



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, September 26, 2005
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOWN COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of August 8, 2005 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for the troops serving abroad and for all the hurricane victims in the South.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY

Ms. Denise Burchsted, 268 Warrenville Road, and Executive Director of the Naubesatuck Watershed Council, spoke to the Council on the Fenton River. The river is bone dry where UConn is pumping for its water supply. She was very concerned about the impact on the University and the town. As a resident and Director of the Naubesatuck Watershed Council she requested information from the University as to what has brought this level of water so low. She asked: What is the current pumping rate from the Fenton river from Aug 10-Sept 10? Could the Willimantic River be used more? She asked that the University acknowledge that we were in a drought and what measures they were doing to address these concerns. Mr. Schaefer, a Council member, said that he had received an email at the University urging everyone to conserve water. She had photographs of the Fenton River beds, with absolutely no water in them. The Town Manager will speak with the Eastern Highland Health District Director on this issue.

Mr. Quentin Kessel, 97 Codfish Falls Road, a member of the town's Conservation Commission, also spoke on the low level of waters in the Fenton River. He had several reports that the University and the DEP had published on the issue, which gives permission for pumping water from both the Fenton and Willimantic rivers. The concern is the amount of

water they are permitted to draw. He personally dug a hole a foot down near the pumping station A . There was no water. This is the driest he has seen the river in many years.

Mr. Michael Taylor, 12 Stone Mill Road, Mr. Larry Ross and Mathew Barchus of 18 Thomas Drive came before the council recommending the need for building a skate park. This park would be located behind the Community Center and would be fenced in and open certain hours. Local business people will assist in building this park. A local person has already donated \$10,000 for the project.

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke on the park. The fees charged to use the park would cover,he felt, the costs of the staff.

Mr. Sean Pritchard-Thorpe, 10 Mansfield Hollow Road, explained that he is a rider and that this park is a great idea. He told the Council that there is amongst the riders an etiquette policy for all who use a park. This is learned as soon as one uses the park.

Judith Thorpe, 10 Mansfield Hollow Road, urged the Council to continue with this project. Many young people would use it and it would be a wonderful opportunity for them.

Stella Ross, 239 Hanks Hill Road, supports the idea of a skate park. She does take her children to other places, but she would prefer that the children have local friends and ride here in their own town. She urged the council to allow input from kids who would use this park.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. MRRA-2006 Rate Increase for Single-family Collection and Transfer Station Fees

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn as the Mansfield Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Agent.

So passed unanimously.

No comments from the public.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

2. MRRA-2006 Rate Increase for Single-family Collection & Transfer Station Fees

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to approve the rate increase for single-family collection and transfer station fees, as recommended by the director of public works in his memorandum dated August 3, 2005.

Ms. Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator was present to answer any questions of the Council.

So passed unanimously.

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

So passed unanimously.

3. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

The Town Manager reported that the University of Connecticut will soon be starting construction activities to remediate and close the landfill and former chemical pit areas in accordance with the plan approved by CTDEP. Construction is slated to begin in October. The DEP has promised that all reports will be given to the Town.

4. Campus/Community Relations

Mr. Clouette said that the weekend party houses have begun. He has received calls regarding one home on Hanks Hill Road. The Police were called. The neighbors believe that this house has some sort of fraternity involvement.

The Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manager have been meeting with the Community Relations committee and with University staff. The decision has been made to have a team of persons go out and visit areas in town which have rental properties and discuss with the renters a packet of material regarding the town and what is expected of them to be a part of a neighborhood.

Question was raised if this packet can be placed on our website. Staff will look into this issue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

5. Relief for Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to pay the salary of those employees who volunteer for deployment

Proposed Rate Increase

Single-Family Collection

<u>Service level</u>	<u>Current Monthly Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Fee</u>
Mini-mini	\$10.50	\$11.00
Mini	\$13.50	\$14.25
1-can	\$19.00	\$20.00
Standard	\$24.00	\$25.25
Maxi	\$30.00	\$31.50
In-yard service	\$5.50	\$10.00 (Town's cost)
Long driveways	\$7.50	\$13.25 (Town's cost)

<u>Transfer Station</u>	<u>current charges</u>	<u>proposed changes</u>
Up to 35 gal garbage bag	\$3.00	\$3.25
Up to 35 gal garbage can	\$6.00	\$6.50
55 gal drum	\$8.00	\$8.50
55 gal drum (less than 1/2 full)	\$4.00	\$4.25
1 CY pickup	\$30.00	\$32.50
2 CY pickup	\$60.00	\$65.00
4 CY pickup	\$120.00	\$130.00
All other garbage	\$30.00/CY	\$32.50/CY
Bulky waste	\$20.00/CY	\$25.00/CY
Pass. car tires (to 19.5")	\$1.50	\$1.50
Large truck tires (off rims)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Large truck tires (on rims)	\$16.00	\$16.00
Large Off-Road tires	\$20.00	\$20.00
Scrap Metal	\$2.00/CY	\$2.50/CY
Capacitor & Ballasts	\$2.00	\$2.50
Stumps	\$20.00/CY	\$22.50/CY
Refrig, A/C, Dehumidifiers	\$10.00	\$11.00
TV's & monitors & electronics up to 19"	\$5.00	\$6.00
TV's, monitors 20" & up	\$10.00	\$12.00
Microwave Ovens	\$10.00	\$12.00

cc: Maria Gogarten, Chair, SWAC
 Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator
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with the Red Cross, for a period not to exceed three weeks in duration for each employee, and to appropriate a donation of \$2,500 to the Connecticut Red Cross.

Mr. Schaefer asked if the maker of the motion would accept a friendly amendment to change the amount to \$5,000. The amendment was accepted.

So passed unanimously.

6. Skate Park Proposal

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to establish an informal committee of interested residents, members of the Recreation Advisory Committee and staff to study the current proposal in more detail.

So passed unanimously.

7. Fee Waiver Report for FY 2004/05

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to authorize staff to transfer \$27,649.16 from the general fund's contingency account to the recreation program fund.

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation and Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance, were present to discuss this issue.

So passed unanimously.

8. Establishment of Weekend/Evening Facility Supervisor Positions

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to establish two part-time positions of weekend/evening facility supervisor, and to classify those positions at grade 11 of the Town Administrator's Pay Plan.

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the description of those positions and answered questions from the Council.

So passed unanimously.

9. Agreement Between the State of CT and the Town of Mansfield for a Cash Grant Toward the Purchase of Alternative Fuel Vehicle(s)

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

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
 PARKS and RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 FEE WAIVER REPORT - FY 2004/2005

9/8/2005

		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>
Summer 2004	Day Camp	22,127.40	
	Youth Programs	420.00	
	Adult Programs	548.80	
	Pond Passes	71.00	
	Special Events	0.00	
	CC Programs	655.00	
	CC Memberships	<u>1,405.39</u>	
		25,227.59	12,500.00
Fall 2004	Youth Programs	2,537.40	
	Adult Programs	141.00	
	Special Events	11.30	
	CC Programs	5,259.89	
	CC Memberships	<u>6,585.07</u>	
		14,534.66	12,500.00
Winter 2005	Youth Programs	3,706.02	
	Adult Programs	90.00	
	Special Events	116.10	
	CC Programs	5,261.39	
	CC Memberships	<u>12,628.13</u>	
		21,801.64	12,500.00
Spring 2005	Youth Programs	3,312.10	
	Adult Programs	730.45	
	Special Events	159.90	
	CC Programs	5,950.32	
	CC Memberships	<u>5,932.50</u>	
		16,085.27	12,500.00
TOTAL		<u><u>77,649.16</u></u>	<u><u>50,000.00</u></u>

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Class Title: Weekend/Evening Facility Supervisor (part-time)
Group: Town Administrators (non-union)
Pay Grade: Town Administrators Grade 11
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Effective Date: October 1, 2005

General Description/Definition of Work

This position performs intermediate paraprofessional and administrative work overseeing and supervising the Community Center facility. Duties include enforcing facility policies, rules and regulations; directing and supervising facility staff; providing tours to prospective members; and responding to the needs of members and guests. Work is performed under general supervision and supervision is exercised over subordinate staff. Position reports to the Director or Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation.

Essential Job Functions/Typical Tasks

- Provides all members and guests with the highest level of customer service, including a safe and clean facility; maintains order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for facility visitors.
- Provides patrons/residents with information concerning programs, cancellations and facility operations.
- Responds to patron questions, complaints, issues and inquiries about facility policies; troubleshoots and resolves problems.
- Enforces facility policies, rules and regulations; addresses difficult patrons with professionalism and tact and handles all situations in a fair manner; disciplines facility patrons in cases where rules and policies are violated.
- Supervises facility personnel and coordinates and directs work as needed; supports all facility staff in the performance of their assigned duties.
- Provides facility tours to prospective members and guests.
- Fills in as Receptionist on an as-needed basis; assists with event set-up and clean-up; cleans and maintains facility areas as needed, including general custodial functions.
- Opens and closes building as required.
- Completes necessary reports as directed and according to procedure.
- Recommends improvements to procedures and facility policies.
- Performs related tasks as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of customer service practices, and ability to apply those practices; possession of excellent oral communication skills (listening and talking); ability to present information regarding all center services and programs
- Knowledge of office terminology, procedures and equipment; knowledge of business English, spelling and arithmetic.
- Ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, program participants and the general public.
- Ability to learn and apply standard operating procedures, facility operations, and department policies.
- Ability to follow complex oral and written directions; skill in the operation of standard office, data entry and word processing equipment; ability to maintain records and prepare reports from such records.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited community college with major course work in parks and recreation, hospitality, business or related field, with some responsible supervisory and facility/office management experience.

Weekend/Evening Facility Supervisor (cont'd.)

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

(The physical demands and work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. The list is not all-inclusive and may be supplemented as necessary. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)

- * This is light work requiring the exertion of up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, up to 10 pounds of force frequently and a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to move objects, and some medium work requiring the exertion of up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, up to 20 pounds of force frequently and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
- * Work requires stooping, crouching, reaching, lifting, fingering, grasping, and repetitive motions.
- * Vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word.
- * Hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels.
- * Visual acuity is required for preparing and analyzing written or computer data, operation of machines, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities.
- * Worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

Special Requirements:

Possession of First Aid and CPR certifications.

The above description is illustrative of tasks and responsibilities. It is not meant to be all-inclusive of every task or responsibility. The description does not constitute an employment agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the employee and is subject to change by the Town as the needs of the Town and requirements of the job change.

Approved by: _____
Matthew W. Hart, Assistant Town Manager

Date: _____

Resolved, effective September 12, 2005, that Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, is authorized to execute the Agreement Between the State of Ct and the Town of Mansfield for a Cash Grant Toward the purchase of Alternative Fuel Vehicle(s), FHWA Grant No. CM-000r(2600; state Project No. 170-2445.

So passed unanimously.

10. Personal Service Agreement between the State of CT and the Town of Mansfield for an America the Beautiful Grant Award

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

Resolved, effective September 12, 2005, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Mansfield a certain contract with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut for the fulfillment of the America-the Beautiful grant, and is authorized to affix the Town's seal upon the grant agreement.

So passed unanimously.

11. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2005

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to refer this item to the Finance Committee.

So passed unanimously.

12. Budget Transfers for FY 2004/05

Ms. Blair moved and Ms. Redding seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to amend the adopted FY 2004/05 budget by: 1) increasing revenues from the PILOT grant by \$340,659; and 2) increasing expenditures by \$340,659.

So passed unanimously.

13. Capital Projects Fund

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to approve the adjustments to the capital projects fund, as recommended by the director of Finance in his correspondence dated September 6, 2005.

Town of Mansfield
 Legal Budget Transfers and Appropriation of Pilot Revenues
 FY 2004/2005
 FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

Account No.	Description	Approved Budget	Add'l.	Reduction	Adjusted Approp.
111 11100 54999 06	Legislative	56,990	1,354	-	58,344
111 12100 54999 06	Municipal Mgmt.	179,510	14,817	-	194,327
111 12200 54999 06	Human Resources	60,970	19,522	-	80,492
111 13100 54999 06	Town Attorney	12,000	26,876	-	38,876
111 13200 54999 06	Probate	2,370	673	-	3,043
111 14200 54999 06	Registrars	27,700	10,815	-	38,515
111 15100 54999 06	Town Clerk	172,850	3,234	-	176,084
111 15200 54999 06	General Elections	16,050	288	-	16,338
111 16100 54999 06	Finance Admin	62,770	405	-	63,175
111 16200 54999 06	Accounting & Disb.	224,780	14,913	-	239,693
111 16300 54999 06	Revenue Collections	131,300	7,573	-	138,873
111 16402 54999 06	Property Assessmt	162,880	8,211	-	171,091
111 16510 54999 06	Central Copying	40,000	-	(910)	39,090
111 16511 54999 06	Central Services	33,600	-	(5,166)	28,434
111 16600 54999 06	Information Technology	96,880	-	(2,768)	94,112
	Total General Government	1,280,650	108,682	(8,844)	1,380,488
111 21200 54999 06	Patrol Services	693,460	61,988	-	755,448
111 21300 54999 06	Animal Control	80,710	-	(252)	80,458
111 22101 54999 06	Fire Marshal	95,300	9,122	-	104,422
111 22155 54999 06	Fire & Emerg Services Adm	87,390	28,074	-	115,464
111 22160 54999 06	Fire & Emerg Services	1,419,510	-	(154,625)	1,264,885
111 22400 54999 06	Four Corners Fire Dept	6,100	-	(6,100)	-
111 23100 54999 06	Emergency Management	26,840	1,933	-	28,773
	Total Public Safety	2,409,310	101,118	(160,977)	2,349,451
111 30100 54999 06	Public Works Admin	154,280	1,224	-	155,504
111 30200 54999 06	Supervision & Operations	62,050	7,601	-	69,651
111 30300 54999 06	Road Services	631,250	-	(35,801)	595,449
111 30400 54999 06	Grounds Maintenance	271,400	-	(19,519)	251,881
111 30600 54999 06	Equipment Maintenance	306,640	52,995	-	359,635
111 30700 54999 06	Engineering	190,010	187	-	190,197
111 30800 54999 06	Building Inspection	118,860	4,084	-	122,944

1	30900	54999	06	Maintenance of Buildings	483,850	24,329	-	508,179
				Total Public Works	2,218,340	90,420	(55,320)	2,253,441
111	41200	54999	06	Health Reg. & Inspection	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
111	42100	54999	06	Social Service Admin	224,170	-	(2,565)	221,605
111	42202	54999	06	Mansfield Challenge	2,430	184	-	2,614
111	42203	54999	06	Peer Outreach	360	-	(360)	-
111	42204	54999	06	Youth Employment-MMS	4,000	15	-	4,015
111	42210	54999	06	Youth Services	122,670	-	(4,126)	118,544
111	42300	54999	06	Senior Services	169,260	1,042	-	170,302
111	43100	54999	06	Library Administration	509,130	-	(5,148)	503,982
111	44100	54999	06	Recreation Administration	122,040	17,663	-	139,703
111	45000	54999	06	Contrib. To Area Agencies	274,280	-	(5,095)	269,185
				Total Community Development	1,429,340	18,904	(18,294)	1,429,950
111	51100	54999	06	Planning Administration	207,470	-	(3,462)	204,008
111	52100	54999	06	Plan/Zoning Inland/Wetland	22,350	-	(1,903)	20,447
111	58000	54999	06	Boards & Commissions	4,050	1,016	-	5,066
111	71000	54999	06	Employee Benefits	1,418,330	234,494	-	1,652,824
111	72000	54999	06	Insurance	111,000	8,324	-	119,324
111	73000	54999	06	Contingency	8,500	-	(8,500)	-
111	92000	54999	06	Other Financing Uses	525,500	35,000	-	560,500
				Total Other Financing	2,297,200	278,835	(13,865)	2,562,170
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					9,634,840	597,959	(257,300)	9,975,499
111	16200	40451	00	Pilot - State Property	(5,945,550)		(340,659)	(6,286,209)
TOTAL ALL					3,689,290	597,959	(597,959)	3,689,290

Town of Mansfield
 Legal Budget Transfers over \$1,000
 FY 2004/2005
 FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL

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111 16600 54999 06	Information Technology	96,880	-	(2,768)	94,112
111 21200 54999 06	Patrol Services	693,460	61,988	-	755,448
22101 54999 06	Fire Marshal	95,300	9,122	-	104,422
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111 22160 54999 06	Fire & Emerg Services	1,419,510	-	(154,625)	1,264,885
111 22400 54999 06	Four Corners Fire Dept	6,100	-	(6,100)	-
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111 30100 54999 06	Public Works Admin	154,280	1,224	-	155,504
111 30200 54999 06	Supervision & Operations	62,050	7,601	-	69,651
111 30300 54999 06	Road Services	631,250	-	(35,801)	595,449
111 30400 54999 06	Grounds Maintenance	271,400	-	(19,519)	251,881
111 30600 54999 06	Equipment Maintenance	306,640	52,995	-	359,635
111 30800 54999 06	Building Inspection	118,860	4,084	-	122,944
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111	71000	54999	06	Employee Benefits	1,418,330	234,494	-	1,652,824
111	72000	54999	06	Insurance	111,000	8,324	-	119,324
111	73000	54999	06	Contingency	8,500	-	(8,500)	-
111	92000	54999	06	Other Financing Uses	525,500	35,000	-	560,500
111	16200	40451	00	Pilot - State Property	5,945,550		(340,659)	

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MEMO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF MANSFIELD

To: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
From: Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance
Subject: Capital Projects Fund
Date: September 6, 2005

Attached is an analysis of current and proposed revenue and expenditure budgets for specific capital projects. If adopted as presented, it will accomplish the following:

1. Officially close out completed projects:

81906	Town Hall Furnishings	83626	Truck Tractor
81913	Software Upgrades	83706	Snowplows
82813	Personal Alert Safety System	84208	Buchanan Floor & Stage
83622	Large Dump Truck	84209	Buchanan Chimney
83623	Grounds Tractor		

2. Increase/(decrease) funding for the following completed overspent/(underspent) projects:

81906	Town Hall Furnishings	\$	(15)
81913	Software Upgrades		5,860
82813	Personal Alert Safety System		458
83622	Large Dump Truck	(4,942)
83623	Grounds Tractor		4,579
83626	Truck Tractor	(9,781)
84208	Buchanan Floor & Stage	(4,733)
84209	Buchanan Chimney	(7,921)

- Increase funding for Project 80101 – Capital Projects Coordinator by \$1,357 to fully fund the salary and fringe benefits of the Coordinator for 2004/05.
- Fund Project 81917 – Assisted Living Facility Study in the amount of \$25,000 from the CNR Fund.
- Officially set up Project 82815 Radio Equipment at \$95,996 of which \$86,397 is from a FEMA Grant and \$9,599 from Management Services Fund – Voice Communications.
- Decrease the Lo-CIP Budget for Project 83524 Road Resurfacing by \$48,234 to reflect the fact that the 2004/05 Grant was \$42,541 less than we budgeted and that we erroneously increased the budget by \$5,693 in our January 20, 2005 letter. Increase CNR funding by an additional \$11,541 to cover total cumulative spending of \$648,677 as of June 30, 2005.
- Recognize an additional donation of \$4,500 toward the cost of Project 85829 – Southeast Playscape. Increase funding by \$11,500 from the Board of Education General Fund.



Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary

To: Town Council
From: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: September 12, 2005
Re: Analysis of State Grants and Amendments to FY 2005/06 Budget

Subject Matter/Background

As expected and explained in the attached, our Pequot Grant is short for this fiscal year (2005/06) by \$230,464. The good news is that our other major grants (see attached) are \$696,692 to the good or a net increase over our adopted budget of \$466,228. The reason for this change is that approximately 25 percent of the Pequot Grant formula is based upon an inverse relationship with the PILOT Grant. As one goes up, the other goes down.

Recommendation

Staff wishes to present the council with two options:

- 1) Reduce our adopted budget in the CNR Fund by \$230,500. This would require substantial cutbacks in our adopted capital program for this fiscal year. As you will recall, last year because of similar changes in the Pequot Grant and a shortfall in anticipated interest income in the CNR fund, we cut approximately \$600,000 in capital and one-time expenditures. Because of this, we are not recommending a similar course of action for this current year. However, if the council believes the appropriate course of action is to reduce our capital improvement program, we can provide you with a preliminary list of projects for the council's consideration.
- 2) Amend the General Fund Budget for this fiscal year by appropriating \$230,500 in PILOT funds and establishing an Operating Transfer Out to CNR Fund in a like amount.

Staff recommends option 2, because over the past several years the town council has been careful to adopt budgets to rebuild our Fund Balance. Consequently, Fund Balance on June 30, 2005 will constitute more than four percent of the General Fund Expenditure Budget and will approach five percent by fiscal year end. The standard for the rating agencies is five percent.

If the town council agrees with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective September 12, 2005, to amend the FY 2005/06 General Fund Budget by: 1) increasing revenues from the PILOT p. 15 it by \$230,500; and 2) increasing

Analysis of State Grants FY 2005/06

<i>Major Grants</i>	<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>		<i>Difference</i>
	<i>Budget</i>		<i>Estimate</i>		
PILOT	\$	7,149,920	\$	7,703,004	\$ 553,084
Pequot		1,704,829		1,474,365	(230,464)
ECS		8,695,310		8,780,560	85,250
Total:	\$	17,550,059	\$	17,957,929	\$ 407,870

<i>Minor Grants</i>	<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>		<i>Difference</i>
	<i>Budget</i>		<i>Estimate</i>		
Town Aid	\$	127,680	\$	186,038	\$ 58,358
LOCIP		170,160		170,160	-
Total:	\$	297,840	\$	356,198	\$ 58,358

Grand Total:	\$	17,847,899	\$	18,314,127	\$	466,228
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Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance was present to discuss this fund.

So passed unanimously.

14. Budget Analysis of State Grants and Amendments to FY 2005/06 Budget

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective September 12, 2005, to amend the FY 2005/06 General Fund Budget by: 1) increasing revenues from the PILOY Grant by \$230,500; and 2) increasing expenditures (Operating Transfers Out) to the CNR Fund by \$230,500.

So passed unanimously.

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Town Council will ask questions if necessary at next meeting.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Committees

Ms. Redding moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to reappoint the following:

Open Space Preservation Committee: Mr. James Merrow and Mr. James Hill

Personnel Appeals Board: Donald Nolan

Public Safety Committee/Correctional facility liaison committee: Sue Thomas for a term ending 11/19/05

And to appoint Audrey Barberet as the citizens representative to the Public Safety /Correctional Facility Liaison committee for a term ending 11/19/05

So passed unanimously.

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Schaefer announced that the leaching stone in front of the Pharmacy Building at the University of Connecticut has been given to the Mansfield

Historical Society. The Town public works crew moved it from campus to the lawn of the old town hall. He thanked the crew for their hard work.

Mr. Paulhus spoke on the Know Your Town Fair. It was very successful and was held in the community center on Saturday, September 10, 2005.

Mr. Clouette reported that he and Mr. Hawkins had attended a Downtown Partnership meeting. The partnership will begin the local process for approval of its' Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan. There will be a public hearing on the MDP on October 6, 2005. This does include the relocation plan. Copies of the draft will be available for the public at the Library and at the Town Clerk's office.

Mayor Paterson will serve on two University committees, one for the Fines Arts Department and one for the 125th Anniversary of the University.

The Mayor has also agreed to chair a CCM committee on a Legislative Agenda for Education.

XII. TOWN MANAGER

There will be Fireworks in Mansfield Hollow Park on the 24th of September with bands playing at 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 25, 2005, the Downtown Partnership will head up the "Festival on the Green" from 12-4 p.m.

There will be a Community Emergency Response Team training session beginning on September 19, 2005 at the Buchanan Auditorium on Route 89. This will be eight sessions on Mondays 7-9:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2005 there will be an orientation meeting for a market feasibility study for assisted living presented by the firm of Brecht Associates, Inc. 9:00 am in the Council Chamber.

October 5, 2005 there will be a public hearing on the Mansfield Plan of Development in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m.

Repairs will begin September 19, 2005 on the Juniper Lane Bridge.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

XIV. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

15. Orientation Meeting for Market Feasibility Study for Assisted Living
16. Draft Municipal Development Plan for Storrs Center
17. Bylaws of Mansfield Downtown Partnership inc
18. Mansfield Plan of conservation and Development 8/15/05 Draft
19. Press Release-Juniper Lane Bridge Repairs
20. Press Release-Community Emergency Response Team Training Course
21. Letter from State of Connecticut General Assembly to M. Berliner re:
Bonding Project for Cities and Towns in Connecticut
22. Email from R. Miller to M. Hart re: Lead Levels Testing and Child
Neglect/Abuse Numbers
23. Letter from the National League of Cities to B. Paterson re: Cities Helping
Families Build Assets Technical Assistance Project
24. Letter from C. Vincente to R. Suchy re: Temporary Lighting at Southeast Park
25. Letter from J. Brubacher to C. Chasin re: Senior Center Beautification Project
26. Eastern Highlands Health District's Guide to Opportunities for Physical
Activity and Heart Health Dining

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the Council meeting
at 9:42 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
 Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: First Supplemental Agreement for the Clover Mill Road Reclaim and Overlay Project

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find a supplemental agreement to the original agreement between the state and the town for the Clover Mill Road project. Even with the scope of this work reduced to reclaiming just the loop portion of Clover Mill and upgrading the guardrails, the bids the town has received exceed the budgeted amount. The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) has therefore agreed to increase the grant by about \$38,440 so that the low bid we have received can be accepted and the project can be completed this fall.

