

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-OCTOBER 24,2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council 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, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of September 11, 2005

Motion so passed. Ms. Blair and Mr. Schaefer abstained.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence for the troops serving at home and abroad and for all the victims of the hurricanes.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The Mayor asked the public to keep their statements to three minutes and to allow all persons to speak at least once before asking to speak again.

Lisa Eaton, 89 Lorraine Drive, presented the following statement as well as a petition of 259 signatures requesting that the Council appoint a Charter Revision Commission to consider revisions to the Charter.

Andrew Ewalt, 43 Brookside Lane, spoke in favor of the MDP and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

Vicki Wetherell, President of the Willimantic River Alliance, Inc, read a statement to the Council of their concerns during the recent drought and resulting water supply issues affecting the Storrs Community. See attached.

April Holinko, 52 Middle Turnpike, read a statement to encourage the Council to appoint a Charter Revision Commission.

John DeWolfe, Fellen Road, spoke in support of the Downtown Partnership project and the MDP.

Richard Schwab and Kristin E. Schwab, 85 Willowbrook Road, wrote a letter supporting the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the project. See attached.

JC Martin, 219 Crane Hill Road, spoke in support of establishing a Charter Revision Committee. He urged that the vote should be accessible by all and be private. He wished to keep the Annual Meeting, but then go to referendum vote by machine. He spoke on the approval of the Downtown Partnership project as long as the first amendment rights would be honored throughout the complex.

Janet Jones, 221 Wormwood Hill Road, read a statement in support of the MDP. See attached.

Roger Adams, 282 Wormwood Hill Road, spoke in support of the MDP. He felt that the project will provide an opportunity for students to use a downtown area and that this project will be done correctly.

Carol Pellegrine, 269 Clover Mill Road, spoke in support of the Charter Revision Commission. It has been 10 years since the last commission and part which addresses the fire departments needs to be updated. The annual meeting must allow a private vote without feeling intimidation. Also there is a real concern that non-residents are voting.

Ken Dardick, 1027 Mansfield City Road, and a resident of 30 years, spoke in support of the Downtown project. This area, place will bring together all the various sections of town and have a positive impact on the community.

Richard Pellegrine, 269 Clover Mill Road, spoke in support of the petition to establish a Charter Revision Commission. He spoke of hostile encounters with people over past budget issues. He stated that voting is a sacred right and that it should be a secret, private ballot.

Bruce Goldman, 187 Browns Road, spoke in support for establishing a Charter Revision Commission. Since votes may be contentious they should be private.

John Roulier, 19 Fellen Road, spoke in support of a Charter Revision Commission. He also asked the Council to do a better job of advertising.

Charles Eaton, 89 Lorraine Drive, read a letter to the Council regarding establishing a Charter Revision Commission. He stated that accessibility and privacy were the two main concerns. See attached.

Eva Eaton, Glen Ridge, spoke in favor of forming a charter revision commission. She is a former teacher in town.

Chris Kueffner, 192 Ravine Road, spoke in favor of the Charter, and supports the Downtown partnership MDP.

Ann Salina, 67 Highland Road, spoke in support of Mansfield Downtown Partnership project. She is Manager of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association. She says she hears from people that they are excited about the project and are in support of the project.

Dolan Evanovich, 10 Westwood Road, Vice Provost of Enrollment at the University of Connecticut, spoke in favor of the MDP. Both personally and professionally this will be a good project. Perspective students need off-campus choices, and this will make an already good community into a great community.

Audience for Citizens closed at 8:45 p.m.

Carl Schaefer, 35 Warrenville Road, made comments on the Charter revision request. Forming a Charter Revision Commission will not necessarily change the way the town votes on the budget. Right now we have a referendum vote for 1/3 of the budget, which is the Regional budget, and the turnout is not huge.

V. SWEARING IN OF COLLECTOR OF REVENUE AND TOWN ASSESSOR

Town Clerk, Joan E. Gerdson, gave the oath of office to Collector of Revenue Christine Gamache and Town Assessor Irene LaPointe.

