's state budget proposals and how it impacts your community, visit the CCM website at [www.ccm-ct.org](http://www.ccm-ct.org).**



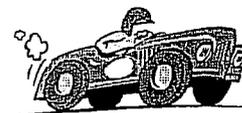
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February 10, 2005

## Summary of Governor's Transportation Investment Proposal

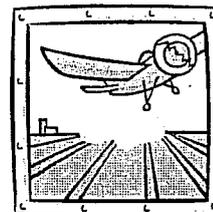
Governor Rell has proposed a ten-year, \$1.3 billion initiative to fund transportation projects designed to relieve Connecticut's congested highways. Below is a summary of her proposal:



### Transportation Investment Initiative

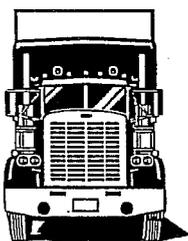
The Governor proposal would include the following initiatives and expenditures:

- \$667 million new **rail cars** for the New Haven Line (342 cars between 2009 and 2015)
- \$300 million new **rail maintenance** facilities
- \$187 million operational improvements and **congestion mitigation measures for I-95** (Greenwich to North Stonington); these include additional lanes, and reconstructed intersections and median improvements in selected areas.
- \$150 million improvements to other state and interstate roads
- \$ 7.5 million new transit **buses**



The Governor also states that she (a) has directed DOT and OPM to develop a plan for creating and financing additional parking along the New Haven Line, and (b) will "institute programs to bring other major air carriers to Bradley and Tweed Airports."

### Revenue Sources

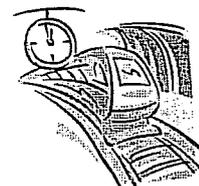


The Governor proposes two new sources of revenue for the initiative: a \$1-per-trip surcharge on New Haven Line tickets and a series of increases in the gasoline tax.

The **ticket surcharge** is anticipated to raise about \$20 million per year -- it would be used only on projects to revitalize the New Haven Line.

Under the Governor's proposal the **gas tax** would increase by one cent on 7/1/05, one cent on 7/1/06, two cents on 7/1/07, one cent on 7/1/08 and one cent on 7/1/13. It would be reduced by one cent on 7/1/16.

The Governor predicts that her proposed expenditures for the New Haven Line would leverage approximately \$350 million from Metro North for rail cars. She would also use funding already earmarked for the "TSB Project Account" and reallocate \$170 million from DOT.



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**Martin H. Berliner**

**From:** Barton Russell [smalltowns@erols.com]

**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2005 11:55 AM

**To:** Bart Russell

**Subject:** TOWN LEADERS PASS SCHOOL FUNDING RESOLUTION; URGE "FIERCE FIGHT"

Greetings.

Town leaders from Branford passed a resolution yesterday urging their legislative delegation "to fight fiercely" for increased education funding and property tax reform, according to an article in today's *New Haven Register* (below). The town's message represents a growing, statewide theme being observed by COST. Perhaps your town, if it is burdened by similar pressures, should also consider adopting a similar resolution.

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced in her budget address to the Legislature earlier this week that she was proposing to increase ECS and special education funding by a total of approximately \$60 million. The Governor also called for a major study of the ECS formula which she called "flawed" and "unfair".

If you would like to more information about the resolution you may contact Branford 1st Selectman John Opie at (203) 488-8394 X120.

Thanks for all your help!

Cheers, Bart

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**BRANFORD — Fed up with skyrocketing property tax increases and a school budget that consumes an ever-greater portion of town finances, members of the Representative Town Meeting are *urging state politicians to "fight fiercely" on their behalf.***

On Wednesday, the RTM overwhelmingly passed a bipartisan resolution calling for property tax and school financing reform in the General Assembly.

Since the 2002 re-evaluation, an increasing number of residents have sold, or are considering putting their homes on the market, members said. "This has the possibility that it will change the character of Branford," said Lonnie Reed, D-5, who sponsored and introduced the resolution with Frank Twohill, R-1. One shoreline cottage owner saw his yearly property taxes leap from \$10,000 to \$22,000. Reed said this problem has spread inland from the ribbon of waterfront homes. She said residents fear losing the town's soul to a community of homogeneous "McMansion ghettos."