Financial Impact

Under the supplemental agreement, the town's 20 percent share of the project would increase by \$7,688. These additional funds are available in the road resurfacing account in the current capital budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the town council authorize the town manager to execute the supplemental agreement.

If the town council supports this recommendation, the following resolution is in order:

Resolved, effective September 26, 2005, that Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, is hereby authorized to execute the First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement dated June 3, 2004 between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of the Clover Mill Road Reclaim and Overlay Project Utilizing Federal Funds under the Rural Component of the Surface Transportation Program.

Attachments

- 1) First Supplemental Agreement

Agreement No.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT
DATED JUNE 3, 2004
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
AND THE
TOWN OF MANSFIELD
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
CLOVER MILL ROAD RECLAIM AND OVERLAY PROJECT
UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE
RURAL COMPONENT OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

State Project No. 77-209

Federal-Aid Project No. STPR-1077 (106)

THIS AGREEMENT, concluded at Newington, Connecticut, this day of, 200 , by and between the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, Stephen E. Korta, II, Commissioner, acting herein by Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E., Chief Engineer, Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations, duly authorized, hereinafter referred to as the State, and the Town of Mansfield, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, Connecticut 06268, acting herein by Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, hereunto duly authorized, hereinafter referred to as the Municipality.

WITNESSETH, THAT,

WHEREAS, the State and Municipality executed an Agreement No. 02.11-02 (04) entitled "Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of Clover Mill Road Reclaim and Overlay Utilizing Federal Funds Under The Rural Component of the Surface Transportation Program", dated June 3, 2004, hereinafter referred to as the Original Agreement, and

WHEREAS, in the Original Agreement, the State had established a cap of \$128,800 for Contract Items and Contingencies and the estimated cost of construction and contingencies submitted by the Municipality is now in excess of \$128,800, and

WHEREAS, the State and the Municipality mutually agree to revise the cost estimate under Article (41) of the Original Agreement to (a) increase the contract items and contingency costs based on the current estimate, (b) increase funding for the cost of incidentals to construction by the State and Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the State has agreed to provide additional Federal-Aid funds under the STP Rural component of the Surface Transportation Program, to address the increased costs up to One Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$192,200) for total project costs, and

WHEREAS, the State and the Municipality are authorized to enter into this Agreement under Section 13a-165 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised.

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE THAT:
THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Article (25) (a) of the Original Agreement is hereby deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(25) (a) Deposit with the State, upon demand, the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,220), which sum represent the Municipality's proportionate share of the estimated cost of State provided services, as shown in Article (41) of this Agreement.

2. That Article (41) of the Original Agreement is hereby deleted and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(41) That the total estimated cost for the construction phase of the Project is One Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$192,200) which includes anticipated expenditures of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) for services to be provided by the Municipality and Eleven Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$11,100) for services to be provided by the State.

The maximum amount of reimbursement to the Municipality under the terms of this Agreement is One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$144,880). Costs exceeding this amount are 100% the responsibility of the Municipality.

State Project No. 77-209	Federal-aid Project Nos. STPR-1077 (106)
A. Contract Items and Contingencies.....	\$168,600
B. Incidentals to Construction - Municipal.....	\$12,500
C. Incidentals to Construction - Material Testing by the State.....	\$3,200
D. Incidentals to Construction - Administrative Oversight by the State.....	\$7,900
E. Total Project Costs (sum of A, B, C, and D).....	\$192,200
F. Estimated Federal Proportionate Share of Construction Cost (80% of E).....	\$153,760
G. Estimated Municipal Proportionate Share of Construction Cost (20% of E).....	\$38,440
H. Maximum Amount of Reimbursement to the Municipality (80% of A and B).....	\$144,880
I. Amount to be Deposited by the Municipality in accordance with Article (25) (a) of this Agreement (20% of C and D).....	\$2,220
J. Demand deposit required for depreciation reserve credit from the Municipality, in accordance with Article (25) (b) of this Agreement.....	\$0
K. Total Demand Deposit(I and J).....	\$2,220
L. Demand deposit received from the Municipality (May 14, 2001) in accordance with Article (25) (a) of the Original Agreement.....	\$1,680
M. Additional demand deposit required (K minus L).....	\$540

3. That all the other terms of the Original Agreement remain in full force unless specifically amended herein.

Agreement No.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the day and year indicated.

WITNESSES:

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Department of Transportation
Stephen E. Korta II, Commissioner

Name: By: _____ (Seal)
Arthur W. Gruhn, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations

Name: Date: _____

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

Name: By: _____ (Seal)
Martin H. Berliner
Town Manager

Name: Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Attorney General
State of Connecticut Date: _____



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
Martin Berliner
From: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: Town Council Policy

Subject Matter/Background

At the request of Council member Koehn, the town council decided to add this item to a future agenda. Council member Koehn has requested that council policy be compiled and made easily available to the council and the public.

Recommendation

Council policy may be found in many forms, including the various policies, ordinances, regulations and resolutions that the council has adopted or issued over the years. The minutes of the town council do represent the closest thing we have to a complete historical record, but the minutes are not indexed in a form that can be easily researched by subject and issue.

Compiling previous council policy and preparing a detailed index would require a substantial effort, and we are not sure that this project would be a prudent undertaking at this time. However, staff can examine various means to implement a system to index and maintain present and future policy established by the town council. Other communities around the nation have implemented such systems, and we can readily research those models. For example, in 2001 the City of Portland, Oregon implemented a web-based program to codify the policy of its city council in one central location, and this database appears well organized and easy to use. The construction of such a system does appear to be labor-intensive.

If the town council is amenable to this suggestion, we will proceed as described and report back to the council regarding our progress.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: Connecticut Conference of Municipalities 2006 Legislative Program

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find staff's suggestions for inclusion within the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities 2006 Legislative Program. Upon receipt of submissions from Mansfield and other towns, CCM will ask each of its legislative subcommittees to review the suggestions in detail and to recommend a list of priorities for inclusion within the organization's overall legislative program.

On a related note, we will be inviting our legislative delegation to attend an upcoming council meeting so that we can discuss next year's legislative session in more detail.

Recommendation

The town council may wish to revise or add to staff's list of suggestions.

If the council wishes to endorse the suggestions prepared by staff, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective September 26, 2005, to authorize staff to submit its proposed suggestions for inclusion within the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities 2006 Legislative Program.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Suggestions for CCM's 2006 Legislative Program



TOWN OF MANSFIELD SUGGESTIONS FOR CCM'S 2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Education

- Increase funding for the Education Cost Sharing Grant (ECS)
- Increase and separate funding for special education
- Increase the number of school readiness slots to eligible communities
- Assist local school districts in funding the implementation of universal pre-school
- Support adequate funding of the operating budgets for the state's public colleges and universities

Environment

- Expand the bottle bill to include non-carbonated beverage containers and channel the new unclaimed deposit revenues to fund recycling-related programs; or set up a task force to study the improvement and expansion of the bottle bill with a 2-year implementation. Also, increase the deposit revenue from 5 cents to 10 cents.
- Study and set-up a comprehensive construction and demolition debris recycling/reuse infrastructure in Connecticut
- Ban CRT's from landfills and incinerators
- Support the adoption of silver-rated LEED building certification standards for any state-funded projects valued at \$1 million or over
- Provide grant funding for security systems for public schools

Health, Welfare and Social Services

- Increase state per capita grant contribution to Health Districts
- Increase state assistance to Connecticut Legal Services
- Establish a statewide kinship caregiver navigator system for CT to allow caregivers to better obtain reliable information and referral to community resources
- Subsidize guardianship for grandparents and other relatives raising kin children
- Subsidize supportive housing for kinship care families; low interest loans for home improvement
- Establish an interim study group, composed of CT State Departments/Agencies, to examine the issues, the resources and propose a strategy for support kinship caregivers

Housing and Community Development

- Support programs that link rent subsidies, transitional housing and follow-up services to prevent homelessness
- Increase the number of pilot programs for affordable assisted living residences
- Provide enabling legislation or other means to create incentives for developers to include affordable housing as an element of residential development projects

Licenses and Permits

- Convert annual fishing licenses issued free to persons with permanent disabilities to free lifetime licenses, similar to free lifetime licenses issued to persons over 65. Also extend this free lifetime benefit to persons who have suffered a permanent loss of a limb. This conversion would provide a greater service to the recipient and save municipal administration costs.

Municipal Labor Relations

- Amend municipal employee collective bargaining statutes to clarify the statutory definition of "department head" for purposes of excluding such personnel from collective bargaining. The definition of "department head" should include staff reporting directly to the chief executive officer and staff directly supervised by a board or commission.

Property Tax Relief and Reform

- Introduce legislation designed to promote community preservation by: (1) establishing a Geographic Information Systems Council to coordinate a uniform geographic information system capacity for the state and municipalities; (2) providing for technical assistance to municipalities for build out analysis; (3) requiring a tax incidence study biennially; and (4) establishing training for local land use officials.

Public Safety

- Enable the use of photo-radar for enforcement of traffic speeds on local roads, with the infraction established as a parking-type fine of a specified amount that does not count as a moving violation or a violation against one's license. (A few states do this successfully now.)
- Encourage the state to implement interoperable communications systems. The systems should follow the guidance provided by the FCC, be consistent with the APCO 25 standard, and function at the command and control, task (tactical), interdisciplinary and mutual aid levels.
- Increase operating budget to fully fund state's regional fire schools
- Appropriate federal homeland security monies to the Connecticut Fire Academy and the state's regional fire schools to assist with local and regional homeland security preparedness efforts
- Provide funding to support interoperable communications, public notification systems and regional public safety solutions (including dispatch, management, police, fire, EMS, public works and public health)

Transportation

- Revise statutes concerning truck prohibition on local streets so that non-delivery trucks can be prohibited from local streets by the Legal Traffic Authority (LTA). Also allow weight restrictions on local roads by the LTA.
- Require the DOT to provide technical assistance on Traffic Calming to municipalities
- Provide funding to implement phase II stormwater regulations in Connecticut municipalities
- Increase the total amount and funding percentages for the local bridge program (currently maxed out at 33%)
- Require the DOT to study and revise construction inspection requirements for enhancement and TEA-21 projects (they are currently inappropriately high)

- Enable municipalities to collect disturbed roadway excavation permit fees that include damages to roadways that were recently paved, surfaced or reconstructed
- Increased rural transit and commuter bus funding
- Provide funding to municipalities for elderly and disabled transportation services
- Increase state funding to local dial-a-ride programs
- Expand mass transportation systems such as rail and bus service. This would relieve pressure on state and local roads and help spur development along existing transportation corridors.

Other

- Continue recent efforts to pass legislation or otherwise allow municipal employees to participate in state's health insurance pool (in addition to the MEHIP program)
- Convene a task force or commission to critically examine and to develop recommendations to address issues, including access and cost, concerning health insurance in Connecticut



Item #5

Town of Mansfield Agenda Item Summary

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: Financial Performance Goals

Subject Matter/Background

The Mansfield Town Council adopted its financial performance goals on March 9, 1987. The goals represent an effort to establish written policies for guiding the town's financial management practices. These goals are not intended to limit the authority of the town council to act, but rather to form a framework within which to make financial decisions and to monitor financial activity in a consistent manner. In FY 2002/2003, the town council agreed with a plan whereby the general fund operating budget would no longer rely on an appropriation from fund balance to balance the budget. This recommendation was made because the practice of using fund balance on a one-time basis has an inherently destabilizing impact upon the operating budget.

The two goals before you this evening will, if adopted, accomplish the following:

Fund Balance Goals:

- Increase the undesignated fund balance from three percent of the general fund operating budget to five percent.
- Establish a policy not to use fund balance as a source of financing for future years operating budgets.
- Transfer any fund balance in excess of five percent to the CNR Fund for one-time expenditures.

Reserve Performance Goal:

- Reduces the contingency account to an amount not to exceed one half of one percent (.5%) of proposed budget (original amount one percent).
- Removes last paragraph dealing with fund balance and shifts same to fund balance goal.

Financial Impact

The two additional financial performance goals presented above would serve to formalize our policy not to use fund balance as a source of funds to hold down potential tax rate increases.

FUND BALANCE GOALS

- A year-to-year carryover fund balance will be maintained in an amount necessary to maintain adequate cash flow and to prevent the demand for short-term borrowing. The undesignated fund balance should be at least five percent (5) of the general fund operating budget and shall be separate from the contingency account.
- It is the Council's policy that the practice of using fund balance as a source of financing for future year operating budgets has inherently destabilizing impact upon the operating budget. Therefore, fund balance in excess of the five (5) percent goal will be transferred to the CNR Fund and used for one-time expenditures.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MH*
CC: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find a communication from Steve Cassano, mayor of Manchester and the executive director of the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding. The council may wish to join the class action in order to make sure that the town's interests are protected. The town manager will be available to discuss the issue in more detail at Monday's council meeting.

Attachments

- 1) S. Cassano re: Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding

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CONNECTICUT COALITION
FOR **JUSTICE**
IN EDUCATION FUNDING

September 9, 2005

MARTY,

Dear Chief Elected Official:

I write to alert you of an impending action that directly or indirectly will affect your municipality, your taxpayers, and, most of all, your schools. It is an action that for most of us municipal CEOs comes at no surprise after years of growing frustration and desperation over declining state aid to education.

The Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF) has endorsed the intent of its legal counsel, Yale Law School's Education Adequacy Clinic, to file suit on behalf of public school children against the State of Connecticut, arguing that the state has failed to meet its Constitutional obligation to provide an adequate education and to ensure equal educational opportunity for all. Yale's pro bono legal efforts, aided by prominent litigators from private CT law firms and the expert advice and counsel of school finance litigation teams from throughout the nation, are well prepared to see this action through, however many years it may require. This will constitute an action broader and deeper than *Johnson v Rowland* yet build on its claims and the legal ground firmly laid by the *Horton v Meskill* and *Sheff v O'Neill* cases.

As the Yale group moves forward with imminent litigation, CCJEF is poised to guide and support this action via intensive research, public engagement/information forums, and legislative advocacy. Using results of the education adequacy cost study that CCJEF commissioned earlier this spring, we intend to invite the involvement of municipal, school district, and other community leaders from across the state to participate in regionally based workgroups that will focus on revising/updating the ECS formula and on weighing and recommending tax restructuring efforts that would phase in a shift of the fiscal burden from local property taxes to more progressive tax structures to greatly expand state education aid for every community while generating ample, stable revenue streams for the state and resulting in greater tax fairness and property tax relief.

Inasmuch as named members of the class action must be CCJEF members, we urge you to immediately ensure the protection of your students, schools, and community by joining the coalition. Please do not assume that your students' interests, or those of your town as a whole, will automatically be protected under this class action. The only way to ensure that is to join CCJEF and have a say in how these efforts unfold, in devising the kinds of remedies that are both necessary and equitable, in helping to inform the public and impress upon legislators the need and justice of these reform efforts, and in modestly helping to share the fiscal burden of bringing about major systemic change in the funding of CT's public schools. By communities working together rather than in competition, building on what was learned by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and from school finance reform and tax restructuring

efforts elsewhere in the nation, we are intent upon bringing about needed changes in the way CT schools are funded and to plan for the additional smart investments required to close the achievement gap and ensure that every school district has adequate resources to provide a quality education for every student. CCJEF invites your town to join as an active partner in this important undertaking.

To be included in the class action, we need your immediate response. A newly revised overview of CCJEF has been posted to our website, www.ccjef.org; that document describes who we are and what we seek and provides other information that should be helpful in weighing your decision to join. (The pdf file is located immediately below the chalkboard graphic, just above the adequacy cost study reports.) Also posted at that location is a spreadsheet showing town-by-town what has happened to ECS per pupil allocations over the past decade and the net effect of the ECS cap on each community. Materials relating to student outcomes disparities, tax burdens, and other such matters will also be posted in the coming few weeks.

Annual membership fees for municipalities are based on population:

100,000 and over = \$20,000
75,000 - 99,999 = \$15,000
50,000 - 74,999 = \$10,000
10,000 - 49,999 = \$5,000
Under 10,000 = \$2,500

For municipalities in extreme fiscal distress, there is also an associate membership category at \$1,500. Members are invited to participate in monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and to bring additional community representatives to the annual fall membership meeting, which this year will take place on November 22.

Given our time constraints for conveying to the Yale group the list of class action members, please notify us no later than noon on Wednesday, September 21 if your town intends to join, even if that decision has not yet been officially sanctioned. Kindly contact either me or Dr. Dianne Kaplan deVries, CCJEF Project Director, (860) 461-0320 / (603) 325-5250 mobile, dianne@ccjef.org. Meanwhile, we would be pleased to answer any questions you may have, sit down with you to discuss all this in greater detail, and/or meet with a group in your community.

May we also ask that you exercise discretion in sharing the contents of this letter, inasmuch as we wish to remain out of the media spotlight until the suit is filed.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen T. Cassano
Mayor of Manchester
CCJEF Executive Director
(860) 646-6882
stevec@ci.manchester.ct.us

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
 Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning;
 Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: Fenton River

Since my last email on September 15, 2005 I have had further discussions regarding this matter with Dr. Jack Rowe, President of the UConn Board of Trustees, Tom Callahan and Richard Miller at the University as well as Representative Denise Merrill.

At this point I can provide you with the following additional information:

1. UConn is working with the Department of Public Health Services on a Request for Proposal to identify a professional organization to manage UConn's water distribution system.
2. I am in the process of setting up a meeting with Tom Callahan to discuss water supply issues. I believe that the university is considering a joint/regional policy board to govern UConn's water system.
3. My understanding is that UConn is taking immediate action to upgrade certain well pumps and water mains in order to withdraw additional water from the Willimantic River.
4. The Fenton River Aquatic Habitat/Instream Flow study has been ongoing for the last four years and it is my understanding that it is nearly complete. This comprehensive study should answer environmental questions that have been raised regarding withdrawals for the Fenton River Wellfield. The study was mandated by OPM and the Town has representatives on the study committee.
5. The university met with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on 9-21-05. In a subsequent telephone conversation with Tom Callahan I suggested the need for the university to document what has happened to date and provide information on how they intend to deal with this situation. It would not surprise me if DEP issues an order to the university requiring it to provide a corrective action plan on a schedule set out by DEP. The State, via the DEP and Department of Public Health, should have the resources to assist the university in handling this issue.

I will pass along any further information as it becomes available. I will be available to discuss this matter in more detail with you Monday night.

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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;
 Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: September 26, 2005
Re: Establishment of Custodian Supervisor Position

Subject Matter/Background

As you may recall from the last meeting, staff has been working with a consultant to review the operations of the center following our first two years of operation, and this is the second in a series of proposals to adjust and to improve the center's staffing structure.

We presently have three full-time maintainer positions at the center that are responsible for providing coverage during the three main shifts. Our third shift maintainer has recently left our employ, and we would like to take this opportunity to modify that position to better suit the center's needs. Our proposal is to reclassify the third shift position under the new title of "custodian," which would be a lower level position than the maintainer. Our reasoning behind this proposal is that the duties and responsibilities of the third shift position are much more custodial in nature than those performed by the first and second shift maintainers, whose work is more skilled and maintenance-oriented.

Staff has prepared the attached job description and has analyzed the new position under the town's classification plan. We recommend that the salary for the custodian position be set at grade 8 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan, with a current salary range of \$28,903 - \$34,622 per year (40 hour week). The maintainer position, by contrast, is paid \$34,410 - \$42,969 per year (also a 40 hour week).

The table below highlights the results of staff's classification analysis. We have also consulted with the Mansfield Board of Education and Regional School District Number 19 to compare the proposed compensation with their existing salary schedules for the position of custodian.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Library Assistant I	83	\$27,058 - \$34,220
Custodian	90	\$28,903 - \$34,622
Maintainer	105	\$34,410 - \$42,969

Financial Impact

If the town council approves this proposal, the town would hire a custodian in lieu of the third full-time maintainer. Because the custodian position is lower level work with a lower salary, this change would result in an annual savings of about \$5,000 - \$7,000 for the community center's operating budget.

Recommendation

For the reasons enumerated above, staff recommends that the town council establish the classification of full-time custodian, with a salary set at grade 8 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan. Based upon the results of the classification analysis that we have performed, we believe this salary would be fair and equitable.

If the town council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective September 26, 2005, to establish the regular full-time classification of custodian, and to set the compensation for the position at grade 8 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed job description

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Class Title: Custodian
Group: Town Administrators
Pay Grade: Town Administrators Grade 8
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Effective Date: October 1, 2005

General Description/Definition of Work

This position performs responsible unskilled work in the care, cleaning and minor maintenance of Town buildings and facilities as well as related work as required. Duties include cleaning and maintaining buildings and facilities, and grounds maintenance. Work is performed under regular supervision. The position can be assigned to work various shifts and reports to the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation or designee.

Essential Job Functions/Typical Tasks

- Opens and closes facility.
- Cleans and sanitizes facility, including sweeping, mopping, vacuuming and dusting.
- Changes light bulbs and fluorescent tubes. Gathers and disposes of refuse, litter and trash.
- Performs minor building maintenance activities such as painting and floor covering.
- Completes and maintains records; maintains inventory of supplies and orders replenishments as required.
- Moves large and bulky items of furniture; sets up, takes down and cleans up before/after programs, meetings and events.
- Assists with maintaining proper pool chemistry.
- Picks up litter and cleans around buildings and grounds; maintains planting beds and lawn area.
- Assists with snow removal and ice control.
- Inspects and maintains assigned equipment and tools.
- Performs related tasks as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- General knowledge of building cleaning practices, supplies, and equipment and ability to use them economically and efficiently.
- Ability to understand oral and written directions; ability to read and write.
- Physical ability to perform heavy manual work.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and some experience in custodial work or building maintenance.

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

(The physical demands and work environment characteristics described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. The list is not all-inclusive and may be supplemented as necessary. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)

- This is medium work requiring the exertion of 50 pounds of force occasionally, up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

Custodian (cont'd.)

- Work requires climbing, stooping, crouching, reaching, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, and repetitive motions.
- Vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word.
- Hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels.
- Visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, operation of machines, and observing general surroundings and activities.
- Worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, noise, vibration, atmospheric conditions, and oils.
- Worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

Special Requirements:

None.

The above description is illustrative of tasks and responsibilities. It is not meant to be all-inclusive of every task or responsibility. The description does not constitute an employment agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the employee and is subject to change by the Town as the needs of the Town and requirements of the job change.

Approved by: _____
Matthew W. Hart, Assistant Town Manager

Date: _____

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday June 28, 2005

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

- I. Attendance: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Hasson, T. Miller, J. Sidney, Susan LaPlume (guest, Juniper Hill)

- II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of May 24, 2005: The minutes were approved with the following correction on page 1, Section IV.b.: "J. Sidney has been unable to locate a chair which would address her needs, *and* she indicated that there *is a dearth of* good chairs..."

- III. New Business
 - a. ADA Coalition/CDD Network – 15th Anniversary
Commemoration of ADA announcement: K. Grunwald announced that there will be a ceremony to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of the ADA at the state capitol on 7/26.

- b. Zoning Application – special permit- Button Box Fine Arts and Crafts Center, 287 Gurleyville Road , Mansfield Center – (report being prepared by DeWolf for 7/5/2005 zoning hearing): no discussion.
- c. Community Education: K. Grunwald will submit an article to WAM Horizons on the topic of “people first language”, and will also have this prepared as a hand-out at the Know Your Town Fair.

IV. Old Business

- a. Membership update: Susan LaPlume from Juniper Hill has an interest in joining and attended this meeting. S. Hasson has notified MCNR that we would like a representative on this committee, and Patty Hope of the Senior Center has recommended Dexter Eddy. K. Grunwald will contact Mr. Eddy.
- b. Update on ADA compliance – Community Center- An email was included in the packet from Stan Kosloski on this issue. J. Sidney, K. Grunwald and Curt Vincente met with Mr. Kosloski at the Community Center to review the problems with the shower. J. Sidney has requested a bench with a back, which may solve this problem.
- c. CT Real Choice update: K. Grunwald reported that the regional meeting in Mansfield was cancelled due to poor pre-registration. There will be a statewide meeting held in September.

- d. People First Language – Members felt that it is important as a committee to educate the community about issues such as this. There was a suggestion made to prepare a brief to the governor around this issue. Members were asked to think about this and come to the next meeting with ideas about how to proceed with this issue.

- e. Representation of MACPD at Know Your Town Fair: T. Miller agreed to spend some time at the Social Service table with K. Grunwald to distribute handouts on People First Language and MACNPD.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

Using People First Language

Generally, in choosing words about people with disabilities, the guiding principle is to refer to the person first, not the disability. Instead of saying "the disabled," it is preferable to say "people with disabilities." This way the emphasis is on the person, not the disability.