The Town Council congratulated the two newly appointed women.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Municipal Development Plan for Storrs Center

Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, read a statement in support of the MDP. See attached.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND APPROVING STORRS CENTER MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. ("the Partnership"), as the municipal development agency of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") Section 8-188, prepare for the Town of Mansfield a municipal development plan for an enlarged and more economically diverse downtown, called Storrs Center, for the welfare of the Town and citizens of Mansfield, and of the state, pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. Chapter 132; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership and Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, the Master Developer for Storrs Center selected by the Partnership, have prepared the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan, dated August 25, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. Chapter 132; and

WHEREAS, said Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan (the "Storrs Center MDP") was duly referred to the Regional Planning Commission of the Windham Region Council of Governments and found by that Commission to be in accord with the present plan of conservation and development for the Windham Region, i.e., the Windham Region Land Use Plan 2002 as amended in July of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Storrs Center MDP was duly referred to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission and found by that Commission to be in accord with the Town of Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Development and with the Town's 2005 draft Plan of Conservation and Development update; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, on October 6, 2005, the Partnership, as Mansfield's municipal development agency, held a public hearing on the Storrs Center MDP pursuant to C.G. S. Sec. 8-191(a), and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the Partnership duly approved the Storrs Center MDP; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Town Council is the legislative body of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mansfield Town Council hereby RESOLVES as follows:

- (1) The Mansfield Town Council approves the said Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan;
- (2) The land and buildings within the Storrs Center project area will be used principally for a mix of uses, including a Town Green, public streets and parking areas, businesses and residences, which is in accord with the Town of Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Development, with the Town's 2005 draft Plan of Conservation and Development update, and with the present plan of conservation and development for the Windham Region, i.e., the Windham Region Land Use Plan 2002 as amended in July, 2005;
- (3) The Storrs Center MDP is not inimical to any statewide planning objectives of the state or state agencies as coordinated by the Secretary of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management;
- (4) The Storrs Center MDP will contribute to the economic welfare of the Town of Mansfield, the University of Connecticut, and the State of Connecticut;
- (5) To carry out and administer the Storrs Center project, public action under Chapters 132 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, is required (provided this Resolution does not approve taking of title to land by eminent domain); and
- (6) The Mansfield Town Manager is authorized and directed to submit this Resolution to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for submission, in turn, by the Partnership to the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for approval pursuant to C.G.S. Sec.8-191(a).

Mr. Hawkins, commented that responses from Cynthia van Zelm, Director of the Downtown Partnership, Mr. Toledano, Mr. Cody and Mr. Lee Cole-Chu, were most thoughtful and helpful concerning comments and questions raised at the public hearing on October 11, 2005. Water concerns and adequacy of the supply need to be dealt with separately for the Storrs area and independently of this development. We need to go forward.

Mr. Clouette, We need to ask does this conceptual plan promote our common vision for a real college town in Storrs? Although sensitive to a lot of the negative issues that have been raised I think it is important to remember these positive attributes of the project: First it is unusually environmentally responsible. 2/3 of the proposed 31 acres are going to be permanently protected. A state of the art storm water management system has been proposed for this area. There is a commitment to energy conserving design. Yes, this is a part of our vision. Secondly, this is a development, which supplies us with public places; it has a

square for public gathering, it provides publicly owned streets and sidewalks. All that is owned privately now. This is going to improve a person's first amendment rights by providing public streets and sidewalks. Thirdly, this is a development that is planned to be pedestrian friendly. At present it is not easy to go from one commercial area to another. We can expect a really good mix of retail from this proposal. We have heard from the development team that they have had success not in filling up the place with national companies but with local indigenous businesses. This provides a critical mass. We have seen a decline in the vitality of Storrs Center over the past 20-30 years. In order to reverse that decline we need it large enough to provide the critical mass whereby you can create a destination that will have commercial viability. The developers will be investing a lot of money, and they should be smart in how they invest. This project has had exceptional public input, and this will continue, through the non-profit partnership with Council membership and town staff, notably our Town Manager, who will supervise this project and will be on key committees. This has been marked with a great effort for business retention and relocation. Is this a good time to act? I believe it is. All local and state departments have acted on it. This plan is at least 95% of what I always dreamed about since I came here in 1971. There is so much good about this project, I will not act to delay this any further. I am concerned about water, traffic and retention relocation and will be working to see that these issues are resolved. This offers us a terrific chance and so I want to vote now and vote for it.