The town will send the resolution to state Sen. J. Edward Meyer, D-Guilford, and state Reps. Patricia Widlitz, D-Guilford, and Peter Panaroni, D-Branford, and members of the assembly's Education Committee. "In all honesty, they know what the problem is, but it never hurts to remind them," said First Selectman John Opie. He supports an existing bill ensuring a \$1,000 state minimum stipend per student. The town now only receives about \$350. If successful, the bill would add \$2.5 million to the school budget yearly.

"The property tax reduction and corresponding increase in state funding for schools is my first priority," said Meyer. But he said Gov. M Jodi Rell's recently released budget doesn't help in this regard. Madison, which Opie described as even harder hit than Branford, is one of several other state towns putting together similar resolutions.

"There is an awful lot of grassroots interest in suburban and non-metropolitan towns leveling the playing field (to get) fair-share education funding," said Barton Russell, executive director of the **Connecticut Council of Small Towns**. He said education expenses are rising above what the local property tax can support.

The resolution says the state's listing of Branford as "wealthy" is unfair and "a heavily freighted and politicized label that ignores our town's cherished diversity, undermines our town's bargaining position for future contract negotiations, (and) punishes our town for sound fiscal management." Also noted is the town's recent reclassification from a suburb to an "urban periphery" and the town's 4.1 percent poverty ranking, which is below the state median. Several board members spoke about the impact of property tax increases for older residents living on fixed incomes.

Robert Varley, New Haven Register Staff

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**An Act Concerning Energy Conservation and School Construction Funding  
Raised Bill No. 6677, LCO No. 3374**

Testimony of: Gordon Schimmel, Ed.D. Superintendent of Mansfield Public Schools  
Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance, Town of Mansfield, CT 06268  
Michael Callahan, Partner Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., Consulting Engineers

**1. Effects on educational environment of current heat pump systems.**

The teachers' ability to provide a proper instructional environment is compromised in three significant ways:

First, the present system is noisy; the fans and motors are a constant disruption to classroom instructional environment. It is not uncommon to position students away from the units, because it is often difficult to hear the classroom teacher, and frequently impossible to hear the remarks of fellow students during recitations.

Second, when the outside temperature falls below freezing, the units become ineffective, rendering many of the rooms too cold for comfort. During mid-winter cold spells, classes have been suspended while students are sent to their lockers to retrieve coats and jackets so they can be comfortable in the classroom.

Finally, once the heating season has begun, custodians must make daily adjustments to the units (sometimes visiting the classroom more than once) to keep them functioning. The disruptions are an all-too-frequent distraction to the instructional process.

**2. Effects on school budget**

When the Mansfield Middle School was built in the late 1960's, the installation of electrical heat sense for two reasons. First, construction costs were significantly less expensive than a conventional boiler system resulting in significant savings for both the local government and the State. Second, with the advent of atomic energy electricity as a heat source was thought to be so inexpensive that we "wouldn't even need to meter it."

Last year, the cost of electrical consumption at the Mansfield Middle School was \$224,832. Of that amount, approximately \$150,000 can be attributed to electrical heat. At today's cost for No. 2 oil, we can heat the building for approximately \$40,000. We cannot say that we would save this amount every year, but we are certain the savings would be significant.

A second point that needs to be made: The cost of installing electrical heat is minimal when compared to installing a conventional hot water system. While I recognize that the State is not eager to assist us in routine maintenance, a conversion of this magnitude is hardly routine. It is a large construction project costing two to three million dollars that we do not have the capacity to undertake ourselves.

**3. Effect on electrical use.**

Please see attached.

## BACKGROUND

### *Mansfield, Connecticut*

There are five school buildings in Mansfield. Four use fossil fuel for heating. However, the Mansfield Middle School, the fifth school, is heated with a combination of electricity (80% by area) and fossil fuel (20% by area).