It is important to refer to the person's disability only when it is relevant to the conversation or situation. Disability should not be the primary, defining characteristic of an individual, but merely one aspect of the person.

Should You Use People First Language?

People who have disabilities are present in every part of society. They are:

- Mothers and dads, sons and daughters...
- Employees and employers...
- Scientists (Stephen Hawking)...
- Friends and neighbors...
- Movie stars (Marlee Matlin)...
- Students and teachers...

Importantly, they are people first.

Many labels used for disabilities in our society have negative connotations or are misleading. Using labels contributes to negative stereotypes. All of these words devalue the person they attempt to describe.

The following terms should be avoided when speaking to, or about, persons with disabilities.

invalid	wheelchair-bound
mongoloid	deaf and dumb
defective	mute
victim	crippled
special person	suffers from
handicapped	stricken with
a patient	retarded
afflicted with	

Examples of People First Language

The following statements are examples of People First Language:

people with disabilities or people who have disabilities

✦ NOT the handicapped or disabled

he/she uses a wheelchair

✦ NOT he/she is wheelchair bound or confined to a wheelchair

he/she has a congenital disability

✦ NOT he/she has a birth defect

accessible parking or bathrooms

✦ NOT handicapped parking or bathrooms

he/she has a need for... // he/she needs...

✦ NOT she has a problem with...

he/she has a cognitive disability or he/she has mental retardation

✦ NOT he/she is retarded or MR

General Guidelines for Talking about Disability

1. Do not refer to a person's disability unless it is relevant to the conversation.
2. Use "disability" rather than "handicap" to refer to a person's disability. Never use "cripple/crippled" in any reference to disability.
3. When referring to a person's disability, use *People First Language*.
4. Avoid referring to people with disabilities as "the disabled, the blind, the epileptics, the retarded, etc." Descriptive terms should be used as adjectives, not nouns.
5. Avoid negative or sensational descriptions of a person's disability. Don't say "suffers from, a victim of, or afflicted with." These portrayals elicit unwanted sympathy or pity toward people with disabilities.
6. Don't use "normal" or "able-bodied" to describe people who do not have disabilities. It is better to say "people without disabilities," if necessary to make comparisons.

Animal Control Activity Report

REPORT PERIOD 2004 / 2005

PERFORMANCE DATA	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	This FY to date	Last FY to date
Complaints investigated:														
phone calls	236	242											478	463
road calls	21	33											54	24
dog calls	43	47											90	167
cat calls	29	32											61	127
wildlife calls	9	9											18	22
Notices to license issued	4	12											16	20
Warnings issued	6	4											10	8
Warning letters issued	2	1											3	5
Infractions issued	1	0											1	3
Misdemeanors issued	0	0											0	0
Dog bite quarantines	0	0											0	0
Dog strict confinement	0	0											0	0
Cat bite quarantines	2	2											4	3
Cat strict confinement	0	0											0	0
Dogs on hand at start of month	8	7											15	10
Cats on hand at start of month	6	9											15	42
Impoundments	33	45											78	77
Dispositions:														
Owner redeemed	5	5											10	15
Sold as pets-dogs	10	10											20	12
Sold as pets-cats	12	16											28	40
Sold as pets-other	0	0											0	0
Total destroyed	4	6											10	15
Road kills taken for incineration	1	0											1	2
Euthanized as sick/unplaceable	3	6											9	13
Total dispositions	31	37											68	83
Dogs on hand at end of month	7	6											13	8
Cats on hand at end of month	9	18											27	38
Total fees collected	1,225	1,299											\$ 2,524	\$ 2,740

Scotland dogs FY 05/06 to date 1
 Hampton dogs FY 05/06 to date 1

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ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Monday, 11 July 2005
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Derri Owen at 7:12p. Members present: Scott Lehmann, Derri Owen. Members absent: Jay Ames, Steve Pringle, Blanche Serban.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 02 May and 06 June meetings was deferred to a time when more members are present.

3. **Community Center art.**

- a. Jay O'K has informed the Committee that "the display case" (which?) will have to be cleared of art by 1 September for a display advertising the Festival on the Green (25 September).
- b. Jay A. is handling the change of displays on 15 July. If Linda Miller doesn't need all the sitting room space, he will ask Eric Spencer to keep some things there. He intends to ask Rochelle Lawrence to leave her ceramics in the shelf-case for the summer, as we have no applicant for that space. Should Kathy Weigold be asked to keep her fabrics on display in the double-sided case? Ditto Dick Sallee for the hallway? Scott wondered if we shouldn't consider shifting to a 4-month cycle, since we seem to be having trouble finding enough artists. But perhaps the flier will encourage new applicants.
- c. For 15 Oct – 15 Jan, we have Eda Easton reliefs and her husband's photos in the sitting room, and Sylvia Smith's watercolors for the hallway. They should be notified!

Period	Entry cases		Lounge		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper	Lower	Long (5)	Short (2)
15 Jan – 15 Apr	<i>Woodturners</i>		<i>Blanche Serban</i>	<i>Derri Owen</i>	<i>Priscilla Bakke</i>	
15 Apr – 15 Jul	<i>Kathy Weigold</i>	<i>Rochelle Lawrence</i>	<i>Kathy Weigold</i>	<i>Eric Spencer</i>	<i>Dick Sallee</i>	
15 Jul – 15 Oct		<i>Rochelle Lawrence?</i>	<i>Linda Miller</i>			
15 Oct – 15 Jan			<i>Eda Easton (reliefs) & husband (photos)</i>		<i>Sylvia Smith (watercolors)</i>	

4. **Membership.** Jay O'K's press release soliciting new members appeared in the 9-10 July issue of *the Chronicle*.

5. **Display flier.** The flier is done (1000 copies) and looks good, though heavier stock would have prevented minor bleed-through. Derri & Scott will leave some copies at the Mansfield Library, Community School of the Arts, Town Hall, UConn Co-op (bulletin board), School of Fine Arts (faculty mailboxes), Senior Center, Kathy John's (bulletin board). The box with the remaining fliers will be left in Jay O'K's office with a note asking that some be put out at the Community Center.

6. **Space survey follow-up.** Scott & Derri will call the businesses and institutions that offered space for art display/performance to confirm that they are still interested and verify contact person and phone number.

7. **Future agenda items.** Sitting room lighting, membership, coffee house.

8. **Next meeting.** Monday, 12 September 05, 7:00p.

9. **Adjourned** at 8:05p.

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 11 July 2005

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 18, 2005

REC'D SEP 14 2005

ATTENDANCE COUNCIL

Gene Sellers	Grace Enggas
Herb Arico	Roger Morin
Nancy Gale	Josh Niles
Norm Desmarais	Rosita Vining
Roger Morin	Kathie Elliott
Joan Meldrum	

ATTENDANCE CHARTER

Mike Nelson
Jackie Saulnier

ATTENDANCE PUBLIC: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. One from Nancy Ames regarding "Democracy Now" and how pleased she is that it is being aired.
2. Survey that Charter sent out. Was reported on by Martha Cullina. People seemed relatively happy except for unhappy about the price. Gene will discuss later.
3. Letter from Mike Paulhus asking for \$900 for a system for their town.

MINUTES OF May 16, 2005 MEETING

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2005 meeting as amended by Grace Enggas; 2nd by Herb Arico. Unanimously accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion to accept the Financial Report of May 16, 2005 by Herb Arico; 2nd by Kathie Elliot. Unanimously accepted.

CHARTER UPDATES: MIKE NELSON

1. Mike Handed out a CTV-14 Activity Overview of Activities since last cable Advisory Board Meeting.
2. 2 non-linear edit systems installed and working well.
3. Picked up 2 Public Services Awards from NECTA. One was for Charter's internship program. The other was for overall excellence in local programming.
4. Went to WINCOG to talk about the government channel. Handed out something to them that detailed the equipment needed. Also had a map in there in showing where the government access is currently being used.
5. Charter has a new operations manager that travels.

CHARTER UPDATES: JACKIE SAULNIER

1. Handed out a powerpoint presentation detailing Charter Marketing for July-August, 2005.
2. Launching telephony in the fall. Already launched in Massachusetts.

Charter Communications Advisory Council
July 18, 2005

OLD BUSINESS

1. \$900 for Mansfield. Letter will say that in response to your request, committee voted to provide you assistance in the amount of \$900 to be used to purchase any item on your list.
2. Committee should write two things that we would like Charter to do for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rusty Lanzit, First Selectman of Chaplin, named Maureen Miles as their town Representative. Gene will contact him for her address.
2. Customer Charter Survey. Highest group of complaints 38.3% complained about cost of service. 2nd highest group of people 15.6% said there were too many channels, too much violence, nothing good to watch.
3. It used to be the Advisory Council acted as a liason to the public regarding cable issues. Went out and talked to people, newspaper folks, etc. Today Advisory Council doesn't hear many complaints about cable. Should membership go to one town meeting per year to talk about the Charter Advisory Council. Our job is to advise the Company although the Company pretty much makes the decisions at a much higher level.
4. Windham Letter that came from Mike Paulhus. Table this until the next meeting. Some of the committee members will come in and talk to them.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm by Joan Meldrum; 2nd by Grace Enggas. Unanimously accepted.

NEXT MEETING

Charter Communications Advisory Council

When: Monday, September 19, 2005
7:00 pm

Where: Charter Studio
207 Tuckie Road
North Windham

Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2005 2:30 PM – Senior Center

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), C. Vincente (guest), C. Phillips, B. Griffin, B. Acebo, P. Secker, C. McMillan, S. Thomas (Chair), K. Doeg, N. Stephens, P. Hope (staff), J. Kenny (staff)

REGRETS: M. Thatcher, E. Norris, D. Mercier

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair S. Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes** of the May 9, 2005 meeting: please note that K. Doeg was present for the last meeting, spelling correction for Carol McMillan's name. The minutes were accepted with those corrections.
- IV. **Correspondence** - Chair and Staff: none.
- V. **Optional Reports on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations**
 - A. **Health Care Services**
Wellness Programs – J. Kenny distributed copies of her monthly report.
 - B. **Social, Recreational and Educational**
Senior Center – P. Hope distributed copies of her monthly report
Senior Center Assoc. – John Brubacher was not present; no report.
 - C. **Housing**
Assisted Living Project: K. Grunwald provided a brief update on the status of the Assisted Living needs assessment project.
Juniper Hill, Wrights Way, Jensen's Park, Other: no report.
 - D. **Related Town and Regional Organizations:** no reports.
Advisory Committee On the Needs of Persons with Disabilities
Senior Resources of Eastern CT
Town Plan of Conservation and Development

VI. New Business

A. Guest Speakers

1. **Curt Vincente** from the Mansfield Community Center was present to speak on "Seniors and the Community Center". He has met previously with the Commission prior to final design of the Community Center. He reported that the Center is operating well and financially ending in the positive, which indicates that membership rates have been set well. The initial plan was to expand programs gradually. Scheduling is challenging, and it can be difficult to balance programs to respond to competing interests (the pool in particular). Staff are always open to adding new programs, and they want to meet with P. Hope and other staff to explore program needs. Their goal is not to compete with the Senior Center but to

work collaboratively. P. Hope expressed interest in the Senior Center sponsoring an exercise class in the therapy pool, indicating that the interest seems to be in a class that is limited to seniors. Curt said that there are daytime classes that are predominantly filled by seniors. The Community Center is constantly looking for ways to be self-supporting, and contracting with outside groups creates an added demand for facility use time. P. Hope asked for the Senior Center to get information about programs, and also pointed out that seniors are the only age group that are not designated as having specific programs. Curt said that this was intentional; to not compete with programs being offered at the Senior Center and duplicate any services currently being provided. He said that they would look at more designated programming, and attempt to work more collaboratively relative to programs being offered at the Senior Center. B. Acebo said that she would like to see more social programs offered there. K. Grunwald pointed out that this would be another area of competition between the two Centers. There was much discussion regarding the ways in which both programs can coexist to meet the needs of the community.

2. **Waldo C. Klein** – UCONN School of Social Work – “Surveying Needs of the Elderly”: Waldo was not able to attend, but he has met with K. Grunwald to discuss assisting us in conducting a survey of seniors in Town to generate input for the Long Range Plan. K. Grunwald distributed copies of a survey that Waldo recently developed for the Town of Madison.

II. Old Business

Process for up-dating **the Long Range Plan (2005-2009)** - Kevin Grunwald

- a. Review of accomplishments of previous plan
- b. Review each area of the plan and indicate comments/questions on the following dimensions: Existence, Adequacy, Accessibility, Efficiency, Equity, and Quality.

K. Grunwald asked for volunteers to meet over the summer to continue to work on the plan.

VIII. Adjournment

(next meeting set for Monday, September 12 at 2:30 p.m., Senior Center)

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Grunwald

The Commission On Aging will meet on the following dates...

October 11 (Tuesday)

November 14

December 12

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the August 17, 2005 Meeting
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (chair), Jennifer Kaufman, Quentin Kessel, and Frank Trainor.

Absent: Scott, Lehmann and John Silander

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM.
2. With an editorial change, the minutes of the July 20, 2005, meeting were approved unanimously, on a motion by Trainor and a second by Kaufman.
3. The management plans for the Saw Mill Brook Preserve, the Crane Hill Field and the Wolf Rock Access were reviewed. Kessel moved, and Trainor seconded, that these management plans be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. It was agreed that the secretary would prepare a written statement for the October public hearing on the Town's new Plan of Conservation and Development. It will emphasize the CC's position on streambelts and invasive species.
6. IWA/PZC Referrals.
IWA - 1315 - Welch - Gurleyville Road. Map date: revision of 1/26/92 subdivision map. This application is a deck. Kessel moved, and Kaufman seconded, that there should be no significant negative effect on the wetlands from this project. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Kessel
Secretary

MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLAND AGENCY Regular Meeting, Monday, August 1, 2005 Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, P. Plante, B. Ryan, G. Zimmer
Alternates absent: C. Kusmer, B. Pociask, V. Stearns
Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.. Holt then MOVED, Kochenburger seconded to add an application (W1316) of Mundkur to the agenda under New Business. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Minutes : Hall MOVED, Holt seconded to approve the Minutes as presented; MOTION CARRIED, all in favor except Goodwin (disqualified).

Communications : Conservation Commission (7/20/05), with comments on W1309 (Schwab/Dautrich); W1311 (Leek/DoJan); W1312 (Henning/Doyen); Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business Memo (7/27/05). It was noted that mercury test results for Mansfield Auto Parts, Inc. are not yet available.

W1302, Public Hearing, Fellows Estates, 5 lots on Monticello Ln., The Miniutti Group, appl. – The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Since this was a continued Hearing, there was no legal notice. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. Written communications received since the last portion of the Hearing were a 7/29/05 cost estimate; 7/5/05 drainage calculations, and a 7/26/05 memo from the Wetlands Agent. The applicant, Peter Miniutti, submitted plans showing revisions to lot 1 and an alternative plan for the same lot; he felt the lot should remain as submitted, since the alternate plan would conflict with the proposed open space dedication, and significant grading would be necessary. He also stated it would be preferable to have the open space remain in the center of the development, as submitted, adding that public access for the alternate plan has not yet been secured.

Engineer Mark Peterson explained that the lot 1 driveway has been moved to require less grading; he also submitted revised plans dated 8/1/05 for lot 2 and explained revisions to the driveway for lots 2 and 3 which would reduce the amount of fill work needed. Mr. Peterson stated that all the other lots comply with cut-and-fill regulations.

Mrs. Holt questioned access for a path leading between the Moss Sanctuary and Rt. 195. Mr. Miniutti said the present path is on the applicant's property, but adjoining property co-owner J. Ossen has expressed a willingness to consider conveying a portion of his property to the town for a pathway; the other owner of the property has not yet responded to this plan. This decision could be viewed as technical information if the Hearing were closed. Timing issues were discussed; Mr. Miniutti agreed to submit a letter seeking extension of the mandatory action deadline, which is presently 9/9/05.

Soil scientist John Ianni reported the existence of a woods road on lot 9 which could be used as a path to cross the wetlands, which would avoid the need for an additional wetlands crossing.

Mr. Miniutti stated that the title, "Fellow Estates" was an error which would be corrected to "Fellows Estates." Public comments were invited, but no one wished to speak.

After further discussion regarding timing issues, Mr. Miniutti submitted a letter requesting a 50-day extension of the action deadline. At 7:30 p.m., Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded close the Public Hearing and to grant an extension of 50 days (until 9/19/05) for action on the application for the Fellows Estates subdivision; MOTION PASSED unanimously.

W1304, continued Public Hearing, Aurora Estates subdivision, So. Bedlam Rd. - The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Since this was a continued Hearing, there was no legal notice. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. Written communications received since the last portion of the Hearing were the Wetlands Agent's 7/28/05 memo and a 7/27/05 engineering report. The latest plans are dated 7/11/05. The applicant's representative, Peter Miniutti, explained

that there was no new information, now that drainage calculations have been submitted, and there was no public comment. At 7:42 p.m., Mr. Miniutti submitted a request for a 15-day extension of the action deadline; Holt MOVED, Hall seconded to grant the submitted request and close the Public Hearing. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Other Old Business

W1294. Wild Rose Estates, B. Thompson, 25 lots off Mansfield City Rd. – Mrs. Holt explained that she had drafted both an approval and a denial motion. She then read the approval motion, as follows: Holt MOVED, Kochenburger seconded to grant an Inland Wetlands License under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to the Miniutti Group, LLC (file W1294) for approval, subject to revisions cited below, of a portion of a 25-lot subdivision of single-family homes with onsite septic systems and individual wells on property owned by Byron Thompson located at 706 Mansfield City Road, as shown on a map dated 3/2/05, revised through 5/25/05 and as described in other application submissions, and as heard at Public Hearings on 5/2/05, 6/8/05 and 7/5/05.

This action is based on a finding that, with the revisions noted in condition #3, there will be no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands. This approval is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. Maps shall not be signed until all DEP permit requirements have been addressed;
3. To reduce the potential for wetlands impacts, the southeasterly portion of the proposed extension of Jonathan Lane shall be shifted in a westerly direction to increase the separating distance between this roadway extension and the red maple swamp located in the southeasterly section of the site. With the exception of two locations, (a) the area immediately adjacent to the currently-depicted wetland road crossing located between lots 15 and 16, and (b) the manmade portion of the swale in the vicinity of lots 16 and 17, all portions of the roadway and associated grading and drainage shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the depicted wetland boundary. The potential for impact from this section of roadway was noted in the report from the applicant's soil scientist. The roadway-shifting will necessitate revision and potential elimination of one or more of the currently-depicted lots. Revised plans incorporating this relocated roadway and lot modification shall be submitted to and approved by the Inland Wetland Agency prior to the filing of final plans on the Land Records;
4. This approval is valid for a period of five years (until 8/1/10), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetland Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this agency for further review.

After discussion, particularly regarding potential wetlands impacts on the red maple swamp from the proposed loop road, the MOTION FAILED, Holt, Kochenburger and Zimmer in favor; Gardner, Plante, Goodwin, Hall, Favretti, Ryan opposed.

A motion for denial was then put forth: Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded to deny an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to The Miniutti Group, LLC (file W1294) for a 25-lot subdivision on property owned by Byron Thompson located at 706 Mansfield City Road, as shown on a map dated 3/2/05 revised through 5/25/05 and as described in other application submissions, and as heard at Public Hearing on 5/2/05, 6/6/05 and 7/5/05. This motion of denial is based on the following:

1. After a thorough review of the application, public record, applicable Inland Wetland regulations and recently-adopted DEP stormwater management guidelines, the Agency has determined that the proposed location and degree of land disturbance associated with the proposed roadway and associated drainage system will likely result in erosion and sedimentation control problems, drainage impacts and long-term loss in wetland productivity and other wetland functions as defined in Mansfield's regulations and the Connecticut General Statutes. It is emphasized that significant activity has been proposed within and immediately adjacent to a red maple swamp wetland/watercourse area in the southeasterly section of the site. Construction activities, as well as road salt, sand and other pollutants and debris, will have a negative impact on this wetland. In addition to the proposed wetland crossing, over 200 linear feet of the proposed roadway involve wetland filling or construction within 10 to 15 feet of the wetland, and the proposal includes a large detention basin with construction very near to this same wetland. The 2004 DEP stormwater management guidelines suggest in a generic manner that a minimum one hundred (100) foot buffer be maintained adjacent to wetland areas.

2. There are several feasible and prudent alternatives available to the applicant that would lessen potential impacts to the red maple swamp. Alternatives that should be investigated include:
 - a. shifting the southeasterly portion of the proposed roadway westerly to provide a more significant buffer from wetlands;
 - b. eliminating the wetland crossing and terminating the Jonathan Lane extension in a cul-de-sac, and
 - c. providing alternative drainage locations that would reduce the proximity of the detention basin to wetland areas.

After discussion, the MOTION CARRIED, with Gardner, Ryan, Favretti, Goodwin, Plante, Zimmer and Hall in favor, Kochenburger against, and Holt abstaining.

W1300. Baxter Road Estates, 11 lots at Baxter Rd./Rt. 195, M. Harrison -- Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded to grant an Inland Wetlands License under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Margaret M. Harrison (file W1300) for an 11-lot subdivision of single-family homes with onsite septic and individual wells on property owned by the applicant located at the intersection of Rt. 195 and Baxter Road, as shown on a map dated 4/11/05, revised through 7/18/05, and as described in other application submissions, and as heard at Public Hearing on 6/20/05, 7/5/05 and 7/18/05. This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. Maps shall not be signed until all DEP permit requirements have been addressed;
3. If the plans are revised because of PZC action, and if there are any activities or structures moved closer to the wetlands, then the applicant shall submit revised plans to the Inland Wetland Agency for further approval;
4. Maintenance of the rain gardens shall be shared by the owners who share the common driveways that encompass said rain gardens, and shall be included in the driveway maintenance agreement;
5. This approval is valid for a period of five years (until 8/1/10), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetland Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

W1309. Schwab/Dautrich, Kaya Lane, pool in buffer area -- Written comments were noted from the Windham Water Works (7/8/05) and the Wetlands Agent (7/27/05). Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded to grant an Inland Wetlands License under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Kristin Schwab, Landscape Architect (file W1309) for construction of an in-ground pool, pool house and associated improvements on property owned by Kenneth and Mary Beth Dautrich located at 70 Kaya Lane, as shown on a map dated 6/22/05 and as described in other application submissions. This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands and is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. The proposed silt fence shall be installed as close to the edge of the existing yard as possible without changing the pool fence design or restricting needed work areas;
3. This approval is valid for a period of five years (until 8/1/10), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetland Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

W1311. Leek/Dolan, house addition, Echo Rd. -- Memos were noted from the Ass't. Town Engineer (7/27/05 and 7/29/05) and Windham Water Works (7/29/05). Holt MOVED, Hall seconded to grant an Inland Wetlands License under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Fiona Leek and Stephen Dolan (file W1311) for two-room addition to the rear of a single-family residence on property owned by the applicants located at 11 Echo Road, as shown on a map with the date revised through 6/28/05 and as described in other application submissions. This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands and is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls (as shown on the plans) shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;

2. The excavated material should not be placed on the opposite side of the garage, as stated in the application. Instead, all excavated material shall be removed from the site after work is completed.
3. This approval is valid for a period of five years (until 8/1/10), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetland Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

W1312. Henning/Doyen. house/garage addition – Written comments were noted from the Windham Water Works (7/8/05) and Wetlands Agent (7/27/05). Discussion revealed that some felt the proposed garage addition would be too close to the wetlands, but could be shifted. The applicants and the Wetlands Agent have agreed to work together to revise the garage's position. By consensus, the matter was tabled until 9/6/05.

W1255. Newmyer/Doyle – tabled, waiting for grass stabilization

W1310. Mansfield Auto Parts. Inc. – tabled – see Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business Memo above.

New Business – See Wetlands Agent's New Business Memo (7/28/05)

W1315. Welsh/Mirko. Gurleyville Rd., deck within regulated area – Kochenburger disqualified himself on this item. Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded to receive the application submitted by Mark Mirko (file W1315) under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for 20 ft. by 29 ft. deck at rear of house at 122 Gurleyville Rd., on property owned by the applicant, as shown on a map dated 1/26/92 revised to 7/27/05 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

W1316. Mundkur. 97 Dunham Pond Rd., house addition within regulated area – Goodwin MOVED, Hall seconded to receive the application submitted by Balaji and Mohini Mundkur (file W1315) under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the 17-ft. 10-in. by 11-ft. extension of an existing room on property owned by the applicant at 97 Dunham Pond Rd., , as shown on a map dated 8/1/05 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Field trip – By consensus, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 5th, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary



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September 6, 2005

Board of Directors
Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Re: Item #3 - Meeting Minutes

Dear Board members:

Attached please find the minutes for the Board meeting held on August 2, 2005.