Mr. Paulhus, I wanted to say that I am in support of this too for two reasons; it is about time we had a central place for the kids to come especially the Town Green, which I think will be good, because I will probably be there with my son while my wife shops. I think it would be great for the UConn students who will have a place to go to spend their money in Mansfield instead of in Manchester where all the other shops are. As Bruce said, I think this plan is 95% what we have been looking for and the other 5% I think we can fix down the road with all the other agencies we have at our disposal.

Ms. Redding, I would like to talk a little about my own experience. I grew up here, went to school here and now live and work here. I am a life-long resident of Storrs. As Carol Pellegrine said at the last meeting, her kids called Storrs "Snoreville". I have heard it and maybe even participated in it. But when she said it I was horribly offended. Because despite the fact it is a quiet town there are things about Storrs that we love. We like it because it is a lovely town, a green town, has charm even though we do not have a vibrant downtown. However, I have spent my entire life wanting a vibrant downtown. I do not think it is a choice between one and another. We are redeveloping a piece of land that at this point has little cohesion. It doesn't make a downtown. So I think this project is the culmination of whatever I wanted in this area, however, I would not want to allow feelings and emotions to get in the way of what is going on and specific actions of the plan. We can address the issues of water, traffic and relocation of businesses. This is a concept place. We will be affirming the plan tonight. The Planning and Zoning Commission as a body will be reviewing the plans and will be using due diligence to make sure that what is built here is responsible and that it fits into the town. Voting tonight allows the process to continue which is what needs to happen. The water issue is a major concern, and again this issue will be here whether we develop this plan or not, and we will need to come up

with a suitable answer on this issue. The relocation plan is a big issue, and some want to wait to see what the Board of Trustees is going to do on this issue. But when I vote on this tonight I hope the Board of Trustees will vote to have a permanent space for the retailers to go and I'm hoping the proposals and concerns are given the importance that I feel has been demonstrated. This is a partnership, we have all embarked on this, and we will all continue to have influence on the decision making as part of the partnership; we have our own members on the partnership. Ultimately we make the decisions together. I am excited about the proposal and I think it is really good. We will be following closely the various steps that will be taken and hope care is given to all future decisions.

Mr. Haddad wished to asked questions of Mr. Padick as Town Planner. What is the process for adopting this special zone with the Planning and Zoning Commission, and what does the commission do when it is considering its' own change?

Mr. Padick, there are two steps which need to be taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The current zoning map would have to be changed for a special design district. That is a legislative action, there will be a public hearing process which could be done on its own accord or could be done in conjunction with the regulations changes. I'm guessing that they would be done in conjunction with the regulations changes. The regulation changes we are talking about are changes to the zoning regulations and that again is a legislative action of the planning and zoning commission. They have to determine that the public's health, welfare and safety are adequately met and that there are proper safeguards to insure that, and that all the comprehensive elements that go into reviewing the land use application are properly addressed by these changes.

Mr. Haddad: By legislative action you mean we are relying on the judgment of an elected board that they are acting with broad discretion that they are making the best decision in the best interest of the town?

Mr. Padick: The legislative decisions set the law, the administrative, such as sub division are making sure that the regulations are followed in the application.

Mr. Haddad: Another elected board in town will have an important review of the special design district and that those decisions are made freely of their own free will. We are setting out a process.
How do we in any project insure the adequacy of a water supply to a project?