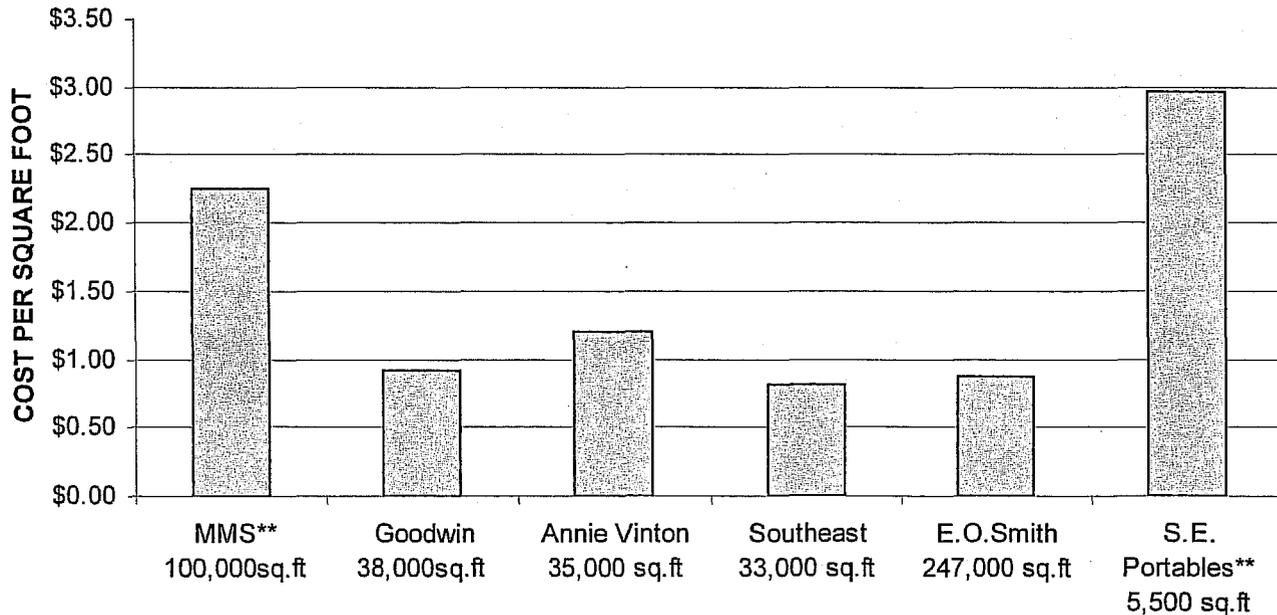
Southeast School one of the four building that is heated with fossil fuel has four attached portable classroom that are separately metered and is heated with 100% electricity. The total energy cost for the Southeast Portables is \$3.00 per sq ft per year.

The total energy cost (fossil fuel and electricity) for the MMS is about \$225,000 per year, which is \$2.25 per sq ft per year.

For comparison, the average total energy cost for the fossil fuel heated schools in the Town of Mansfield is less than \$1.00 per sq ft per year.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD HISTORICAL TOTAL ENERGY COSTS PER SQ.FT OF FLOOR AREA**

**\*\*Indicates electrically-heated building**



As demonstrated on the previous page, the actual experience in Mansfield is consistent with the well known fact that it costs about three times as much to heat with electricity as with fossil fuels.

In the fall of 2004, the Town of Mansfield evaluated the feasibility of converting the heating system at the MMS from electric heat to fossil fuel. The cost for converting to fossil fuel would be approximately \$2.8 million with a cost savings of \$63,000 per year.

**Other Towns**

Including the Mansfield Middle School, we believe there are a total of nine schools in the State of CT that are heated by electricity. The total floor area of the nine schools adds up to almost a million sq. ft. Assuming the other schools in Connecticut have similar energy consumption and are constructed in a similar manner to the MMS, the total annual consumption of electricity for the nine schools would be approximately 21 million kWh with a cost of \$2.3 million.

If all nine schools were converted to fossil fuel, the yearly saving would be 8.6 million kWh of electricity and approximately \$1 million. Assuming the average single-family residence uses 10,000 kWh/yr, the estimated savings for converting the nine schools to fossil fuel is the equivalent of the combined electric consumption of 865 homes. 3.8 Megawatts would reduce total demand. The total cost to convert the nine schools would be about \$30 million.