The following motion would be in order:

Move, to approve the minutes of August 2, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia van Zelm". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cynthia van Zelm
Executive Director

Attach: (1)

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
Tuesday, August 2, 2005

MINUTES

Present: Steve Bacon, Martin Berliner, Tom Callahan, Bruce Clouette, Dianne Doyle, Mike Gergler, Al Hawkins, Janet Jones, Philip Lodewick, Betsy Paterson, Dave Pepin, Steve Rogers, Betsy Treiber, Frank Vasington

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm, Lee Cole-Chu

Guests: Tom Cody, Howard Kaufman, Macon Toledano

1. Call to Order

Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Opportunity for Public to Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Director's Report

Cynthia van Zelm did not have a report, as items will be covered under the agenda.

5. Approval of Commission on Culture and Tourism Grant Budget for Weekend Package Brochure

Betsy Paterson made a motion to amend the Mansfield Downtown Partnership budget to authorize the allocation of a \$3,000 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Grant for a brochure marketing a weekend package in conjunction with the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts 50th anniversary. The grant budget would be allocated as follows: \$500 will be allocated for the Partnership and Town of Mansfield's administration of the grant; \$1,800 for brochure design and printing; and \$700 for brochure mailing. Bruce Clouette seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Update on Status of DRAFT Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Storrs Center project/Review of Timeline

Ms. van Zelm said that the MDP had been reviewed by state agencies and most of the comments were minor with the exception of some comments from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding land uses. She said that she, Lee Cole-Chu, Macon Toledano, and Tom Cody had met with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DECD) to review their comments and there was verbal agreement with DEP on how to address their comments. She reviewed the timeline with the Board where it is expected that local reviews would occur in September and October. Tom Cody reviewed the comments from state agencies. Tom Callahan said that the UConn Board of Trustees review is penciled in for September 20. He asked Ms. van Zelm if a public hearing date on the MDP had been scheduled yet and she said no.

Steve Rogers asked how DEP's comments about not allowing auto service stations in the new development affects Storrs Automotive. Macon Toledano said that the DEP is concerned about how certain uses affect the watershed. DEP will allow certain existing land uses but with restrictions to protect the watershed. Revisions to the MDP will address this issue.

Mr. Toledano reviewed the plans for creation of a special design district. The first step is to create regulations to allow for a special design district for the project area. The next step is for the Partnership and the master developer LeylandAlliance to apply to the Planning and Zoning Commission to upzone the development area into the special design district. Design and sustainability guidelines are being developed to be submitted along with the zoning regulation changes. Mr. Clouette asked if the Town of Mansfield can create a special design district. Tom Cody replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Lodewick asked how far the plans are in terms of depicting the new development. Mr. Toledano said the plans are still conceptual but the design guidelines are almost complete. Frank Vasington asked who has put the guidelines together. Mr. Toledano said it has been an effort by Looney Ricks Kiss (the Partnership's consultant), LeylandAlliance, and Herbert S. Newman and Partners. The sustainability guidelines have been largely created with the assistance of Steven Winter who was the former chair of the US Green Building Council. Mr. Toledano said the Partnership's Planning and Design Committee had played a significant role in providing feedback on the guidelines at its monthly meetings. Town Planner Greg Padick, Town Fire Marshal John Jackman and other Town staff have provided input into the guidelines.

Mr. Callahan asked about the permitting process. What other permits are needed besides local permits, i.e., Inland Wetlands Agency? Mr. Toledano said permits will also be needed from the DEP for the stormwater plan, the State Traffic Commission, and the US Army Corps of Engineers (wetlands). Mr. Callahan asked that the state and federal permitting process be added to the

timeline. Mr. Toledano will also be putting together a construction timeline, as the project gets closer to fruition.

Dave Pepin asked about a tentative date to break ground. Mr. Toledano said he hoped that groundbreaking on some of the infrastructure could start before October 2006.

Mr. Callahan asked about when financial commitments by investors would be made to the plan. Lee Cole-Chu said he believes that this is laid out in the development agreement between the Partnership and LeylandAlliance but he would review it and let the Board know at its next meeting.

Mr. Pepin asked about the status of funding for the parking garage. Betsy Paterson said that she has been in touch with Congressman Simmons about the request from the Town and the Partnership for funding for the parking garage. She was told that one avenue for funding the Congressman's office is looking at is the Transportation Appropriations bill. Ms. Paterson said that she and Ms. van Zelm will deliver the state Urban Action Grant that includes a funding request for the parking garage, Storrs Road, and relocation assistance to State Senator Don Williams' office and DECD.

Mr. Cole-Chu updated the Board on the relocation plan. He said the plan is basically completed and ready to be submitted as part of the MDP. The cost estimate is approximately \$560,000 to relocate 19 businesses. The relocations will not start until closer to construction. Mr. Cole-Chu said the relocation plan is following state law with respect to relocation policy.

Mr. Callahan invited Board members to attend the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on September 18 to review the relocation plan, and other issues related to the MDP.

7. Committee Reports

Festival on the Green

Ms. Paterson said the Festival on the Green Committee is looking for a few more sponsorships for the Festival. She said that fireworks will be on the Saturday evening before the Festival at Mansfield Hollow Dam.

Ms. Paterson noted that the Town trash bills included a notice about the Festival and she commended Mansfield Town Recycling Coordinator Ginny Walton for her efforts.

Planning and Design

Steve Bacon said the Planning and Design Committee has been hard at work on the design and sustainability guidelines. The Committee's review is substantially complete. Mr. Toledano said he thought there would be two more meetings with the Committee on the guidelines. Mr. Pepin asked if the Committee could receive 11 by 17 color copies of the design guidelines for easier review.

8. Other

Janet Jones noted that she thought the Store 24 business block was looking empty. She was wondering about the possibility of erecting signage to indicate that the development is coming soon. Mr. Callahan said this was a good point and suggested some guidance from the Mansfield Town Attorney as to what could be done regarding signage. Ms. van Zelm can work with the Advertising and Promotion Committee on what is legally allowable re: signage and what would be aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Callahan noted that another milestone had been achieved with the press conference today with Senator Lieberman and his announcement of \$2.5 million in streetscape improvements on Storrs Road. He acknowledged the decision to not move forward with the MDP until the master developer was on board. The master developer, LeylandAlliance, has been a good partner. The achievement of obtaining federal funding continues to build confidence in the project.

Howard Kaufman thanked Ms. Paterson, Town Manager Marty Berliner and Ms. van Zelm for their efforts and support to obtain federal funding. It is a team effort and very much appreciated.

9. Adjourn

Al Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Betsy Paterson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the August 16, 2005 meeting

Members Present: Evangeline Abbott, Ken Feathers, Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowrey (acting chair), David Silsbee, and Vicky Wetherell.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M.**
- 2. The minutes of the June 21, 2005, and July 19, 2005, were approved unanimously, with editorial changes, on a motion by Wetherell that was seconded by Feathers.**
- 3. Report from Town Staff:** None, however Wetherell noted that a referendum for a \$1M bond issue for open space will be held in November. She also noted that the industrial zone in the south end of Mansfield may be rezoned for multifamily housing in the new Town Plan for Conservation and Development. A more final draft of this plan will be available shortly. A public hearing on this plan will be held in early October.
- 4. Field trip to Merrow Meadow:** Evangeline reported on a visit to Merrow Meadow.
- 5. Management Plans:** Management plans for the Saw Mill Brook Preserve, Wolf Rock Access, and Crane Hill Field were included in the packet to be reviewed and discussed at the September meeting. These included a map showing the Town's and Joshua's Trust properties along Crane Hill Road. It was agreed that it would be desirable to acquire additional lots in the area to provide a more unified preservation area. Wetherell urged that a more proactive approach be made to protect this area. Lowrey noted that the Town's Crane Hill field was currently being used for agriculture. Wetherell will transmit the OSPC comments to Kaufman in Parks and Recreation.
- 6. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted

Quentin Kessel
Secretary

MINUTES
MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, Monday, August 1, 2005
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, P. Plante, B. Ryan, G. Zimmer
Alternates absent: C. Kusmer, B. Pociask, V. Stearns
Staff present: G. Padick (Director of Planning)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.. He then MOVED, Gardner seconding, to add discussion of an application for Municipal Building parking modifications under New Business; MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Minutes – Hall MOVED, Holt seconded to approve the Minutes as presented; MOTION CARRIED, all in favor except Goodwin (disqualified).

Public Hearing: Fellows Estates subdivision, 9 lots on Monticello Ln., Miniutti Group, LLC, appl., file 1230 – The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:33 p.m. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. Since this was a continued Hearing, there was no legal notice. The site was visited during a recent field trip. Memos were noted from the Dir. of Planning, Eastern Highlands Health District, Fire Marshal (all 7/29/05) and Ass't. Town Engineer. (7/28/05). It was agreed that testimony from the Inland Wetland Agency Public Hearing earlier in the evening would become part of this public record.

Engineer Mark Peterson noted revised plans in response to staff comments: House locations on lots 6, 7 and 8 have been moved to increase the turning radii for emergency vehicles; he explained his reasoning for the planned discharge from the footing drain on lot 2 into wetlands, saying the flow would be minimal; the shed on the lot 5 property line would be removed or relocated; no fill permit is needed.

Applicant Peter Miniutti agreed to add a note to the plans to preserve significant segments of stone walls. He also stated that a connecting path to the Moss Sanctuary will be provided. Public comment was then invited.

William Jellema, Monticello Ln., stated his opposition to the project, citing potential lowering of property-values, potential effects on wetlands and wildlife and lack of proper neighborhood notification as concerns. Mr. Padick noted that notification had been carried out in compliance with subdivision and zoning regulations.

At 8:55 p.m., after discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: Aurora Estates subdivision, 5 lots off So. Bedlam Rd., L. Ross & GLCC, o/a, file 1231 – The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:55 p.m. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. Since this was a continued Hearing, there was no legal notice. Memos were noted from the Dir. of Planning and Ass't. Town Engineer, (both 7/28/05); in addition, a site analysis and drainage calculations had also been submitted by the applicant. It was agreed that testimony heard at the Inland Wetland Agency Public Hearing earlier in the evening would become part of this public record. Peter Miniutti, representing the applicant, said he had read all staff comments and recommendations. The applicant's attorney's opinion is that the Mansfield portion of the "other land" should be merged with either lot 2 or lot 4, and the Chaplin portion would not be a part of this application. It was agreed that "no exit" and street signs for the new cul-de-sac road would be added to the plans. Mr. Miniutti expressed his preference for a north-to-south conservation easement connecting open space along lots 1, 3 and 5. He stated that the proposal is consistent with the town's regulations and Plan of Conservation & Development. There was no public participation and the Public Hearing was closed at 9:06 p.m.

Public Hearing: Special permit application, single-family home with efficiency unit, 43 Pinewoods Ln., R.&J. Sherman, o/a, file 1233 – The Public Hearing was called to order at 8:55 p.m. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. The legal notice was read and reports were noted from the Dir. of Planning (7/29/05), and EHHD (7/22/05). Applicant Richard Sherman proposes to upgrade the lower-floor apartment to current standards, for income purposes. No expansion of the number of bedrooms or the footprint of the house is planned, and there is adequate onsite parking space. The present internal access will remain open, with an additional outside entrance. Public participation was then invited.

Susan Audette, 41 Pinewoods Ln., submitted a petition in opposition to the application, signed by 18 neighboring property-owners, and photos of the road. Mrs. Audette stated her concerns as potential neighborhood deterioration, neighborhood overcrowding, devaluation of property-values, traffic increase, child/pedestrian safety, and water supply, noting the area has a community well. She urged denial of the application.

Peter Rich, 42 Fern Rd., expressed concern regarding septic issues and asked that the matter be tabled pending receipt of comments from EHHD. It was noted that those comments had been received; the Director has stated that the proposal is not considered a change of use under the Connecticut Public Health Code and is, therefore, in compliance.

Mr. Sherman responded to Mr. Rich's concern by noting that EHHD Director Miller states that the septic system does conform to today's Health Code requirements, except for the reserve area. He also noted that his own well supplies water for the house, and he is not connected to the community well. He added that his proposal would not affect road traffic or safety or the character of the road or neighborhood. He clarified that there are 3 existing bedrooms, 1 upstairs and 2 downstairs, and that the only exterior alteration would be the lowering of an existing retaining wall. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:34 p.m.

Public Hearing: Hall property, special permit renewal request for material removal, Mansfield Hollow Rd.

Ext., E. Hall, o/a, file 910-2 – Commissioner Hall disqualified himself on this application. The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:34 p.m. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. The legal notice was read and reports were noted from the Zoning Agent (7/28/05) and Ass't. Town Engineer (7/26/05). Att'y. Robert Ochsner said that Phase I is continuing, with very little change from last year. He stated that the applicant requests permission to bring in 300 cubic yards of fill. There were no groundwater-monitoring reports for the past year; however, he read and submitted an 8/1/05 report. He stated that the 50-ft. buffer referred to in Mr. Hirsch's memo does not apply to this phase, and this was confirmed by Mr. Hirsch, Mr. Padick and Mr. Hall's attorney, Mark Branse. Mr. Ochsner stated that Mr. Hall has met all of the requirements of the present permit. Tractors and other equipment are stored outside of the area under discussion. Mr. Hall stated that some of the equipment is to be hauled away within a reasonable period of time, and that he is willing to register the remaining vehicles.

In response to questions regarding the area surrounding the house that previously belonged to Mr. Hall's mother, it was reported that it also is outside the area of Phase I. Mr. Hall presented a photo and said that the entire slope has been loamed and seeded. Audience participation was then invited.

Robert McCarthy, speaking also on behalf of Althea Stadler, 89 Mansfield Hollow Rd., an abutter, urged members to walk the site and view what he said are at least 6 violations of last year's approval. He said trees have been cut down and land has been bulldozed up to 5 feet of Mr. Hall's property line and he has removed a great deal of earth, constituting a major activity. He requested that Mr. Hall be required to fulfill the spirit of the law in this historic district. He also advised the Commission to verify the ownership of the house previously owned by Mr. Hall's mother, since Mr. Hall is said to be working on that land.

Mr. Hall responded that activity has only occurred on his own property. He said he intended to build a fence, and cleared a 5-ft.-wide swath which would also accommodate a riding path. He added that there is a large tree buffer between the property-line and any activity.

Kent Posner, 77 Mansfield Hollow Rd., stated that many trees have been cut down by Mr. Hall since last year. Mrs. Holt quoted condition #9 from last year's permit renewal, which states that no large trees are to be removed. Further clarification of this will await Mr. Hirsch's return.

Winthrop Hawkins, 69 Mansfield Hollow Rd., stated that Mr. Hall is clearing land up to Mr. Hawkins' property line.

Mr. McCarthy stated that the 5-ft.-wide path Mr. Hall cleared appears to him to be a 50-ft.-wide road leading toward an esker containing sand and gravel. He opined that Mr. Hall has been violating the spirit of the previous renewal permit and again urged the Commission to visit the site. Commission members and staff will do so during the field trip scheduled for Friday, 8/5/05. Mr. Kochenburger requested that the applicant cease work on the 5- to-50-ft.-wide path at this time.

Members then discussed possible renewal of the existing permit, which had been extended from July 1, 2005 until this time to accommodate the submission of monitoring reports. After further discussion, Holt MOVED, Kochenburger seconded, to extend the existing special permit until 9/19/05, with absolutely no activity to occur outside the area of Phase I, and with all current conditions to remain in effect. **MOTION CARRIED**, all in favor except Plante and Goodwin (opposed). At 10:21, the Public Hearing was recessed until 9/6/05.

Public Hearing, Sunrise Estates subdivision, 25 lots off Mansfield City Rd., Smith Farm Development Group, LLC, o/a, file 1214-2 – The Public Hearing was called to order at 10:20 p.m. Members present were Favretti, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Plante, Ryan and Zimmer. A letter from Att’y. Leonard Jacobs states that revised plans will be submitted in time for the 9/6/05 meeting. Consequently, at 10:21 p.m., the Hearing was recessed to 9/6/05.

Other Old Business

Wild Rose Estates, Ph. 2 subdivision, 25 lots on Mansfield City Rd., The Miniutti Group, LLC, appl., file 1113-3 – A wetlands application for this project was denied earlier in the evening. Discussion was tabled until 9/6/05; Mr. Kochenburger volunteered to draft a motion.

Button Box Fine Arts and Crafts Center, 287 Gurleyville Rd., R. Moskowitz, o/a, file 1232 – After discussion, Hall MOVED, Holt seconded to approve with conditions the special permit application (file 1232) of R. Moskowitz for an arts and crafts school with retail gallery and art supplies store on property located at 287 Gurleyville Rd., in an RAR-90 zone, as submitted to the Commission and shown on a 5/22/05 site plan and an undated floor plan, and as described in a Statement of Use and other application submissions, and as presented at a Public Hearing on 7/5/05. This approval is granted because the application as hereby approved is considered to be in compliance with Article V, Section B, Article IX, Section D.3.b and other provisions of the Zoning Regulations, and is granted with the following conditions:

1. This approval, which authorizes a change from one non-conforming commercial use to another non-conforming commercial use, is specifically tied to the applicant’s submissions and Public Hearing testimony and the conditions cited in this motion. Unless modifications are specifically authorized, the proposed uses and site improvements shall be limited to those authorized by this approval. Any questions regarding authorized uses and required site improvements shall be reviewed with the Zoning Agent and, as appropriate, the PZC;
2. Approved hours of normal operation shall be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays and holidays. Special events shall be held during normal hours of operation, and no music is to be allowed outside the building;
3. Exterior lighting shall be residential in character and intensity and limited to locations identified in application materials. Lighting for the freestanding identity sign shall be downward-directed and shall be shielded to prevent light spill or glare for traffic on Gurleyville Road. After normal hours of operation, lighting shall be reduced to the minimum necessary to address security requirements;
4. No Zoning Permit shall be issued for the subject use until:
 - A. Final plans have been approved by Eastern Highlands Health District and the subject water supply has been registered with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Division (see 7/1/05 report from EHHD);
 - B. Final plans have been modified to incorporate the following revisions, which shall be approved by the PZC Chairman with staff assistance:
 - (1) Clarification that the driveway entrance at Gurleyville Road will be twenty-four feet in width;
 - (2) Clarification that all depicted parking spaces will meet the 9.5-foot minimum width provisions of the Zoning Regulations;
 - (3) Modification of the parking area in front of the building to provide for unobstructed pedestrian access to building entrances;
 - (4) Incorporation of adequate details that document that all depicted parking spaces, access drives and walkways to building entrances shall have a firm, dust-free surface such as compacted process gravel, aggregate, stone dust or bituminous pavement that provides for year-round use;
 - (5) Clarification that the required handicap-accessible space shall be identified with official signage meeting current State requirements, and that the required 16-foot width shall be identified on the timbers or barriers used to delineate spaces;
 - (6) Elimination of the “rustic barrier” now included on the plans;
 - (7) Incorporation of landscape plans for the area at the base of the new freestanding sign (see Article X, Section C.12);
 - (8) Timbers to delineate parking spaces as shown on the plan shall be pinned in place and maintained, particularly if disturbed by snow-plowing;

5. No Certificate of Compliance shall be issued for the subject use until:
 - A. The applicant obtains approval from the PZC officers and implements a buffer/access barrier plan along the eastern property line that will reduce potential impacts for the adjacent residential use at 293 Gurleyville Road (von Duntz property). Specific plans shall be submitted to the Planning Office along with review comments from the abutting property-owner.
 - B. Adequate sightlines are established for the driveway intersection with Gurleyville Road. Existing trees will need to be removed and all sightline work shall be coordinated with the Ass't. Town Engineer and approved by the PZC Chairman;
 - C. All site improvements are completed as per approved plans or bonded pursuant to regulatory provisions. Any bond shall be in a cash amount approved by the PZC Chairman with staff assistance and shall be accompanied by a bond agreement with the town
6. Proposed signage shall be approved by the Zoning Agent and shall be consistent with information submitted to the PZC. The new freestanding sign along Gurleyville Road shall be a maximum of 16 square feet in size and shall be located in a manner that does not block driveway sightlines;
7. All new utility lines shall be installed underground, and, as agreed at the 7/5/05 Public Hearing, the applicant shall arrange for the removal of diseased red pine trees along Gurleyville Road;
8. This approval accepts the applicant's parking plan, including an overflow parking area to the north of the building that may be utilized for special events. The PZC reserves the right to require additional onsite parking improvements or to restrict special event usage if the number of onsite spaces provided is determined to be inadequate. The applicant shall be responsible for directing visitors to special event parking and preventing unauthorized parking along Gurleyville Road;
9. This approval waives several provisions of Article V, Section A.3.e, since the information submitted with the application is sufficient to determine compliance with applicable approval criteria;
10. This permit shall not become valid until the applicant obtains the permit form from the Planning Office and files it on the Land Records. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Baxter Road Estates subdivision, 11 lots off Baxter Rd., M. Harrison, o/a, file 1229 – Memos from Dir. of Planning (7/11/05) and Ass't. Town Engineer (7/26/05) were noted. Approval was granted by the IWA earlier in the evening. Members discussed the desirability of the applicant's recently-presented alternate plan to reconstruct Burt Latham Rd. Ext. as a driveway. Mr. Hall volunteered to draft a motion.

Items tabled until further notice:

1. Request for bond release, Logan/DeBella gravel removal site, Laurel Ln./Warrenville Rd., file 993-2 (awaiting staff reports)
2. Aquifer Protection Area Program, DEP Model Municipal Regulations – (awaiting draft revisions to Zoning Map and Zoning Regulations to be prepared by Dir. of Planning)
3. Proposed PZC fee revisions – to be tabled, awaiting staff report

Zoning Agent's Report – The July Monthly Activity Report was acknowledged. Mr. Hirsch will be asked to investigate the presence of 3 storage containers in the CVS lot. In answer to a member's question, Mr. Padick reported that Paideia is presently seeking approval from the State Building Dep't. and also needs to establish compliance with the Fire Marshal's office before it can begin construction of its Greek theatre.

New Business

New application to amend various articles and sections of the Zoning Regulations regarding age-restricted housing, M. Dilaj, appl., file 1235 – Holt MOVED, Zimmer seconded to receive the application of Michael Dilaj (file 1235) to amend various articles and sections of the Zoning Regulations regarding age-restricted housing, as submitted to the Commission, to refer it to staff, the Town Attorney and WINCOG Regional Planning Commission for review and comments, and to set a Public Hearing for September 19, 2005. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New special permit application, deposit of fill at 107 Bassetts Bridge Rd., L. Dunstan, o/a, file 1234 – Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded to receive the application of Lloyd Dunstan (file 1234) for fill activity on property owned by the applicant and located at 107 Bassetts Bridge Rd., as shown on plans dated 7/26/05 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer the application to the staff for review and comments and set a Public Hearing for September 19, 2005. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Request to renew Forest Acres, Sec. 2 subdivision on Hunting Lodge Rd., file 1216 - A 7/28/05 report from the Dir. of Planning was noted. After discussion, Holt MOVED, Hall seconded to re-approve the Forest Acres, Section 2 subdivision with the same map references and approval conditions cited in an April 19, 2004 action. The subject property is owned by Elizabeth Semerzakis and is located at 205 Hunting Lodge Road. The map references and approval conditions are as follows: "to approve with conditions the subdivision application (file 1216) of Elizabeth Semerzakis for "Forest Acres, Section 2," on property owned by the applicant located at 205 Hunting Lodge Road, in an RAR-40/MF zone, as submitted to the Commission and shown on plans dated 2/20/04, revised through 4/9/04. This approval is granted because the application, as hereby approved, is considered to be in compliance with the Mansfield Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Approval is granted with the following modifications or conditions:

1. Final plans shall be signed and sealed by the responsible surveyor, engineer and soil scientist;
2. The final plans shall clearly note that an engineer's plan is required for the onsite septic system for Lot B;
3. Extensive tree-cutting is required to obtain safe sightlines for the driveways to Lots A and B. To help ensure the maximum retention of roadside specimen trees and to ensure that statutory procedures for tree removal on Town roads is followed, prior to the filing of final maps, the subdivider shall meet with Mansfield's Ass't. Town Engineer to specifically mark and post all specimen trees that need to be removed. This meeting shall take place before any tree removal, and all required tree removal shall take place before the final subdivision plans are filed on the Land Records.
4. The owners of the subject lots shall be responsible for maintaining driveway sightlines. In conjunction with the filing of final maps, a Notice shall be filed on the Land Records specifying this ongoing maintenance responsibility;
5. Pursuant to subdivision regulation provisions, particularly Sections 7.5 and 7.6, this action specifically approves the depicted building envelopes, including setback waivers for Lots A and B. Unless the Commission specifically authorizes revisions, the depicted building envelopes shall serve as the setback lines for all future structures and site improvements, pursuant to Art. VIII of the Zoning Regulations. This condition shall be noted on the final plans (replacing Note 4 on Sheet 1) and specifically Noticed on the Land Records;
6. This approval accepts, pursuant to the open space provisions of Section 13, the applicant's proposal for two conservation easements. A conservation easement document that utilizes the Town's model format shall be approved by the Town Planner and Town Attorney and filed on the Land Records in association with final plans. The boundaries of the easement areas shall be delineated with iron pins and the Town's easement markers shall be posted every 50 to 100 feet around the perimeter of the easements, as per regulatory requirements;
7. Pursuant to Section 6.5.b and based on information submitted by the applicant and staff, the PZC hereby waives the requirement that the survey be tied to the CT Plane Coordinate System of 1983. Tying into this survey system would be an unreasonable and unnecessary expense for the proposed 2-lot subdivision;
8. Sheet 2 of the plans shall be revised to incorporate recent revisions to Sheet 1;
9. Pursuant to Sec. 8.12, concrete monuments shall be depicted on final plans at the northerly and southerly front property line corners of the subject property.
10. The Commission, for good cause, shall have the right to declare this approval null and void if the following deadlines are not met (unless a ninety (90) or one hundred and eighty (180)-day filing extension has been granted);
 - A. All final maps, including submittal in digital format, a deed for right-of-way dedication, a drainage easement, conservation easements and a Land Records Notice to address conditions 4 and 5, for recording on the Land Records (with any associated mortgage releases) shall be submitted to the Planning Office no later than fifteen days after the appeal period provided for in Sec. 8-8 of the State Statutes or, in the case of an appeal, no later than fifteen days of any judgment in favor of the applicant;
 - B. All monumentation (including delineation of the conservation easements with iron pins and the Town's official markers every 50 to 100 feet on perimeter trees or on cedar posts), with Surveyor's Certificate, and all required subdivision work shall be completed or bonded pursuant to the Commission's approval action and Sec. 14 of the Subdivision Regulations no later than fifteen days after the appeal period provided for in Sec. 8-8 of the State Statutes or, in the case of an appeal, no later than fifteen days of any judgment in favor of the applicant."