Mr. Padick: There are permits that are controlled by Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning. Then there is a full building process, which does require a signoff by the health department. I would anticipate that the zoning regulations would require some type of assurances that a regulatory agency, the state bodies, the university that there is an adequate supply and that would have to be part of the submission requirements as it is acted on by the Planning and Zoning approval process and then confirmed by the building permit process. There are a number of steps; all permits must be in compliance.

Ms. Koehn asked that if the developer Leland Alliance sells a piece of the

property to another developer, does that developer have to come back to Planning and Zoning or how does that work? Where does our control lie?

Mr. Padick: All land use plans are based on plans and not the owners. If the ownership changes that does not change the requirements of the town.

Ms. Koehn: Which department is responsible for determining the adequacy of the water supply?

Mr. Padick: The actual building permit does require a signoff of the Eastern Highland Health District. They would have to make sure the state health department's requirements have been properly addressed. I would expect the planning and zoning regulations would also have an obligation to provide information on that subject. There are two stages that would safeguard that there has been a sign off by those individuals who are responsible and that all applicable requirements by the University under state regulations have been met.

Ms. Koehn: And that would not change if there were a different manager of the UConn water supply system?

Mr. Paddock: We would have to have a duly authorized representative of the state health, in particular, as well as the local company sign off.

Ms. Blair, Having spent over 40 years in town and watching it develop and watching how carefully and all of our predecessors have set the stage for us. I believe that if we choose to go forward we have made the right choice because we are such a cautious group of people and our committees are so cautious. I think it is in our best interest to continue on with this development.

Mr. Haddad, I have served on this Council for six years and one of the very first things we did was to receive the Hyatt-Palmer report and this project closely mirrors what was in that report and how closely we've come to having a vision of a downtown that has broad consensus about and which lots of folks in the community share. It is a leap of faith like a bungee cord jump. The bungee cord is the six years of planning, the careful analysis in the MDP and the creation of the Downtown Partnership and the careful environmental studies, retention plan, streets and walkways. Since the land will change hands from the University to the developer, for the first time it will be subject to local approvals and local permitting process. We have confidence in the Planning and Zoning commission and other responsible people that we have in town who judge these projects. It takes a leap of faith, you need to trust what you've done so far, and although I have never bungee jumped, but I will vote yes today, and I have faith that this will turn out just as we hoped.

Ms. Koehn. First I fully support the goal of redevelopment of the downtown. I am a member of the Downtown Partnership. I have publicly stated that Leland Alliance has done a responsible role of sensitive environmental areas, in the downtown area, and that Leland alliance has demonstrated a commitment to green buildings. The Town Manager has given us thoughtful answers to questions that citizens and council members have raised in recent meeting. He also included the legal opinion from Attorney Dennis O'Brien that the agreement between the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center Alliance is

legally sufficient to protect the interests of the town. However, I also have concerns about issues that other Council members have raised. One is water. Has the developer been fully apprised of the seriousness of the water situation in Mansfield? I am also concerned about, as the Manager has mentioned, that the availability of water places limits on that development. I am concerned that the availability of water and the uncertainty of that availability places future constraints on the Town of Mansfield and the matter in which we choose to develop. The University of Connecticut plan for 2005 was not approved by the Dept. of Public Health. One of the reasons it was not approved had to do with the population projections for the University and population projections for the Downtown. The University must enter into an agreement with the developer to supply water. I'm concerned water, the stipulations in that agreement will be and the future impact of that agreement will have upon this town. Listening to my fellow members of the Town Council has helped me separate the issue of the development, which I fully support, from my concerns of the adequacy of water, and I feel much more confident tonight that we can proceed with the development of Storrs downtown and still do what's necessary to provide a scientific investigation required to make sure that the Town of Mansfield has adequate water for this development and for future projects which we choose to undertake.