Although there are some uncertainties in these estimates for other schools because we don't know much about the other school building envelopes (wall, window, roof types and areas) or system types (distribution systems, ventilation air quantities, or type of electric equipment-such as, heat pumps or electric resistance coils) we believe they reasonably accurate and appropriate for decision making purposes.

The electrically heated schools in Connecticut are listed below:

	TOWN	SCHOOL	FLOOR AREA (sq.ft)
1	Brookfield	Huckleberry Hill Elementary School	71,000
2	Derby	Derby High/Middle School	130,000
3	<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>Mansfield Middle School</b>	<b>99,958</b>
4	Naugatuck	City Hill Middle School	125,000
5	Naugatuck	Andrew Ave Elementary School	60,000
6	New Fairfield	New Fairfield High School	140,000
7	Ridgefield	Ridgefield High School	200,000
8	Somers	Mabelle B.Avery Middle School	86,000
9	Washington	Regional District #12 High/Middle School	60,000
		<b>TOTAL FOR ALL BUILDINGS</b>	<b>971,958</b>

## WHY IS FUEL CONVERSION IMPORTANT?

Conversion of electric heat to fossil fuels makes sense for two primary reasons.

1. Conversion to fossil fuel will significantly lower the annual operating cost. Maintenance and repair, and other reoccurring operating costs present a significant challenge for any school district. Having to pay a three-fold premium for electric heat is an unreasonable additional burden.
2. The conversion of these schools to fossil-fuel would significantly benefit the entire State of Connecticut for the following reasons:
  - Less demand on electric power grid
  - Reductions in point-of-generation energy (at the power plant)
  - Reductions in environmental emission from power plants
  - Extension of our limited energy resources
  - Reduced dependence on imported energy

## WHY IS LEGISLATION NECESSARY?

Bill 6677 is necessary to ensure the above benefits are realized by the state and school districts. Incentives are necessary to encourage changes and they work. The State of Connecticut and the two primary utilities in the State of Connecticut have successfully used energy conservation incentives. Examples include the following:

- Connecticut Dept of Public Works: Statewide Services provides funding with an on-going program for energy conservation measures at State-owned buildings. One recent example: DPW provided \$475,900 to the Hartford Superior Court for a chiller replacement and DDC system installation.
- Northeast Utilities (NU) energy conservation incentives include:
  - \$45/lighting fixture for using new T-8 and electronic ballasts
  - \$10/lighting fixture for controlling fixtures with occupancy sensors
  - \$90/motor for 10 horsepower motors
  - \$162/motor for 40 horsepower motors
  - \$92/ton of refrigeration if performance exceeds 13.0 SEER
  - \$79/ton of refrigeration if performance exceeds 10.0 EER
- The United Illuminating Company has similar programs to NU
- Connecticut Clean Energy Fund will distribute \$3,000,000 by October 2006 for installing solar energy equipment.
- The State of Connecticut School Facilities Unit provides significant financial incentives to encourage school districts to keep their schools in compliance with building codes.

Because the benefits are not often immediately apparent and often accrue over a long period of time, leadership at the highest level is often needed to move energy conservation initiatives forward. Difficult problems usually require solutions implemented in small, incremental steps, over an extended time. This legislation is an essential first step.

Whereas the friends of the Mansfield Library have just concluded our most successful February book sale ever,

And Whereas many of our members and legions of eager volunteers are currently wearing neck, back or wrist braces and other assorted appliances too suggestive to mention,

And Whereas we have been schlepping books since the June sale,

And Whereas the purpose of all this effort is to raise money so the Mansfield Library can have a truly outstanding collection for a town of its size,

And Whereas we have no particular sympathy for the slackers who don't want to pay taxes for the library or anything else,

And Whereas, we have studiously avoided involvement in the administrative affairs of the Mansfield Public Library

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that we the undersigned members of the Board of the Friends of the Mansfield Library would like to make sure the money we earn is providing additional support for the Mansfield Public Library collections.

Sarah Akers  
 Ann Truitt  
 Pat Bizz  
 Betty Wexler  
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