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

New modification request - Walkway, parking, plaza revisions. A. P. Beck Municipal Building, file 1173 – Mr. Padick's 8/1/05 memo explains this request, which would further the town goal of future development of a path between the Community Center and the future "downtown" area. The work would be done in phases, with construction planned to begin this fall. During discussion, Mr. Zimmer questioned proposed parking locations for handicapped and aging individuals. Holt MOVED, Plante seconded to authorize the Chairman and Zoning Agent to approve the 8/1/05 modification request of the Town of Mansfield for the phased implementation of walkway and plaza improvements on the northerly side of the A. P. Beck Municipal Building as described in application submissions. This authorization is conditioned upon the submission of additional construction details and phasing information, including the coordination of all eliminated parking spaces with the installation of new spaces south of the Community Center. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Review of draft portions of the Plan of Conservation & Development – Mr. Padick's 7/26/05 memo with attached 7/26/05 POCD Minutes and draft Plan revisions was noted. At the meeting, he again requested members' comments and recommendations regarding the advisability of rezoning the area of Pleasant Valley Rd./Mansfield City Rd /Mansfield Ave., currently zoned Industrial Park. Members explored the pro's and con's of whether this area, since it is closer to commercial areas and existing sources of water and sewer, could serve a broader purpose if it included multi-family and/or age-restricted residential/commercial provisions, as well as agricultural uses, such as agri-businesses, nurseries, greenhouses, fisheries, or other uses such as light industry or open space, seasonal recreational uses, contractors storage, self-storage, warehouses, etc. Mrs. Holt urged retention of the light industrial use zoning, citing potential benefits for the town's tax base. She stressed the need to think regionally, not only locally, if the area is rezoned. Mr. Favretti pointed out that the area is not well-suited for all nursery or agri-business uses because it is an early-frost area, and questioned the availability of enough land for meaningful agricultural use. The desirability of placing any type of housing so close to the existing Eastern CT University ball fields was also questioned.

Regarding the Four Corners area, now zoned Planned Business, some members noted that additional uses such as multi-family and/or age-restricted housing might be desirable, particularly if water and sewer service become available.

Mr. Miniutti stated that he is representing the owners of land on Rt. 44 within that area, and offered to draft some suggestions of varied uses which might be located there, such as age-restricted or other high-density housing, with other complimentary uses. He stated that his clients would be interested in partnering with the town in planning of this type. Mr. Favretti responded that a decision on this rezoning issue must be reached at this meeting, although the draft Plan could be modified following the mandated Public Hearing.

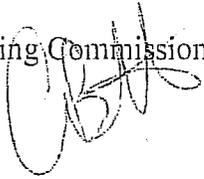
Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, to change back (is that the right way to put that?) to Planned Industrial a portion of land along Mansfield City Road comprised of all land along the southerly side of Pleasant Valley Rd. from Mansfield City Rd. westerly to Mansfield Avenue. The MOTION CARRIED, with Hall, Holt, Kochenburger, Gardner and Ryan in favor, Favretti, Plante and Zimmer opposed, and Goodwin abstaining.

At 11: 23, Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded to authorize the Chairman, working with the Plan of Conservation & Development subcommittee and staff, to finalize a new draft for the Plan of Conservation and Development update (text and associated mapping); to take action to post the drafts on the town's web site, to refer the drafts to the Windham Region Council of Governments and Regional Planning Commission and other town committees that have participated in the Plan update process, and to take necessary action to schedule a Public Hearing on the draft Plan for Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mansfield Council Chambers. MOTION PASSED unanimously, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary

To: Town Council/Planning & Zoning Commission
 From: Curt Hirsch, Zoning Agent
 Date: September 15, 2005



Re: **Monthly Report of Zoning Enforcement Activity**
For the month of August, 2005

Activity	This month	Last month	Same month last year	This fiscal year to date	Last fiscal year to date
Zoning Permits issued	17	20	19	37	39
Certificates of Compliance issued	16	19	22	35	47
Site inspections	69	81	82	150	133
Complaints received from the Public	7	5	6	12	8
Complaints requiring inspection	4	2	4	6	6
Potential/Actual violations found	1	3	2	4	10
Enforcement letters	10	21	13	31	21
Notices to issue ZBA forms	2	2	1	4	2
Notices of Zoning Violations issued	1	5	1	6	6
Zoning Citations issued	3	0	2	3	2

Zoning permits issued this month for single family homes = 4 multi-fm = 0
 2005/06 Fiscal year total: s-fm = 9, multi-fm = 0

**TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 14, 2005
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers**

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, T. Callahan, B. Clouette, E. Daniels, J. Jevitts, G. Krauss,
G. Zimmer

Staff: M. Berliner, C. van Zelm (MDP)

1. Opportunity for Public to Address the Committee

None.

2. May 10, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 2005 meeting are not available.

3. Update re: Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Cynthia van Zelm reported that the Mansfield Downtown Partnership held its annual meeting on June 7, 2005, with about 60 people in attendance. Also, various state agencies are reviewing the municipal development plan for Storrs Center, and the partnership's planning and design committee is working on design guidelines for the project. Furthermore, the partnership has issued an RFP to select a relocation consultant, and a number of firms have responded. At present, a total of 10-15 businesses may have to be relocated. Lastly, the partnership has approximately 290 members, who generate dues income of about \$15,000.

4. Community-Campus Partnership on Substance Abuse

The Mansfield Community Campus has been meeting on a regular basis, and is working a set of goals for the organization. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2005.

5. Community Quality of Life Issues/Spring Weekend

The committee discussed University Spring Weekend 2005 in some detail. Everyone learned a lot this year, and the community hopes to build on this year's successes. The students' wristband identification program was successful in that it served to remind students about the importance of responsible behavior. The wristbands also helped to convey a sense of community within the student body.

6. Town/University Relations Committee – 2005/06 Issues

The committee discussed its plans for the next fiscal year, and whether it should continue to meet every month. Phil Barry stated that he believes it is important to meet monthly, with the exception of July. Bruce Clouette agreed that regular meetings are important to maintain open communications.

For next year, the members would like to discuss programs and issues such as transportation, including the WRTD program and UConn/student participation. In addition, it would be useful to discuss state revenue and how the town uses those funds. Other good topics for discussion include the town's plan of development, the UConn master plan and Town/UConn water supply planning.

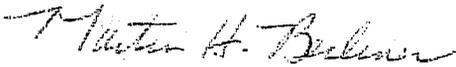
The committee agreed that for the next meeting Martin Berliner would ask Gregory Padick, Mansfield director of planning, to conduct a presentation regarding the town's plan of conservation and development.

7. Other

None.

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Martin H. Berliner
Town Manager

WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES - August 5, 2005

A meeting of WINCOG was held on August 5, 2005 at the new Scotland Town Library, 21 Brook Street, Scotland, CT. Chairman Daniel McGuire called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Voting COG Members Present: Robert Skinner, Columbia (alt); John Elsesser, Coventry (alt); Margaret Haraghey, Hampton; Dan McGuire, Lebanon; Martin Berliner, Mansfield (alt); Liz Wilson, Scotland.

Staff Present: Barbara Buddington

Others Present: Roberta Dwyer, NE Alliance; Ken Johnson, Municipal Energy Consulting Group; George Pohorilak and Liz Crutcher, Department of Public Safety.

MINUTES

MOVED by Ms. Haraghey, SECONDED by Ms. Wilson, to approve the minutes of the 7/08/05 meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRANSPORTATION

STIP amendments:

RE: Proj. # 0077-XXXX, Mansfield (UConn) Hillside Road Extension. Phase: "Other." \$4 million (all federal) 2006 (new project) **MOVED by Mr. Elsesser, SECONDED by Ms. Wilson, to endorse the STIP amendments as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Distribution of Preliminary Draft of Regional Transportation Plan: Ms. Buddington distributed the RTP 2005 preliminary draft and requested WINCOG members to review the documents (Parts I and II, and the Tables and Figures attachment to Part I) prior to the September 9 meeting. Copies were also provided for Town Planners.

E-911 Mapping

George Pohorilak, Department of Public Safety, described the department's work toward developing accurate mapping for the E-911 system to be used by the Public Safety Access Points. He noted that the assistance of the towns is needed because the towns are the legal authorities for streets and street names. He also noted that they are trying to complete the verification for as many towns as possible before November 15, which is the next deadline for submitting update data to the vendor. There was significant discussion regarding the lack of accuracy in the base maps provided by the vendor. In the discussion, it was noted that ConnDOT annually requests towns to update their lists of local roads – adding new subdivisions and other new or discontinued roads. DPS could confirm the road names by comparing ConnDOT's list with the list generated by the vendor. Towns agreed to provide DPS with their updated road files. Identifying the address ranges on road segments between intersections is more difficult. Towns noted that they do not have the staff to devote to this to verify and/or correct the address ranges. L. Crutcher (DPS) noted that she is working with one town that uses Quality Data for their Town Clerks / Assessors offices, and they are working together to get a computerized list of addresses that can be matched to the Tele Atlas data being used by DPS.

Mr. Pohorilak distributed copies of the E-911 budgets for next year. Call centers will be receiving increased funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Connecticut East: Ms. Buddington reported that Mr. Lanzit, Ms. Dwyer and she had attended the Tourism District meeting at the Harvest Restaurant in Pomfret in early July. A primary purpose for the meeting was to have a dialogue on how the needs of the Northeast and Windham Regions might be better served. There was general agreement at the meeting that the Quiet Corner's needs receive little attention, and one of the main reasons for this is that there is no person actually "on the ground" in this region to answer specific questions about the region. There was great support at the meeting for (re)-hiring Michele Bourgeois, former director of the Northeastern CT Visitor's District.

Homeland Security and CERT: Ms. Buddington reported that a new CERT training course will be offered this fall. We are working with the Mansfield's Social Services Director to form a team to address the needs of special needs populations in an emergency.

Ms. Buddington noted that the Regional Emergency Planning Workgroup had not been meeting over the summer, but that it would resume this fall. We have \$19,000 of regional funding from the 2004 Homeland Security Grant. There was some discussion about possible uses of those funds. Mr. Elsesser asked about the unspent (statewide) 2003 Homeland Security funds, and if there had been any determination as to how they would be spent. Ms. Buddington reported that she had attended the meeting of the workgroup that addressed those surplus funds, and that the funds have now been earmarked for specific purposes. She will provide a summary of the results of the meeting. At that meeting, one of the items discussed but not funded was the purchase of five trailers equipped with cots and blankets to be stored in the five DEMHS regions. The supplies would actually be used by the Red Cross, but would be a regional resource. The Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials is planning to use some of their regional funding for this. WINCOG members agreed that this would be a very useful resource to have in the Windham Region, as most of the towns no longer have supplies of these items. Ms. Buddington will get more detailed information from LHCEO. Mr. Elsesser suggested that we consider inflatable mattresses as an alternative to rigid cots.

Legislation Updates:

There was some discussion about the federal earmarks that came out of the newly passed federal Transportation bill, and whether there was additional funding provided to the state to cover their costs, or if state had to simply rearrange its priorities to accommodate these new projects. Mr. Elsesser believed that only the Route 11 project had additional funding attached.

Ms. Haraghey noted that last year, Hampton was too poor to participate in the STEAP program and too rich to participate in the school readiness grant program. This year the town is eligible for both. Legislation passed this year that allows smaller towns to opt out of the urban program and apply for funding through the STEAP program instead. Mr. Elsesser suggested that anyone interested in apply for STEAP funding submit an application as quickly as possible. Next year's funding might have a lot more strings attached.

Mr. McGuire recommended Peter Huckins as a consultant to write these applications. He will provide contact information to WINCOG. Coventry and Mansfield have also used him for CDBG and STEAP applications. Expenses can be charged off to the project, and there is no up front fee.

Ms. Wilson said that Scotland received its first check for the Town Aid Road program, but it was based on the town's receiving only \$46,000 and not the \$68,000 that CCM had reported they would be getting. Ms. Buddington said that she would follow up on it with ConnDOT.

Mr. Elsesser suggested that everyone read the farm bill that was signed. There a several small pots of money for special projects, but the money probably won't last long. He suggested applying early if any of the programs are of interest to your town.

Town clerks have to charge and collect \$20 for every document that they record, starting October 1, 2005.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Because the director's report had not be emailed prior to the meeting, Ms. Buddington distributed the written report and called attention to several items. She reported on the municipal staff compensation study that she had undertaken for the town of Chaplin. Mr. Elsesser offered to share templates for job descriptions that he had purchased a few years ago. She commented that one of the observations of the study was that towns in general do not have a good handle on the actual number of hours worked for part time staff who are paid an annual stipend (animal control officer, building official, fire marshal, as examples.) Mr. McGuire reported that time sheets are required in Lebanon.

Mr. Elsesser reported that Coventry has appointed Rose Fowler as the town's new representative to the WRTD Board.

MEMBERS FORUM:

Coventry still does not have a budget.

Ms. Buddington said that she had spoken with Ralph Fletcher about setting up a meeting with Ashford representatives, and he suggested that the meeting be set up for as many of the WINCOG executive committee representatives as could make it. He asked WINCOG to suggest a few alternative dates. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that September 6, 7, or 8 (Tues., Wed, or Thursday) would be a good starting point.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 9

Action on Regional Transportation Draft to distribute it for public review and set public hearing date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Johnson, Municipal Energy Consulting Group introduced himself and explained that his company is trying to assist municipalities in making sure that they get fair streetlight rebates from CL&P. He acknowledged the significant contribution to the process made by Ms. Wilson by accepting the first rebate check as partial payment. Ashford, Coventry, and Scotland are already clients, and he encouraged other municipalities to join them. He provided a packet of information describing his services, current clients, and a sample agreement.

Ms. Dwyer reported that the NE Alliance is still in business, and still has money for loans. They will be receiving \$400,000 over the next two years for administrative costs. Additional funding for the revolving loan fund is still being discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
Respectfully submitted, Barbara Buddington, staff, for Elizabeth Wilson, Secretary.

ADMINISTRATION

- Equipment Disposal: Each of you received notice of WINCOG’s intent to dispose of a computer and scanner. In the event that no town wants this equipment, please let us know if you are aware of any non-profits who might be interested.
- Software Upgrade: To complement the recent computer upgrades, WINCOG staff has upgraded to the latest version of ArcGIS 9.1 including the Spatial Analyst and 3D Analyst extensions [Note: We will continue to retain previous versions of the software to better serve towns who have not yet upgraded]. Additionally, we are now able to make full use of two CommunityViz software products: Scenario 360 and SiteBuilder 3D. What this means is that we now have the capability to run hypothetical development scenarios in three dimensions, analyzing each scenario and modeling the outputs in 3D. We are also working on incorporating roadside images from ConnDOT’s highway photolog to make the scenarios look as they would in real life, as you would see it driving down the road.
- WINCOG Dues: Eight towns have paid their FY 2006 dues in full. Thank you!

Technical assistance contracts active in FY 06:

Contract #	Description	Status
Chaplin	Planning and zoning services	Began 1/3/05; renewed for 7/1/05 – 12/31/05
Chaplin	Compensation Committee - job evaluations, descriptions, and recommended salary ranges	completed
Coventry	Mapping assistance- open space inventory	Began 8/30/05
Mansfield	Mapping assistance	ongoing
Northeast Alliance	Web site modifications	in progress
Willimantic River Alliance - QSHIC partnership grant	Further web site development	began 7/05 – delayed because of low water levels in Willimantic River – canoeist can’t verify site locations.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- September 19 (Monday) 7:00 p.m. CERT Training course begins, Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield
- September 22 (Thursday) 8:00 p.m. ArtSpace Open House, 480 Main St. Windham
- September 27 (Tuesday) 7:30 p.m. CPTC Public Hearing, Norwich City Hall, Room 305 (CT Public Transportation Commission)
- September 29 (fifth Thursday) 7:00 p.m. Affordable Housing presentation and discussion (Partnership for Strong Communities) (Location TBA)
2-4:30 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. CT Stormwater Quality Manual Training, NECCOG on Rte. 12, Dayville
- October 6 12:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Program Review Committee’s Probate Court Study (LOB Room 1D)
- October 7 8:30 a.m. Next scheduled WINCOG meeting (location TBA)

TRANSPORTATION

Regional Transportation Plan: With a few minor changes, the Regional Planning Commission has recommended that the update of the Regional Transportation Plan be made available for public review, and that a date for a public information meeting be scheduled.

TRANSIT

- Increasing Costs: WRTD is particularly concerned this fall about the increasing costs of operations. Transit Administrator Melinda Perkins continues to work diligently with our subcontractors to resolve these issues.

HOUSING

- Apartment and Condominium Guide 2005-2006: Thanks to the efforts of Kristie Beaulieu (in July) and Dagmar Noll (in August), the annual update of this guide was completed in August. Seven hundred copies were printed, and many of them were distributed throughout the region – to town offices, housing authorities, universities and libraries. The guide is also posted on – and can be printed from – our web site (www.wincog.org).
- Affordable Housing: The Partnership for Strong Communities currently has a display entitled *Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset*, on view at The Lyceum in Hartford (September 8 to October 14) to demonstrate that good design is possible even within the tight budgets associated with low-cost housing. On September 29 (a “fifth Thursday”), WINCOG will be hosting a presentation and discussion on affordable housing issues, led by David Fink, from the Partnership. The Partnership is particularly interested in hearing from municipal representatives about impediments to increasing the supply of affordable housing in their communities. We hope that chief elected officials, town managers, town planners or PZC representatives, and economic development directors will be able to attend and participate. The location of this meeting is yet to be determined.

LAND USE PLANNING

- Regional Planning Commission: At their September 7 meeting, the Regional Planning Commission acted on the following zoning and subdivision referrals:
 - a. # 05-06-30-ED: Eastford: A proposal to adopt an updated Plan of Conservation and Development.
Action: Compatible with Regional Land Use Plan and additional recommendations.
 - b. # 05-07-28-WN: Willington: A proposal to adopt an updated Plan of Conservation and Development.
Action: Compatible with Regional Land Use Plan and additional recommendations.
 - c. # 05-08-04-WM: Windham: A proposal to adopt design guidelines for any exterior alterations including signage in the B-1 Business District (courtesy referral).
Action: Compatible with Regional Land Use Plan.
 - d. # 05-08-01-CY: Coventry: A proposal to rewrite the Designed Apartment/Condominium District (second proposed revision). **Action: Nonconformance to Regional Land Use Plan and suggestions towards conformance.**
 - e. # 05-08-19-SE: Sprague: A proposal to modify the regulations pertaining to livestock.
Action: Potential intermunicipal impacts and suggestions for mitigation.
 - f. # 05-08-19-MD: Mansfield: A proposal to allow age restricted housing in areas served by public water and sewer systems. **Action: Conformance to Regional Land Use Plan.**
 - g. # 05-08-30-MD: Mansfield: A proposal to adopt an updated Plan of Conservation and Development.
Action: No action yet. Referred to Special Committee.

Additionally, the Regionally Planning Commission acted to support distributing the Regional Transportation Plan for public review and comment.

- Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development Maps: The draft maps are complete and available for public review at the Town of Mansfield website.
- Public Act 05-205 – Impacts on Regional Planning Organizations: This act requires:
 - that regional plans of development be updated at least once every ten years;
 - that recommendations for the general use of the area now include agricultural uses in addition to the other uses that were previously required;
 - that regional plans now also “identify areas where it is feasible and prudent (2) to have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use development patterns and land reuse, and (2) to promote such development patterns and land reuse.” It must also note any inconsistencies it has with the growth management principles in the state plan;

- that RPO’s place the proposed plan on the web site of the RPO (if any) at least 65 days prior to the public hearing on the plan;
- that each RPO revise its plan of development within three years of July 1, 2005 (effective date of the section);
- that each municipality submit its proposed plan to the RPO 35 days prior to the public hearing.

The RPO is required to submit an advisory report and comments to the municipal commission prior to the public hearing, including a finding on the consistency of the draft plan with the regional plan, the state plan, and the plans of other municipalities in the region.

EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATES

- Community Emergency Response Team Training: The third round of basic CERT training will begin on September 19 and will continue on Monday nights through mid-November. Classes will be from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Buchanan Auditorium adjacent to the Mansfield Library on Warrenville Road (Route 89).
- Regional Emergency Planning Workgroup: This workgroup will resume meeting later this month.
- Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant – FEMA Funding through Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): No news from FEMA yet.

CENSUS AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

- Data Requests: Staff responded to requests for data from: 1 businesses, 1 municipal staff.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

TOWN	ASSISTANCE	# HOURS
Chaplin	• Provided information on TAR grants and on population projects to first selectman	1
Lebanon	• Provided information and contact information to resident regarding use of community foundation for fund-raising for local charitable project.	.5
Mansfield	• Continued work on POCD maps under contract	2
All Towns	• Provided local road inventories (from ConnDOT)to Department of Public Safety, E 9211 project.	

OTHER ASSISTANCE

- Continued to participate in Willimantic Whitewater Partnership & Thames River Basin Partnership.

MEETINGS

- Aug. 5 - WINCOG meeting (BB)
- 8-12- Vacation (BB)
- 11 - OPM / CARPO Technical Coordination meeting /Rocky Hill (JB)
- 17 - Dial A Ride Advisory Board. (BB, MP)
- 22 - DEMHS Regional Boundaries committee / Middletown (BB)
- 24 - PATH (human services transportation coordination meeting) / Mansfield (BB)
- Meeting with John Rimmer, National Geomatica (BB, JB)
- 25 - CERT meeting with WFD trainer and Mansfield Social Services Director (BB, DN)
- 30 - Meeting with David Fink, Partnership for Strong Communities (BB)

- Sept. 7 - Meeting with Ashford representatives / Ashford (D. McGuire, R. Lanzit, BB, JB)
- 8 - Lyceum display Affordable Housing Design / Hartford (BB) *

*Time not charged to WINCOG

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

<i>CARPO</i>	<i>CT Association of Regional Planning Organizations (formerly RPOC)</i>
<i>CERT</i>	<i>Community Emergency Response Team</i>
<i>DEMHS</i>	<i>CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security</i>
<i>EWIB</i>	<i>Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board</i>
<i>FEMA</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Administration</i>
<i>OPM</i>	<i>CT Office of Policy and Management</i>
<i>PATH</i>	<i>Plan for Achievement of Transportation Coordination in Human Services</i>
<i>RPO</i>	<i>Regional Planning Organizations</i>
<i>TAR</i>	<i>Town Aid Roads</i>
<i>T2</i>	<i>Technology Transfer Center (UConn)</i>



CenterEdge Project

With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions.
Abraham Lincoln (First Lincoln-Douglas Debate, August 21, 1858)

August 11, 2005

Mr. Martin Berliner
Town of Mansfield
Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Rd.
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Berliner:

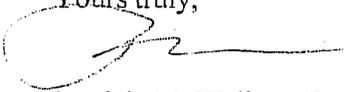
The CenterEdge Project will soon end its public education work of bringing the *Connecticut Metropatterns* report to as many towns and cities in Connecticut as possible. Our speakers' bureau has done presentations or is scheduled to do so in a majority of communities across the state. We have distributed 13,000 copies of the report and thousands more copies of the *Connecticut Future* brochure. Our target audience is elected and appointed officials of the town with as many additional citizens as possible. Our standard agenda is enclosed.

Should you be interested in having a public education event for your town about this report, please let me know as soon as possible. We assist with the logistics: scheduling and publicizing the event, booking the space and the speaker, recruiting a moderator, etc. We have found that it works best to hold it on a weekday evening from 7-9 p.m. We avoid conflicts with key boards and commissions, the World Series and Monday Night Football! Neutral ground is best, so a town library, community center or town hall is ideal. It is helpful if the town can send flyers or letters of invitation to town officials (we do a flyer for you and can provide a sample letter of invitation). When possible we try to have the event moderated by a member of the League of Women Voters. If that is not possible we encourage use of a respected person from the town who is skilled at running a balanced, on-time event. The tone is meant to be even-handed and educational, not adversarial or associated with an advocacy campaign or any single political party. There is no cost to the town for the event, other than whatever you might spend for mailing or printing.