Mayor Paterson, I have been involved with this project since Mike Schor talked about it after coming back from the National League of Cities conference. I have talked to every single agency and company who has been involved with providing us with information. The progress for this project has been very slow, very deliberate. All along we have chosen the "best of the best" to continue each step of the way. There has been no cost cutting involved no cut corners to save money, we have done this whole procedure from the beginning the right way. It has been an open process. That was one of the things as mayor I insisted upon. That the meetings would be conducted in a public fashion and they have been. And so I fully support the project, I have since we have first thought about it, I've had concerns along the way, and especially as we have gotten into more detail and I have always been satisfied with the answers I've gotten especially from the last team that has been put together. I have felt that they have been honest; I felt that they have been fair, and I have every reason to continue my trust in the group of people that are going to be putting this project together. I wholeheartedly support it and now I would like the Council to vote.

By voice vote the Council unanimously adopted the resolution.

Mr. Schaefer moved to add an item to new business. According to the minutes of the last meeting someone quoted me and I would like to respond to this formally. 13a. Seconded by Mr. Haddad. Vote unanimously. "Rebuttal from Carl Schaefer"

2. US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement

Ms. Koehn addressed this agreement and moved that the Town Council sign on to the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Second by Mr. Haddad. So passed unanimously. See attached

3. Fenton River

The Town Manager reviewed the two new pieces of information regarding the University of Connecticut water supply system. One is from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection. The University's water supply plan of November 2004 does not fulfill all the requirements of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and the plan needs modifications. The Mayor and the Manager met in Hartford and were assured that they would be kept informed as to the water supply plans. Manager met with Connecticut Water last week, they are the interim managers of the water system. They are water specialists and know how to update the system.

No action was needed.

4. Campus/Community Relations

The Town Manager handed out an article written by Susan Plese in the Saturday, October 22, 2005 Hartford Courant entitled "Constitution Has No Partying Clause".

VII. NEW BUSINESS

5. Grant Application to Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield, in association with the University of Connecticut, private property owners, and community residents, has been working for years to help plan the transformation of an existing commercial area on Storrs Road (Route 195) into a vibrant and economically successful mixed-use downtown that will be the heart of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66(g) of the Connecticut Legislature, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Mansfield make an application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD:

That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for state assistance, as imposed by Section 4-66 (g) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Mansfield in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved and the Town Manager is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be

required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

6. Storrs Center Relocation Assistance Plan

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager to expend \$20,000 from an existing capital projects account to provide seed funding for the Storrs Center Relocation Assistance Plan.

So passed unanimously.

7. Legal Services for Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager to expend \$10,000 from the capital projects fund to help fund legal services for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. Question from Ms. Koehn: Has the University matched our town funds? The Town Manager said yes.

So passed unanimously.

8. Referendum Information Sessions

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to schedule an information session at 7:00 p.m. on November 1, 2005 and a subsequent session at 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2005, to review the three questions that have been submitted to the voters of the Town of Mansfield for the November 8, 2005 referendum.

So passed unanimously.

9. Personal Service Agreement-Day Care Support at Mansfield Discovery Depot

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

RESOLVED: effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute a personal service agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to provide day care services at the Mansfield Discovery Depot for the children of University employees and students from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

So passed unanimously.

10. Amendment to Child Day Care Contract

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the following

resolution:

RESOLVED, effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Mansfield, with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as part of any offered agreement.

So passed unanimously.

11. Application for a Fiscal Year 2006/07 Library Services and Technology Act Long-range Planning Grant

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize Library Director Louise Bailey to submit the attached application to the Connecticut State Library for a Fiscal Year 2006/07 Library Services and Technology Act Long-Range Planning Grant.

So passed unanimously.

12. CT Highway Safety Program Project Application for 2005 Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's DUI Enforcement

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety for \$10,000 to be dedicated to police overtime for D.U.I. and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

13. CT Highway Safety Program Project Application for FY 2005/2006 Expanded DUI Enforcement

Ms. Redding moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety for \$40,000 to be dedicated to police overtime for D.U.I and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

So passed unanimously.