There is extensive information on our website, including the report itself. Simply type **CenterEdge Project** into your search window.

We aim to complete our work this fall---before the snow flies! Feel free to call me with your questions at 203.777.7279 or e-mail me at pwallace@oua-adh.org. Thanks for your kind attention.

Yours truly,



Patricia M. Wallace, Coordinator
CenterEdge Project

Enclosure: Sample Agenda



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CenterEdge Project

Sample Agenda for City or Town Public Education Forum

Before the meeting begins there will be refreshments. People will be asked to sign in, giving name, address, phone (optional), e-mail address (optional). Copies of the report and the evaluation form will be on a table, along with any other handouts.

1. Welcome, introduction of speakers and municipal officials who are present, provide info about location of bathrooms, refreshments. Make first request that everyone complete an evaluation before leaving. *Time required: 5 minutes.*

Person responsible: moderator.

2. Goal review: the goal is to learn about how and why our state and our city/town are developing as they are, challenges we face as a result, and possible ways of meeting those challenges. *Time required: 1 minute. Person responsible: moderator. Suggestion: have goal on newsprint.*

3. Questions to audience:

Ask for a show of hands.

- How many persons in the room have lived here 5 years or less
- How many have lived here 20 years or more
- How many have more than one generation of their family living here

Ask each person to turn to the person next to them and to take a couple of minutes each to say:

- What they most value about their city or town

- What concerns them about how their city or town is growing and developing

Ask for a few responses to each question from the audience.

Time required: 20 minutes. Person responsible: moderator. Suggestion: Have second set of questions on newsprint.

4. CT Metropatterns powerpoint presentation

Time required: 40 minutes. Person responsible: presenter.

5. Questions and discussion

- Ask people to turn to the person next to them to share what most struck them in what they heard, taking a couple of minutes each
- Invite questions and invite people to share what most struck them

Time required: 35 minutes. Persons responsible: moderator to call on people and presenter to respond to questions and comments.

6. Evaluation: Remind people to complete the form

Time required: 4 minutes. Person responsible: moderator.



Item #11

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

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September 12, 2005, No. 05-06

U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Seattle Mayor Challenges U.S. Towns and Cities to Join

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels has asked mayors and first selectman across the country to join Seattle in taking local action to reduce global warming pollution. This challenge came after the Kyoto Protocol took effect in 141 countries.

Since that date, more than 175 towns and cities have signed on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement—including six Connecticut municipalities; *Bridgeport, Hamden, Hartford, Middletown, New Haven, and Stamford.*

Under the voluntary Agreement, participating municipalities commit to take the following three actions:

- ➔ Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities, through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land-use policies to urban forest restoration projects to public information campaigns;
- ➔ Urge their state governments, and the federal government, to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse-gas emission-reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol -- 7% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012; and,
- ➔ Urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act, which would establish a national emission trading system.

For more information on the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, please visit:

www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate

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From the Office of Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz

September 15, 2005
For Immediate Release

CONTACT: Emily Dobbins
860/509-6261

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BANS USE OF LEVER VOTING MACHINES IN 2006

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz announced today that the federal government has banned the use of lever voting machines in 2006. She was joined by Attorney General Richard Blumenthal where they discussed a recent federal ruling regarding lever voting machines and explained the possible effects of the ruling on the state government and local municipalities.

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) recently issued an advisory opinion stating lever voting systems have significant barriers which make compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) difficult and unlikely.

“We did not know that four months before this deadline that the EAC would make such a stunning decision” said Bysiewicz. “The EAC has had 3 years to act and says this for the first time four months before the deadline”.

She went on to say that “The federal government has forced the states to proceed in implementing the provisions of the Help America Vote Act without significant guidance from the EAC”.

If this advisory opinion is binding, she explained, municipalities must replace ALL of their lever machines for the 2006 election.

The timing of the EAC advisory opinion is critical to Connecticut. HAVA was signed into law in October 2002 and the EAC has just now issued this opinion with less than 4 months to comply. HAVA does not outlaw the use of lever voting machines.

Due to this sudden EAC advisory opinion, Bysiewicz has asked Attorney General Blumenthal to explore and look at remedies available to the State of Connecticut.

Bysiewicz is convening a meeting of chief municipal and election officials and legislative leaders on **Wednesday, September 21st at 10AM** in order to ensure that Connecticut is prepared to comply with the advisory opinion.

“As the Chief Elections Official for the State of Connecticut”, Bysiewicz said, “I will work swiftly and prudently to address this advisory opinion”.

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave. – Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005

September 8, 2005

EAC Advisory 2005-005: Lever Voting Machines and HAVA Section 301(a)

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has recently received numerous inquiries regarding whether lever voting machines meet the requirements of Section 301(a) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §15481). After careful review of HAVA Section 301(a), the EAC concludes that lever voting systems have significant barriers which make compliance with Section 301(a) difficult and unlikely.¹

HAVA does not specifically outlaw the use of lever machines, per se. However, the statute does require that the voting system meet the standards found in HAVA Section 301(a).² This section, titled *Voting Systems Standards*, sets minimum statutory requirements all voting systems must meet if they are to be used in an election for Federal office. In applying these requirements to lever voting machines, the EAC has identified a number of areas which create compliance problems for these voting systems. These areas of non-compliance would have to be addressed and remedied before a lever system could be lawfully used in an election for Federal office on or after January 1, 2006. EAC's concerns are fourfold.

Audit Capacity. Section 301(a) requires that all voting systems used in an election for Federal office “produce a permanent paper record with a manual audit capacity...” (HAVA Section 301(a)(2)(B)(i)). This paper record must be available for use as an official record in recount proceedings. (HAVA Section 301(a)(2)(B)(iii)). While most lever machines in use today do not have the capability to produce a paper record, a few systems have the facility to create a limited record. Such systems can record the total number of votes cast on a given machine by imprinting the raised numbers on the counters at the close of an election.

Clearly, those lever voting systems that are not capable of producing a paper record are not in compliance with HAVA Section 301(a)(2)(B). Similarly, it is the position of the EAC that those machines which produce a limited paper record (documenting only vote totals) also do not meet these requirements. HAVA makes it clear that the reason it requires a paper record trail is to

¹ The EAC is the Federal agency charged with the administration of HAVA. HAVA requires the Commission to draft guidance to assist states in their implementation of Section 301(a). Although EAC's administrative interpretations do not have the force of law associated with legislative rules, the Supreme Court has long held that the interpretations of agencies charged with the administration of a statute are to be given deferential treatment by Courts when faced with issues of statutory construction. *York v. Secretary of Treasury*, 774 F.2d 417, 419 – 420 (10th Cir. 1985) (citing *Compensation Commission of Alaska v. Aragon*, 329 U.S. 143, 153 – 154 (1963)); See also *Christian v. Harris County*, 529 U.S. 576 (2000); *Edelman v. Lynchburg College*, 122 S. Ct. 1145 (2002).

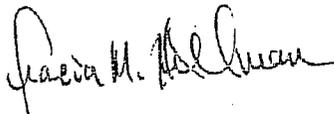
² A State's acceptance or repudiation of Federal Funds to replace lever machines under HAVA Section 102 in no way affects its obligation to meet minimum voting system requirements under HAVA Section 301(a).

ensure all voting systems create a permanent, manually auditable record for use in a recount. (HAVA Section 301(a)(2)(B)(i) and (iii)). Given these facts, to meet HAVA's *Audit Capacity* requirement, systems must create a paper record that can serve as an audit trail. In other words, the document must be a "chain of evidence connecting summary results to original transactions."³ A document is not an appropriate audit tool when it is, itself, a summary that cannot show the original actions that make up its whole.

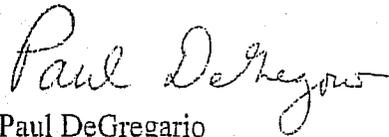
Error Rate. Section 301(a) requires that all voting systems have a test error rate that complies with error rate requirements "established under Section 3.2.1 of the voting systems standards issued by the Federal Election Commission, which are in effect on the date of the enactment of [HAVA]." (HAVA Section 301(a)(5)). That standard (in testing) is a maximum of one error for every 500,000 ballot positions.⁴ Thus, in order to comply with HAVA Section 301(a), a voting system must have a tested error rate that falls below the one per 500,000 standard. The EAC is unaware of any lever voting system that has a documented, tested error rate. A lever voting system cannot meet the requirements of Section 301(a)(5) without a documented, tested error rate that meets the one per 500,000 standard.

Alternative Language Accessibility. Section 301(a) requires voting systems provide alternative language accessibility pursuant to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. § 1973aa-1a). While lever voting systems are capable of providing ballots in more than one language, the number of languages such systems may present is limited. Election officials must ensure that the number of languages a particular lever voting system can accommodate meets the number of alternative languages required in a given jurisdiction by the Voting Rights Act.

Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities. Section 301(a) requires that, at a minimum, election officials provide at least one voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities at each polling place. Such systems must provide disabled individuals the same opportunity for access (including privacy and independence) as other voters. (HAVA Section 301(a)(3)). The EAC is unaware of any lever voting system that is presently capable of meeting the disability standards in Section 301(a)(3). No system may be used exclusively at a polling place unless it complies with Section 301(a)(3).



Gracia Hillman
Chair



Paul DeGregorio
Vice Chairman



Ray Martinez III
Commissioner



Donetta Davidson
Commissioner

³ "Audit trail" as defined in Black's Law Dictionary 131 (6th ed. 1990).

⁴ Voluntary Voting System Standards, Volume I: Performance Standards, Federal Election Commission (April 2002), Section 3.2.1.



State of Connecticut

Item #13



Commanding Officer
Lt. Alaric Fox
Executive Officer
Master Sgt. Neal Wananan

Connecticut State Police Troop C – Tolland

09-17-2005

News Release

For a second time in as many weeks the Connecticut State Police engaged in an undercover sting operation targeting the illegal sale of alcohol and the unlawful sale of alcohol to minors at off-campus apartment complex at UConn in Storrs, CT.

As hundreds of students and their guests gathered at the Carriage House Apartment Complex, undercover Troopers purchased alcohol from a private residence not licensed to sell alcohol. Subsequent investigation identified people under the age of twenty-one on the premises who had also purchased alcohol from the same residence. Troopers seized two kegs and the proceeds from the sale of the alcohol.

The four people below were arrested for conspiracy to sell alcohol without a permit and conspiracy to sell alcohol to minors. All four were released on non-surety bonds and scheduled to appear in court on 10-05-2005

- 1) Matthew Raby Age 21 169 Budding Ridge Southington, CT
- 2) John Dietter Age 21 7D Carriage House Apts. Mansfield, CT
- 3) Jessica Hauser Age 21 7D Carriage House Apts. Mansfield, CT
- 4) Joseph Reynolds Age 21 7D Carriage House Apts. Mansfield, CT

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September 6, 2005

TO: Workforce Investment Council of Chief Elected Officials & Alternates
 EWIB Board Members
 Eastern CT's Elected Officials
 Chamber of Commerce Presidents
 COG Executive Directors

FROM: Wayne Fraser, *CEO Council Chairman*
 Karen Eichstaedt, *EWIB Board of Directors Chairperson*
 John Beauregard, *EWIB Executive Director*

In just a few short weeks the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board (EWIB) and its advisory committees will be reconvening for the 2005-2006 session after our short summer break. As we approach the final months of our inaugural Regional Workforce Investment Plan under our new 41-town Eastern CT configuration, it is a perfect time to both look ahead and take stock of the progress we've made in implementing the Plan to-date.

Legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, a 10-time national champion described the art of constantly striving to do better this way, "Don't measure yourself by what you've accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability." This quote serves as a perfect point of reference for us here in Eastern CT. Although we were proud to have won the 2004 National Recognition of Excellence Award, we must continually question what our ability is, and this is why. Our "ability" heading into our 2006 Workforce Plan is almost limitless thanks to the support and cooperative regional mindset we constantly receive in three (3) key areas: **Government** (our 3 COG CEO Councils), **Business** (our 6-member Chamber Employer Services Group), and **Training & Education Policy** (our EWIB Board of Directors). This combination creates the 'Power of E₃' ~ Employment, Education, and Economic development ~ a synergy that we've built through dedicated commitment to the people in the region. By advancing initiatives and services for the workers of Eastern CT and the businesses that employ them, we can continue to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

The following is a brief overview of EWIB's current initiatives, along with planned future enhancement descriptions. We welcome your thoughts on these initiatives. Your experience as regional leaders and your overall knowledge of the community is something that we respect and value. In order to help Eastern CT continue to prosper we need to meet its constantly changing needs, your input can help us to do that.

1. ENTRY-LEVEL WORKER ASSISTANCE

- ✓ **Bridging the Transportation Gap** – Expanded "Transportation to Employment" training to over 50 regional agencies resulting in a 39% ridership increase (3,168 people), thus expanding employment opportunities for workers and increasing the available labor supply pool for employers in Eastern CT.
- ✓ **On-Line Healthcare Academy** – The importance of delivering steady, well-timed skill upgrades to our entry-level health care workers preparing to fill the void created by thousands of retirees in the next several years is critical. Unfortunately, balancing the time demands of work and family is not always easy. To solve this, EWIB launched the On-line Healthcare Academy, a flexible system that workers can access anytime of day. The Board is partnering with the CT Hospital Association for delivery across Eastern CT.
- ✓ **Coordinating ESL Services** – Immigration was the largest supplier of new workforce entrants for Eastern CT during the last several years. To ensure this valuable segment of our region's workforce is embraced and equipped with the work skills for upward mobility, EWIB has convened the region's four (4) Adult Education providers, two (2) Community Colleges, and two (2) Literacy Volunteer organizations, and has submitted a federal grant to bring innovative Employer-Based Training for this group to the region.

2. ESTABLISHING A CUTTING EDGE REGIONAL CAREER CENTER SYSTEM (CTWORKS) FOR WORKERS & EMPLOYERS

- ✓ **CTWorks Career Center Renovations** – Holding the majority of an entire state's job growth gains within one (1) region creates many new demands, among them the need for an effective labor exchange system to accommodate high levels of hiring and movement. To meet this demand we have upgraded the offerings at each of our four (4) Centers resulting in 11,000+ residents generating over 30,000 visits.
- ✓ **Incumbent Worker Training** - Implemented an Incumbent Worker Training program at three (3) hospitals and nine (9) manufacturing firms in the region providing skill upgrades for 293 workers through on-site delivery. EWIB coordinated and delivered this program through our region's two (2) Community Colleges. EWIB will be Doubling this investment in 2005-2006. Worker upgrading is a key method to prepare for the technological challenges associated with increased global competition.
- ✓ **Enhanced Business Services** – EWIB has created an innovative public-private partnership of two (2) strong sources of business contacts – our region's six (6) Chambers of Commerce and the CT Dept of Labor to meet the human resource challenges faced by our region's businesses.
- ✓ **Skillport 2005** – Implemented a state-of-the-art On-Line learning program available at no cost to the region's job seekers to ensure that they have the up-to-date skills required by the region's businesses. Many of the nation's top companies make lifelong learning available to their key high-level management personnel. EWIB felt that this opportunity was needed by every job seeker or worker regardless of rank or title.
- ✓ **Employer Compensation Guidance** -Launched @EWIB.ORG, one of the most sought after pieces of HR information desired by employers who must compete in tight labor market conditions – a real-time employer compensation tool to gauge whether your wages and benefits are competitive – specific to the region.
- ✓ **Employer Specific Training** – Beginning in 2005-2006 EWIB will introduce to employers with like needs the ability to design an occupationally specific training that results in employees who can "jump right in" and be productive, without the long, slow learning curve. Be it a common level of skills among distributors, or a group of retailers looking for employees with customer service training, employers can design specific occupational training to meet their emerging needs. Our Chambers and CTDOL will be marketing this new service through our Business Services Team.
- ✓ **Active Adult Focus** – Re-engaging active adult baby boomers into the region's labor market is a priority focus for PY 2005-2006. Helping them prepare for a return to employment with state of the art skills assists regional employers to cope with the conditions of our tight labor market.

3. CONNECT INDUSTRY, WORKFORCE, & YOUTH TO EACH OTHER

- ✓ **Career Ladder Blueprint** – Eastern CT's job growth has provided an explosion of new entry-level workers in our labor market. As the region prepares to replace the skills loss attached to upcoming Baby Boomer retirements, it is critical we have a plan for preparing our lower skilled workers. EWIB delivered the Career Ladder Blueprint that will guide investments to meet anticipated labor market needs of the future.
- ✓ **Youth Job Fairs** – The ability of our region's robust service industry to conveniently and collectively link their seasonal job offerings to area youth has always been a challenge. EWIB coordinated and hosted two (2) Youth Job Fairs in the region to connect youth with employers that have job openings. These events were well attended by both schools and employers. The Department of Labor's Career Bus was also available for employment assistance. Future enhancements are already in the works for next year's events!
- ✓ **Nanotechnology** – The mindset of EWIB's Youth Council is to use Nanotechnology to build the excitement in youth through creative, fun, and intriguing new ways to look at the science and math fields. A companion effort to generate interest with local employers to the potential that Nanotechnology can bring to their businesses and the region is also underway. Our desire to prepare a timely link between workforce preparation and economic development by being able to look over the horizon highlights this project.

We want to thank-you for taking the time to review EWIB's current and future initiatives. As noted earlier, we welcome any thoughts you may have on our initiatives, including any ideas that you would like to have us consider in the future. All feedback can be directed to beauregardj@ewib.org.

REC'D SEP 12 2005

350 Hunting Lodge Road
Storrs, CT 06268
September 08, 2005

Mansfield Town Council
Town Hall
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Members of the Town Council:

I cannot understand the town's construction priorities. Road safety seems to take a back seat to other projects, such as parking lots.

I was informed today by the town engineer that the promised roundabout at the Hunting Lodge Road/Birch Road intersection near the Goodwin school has been put off for another year because there are too many other projects that have priority.

The amount of traffic and its speed has continued to increase at this intersection and the promised police presence is practically nil, except for spring weekend.

Do we need a death at this intersection to get action???

Yours truly,



Larry Frankel

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SEP 12 2005

TO: James F. Abromaitis, Commissioner
Department of Economic and Community Development

FROM: Robert L. Genuario, Secretary
Office of Policy and Management 

DATE: September 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan (MDP) -
Mansfield

In a memo dated June 28, 2005, Jeffrey Smith of my staff wrote to Dimple Desai indicating that OPM could not make a determination as to whether or not the subject project was inimical to state agency planning program objectives. This was based on the fact that DEP still had outstanding issues regarding the MDP and could not, at that time, indicate whether or not it found the project inimical.

It is our understanding that, after meeting with DEP staff, the MDP has been revised to the satisfaction of DEP and that agency now finds the MDP not inimical to its planning program objectives.

With this issue resolved, per C.G.S. Sec 8-189, OPM can now find that the MDP for the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan is not inimical to any statewide planning program objectives of the state or state agencies as coordinated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

cc: John Bacewicz, OPM
Dimple Desai, DECD

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Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
1244 Storrs Road, P.O. Box 513
Storrs, CT 06268

NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STORRS CENTER MUNICIPAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Pursuant to the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-191(a), all persons are hereby notified that a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE "MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN [for] STORRS CENTER[,] MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT" dated August 25, 2005, will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at ROOM 7 OF THE BISHOP CENTER of the University of Connecticut, ONE BISHOP CIRCLE (off Storrs Road just north of Dog Lane), STORRS, CONNECTICUT. At this hearing, 1) Storrs Center Alliance, the Master Developer for Storrs Center, will present to the public and to the members and directors of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership ("the Partnership"), as municipal development agency for the Town of Mansfield, the key elements of said MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR STORRS CENTER ("Plan") and 2) all people will have the opportunity to be heard regarding said Plan as part of the Partnership's consideration of whether or not to approve the Plan. Copies of the Plan are available for public inspection during business hours at the Mansfield Town Manager's Office, at the Mansfield Public Library, and at the Partnership's office at 1244 Storrs Road, lower level. The Plan is also at <http://www.mansfieldct.org/dtp.html>.

To help citizens fully understand the Plan, there will be three public, informal question and answer sessions with the Executive Director of the Partnership and at least one representative of Storrs Center Alliance concerning the Plan. These sessions will be Tuesday, September 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Partnership office (address

above); Tuesday, October 4, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Partnership office; and
Thursday, Oct. 6, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, at UConn's Bishop Center (directions above)
immediately before the public hearing.

Dated at Storrs, Connecticut, the 21st day of September, 2005.

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.

By [signed] Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director

September 15, 2005

Martin Berliner
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Marty,

After reviewing the renovated facility at Buchanan Center, we are all in agreement that it is feasible to move the District 3 polling place to that location. We have spoken to Louise Bailey. She is very supportive and will work with us to make sure everything is in place.

The parking at Buchanan is good and the handicapped accessibility adequate. The new carpet and stage partitions seem to greatly reduce the noise in the room. The kitchen is readily available for poll workers' breaks and lunches. And after this election we will better be able to judge whether or not the room is large enough to handle State and Federal Elections. Our main remaining concern is the flow of air between the doors when open. We are hoping placing 2 partitions in front of the exit door will interrupt the flow, thereby alleviating the problem.

There is no statutory requirement for all electors to be notified of a change in polling place location. We do plan to put a notice in the Chronicle, on the Town website and on our cable channel. Additionally, we will place signs at both locations announcing the change. Because both locations are on Warrentville Road within a mile of each other this should be adequate.

The last day to change the polling location for this November's election is October 7th. If after reviewing the above information you have any concerns or questions please let us know.

Sincerely,

Beverly Miela

Joan Gerdson

Mary Stanton

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As the Deputy Mayor of Mansfield, CT and a resident of Storrs, I know that you'll be interested in Slate.com's analysis and conclusions about "America's Best Place to Avoid Death Due to Natural Disaster"

Where To Hide From Mother Nature

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Human beings are self-absorbed creatures, so the response to Hurricane Katrina has naturally included some hand-wringing over the question: "Could this happen to my hometown?" Depending on the worrywart's location, the theoretical catastrophe could be a flash flood, a wildfire, or an earthquake rather than a hurricane; no corner of the United States is immune to lethal natural disasters.

Still, some corners are safer than others. If an American wants to minimize his chances of dying at Mother Nature's hands, where should he set up house? *Slate* crunched the numbers—and did some educated guesswork—to find the U.S. city where the odds of perishing in a natural disaster are closest to nil.

We started by taking a look at every presidential disaster declaration from 1965 through 2004. As this http://www.fema.gov/library/images/dd-1964_gif.html color-coded map reveals, the Eastern half of the nation has had the most officially declared disasters, although North Dakota, Washington, and California have endured more than their share of woe. Going by presidential decrees alone, then, Western states such as Nevada or Wyoming appear safest.

But the data are skewed by the fact that disasters are more likely to be declared in populated areas. As this FEMA primer http://www.fema.gov/irr/dec_guid.shtm makes clear, disasters are declared in order to make funds available to people and businesses affected by a catastrophe. So, a severe storm in the Milwaukee suburbs is a lot likelier to be declared a federal disaster than a severe storm in an unpopulated expanse of southwestern Wyoming.

The declared disasters list was useful, however, in helping to eliminate the obvious noncontenders. Like, say, California. The state's massive population gives it a low per-capita fatality rate for natural disasters, but no one would consider it a safe haven from nature's worst: It's susceptible to earthquakes, mudslides, wildfires, torrential rains, rip currents <http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/faq.shtml>, and even volcanoes <http://www.geo.mtu.edu/departments/classes/ge404/jmshaha/californiat.html>. Unsurprisingly, then, California has had more declared disasters than any other state but Texas, which is frequently hammered by tornadoes, thunderstorms, and floods.

For simplicity's sake—*Slate* still lacks a supercomputer

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supercomputer> to handle massive number-crunching assignments—we automatically eliminated the 30 states with the most declared disasters. Most were no-brainers, such as the hurricane-prone states of the Gulf Coast and the heartland states that lie in Tornado Alley <http://www.tornadochaser.net/tornalley.html>. Sparsely populated North Dakota has regular problems with severe flooding <http://www.draves.com/gf/>, as do Virginia, Tennessee, and New York. (Flooding, tornadoes, and tropical storms/hurricanes have been the most prolific killers in recent years, although heat waves often take significant tolls.) Illinois and Pennsylvania didn't make the grade because their cities can get lethally hot <http://slate.msn.com/id/2125572/>. Also disqualified were some notably frigid members of the union, such as Wisconsin and Minnesota; blizzards and icy conditions are frequently deadly, especially for motorists. And seemingly placid West Virginia? It has some issues with landslides, particularly in the counties that border Ohio.

That left 20 states, two of which we knocked out immediately on common-sense grounds: Hawaii, since islands are inherently at the ocean's mercy (plus there's a slew of volcanoes <http://www.nps.gov/havo/>), and Alaska, where severe winter storms are the norm. For the remaining 18 states, then, we looked at year-by-year fatalities resulting from severe weather, dating back to 1995, as recorded by the National Weather Service. The NWS statistics cover 27 different types of weather events, including such relative rarities as deaths due to volcanic ash, fog, dust devils, and "miscellaneous." (Since California had been eliminated at this stage, we ignored earthquake fatalities, which the NWS does not track.) We then used the total number of fatalities from each state to arrive at a deaths-per-thousand figure, based on population numbers taken from the 2000 Census.

Of the 18 states, only three had a fatality rate lower than 0.01 per thousand for the last decade: Connecticut (0.00587 per thousand), Massachusetts (0.00299), and Rhode Island (0.00286). These figures are somewhat surprising, given that all three of these New England states have ample coastlines and are thus susceptible to fierce storms. But they are also more immune to hurricanes than their southerly counterparts, virtually free of tornadoes, and blessed with relatively cool summers and winters that, although cold, aren't quite North Dakota cold. They're also affluent—all three boast family median incomes above the national average—and, as Hurricane Katrina reminded us, socioeconomics matter when it comes to preserving life during natural disasters.

For the three finalists, we looked at the county-by-county breakdowns of presidential-disaster declarations since 1995. Rhode Island only had one, during the Blizzard of '96 <http://met-www.cit.cornell.edu/blizzard96.html>. Connecticut was hit by that storm, too, as well as by Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999, which affected Litchfield, Hartford, and Fairfield counties. Massachusetts, meanwhile, had five major declared disasters, mostly associated with heavy rains and flooding in its seven easternmost counties.

Based solely on the numbers, then, Rhode Island would seem to be the winner. But the tiny state's cities are clustered around http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-577878-map_of_rhode_island-i bays and rivers, which means a major hurricane could cause flooding. During the Great New England Hurricane of 1938 <http://www2.sunysuffolk.edu/mandias/38hurricane/>, for example, a violent storm surge http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Storm_surge hit Providence.

Eastern Massachusetts is dicey because its long coastline is exposed to the unforgiving Atlantic Ocean. The rural west has proven statistically safer, but winter in the Berkshires can be snowy and harsh.

That leaves Connecticut, whose coastline faces the Long Island Sound rather than the open ocean. Still, living near the water is not recommended for the truly tense; a safer bet is somewhere inland, away from rivers and lakes, but not too deep in the boonies. The state's winters aren't tropical, but they tend to be not quite as snowbound as those in western Massachusetts.

After much debate, then, we settled on *Slate's* "America's Best Place to Avoid Death Due to Natural Disaster": the area in and around Storrs, Conn., home to the University of Connecticut. It lies in Tolland County, which was not part of the 1999 federal disaster declaration for Tropical Storm Floyd. It's a safe 50 miles from the sound and not close to any rivers. It also has relatively easy access to a major city (Hartford) in the event an evacuation or hospitalization becomes necessary.*

This conclusion is by no means scientific, nor can safety ever be completely guaranteed; as moviegoers and Rick Moody fans are already aware, Connecticut does have its share of dangerous ice storms <<http://imdb.com/title/tt0119349/>>. And we're open to suggestions about other candidates for the title. If you want to make a case for your hometown, please drop us a line <<mailto:juliaturner@gmail.com>>. In the meantime, the parents of UConn students can sleep a little easier tonight.

(E-mail may be quoted unless the writer stipulates otherwise.)

**Correction, September 15, 2005: This piece originally asserted that the University of Connecticut Health Center is in Storrs, Conn. It's actually in Farmington.*

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Community rallies to help New Orleans area students

BY KENNETH BEST

The UConn community has welcomed 40 students from Connecticut who attend five New Orleans-area colleges and universities affected by Hurricane Katrina. Up to 15 more were expected to enroll by the end of the day on Friday. The students will be attending classes at Storrs, Stamford, Waterbury, and the School of Law.

Most of the students are undergraduates from Tulane University, but some are from the University of New Orleans, Xavier University, and other colleges and universities in the affected area. There are eight law students.

The students are being classified as visiting non-degree students and are enrolled through the College of Continuing Studies. Tuition-related fees are being waived as long as the students have paid their home institution fees, says Dolan Evanovich, vice provost for enrollment management.

"The special program creates a temporary home for these students so that they can continue their education uninterrupted," Evanovich says. "The goal is to get them back to their home institutions in the spring semester."

The UConn Co-op is loaning the students textbooks until the end of the fall semester, with the option of later purchasing the books or simply returning them at no charge. Required supplies for courses will be provided to the visiting students at a 25 percent discount, says Bill Simpson, president and general manager of the Co-op.

The visiting students will have full use of all UConn recreational facilities, including exercise equipment and swimming pools, as well as the opportunity to participate in intramural activities, says Neal Eslein, associate director of athletics.

"It's been remarkable how agile and responsive so many diverse areas of the university have been in such a short a period of time to help these students," says John Barry, director of university communications. "We first met on Thursday, put the critical elements of our program together on Friday, and then welcomed students on Tuesday."

Lee Williams, dean of students, says "It's gone incredibly smoothly. There's a real spirit of cooperation and understanding of the immediacy of the problem. People have

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done what we've needed to do to get these students in with a minimum of hassle and maximum of support. Everyone's focused on the welfare of the students."

Steve Jarvi, assistant vice provost, says the visiting students were provided with academic advising in a manner similar to how all entering students are offered guidance, but with an eye toward finding the most appropriate match between UConn courses and those at other institutions. The advising sessions were held last Tuesday.

"The major issue was finding available seats and the appropriate courses," Jarvi says. "Only one student had a transcript with them. We had juniors and seniors who knew exactly what they needed in a law course. The freshmen and sophomores needed a bit more help. It was largely a case of making educated decisions about what would best serve the students."

Jarvi says freshmen and sophomore students were understandably subdued and apprehensive through the early part of the process.

"But you could see it change as faculty accepted them into classes and residential life stepped in to get their housing settled," he says. "They began to relax a bit. They're still anxious because they're in a new place. The juniors and seniors are not so worried, because they've been around a campus before."

He encouraged the visiting students to return to his office with any questions or concerns during the remainder of the semester.

The School of Law has eight students from Tulane Law School, ranging from first-year students to third-year students, says Ellen Rutt, associate dean of the UConn law school. The school received more than 100 inquiries from students at Tulane and Loyola law schools.

"The faculty, staff, and students have cooperated wonderfully with these students by sharing notes and helping out," Rutt says. "Many of them are picking up their books two minutes before class."

Rutt notes that while most first-year law curricula vary according to particular institutions, UConn's and Tulane's first-year courses

match exactly, which will allow the visiting students to stay on track. One student has the advantage of having taken law classes at UConn this summer.

She says upper-division law students from Tulane have enrolled in classes that match or closely match courses they were scheduled to take in New Orleans.

The University community's efforts to help Katrina's victims have been expanding each day, says Matt Farley, coordinator of UConn's Office of Community Outreach. A goal of \$75,000 in contributions has been set for the fall semester.

"There's a lot of momentum, and over the next few days it will grow," he says. "The drive is primarily financial, but is for materials as well. There are jars and mugs at dining services facilities, on the campus shuttle buses, and at the Student Union information center, where people are encouraged to contribute money. For donations of goods, the Student Union is the central collection point. People are also gathering items in their buildings and bringing them to the Student Union."

The UConn Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the Connecticut chapter of the American Red Cross, collected donations at the UConn-Liberty football game at

Rentschler Field. Husky student-athletes, coaches, and staff from the Division of Athletics were posted at all entrances to the field.

Gov. M. Jodi Reff has asked for donations of bottled water, non-perishable food and snacks, batteries, blankets, tarps, and tents.

Tulane University, one of the hardest hit, is led by Scott S. Cowen, a 1968 graduate of UConn's School of Business. He has relocated to a hotel in Houston with other administrators to plan a return to Tulane's main campus in New Orleans for the spring semester.

"I am particularly grateful for the outpouring of support that the Tulane community has received from my colleague presidents at colleges and universities throughout the country," he says in a posting on the Tulane website.

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SUMMARY		
<i>Total Acres of Land with Buildings/Facilities:</i>		161.40
<i>Total Acres of Land with Individual Management Plans:</i>		1300.37
<i>Total Acres of Land with Grouped Management Plans:</i>		205.36
<i>Total Acres in Easements:</i>		309.16
<i>Total Acres of Town Owned Land and Easements</i>		1976.29
Overall Notes:		
1. Excludes roads owned by the Town		
2. Does not include two parcels owned by the Mansfield Housing Authority		
3. Through a lease arrangement, the Town manages active recreational uses at the 55-acre Lions Club property west of Wormwood Hill Rd.		
4. Through a lease arrangement, the Town manages a 44-acre open space parcel along Nelson's Brook between Birch Road and Middle Turnpike.		
5. Through a lease arrangement, the Town maintains limited public access rights from Depot Road to the Willimantic River.		
6. Through an easement arrangement with J. James, the Town maintains an open space and recreation easement on approximately 4.5 acres of land adjacent to Schoolhouse Brook Park (between Clover Mill Road and Browns Road)		
7. There is a trail agreement with John Troyer for a trail on his property connecting to the Southern portion of Dunhamtown Forest.		
8. Through a conservation easement with the Prignano family a portion of Nipmuck trail along Sawmill Brook is permanently preserved.		

Land with Buildings/Facilities		
Name	Location	Acreage
Audrey P. Beck Building	So. Eagleville Rd	5.40
Buchanan Center(Library)	Warrenville Rd. (Rt.89)	4.10
Discovery Depot (Childcare center)	Depot Rd.	15.60
Eagleville Fire Dept.	Storrs Rd.(Rt. 195	1.00
Goodwin School	Hunting Lodge Rd.	11.80
Gurley (Pink Ravine) Cemetery	Bonemill Rd	1.80
Middle School	Spring Hill Rd.	25.00
New Mansfield Center Cemetery	Cemetery Rd	4.40
Old Eagleville Schoolhouse	Stafford Rd (Rt 32/S. Eagleville Rd.(Rt. 275)	1.70
Old Mansfield Center Cemetery	Storrs Rd. at Cemetery Rd	1.50
Old Town Hall (Historical Society)	Storrs Rd.(Rt, 195	0.70
Reynolds School (storage use)	Depot Rd.	1.00
Senior Center	Maple Rd.	1.90
Southeast School	Warrenville Rd. (Rt.89)	16.10
Town Garage/Dog Pound	Clover Mill Rd.	20.00
Transfer Station	Warrenville Rd. (Rt.89)	26.70
Vinton School	Stafford Rd (Rt 32)	22.70
Total Acres of Land with Buildings/Facilities:		161.40

Parks and Other Land with Site-Specific Management Plans		
Name	Location	Acreage
Baxter Farm	E. side of Baxter Rd.	25.80
Old Spring Hill Field (former Bodwell Farm)	Spring Hill Rd. (N. of Mansfield Middle School)	6.50
Bicentennial Pond/Schoolhouse Brook Pond	N. Side of Clover Mill Rd.	170.00 *
Crane Hill Field	950 ' of frontage along Crane Hill Road	12.23
Common Fields/Col. E Storrs Field	Bassetts Br/Cemetery/Storrs Rd	19.00
Coney Rock Preserve	Mulberry Road includes a 9-acre open space dedication from Horseshoe Hts subdiv. Does not include Mullane Property (17-acres- Proposal Rock) or Chapin Property (134-acres). Managed together with Joshua's Trust as one property.	68.25
Dunhamtown Forest	S. of Dunham Pond Rd./, Fieldstone Drive, former Dunnack Property, former Sibley Property, and Maplewoods Subdivision	226.13
Eagleville Preserve	Stafford Rd./ E. of Willimantic River	23.00
Fifty Foot	East/ Storrs Roads	102.00
Wolf Rock Access (Ferguson Property)	Crane Hill Road	1.19
Harakaly Property	Warrenville Rd. (South of Mt Hope Rd)	0.80
Little Lane Property	Little Lane	1.90
McGregor Property	Stonemill Rd./ E of Fenton River	2.20
Merrow Meadow	Merrow Road	16.00
Mt. Hope River Park	Warrenville Rd.	35.33
Porter Meadow	Storrs. Rd. opposite Puddin Lane	6.80
Schoolhouse Brook Park	So. Side of Clover Mill Rd (Includes Barrows, Hall, Swanson Larkin Property, Morneau)	329.37
Shelter Falls Park	Birch/ Hunting Lodge Roads	75.10
Spring Hill Field	Spring Hill Road	16.00 *

Town Owned Land and Conservation Easements As of August 1, 2005

Sunny Acres park	Meadowbrook Lane	6.50
Thornbrush Road Property	Thornbrush Road (Off Old Kent Rd)	0.90
Torrey Property	S. side of Gurleyville Rd. W of Fenton River	28.80
Saw Mill Brook Preserve	South of Crane Hill Rd along Sawmill Brook Includes Fesik property and Landlock parcel purchased from the Vernon Family).	78.50
White Cedar Swamp	Mansfield City/ White Oak Roads (includes Wild Rose Estates Phase I open space dedication).	38.07
River Bay Park (Plains Rd)	Land Swap with UConn for Middle Turnpike Property	10.00
Total Acres of Land with Individual Management Plans:		1300.37
Note: * = portions of one 231-acre parcel		

Open Space Land with Grouped Management Plans		
Name		Acreage
Birchwood Heights Rd.		1.40
Boulder Lane		6.30
Candide Lane (N. of Stearns Rd. includes segment of Cider Mill Brook)		3.61
Chatham Drive (3 parcels)		8.30
Cheney Drive		1.10
Costello Circle		0.90
Coventry Rd.		1.20
Coventry Rd. (Smith Farms Subdivision)		32.70
Crane Hill Rd.		1.20
Davis Rd.		1.50
Deerfield Lane		17.00
Elizabeth Rd.		4.00
Ellise Road		1.80
Farmstead Road		2.10
Fellen Road		0.90
Gurleyville Road (east of Bundy Lane)		1.20
Highland Road (corner of Stearns Rd.)		21.90
Hillcrest Drive		0.20
Hillyndale Road		2.10
Holly Drive		1.60
Homestead Drive (2 parcels)		5.70
Jacobs Hill Road		2.70
Kaya Lane		9.40
Lorraine Drive		2.10
North Eagleville Road(two groups of parcels at Meadowood Road)		3.70
North Eagleville Road/ Hillyndale Rd.		3.30
Philip Drive		5.90
Monticello Lane		1.40
Meadowbrook Ln opposite Pollack Rd (Pine Grove Subdivision)		0.85
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Quail Run Road (Vinton Woods subdivision)		6.45
Russet Lane		0.90
Sawmill Brook Lane		13.80
Stafford Road (North of Coventry Road)		9.90
Stafford Road (South of Cider Mill Road)		6.00
Stearns Road (No. side East of Vinton School)		2.30
Stearns Road (So. Side between Stafford and Woodmont Roads)		6.20
Warrenville Rd. (South of Mt Hope Rd)-Stephen Estates		0.80
Storrs Road (So. Of Cedar Swamp Road)		4.00
Thomas Drive		5.50
Westgate Lane		0.90
Woodmont Drive		1.70
Total Acres of Land with Grouped Management Plans:		205.36

Open Space Land with Grouped Management Plans (Cont.)		
Approved subdivisions with pending town land		
Scottron and Sheffield/Fern Road (Chatham II)		11.40
Bone Mill Rd (Bonemill Estates)		
Cedar Swamp Rd (Toll Rd Subdivision)		
Adeline Place/Meadowbrook Lane (Pine Grove Estates)		
Pending subdivisions not yet approved		
Mansfield City Rd/Sunrise Dr (Smith Farms 2)		
Mansfield City Rd/Jonathan Rd (Wild Rose2)		
Baxter Rd (Baxter Estates)		
Monticello Lane (Fellows Estates)		
Bedlam Rd (Aurora Estates)		

Conservation Easements	
Land Protected with Written Agreements with the Town	
Name	Acreage
Adeline Pl. (Pine Grove subdivision)	1.60
Bassetts Bridge Rd. (Hawthorne Park Subdivision)	1.47
Birch Road/Hunting Lodge Rd.(Highbrook subdivision)	3.80
Brookside Lane (Deer Ridge subdivision)	3.00
Brookside Lane (Deer Ridge subdivision)	3.00
Browns Rd. (Southern portion of Schoolhouse Brook Park)	4.50
Browns Rd, (Well House Subdivision)	1.58
Browns Road (Kidderbrook Estates) 3 lots	7.71
Browns Rd and Crane Hill Rd) Sawmill Valley Estates	16.55
Candide Lane (Ouimette/ Pichey Parcels)	1.00
Candide Lane/Stearns Road (Pond View Estates)	0.73
Candide Lane (Candide Lane Subdivision-Larry Ross)	0.71
Chatham Dr. (2 parcels)	1.60
Chatham II (in 4 parcels)	0.36
Conantville Rd. (Ledgebrook)	3.00
Coventry Rd. (Smith Farms Subdivision)	32.30
Crane Hill Road (Dressler & Weitz Subdivision)	2.75
Crane Hill Road (Palmer Property (DevelopmentRights))	14.00
Davis Rd. (Gifford Estates subdivision)	15.00
Dunnock (Dunnock Acres)	5.52
East Rd/Windswept Ln (Windswept Manor subdivision)	6.30
Fieldstone Drive (Maplewoods subdivision)	13.80
Highland Rd./Stoneridge Lane(Laurel Ridge subdivision)	7.00
Hillyndale Rd. (Lynwood subdivision)	1.90
Homestead Dr. (Homestead Acres subdivision)	2.00
Hunting Lodge Rd (#97) (UConn Foundation)	4.00
Lorraine Dr.(Woodland Estates subdivision)	5.00
Maple Rd/MaxFelix Dr. (Maplewoods Sect. 2 subdivision)	18.93
Maple Road (Mapleview Farms subdivision)	11.50
Maple Road (Nursing and Rehab Center)	3.00
Middle Turnpike (Favretti property)	7.70
Moulton Rd. (Raynor Subdivision)	1.18
Mulberry Road (Partridge Way subdivision section 2)	4.75
Mulberry Road (Partridge Way subdivision)	4.30
Nipmuck Rd. (Fenton Valley subdivision)	0.50
South Bedlam Rd. (Buhrman Estates Subdivision, Sections 1,2 and 3)	16.70
South Eagleville Rd. (Crossing at Eagle Brook subdivision)	11.80
South Eagleville Rd. (Mansfield Cooperatives project)	15.70
Spring Hill Rd. (resubdivision of Gifford Estates, lot 27)	2.90
Stearns Rd./Candide Ln (Pondview subdivision)	0.73
Storrs Rd. (Cantor Grouse Subidivision)	6.40
Storrs Heights Rd. (Janes property)	1.70
Storrs Rd. (Norling property)	7.00
Warrenville Rd.(Roaring Brook subdivision)	3.20

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Warrenville Rd.(Stephen Estates) 2 parcels		12.50
White Oak Rd. (Cider Farms II subdivision)		6.00
Wildwood Rd.(Nichols/Hepple property)		0.50
Woodland Rd. (Best Subdivision)		5.20
Wormwood Hill Rd. (Abbe Estates subdivision)		0.30
Wormwood Hill Rd. (Abbe Estates subdivision)		2.49
Wormwood Hill Rd. (Little Divide subdivision)		4.00
Wormwood Hill Road (MacFarland Acres)		4.78
Total Acres in Easements:		309.16
Approved Subdivisions with Pending Conservation Easements		
Hanks Hill Rd (Hanks Hill Estates)		
Hunting Lodge Rd. (Semarakis)		
Wormwood Hill Rd (Mulwood East)		
Adeline Place/Meadowbrook Lane (Pine Grove Estates)		
Pending subdivisions not yet approved		
Mansfield City Rd/Sunrise Dr (Smith Farms 2)		
Mansfield City Rd/Jonathan Rd (Wild Rose2)		
Baxter Rd (Baxter Estates)		
Monticello Lane (Fellows Estates)		
Bedlam Rd (Aurora Estates)		

Town of Mansfield Open Space Acquisitions* (1/1/90-8/1/05)

Property	Acres	Sale Price	Price/Acre	Frontage	Date Aqc	Property Description
Reed (Shelter Falls Park)	30	\$120,000	\$4,000	710' Hunting Lodge Road	03/05/90	RAR -40, abuts Town lands, borders Highbrook subdivision, limited wetlands, purchased in association with State/Federal Grant Program
White Cedar Swamp	30.3	\$50,000	\$1,650	25' Mansfield City Road 150' White Oak Road	12/17/92	RAR -40 Flood Hazard, major portion of the swamp and adjacent woods, access from Maple and Mansfield City Roads, rare cedar swamp, purchase price based on approved subdivision lot
Reed/SBM (Shelter Falls Park)	23.7	\$69,000	\$2,911	171' Hunting Lodge Road	03/09/93	RAR -40 / MF, 10.8 acres of wetlands, abuts Town land (Shelter Falls Park)
McGregor	2.1	\$8,400	\$4,000	207' Stone Mill Road	06/03/93	RAR -90 Flood Hazard, rear portion of existing house lot which borders the Fenton River, near Gurleyville Grist Mill contains a portion of the Nipmuck Trail
Porter	6.7	\$119,400 (net price after house sale)	\$17,820	1,090' Storrs Road	10/6/93	RAR-20 at purchase, 1.3 A w/existing house subsequently sold for \$110,000, Town acreage borders Willimantic Res., mostly open field, some woods
Eaton (Commonfields)	8.6	\$160,000	\$18,604	312' Storrs Road 303' Bassetts Bridge Road	12/21/93	RAR-40 and Neighborhood Business at purchase, includes portions of Eaton Bog, within Historic Village area, Parcel One 3.6 A, Parcel Two 5.0 A, a portion of the land is within an aquifer area
Watts (Eagleville Preserve)	23.5	\$90,600	\$3,855	300' Stafford Road	3/1/95	RAR-40 & Flood Hazard, area to be used as community gardens, rear area prime farmland, leased to farmer 1,500' of river frontage, 50' strip for access to railroad crossing, adjacent to State land linking site with Eagleville Dam park
Boettiger/Orr Parrish (Dunhamtown Forest)	106	\$99,000	\$934	50' Dunham Pond Road	8/3/95	RAR-40, primarily wooded/sloping, many options to connect to other Town trails, parks and easements, includes some wetlands. Deed restrictions limit future use.
Bodwell (Old Spring Hill Field)	6.5	\$42,000	\$6,461	960' Spring Hill Road	4/18/96	RAR-40, land adj. to Mansfield Middle School, valuable buffer, abandoned field, certain areas wetlands, purchase price based on approved subdiv. lot

Crossen (Commonfields)	8.23	\$127,500	\$15,492	600' Bassetts Bridge Road	4/25/96	RAR-90, prime farmland field, no wetlands, adjacent to Eaton property, Historic Village area, purchase price based on 3 approved subdivision lots.
Torrey	29.5	\$90,000	\$3,050	450' Gurleyville Road	6/1/96	RAR-90, abuts Town land on Holly Drive, includes a portion of Nipmuck Trail, primarily wooded, 3 A of field, some wetlands, some steep slopes, former Bundy Homestead
Holinko (Shelter Falls Park)	18.6	\$58,900	\$3,167	293' Hunting Lodge Road 2 segments	5/23/97	RAR-40/MF, wooded parcel adjacent to Shelter Falls Park & Carriage House Apts., some wetlands at northerly & easterly boundaries, Hunting Lodge Rd. frontage offers trail access opportunities
Baxter	25.8	\$159,000	\$6,163	1,375' Baxter Road 418' Storrs Road	7/1/97	RAR-40/MF, areas along Baxter Rd. consist of cleared prime farm land, a brook, wooded areas exist along Rt. 195 & easterly boundary, some wetlands near Rt. 195, farm pond situated near agricultural fields
Warren (Dunhamtown Forest)	6.8	\$22,430	\$3,300	none	9/30/97	RAR-40, consists of 150' linkage between existing Town land to south (Boettiger/Orr/Parrish parcel) & Joshua's Tract land to north, wooded w/portion of Gardiner Brook & some wetlands, to be used for trail connection
Swanson (Schoolhouse Brook Park)	29	\$62,750	\$2,164	none	7/2/98	RAR-40, includes 50' wide access easement to Browns Rd. (east of Kidder Brook); wooded parcel immediately adjacent to Schoolhouse Brook Park & existing trails
Rich (Fifty-Foot)	102	\$280,000	\$2,745	28' Storrs Rd., 445' on East Road (3 segments)	11/30/98	RAR-90; includes access rights to Carter Hill Rd. (abandoned). Primarily wooded, includes Fifty-Foot (Cliff) w/prominent views to east and southeast; adjacent to State and Federal lands; includes segment of historic Nipmuck Trail
Vernon	3	\$26,500	\$8,833	330' on Crane Hill Rd.	1/25/99	RAR-40; open field area used agriculturally for field crops; prime agricultural soils; adjacent to active agricultural areas
Hatch/Skinner (Mt. Hope Park)	35.33	\$285,000	\$8,067	1,157' on Warrenville Rd.	10/29/99	RAR-90; mixture of open fields, agricultural fields, and woodlands; includes pond and section of Mt. Hope River; fishing access easement and trails exist
Dunnack	32.26	\$35,000	\$1,085	22' on Mansfield City Rd.	5/1/00	RAR-40; Abuts Dunhamtown forest. Mix of woodland and marshland and includes segment of old farm road providing potential trail link between

						Dunhamtown Forest and Mansfield City Road.
Ferguson	1.19	\$ 45,000	\$37,815	150.57' on Crane Hill Road	6/5/01	RAR-40; Abuts Wolf Rock Preserve owned by Joshua's Trust. Wooded site that includes segment of Nipmuck Trail.
Olsen (Coney Rock Preserve)	59.25	\$100,000	\$1,688	202.42' on Mulberry Road	7/30/01	RAR-90, Abuts former Chapin property, which owned by Joshua's Trust. Primarily wooded with a portion of Coney Rock Ledges. Provides link between Chapin parcel and Mansfield Hollow State Park. Provides direct link between Nipmuck Trail and Chapin parcel.
Sibley	50.57	\$90,000	\$1,780	130' of frontage on White Oak Rd.	1/22/02	RAR-90, Wooded property abutting Dunhamtown Forest.
Vernon	68.41	\$240,000	\$3,809	950' of Frontage on Crane Hill Road	4/29/02	RAR-40; Managed as two separate parcels: 12.23-acre field with prime agriculture soils, extending a contiguous area of preserved farmland. Preserves a corridor for Nipmuck Trail, contains portion of Sawmill Brook, Beaver dam & lodge. Abuts Joshua Trust's Wolf Rock Preserve.
Fesik	11.16	\$7,000	\$ 627.00	none	11/26/02	RAR-40; Surrounded on three sides by Town Land purchased from the Vernon Family, contributes to a protected corridor for a section of the Nipmuck Trail.
Vernon	11.16	\$9,450	\$847	none	3/20/03	RAR-40; Surrounded on three sides by Town Land purchased from the Vernon Family, contributes to a protected corridor for a section of the Nipmuck Trail.
Larkin	12.5	\$23,400	\$1,872	330' Frontage on Clovermill Road	4/8/03	RAR-40; Wooded parcel abutting Schoolhouse Brook Park. Contains a portion of the wetlands at the head of the brook that flows into Barrows Pond. Buffers existing trails and provides opportunities to expand park trails.
Morneau	0.87	\$4,300	\$4,942	454' of frontage on the corner of Clovermill Rd.	11/23/04	RAR-90; Abuts Schoolhouse Brook Park. On marsh edge with open views into marsh from Clover Mill and Rte 195.

*This list does not include open space acquisitions obtained due to regulatory actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland Wetland Agency.

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Item #22

Ashford Chaplin Columbia Coventry Hampton Lebanon Mansfield Sec

September 19, 2005

TO: Town Clerks, Town Libraries, Media, and for public distribution
FROM: Barbara Buddington, Executive Director
SUBJECT: *Notice of Public Meetings on Draft 2005 Regional Transportation Plan Update*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005: AT 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
At the WINCOG offices, 968 Main Street, Willimantic CT

Note: No formal public hearing is required or planned. This is the opportunity to comment on the Plan.

At their respective meetings on September 7 and September 9, WINCOG's Regional Planning Commission and the WINCOG Board endorsed for circulation and public review a draft of the 2005 update of the Regional Transportation Plan for the Region.

The Plan is divided into two parts:

Part I, Introduction and Background, describes the transportation planning process and the state of the region with respect to population, employment, income and poverty, land use, and transportation facilities.

Part II, Goals, Needs, and Priorities, includes the goals and objectives of the plan, a list of projects endorsed as regional priorities by WINCOG, and a section for each town which details some of the local needs.

The plan, through its goals, identification of transportation improvement needs, and recommendations for regional priorities, responds to the requirements of the 1997 Federal Highway legislation, the "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century" or TEA-21 and its successor legislation. While compliance with the requirements of this act is not mandatory for plans developed by rural regional planning organizations such as WINCOG, this regional plan becomes a part of the statewide long range transportation plan, and the state as a whole must be in compliance.

The process of updating the plan began with the release of 2000 census data in 2003. This data, along with other resources, has been used to update background information for the plan. Chief elected officials of WINCOG's nine member towns have reviewed their town's sections of the existing plan to update local transportation improvement needs. Town planners, public works directors, town engineers and other municipal staff provided additional input. The WINCOG board discussed and prioritized projects at its June 3, 2005, meeting, and these priorities are now reflected in the draft.

Summaries of the goals and recommended regional priorities from *Part II* are being distributed to town clerks and town libraries to be made available for public review; copies are also available from WINCOG. The full draft document has been sent to ¹ 2 ¹ electmen and town managers of each member

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2005

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PART II:

GOALS, NEEDS, AND PRIORITIES

Note: PART I: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND includes background information and descriptive statistical data for the region based largely on 2000 Census data.

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The full texts of both Parts I and II of this plan, along with accompanying tables, are available for review at www.wincog.org.

INTRODUCTION and SUMMARY OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

This is the first complete revision of the Regional Transportation Plan for the Windham Region since 1993. Interim updates in 1997 and 2001 included revisions only to Part II of the plan, which describes the Plan's goals and objectives, and transportation-related needs by major corridor, by member town and for the region as a whole. Part I has now been revised to incorporate data from the 2000 Census, as well as other changes to the descriptions of transportation facilities and services in the region.

This update has been prepared by staff of the Windham Region Council of Governments, with assistance from staff, elected officials, and citizens of member municipalities. It has focused on identifying new needs and re-prioritizing projects. While the Town of Willington is in the Windham Region, it is not a member of the Council of Governments, and is therefore not included in this plan.

In the early years of the 21st century, the major transportation uncertainty in the region is the resolution of the Route 6 corridor issue (Bolton Notch to Columbia) – whether or not to build an expressway, and if so, on what alignment. Our member towns, ConnDOT, CT DEP, US EPA, and the US Army Corps of Engineers have not been able to agree on the most appropriate solution. Projects to widen existing Route 6 and add passing lanes at intersections wherever possible are nearing completion. We wait to see if these changes will make a significant difference in the safety of the road.

In a related issue, Connecticut General Assembly enacted legislation in June 2001 to establish a Transportation Strategy Board (TSB) and Transportation Investment Areas (TIA), which would change the process of transportation planning in the state. This legislation assigns the Windham Region to the I-395 TIA, which does not pass through our region, and has excluded it from the I-84 TIA, which would have provided the only reasonable venue for discussion of the Bolton Notch to Columbia Route 6 corridor. While we are “one-step removed” from these highways, it is vital to the future economic health of the region that we have good connections to the major transportation and economic activity corridors, to provide basic access and to improve employment opportunities.

Several of our large employers depend on freight rail, and the Region supports preservation and improvement of existing active rail lines. These lines are important for interstate and international (Canada) connections, and for intermodal connections, including the rail/truck trans-shipment facilities in Windham and access to New London Harbor. The regional land use plan adopted in 2002 supports this by recommending that towns zone land with rail access for light industrial use wherever possible, to encourage additional use of this resource.

Other than the Route 6 expressway, the only new road contemplated in the Region is the road through UConn's North Campus connecting Route 44 with North Eagleville Road. Completion of this road is part of UConn's long range master plan, and will greatly help to alleviate congestion on the parallel segment of Route 195 and local roads in Mansfield. It is particularly important that this road be completed before significant development occurs on the North Campus.

Ongoing concerns are the need for additional funding to adequately maintain local roads throughout the region, and public transportation links between our small urban areas (Willimantic and Storrs) and urban areas outside the Windham Region. One step toward this is WRTD's Route 32 commuter service connecting Willimantic with Norwich, funded by the Jobs Access program.

We continue to encourage the Connecticut Department of Transportation to use their new Context Sensitive Solutions principles in the design and construction of all projects in our region.

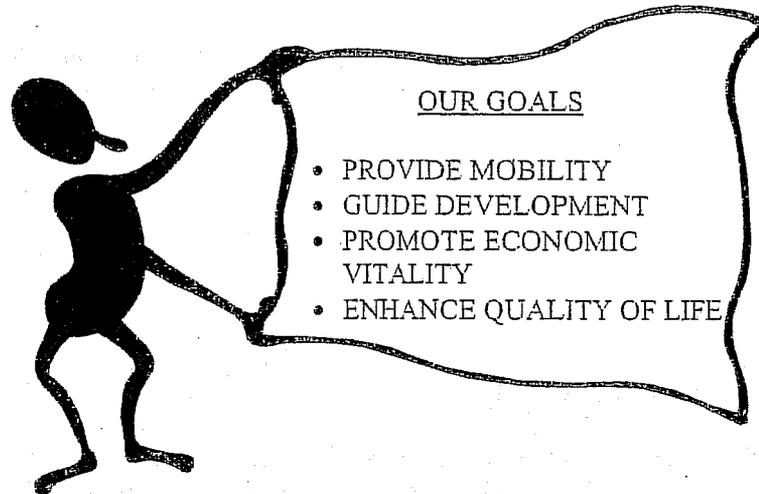
PROJECTS of HIGH REGIONAL PRIORITY

The following were identified by member towns as additional priority transportation and transit projects eligible for state and/or federal funding. Those projects that are high regional priorities are shown as a group, but are not prioritized within that group. Projects are listed alphabetically by town within each category.

Route	Town	Location and Need	Regional Priority
<i>General – Regional Significance</i>			
Route 6	Bolton Notch – Columbia	Route 6 corridor – Resolution of safety/expressway issues. Monitor effects on safety of recent Route 6 upgrades.	High Priority
<i>Projects to Maintain and Improve Access and Mobility</i>			
New road	Mansfield	Complete road connecting Route 44 with UConn campus (North Hillside Road), with adjacent off-road bike/ped path and intersection improvements at Route 44.	High Priority
Transit	Region	At a minimum, provide adequate funding to continue current level of fixed route and paratransit services.	High Priority
<i>Projects to Improve Safety – Road Improvement Projects</i>			
207	Lebanon	Address hazardous curves and knolls from Kick Hill Rd. to Seabury.	High Priority
195	Mansfield	Safety Improvements, particularly in the Storrs Center project area (UConn Campus to Liberty Bank) and between the two Flaherty Rd. intersections.	High Priority high accident location
<i>Projects to Improve Safety – Signalization improvements</i>			
44	Coventry	Stage Rd. Evaluate intersection/signalization for shopping plaza.	High Priority high accident location
195	Mansfield	Between Route 275 (S. Eagleville) and 430 (N. Eagleville).	high accident locations
<i>Pedestrian/Bikeway projects</i>			
87	Columbia	Construct bike/ pedestrian path between Columbia Center and Columbia Lake.	High Priority
*	Coventry	Town Center Connecting Streetscapes. (#1 regional priority Enhancement application)	High Priority
Airline trail	Lebanon	Complete section of Airline Trail through Lebanon and link it to Charter Oak. (Phase 5, 2005 Recreational Trails application)	High Priority
Charter Oak Greenway	Columbia/ Willimantic	Complete the trail connection between the eastern end of the Hop River Trail in Columbia and the Airline Trail North in Willimantic. (through downtown Willimantic)	High Priority
195	Mansfield	Walkway/Streetscape improvements within and adjacent to Storrs Center “Downtown” project. (#2 regional priority Enhancement application)	High Priority

I. TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE WINDHAM REGION

GOAL: A transportation system that provides mobility, guides development, promotes regional economic vitality and enhances the quality of life. It will be safe, efficient, convenient and cost-effective while creating only minimal impacts to natural and cultural resources and providing modal choices.



POSITIVE QUALITIES OF A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- ❖ SAFE
- ❖ EFFICIENT
- ❖ CONVENIENT
- ❖ COST-EFFECTIVE
- ❖ MODAL CHOICE
- ❖ MINIMAL IMPACTS TO NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

OBJECTIVE: MAINTENANCE

Maintain existing transportation corridors and facilities and provide the highest possible level of operation and service in all programs.

- Identify maintenance needs and provide funding necessary to keep the transportation network functioning at optimal levels.
- Encourage the implementation of facilities management programs (such as pavement management programs) that inventory and track depreciation of infrastructure and use the information towards long-term capital improvement planning.
- Encourage the enhancement of existing transportation networks in priority development areas such as those described in the Windham Region Land Use Plan.

OBJECTIVE: SAFETY

Reduce the number and severity of accidents.

- Encourage safe and courteous travel by all users of transportation facilities by providing training, education and outreach programs.
- Consider a full range of alternative solutions to address identified safety problems such as access management and traffic calming techniques where appropriate.
- Provide a safe environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. In urban settings, encourage pedestrian safety enhancements such as improved crossings, bump-outs and crossing medians. In high-speed settings, provide some protection between pedestrians/bicyclists and vehicular traffic.
- Provide alternative transportation routes such as greenways and bikeways for pedestrians and bicycles that are separate from automobile traffic where feasible.
- Monitor speed in problem areas and explore design alternatives that reduce speed and create significant improvements in safety.

OBJECTIVE: MODAL CHOICE

Provide a variety of modes of transportation such as walking, bicycling and public transit in addition to travel by private automobile.

- Provide and encourage use of alternatives to the personal automobile wherever possible.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Travel

- Increase the number and extent of bicycle and pedestrian routes and trails.
- Improve and expand bicyclist, pedestrian and intermodal amenities.

Public Transportation

- Increase investment in public transit.
- Encourage development where appropriate at densities that can support viable transit services.
- Explore opportunities for transit-oriented development.
- Expand the successful pre-paid transit fares program.
- Improve fixed route bus service in the region to make it more convenient for riders and potential riders.
- Improve public transportation connections (including intermodal connections) between the region's towns and major population centers in other regions for commuting to employment and for other purposes.
- Strive to provide a high level of service in transit programs to make it a desirable transportation alternative.
- Expand marketing activities for public transit services.
- Provide public transportation for "in-commuting" as well as "out-commuting".

Other

- Encourage large employers to adopt an Employee Commute Option.
- Encourage ride-sharing programs.
- Reinstate passenger rail wherever and whenever feasible.
- Support improvements to Windham Airport.

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Mr. Samuel J. Gordon
18 Willington Hill Rd.
Storrs Manfld, CT 06268-1224

REC'D SEP 21 2005

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DEAR MAYOR,

I JUST NOTICED IN TODAY'S
CHRONICLE THAT THE COUNCIL IS
TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF A SKATEBOARD
PARK. I HOPE THEY ARE ONLY TOYING
WITH THE IDEA.

THESE PARKS ARE NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE. THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY
SUPERVISED. THEY HAD ONE IN WILLINGTON
FOR A WHILE AND IT WAS NOTHING BUT
TROUBLE. I SUGGEST YOU TALK TO
THEM ABOUT THE PROBLEMS.

THIS IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE
PROBLEMS U-COMM HAS WITH THEM. THEY
WILL STILL GO TO THE CAMPOUS.

IT WILL BE A POOR INVESTMENT
FOR THE TOWN. YOU DON'T ^{NEED} THIS KIND
OF TROUBLE TO SATISFY A SMALL GROUP
SKATERS.

SAM GORDON

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REC'D SEP 12 2005

September 7, 2005

Item #24

Martin H. Berliner
Mansfield Town Manager
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Town Manager Berliner:

Given the interest in the proposed Broadwater Energy liquefied natural gas terminal, I would like to extend an offer to make a presentation of our proposal before your elected body and answer any questions you might have.

As you know, our region needs new sources of clean and reliable energy. With air quality and air emissions from power plants of public concern as a health threat, clean burning natural gas has become an increasingly popular alternative for energy supply. Connecticut, however, has a limited access to natural gas supply, which means that its power plants continue to use coal and fuel oil to generate electricity. Broadwater's natural gas supply will help enable the repowering of Connecticut's older oil and coal burning plants to use cleaner-burning, more efficient natural gas. The region would also benefit from fewer health effects associated with air pollution, including asthma and other respiratory illness. The regional need for LNG was recently acknowledged by New England's regional electricity transmission organization, ISO New England, in a paper entitled "Power Generation and Fuel Diversity in New England". The paper recommends that New England develop additional gas infrastructure, including LNG import and storage capability.

As a direct benefit to the Connecticut region, Broadwater would add approximately 25-30% more natural gas into this supply-constrained area, which will help stabilize prices and avoid the sort of price spikes the region experienced in past winters. These price spikes may become more pronounced as demand increases and our energy supplies are further spread to meet demand. Relying on new liquefied natural gas import terminals built thousands of miles away or new pipelines that merely redistribute the dwindling supplies, does not solve the overall supply crunch or help mitigate prices. Because Broadwater would deliver natural gas directly into this region, Connecticut will no longer have to bid up the price to buy the natural gas from distant locations and other alternative markets in the Gulf of Mexico and Canada.

Broadwater Energy can help this region meet its energy needs while also being sensitive to environmental concerns. Independent scientists from SUNY-Stony Brook's Marine Sciences Center have testified that any environmental impacts of constructing the facility would be minimal and temporary. To ensure that Broadwater would operate safely and with minimal impact on the

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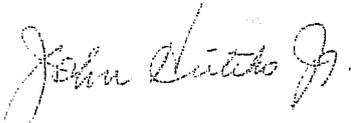
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environment, we are proposing to use a floating vessel that will not degrade water quality or the ecology of Long Island Sound. With a location in the Sound over nine miles from the nearest coast, the public will be safe, the vessel will barely be visible on a clear day, and ecologically sensitive shoreline areas will remain undisturbed.

We understand and appreciate the concerns raised about our proposal, which is why we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. We would also respectfully ask that you reserve judgment on the Broadwater project until after a thorough review of all the facts.

We will be contacting you in the coming days to see if a presentation would be desired. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me at 1-800-798-6379.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hritcko, Jr.".

John Hritcko, Jr.

Sr. Vice President and Regional Project Director

Fax



To: Mr. Berliner, Town Manager / From: Veda Napoletano, Outreach Coordinator

Firm: _____ Pages: 5-inc cover
Fax: (860) 429-6863 Date: 08/18/05 Item #25
Re: Sound Alliance CC: _____

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

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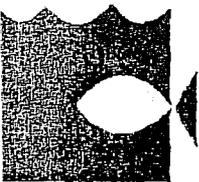
Thank you for taking the time to review this issue! We will be doing press for the towns and cities across the state that are passing resolutions or signing onto our Sound Alliance in early September.

We would love to include Mansfield! Please let us know.

Sincerely,

Veda Napoletano
Outreach Coordinator
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Why are we turning Long Island Sound into an industrial site?

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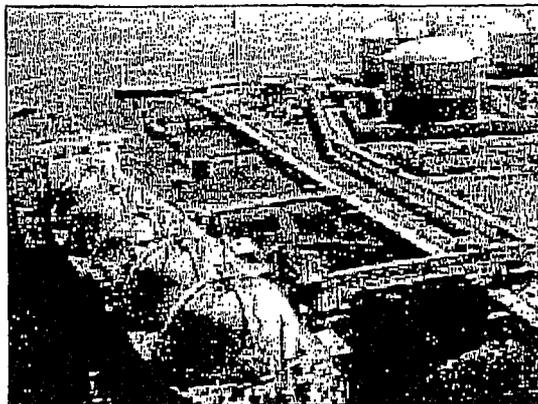
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The case AGAINST a floating liquid natural gas facility in the middle of Long Island Sound:

Long Island Sound is one of the most beautiful and important bodies of water in the United States and home to thousands of species of wildlife and is a vital part of our nation's ecosystem. The Sound also provides employment and recreational opportunities to millions regionally.

Now two powerful energy companies have joined together to propose the construction of a huge liquid natural gas storage facility for the middle of Long Island Sound. Along with an additional 25 miles of pipeline, this project would exact untold environmental damage, negatively affect the livelihoods of fisherman and diminish the quality-of-life for shoreline residents.



LNG Transport Vessel and Land-based Terminal

This floating industrial complex would be nearly 10-stories tall, four football fields long, and 180-ft. wide. It would be anchored about 10 miles from East Haven and 18 miles from Hammonasset State Park.

The proposed "Broadwater Project" does nothing to replace environmentally damaging power plants since it will only add to existing supplies.

Common-sense alone would dictate rejecting this monstrosity. Water quality in the immediate area would be threatened.



Vapor Cloud

Potential explosions from platform operations, other technical malfunctions, and tankers that take shipments of liquid natural gas to the facility would also pose a significant threat to human and ecological safety.

Finally, to protect against possible terrorist activities, a large portion of the Sound surrounding the platform and fuel tankers would have to be designated "no boating" and "no fishing," limiting public access to these waters.

Long Island Sound belongs to everyone and we have an obligation to protect it . . . not only for today, but for the benefit of our children and future generations.

Join Save the Sound and CFE as we work to defeat this ill-conceived, shortsighted, and unacceptable project.

A massive floating liquid natural gas storage facility in the middle of Long Island Sound is ill-conceived, shortsighted, and unacceptable.



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City of Milford
City of Norwalk
Committee to Save Guilford Shoreline
Common Ground High School
Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal
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RESOLUTION by the Town of _____ **REGARDING**
OPPOSITION TO THE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY PROPOSED
BY BROADWATER ENERGY

WHEREAS Long Island Sound is one of the most beautiful and important bodies of water in the United States and considered a home to a vast array of wildlife, provides employment and recreational opportunities for millions of people throughout the region, and is a vital part of our nation's ecosystem; and

WHEREAS Broadwater Energy is proposing to construct a nearly 10-stories tall, a quarter-mile long, and 180-ft. wide floating industrial complex just over Connecticut waters and near the center of Long Island Sound; and

WHEREAS the huge liquid natural gas regasification and storage facility proposed for the middle of this national treasure poses a significant threat to health and ecological safety; and

WHEREAS due to this safety hazard, a significant area of the Sound surrounding the platform would be designated a "no boating," "no fishing," "no public access" area in contradiction of the fact that Long Island Sound is held in trust for the citizens of Connecticut and New York; and

WHEREAS the project also includes more than 25 miles of new undersea pipeline; a development that in and of itself could have a significant and negative impact on the critically important sea bottom of the Sound; and

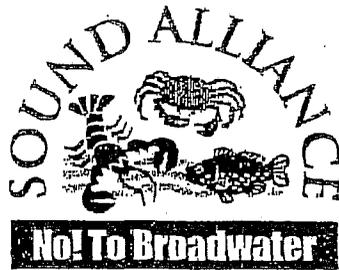
WHEREAS water quality in the immediate area could be threatened by water intakes and discharges, sewage wastewater treatment, storm water runoff and potential liquid natural gas spills; and

WHEREAS the visual and noise impacts of the massive lighted industrial facility could be significant; and

WHEREAS regional leaders have identified a variety of sustainable and reasonable energy alternatives including renewables, conservation and efficiency programs, and improved LNG systems and siting that would meet our energy needs and create greater energy security benefits; and

WHEREAS these alternatives would not threaten Long Island Sound and its significant resources,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the city/town of _____
oppose the industrial complex proposed by Broadwater Energy for Long Island Sound.



Dear Mayor,

Sound Alliance, a new coalition of organizations, elected officials, and individuals committed to promoting Sound-wise initiatives is asking your town to join us in our fight against the ill-conceived energy development project known as Broadwater Energy. Save the Sound, a program area of Connecticut Fund for the Environment is spearheading the formation of Sound Alliance.

Perhaps you have heard about Broadwater's proposal for a floating Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) industrial terminal moored in the middle of Long Island Sound. A monstrous project, 10 stories tall, 1200 feet long, and 180 feet wide, this industrial complex could threaten human and ecological safety in one of the most beautiful and important bodies of water in the United States.

If permitted, this project would increase the number of large ships traversing Long Island Sound by approximately 2-3 tankers per week for the entire life of the Broadwater project. These LNG tankers would be about 900-1000 feet long – among the largest ships using the Sound. Each tanker would require a "safety exclusion zone" surrounding it as it travels through the Race to dock with the proposed Broadwater terminal (general location 41° 05.7N and 72° 53.7W).

While the Coast Guard will ultimately determine the size of the "safety exclusion zone," other harbors have seen zones over 1 mile in diameter; these safety bubbles alone have forced boaters to evacuate areas upon notice of the incoming vessels. *In addition to the always moving exclusion zones, the Broadwater industrial complex itself would be surrounded by a "no fishing", "no boating", and "no public access" area.*

Strong, visible and early public opposition is necessary to defeat this project, and we need local elected officials in every shoreline town, and across Connecticut to tell energy giants TransCanada and Shell, backers of Broadwater Energy, that they cannot take away our historic right to use and enjoy all of Long Island Sound.

We ask that you join Sound Alliance, and begin the work now to pass a town resolution in your community opposing the proposed LNG terminal in Long Island Sound. Help mobilize a unified effort with our Long Island neighbors against this potential disaster.

A Sound Alliance sign-on form is attached, and may be returned by fax or mail to: Terri Kinney, CT Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound, 205 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511; Fax: 203.787.0246, tkinney@cfenv.org. Draft language for a Town Resolution is also included for your consideration.

Thank you for your assistance in this effort. Please feel free to contact me at llopez@savethesound.org or Terri if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely

Leah Lopez Schmalz, Director of Legislative and Legal Affairs
Save the Sound

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