13a. Rebuttal from Mr. Schaefer

Mr. Carl Schaefer discussed a comment made by Cynara Stites in the October 11, 2005 minutes.

He clarified that since it was in the minutes, he would like his letter to Ms. Stites placed in the minutes.

He moved that his letter be placed in the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Clouette.

So passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Housing Authority will meet on Wednesday, at 8:00 a.m. on October 26, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. at their office. Town Council members and the Town Manager will attend if possible.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The personnel committee will be on the agenda next meeting, November 14, 2005 under Executive Session to discuss the Town Manager's evaluation.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Schaefer announced that the latest publication of the Mansfield Historical Society is "Listen to the Echoes" second edition, written by the Town Historian, Roberta K. Smith. It is her account of the Spring Hill district.

Mr. Clouette attended a meeting sponsored by the Graustein Foundation, who gives the town our School Readiness grant. They gave out awards to towns that had participated in this program. The awards were two clocks, which were given to Ms. Sandy Baxter, School Readiness Coordinator, and Mr. Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services and a plaque, which he will give to the Town Manager.

Mr. Hawkins expressed concern that minutes from the Housing Authority had not been given to the Town Clerk's office. He suggested that the Authority give minutes to the Town Clerk in a more timely fashion and that the Town Manager's office will then place them in the Town Council packets.

Ms. Blair spoke on the Old-Timer's Night at the Eagleville Fire House. The dinner honored 38 members, 28 came, and the oldest was 93. To be honored you had to be in the department 20 years and be over the age of 50. There were 110-120 people present. The Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Fire Chief were present.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Question has come up as to what is happening to the Water Utility Coordinator Committee. They are re-writing the regulations and in 2006 will be starting up again.

The Town Manager congratulated the people who assisted during the past storm of October 15th. The department of public works, police, fire and emergency personnel spent many hours in the town assisting with problems created by flooding and high waters along the rivers. With the backup of water at the Mansfield Hollow Dam, Bassetts Bridge Road was closed and part of the road was damaged. The town will be listing costs and presenting that list to the State of Connecticut. Public Works Director, Mr. Lon Hultgren described the loss of

about five feet of the road on Bassetts Bridge road.

Notice of the November Election was handed out. Prepared by the Town Clerk it stated the locations of the polling places.

Tomorrow Mayor Paterson will be facilitating a CCM meeting in Hartford to discuss education issues, which CCM wants to present to the legislature.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Charter Revision Committee

"Mansfield Knows" e-mail distribution list to people in town.

The Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Matt Hart, said that the Town's IT Department has developed a prototype and the staff is now reviewing it. Question was raised if there would be a contest to name this service, whether from the school system or computer club? Mr. Hart answered that was a possibility.

Mr. Hawkins will be attending the CCM public safety committee meeting. He is now on the State committee.

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. D. O'Brien re: Petition for Appointment of Charter Revision Committee

15. B. Silva re: Mansfield Reynolds School on Depot Road

16. Mansfield Board of Education-Student Enrollment Analysis

17. J. Wessell re; Elderly Nutrition Program

18. R. Miller re: Separatist Road/Stadium Road Detention Basin Sampling

19. The Wall Street Journal Online-"Nearly Half of Americans Cite "Too Little" Environment Regulation

20. Mansfield Recycling Program, October-December 2005

21. Present Appointments to CCM Committees for Town of Mansfield

22. Legislative Update-New Special Session Called: Municipal Issues at Stake

23. H. Abramson re: Municipal Development Plan

24. 2004 Early Childhood Indicators-State of the Young Child Profile for Mansfield, Ct.

25. Mansfield Department of Public Works Press Release-Clover Mill Road to be Closed to Through Traffic

Ms. Koehn expressed concern over the Schweppe well, which has been contaminated for about six years.

Mr. Hawkins expressed concern over the possible Mansfield Reynolds School on Depot Road. He wondered if the neighbors have had the opportunity to express their feelings on it. Council needed more information on this.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Not needed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:32 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk