



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, March 26, 2007
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

March 12, 2007

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting.
Seconded by Mr. Hawkins, the motion passed with Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad requested a moment of silence to honor U.S. Military personnel who have fallen in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, requested that the Town Council approve the resolution supporting the Partnership's application before PZC. (Statement Attached)

Peter Millman, 122 Dog Lane and a member of the Planning and Design Subcommittee of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, spoke in favor of the text and map amendment currently before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Millman stated that he has been impressed with the attentiveness of the developers to the concerns of the community and feels that this is a project that the Town will be proud of and is what it needs.

Robert Coughlin, 49 Storrs Heights Road, noted that although he agrees that it would be nice to have a community center with shops and restaurants he does have some concerns regarding the proposed project. Mr. Coughlin feels that the project is overly ambitious and will add to the gridlock on Rte. 195. He is concerned that if the project fails the developer would own the land. He also suggested that the project be done in phases and not as one six -year endeavor. Mr. Coughlin would like to see more of a New England look with perhaps a saltbox style house in the center and is worried that the housing and business mix might produce another Hunting Lodge Road situation. Mr. Coughlin also questioned the assumptions made in the traffic study, noting that these

assumptions are not within the control of the Town but are used to determine a finding of minimal traffic impact.

A motion to make Item 5 the first order of business was made by Mr. Paulhus seconded by Ms. Blair and passed by all.

5. Proclamation in Honor of Girl Scout Week

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Koehn seconded, effective March 12, 2007, to authorize Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Girl Scout Week.

Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Haddad, accompanied by the entire Council, presented the Proclamation in Honor of Girl Scout Week to Troop 5577. Representatives of the Scouts urged members of the audience to participate in the blood drive they are sponsoring on March 23, 2007 at Southeast School.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community/Campus Relations

Matthew Hart, the Town Manager, reported that plans for Spring Weekend are being finalized and that the DUI checks and extra State Police presence have been organized. He stated that he hopes partygoers conduct themselves in a responsible manner and thanked, in advance, all those who work so hard to protect and assist the community during this event.

2. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

Ms. Koehn requested clarification as to where the data for projected water withdrawals are in the plan. The Town Manager noted that this document outlines the strategy and the actual plan is still being devised. He will check to see if the water withdrawal data is in the actual plan.

3. Registrar and Deputy Registrar Compensation

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Koehn seconded, retroactive to January 1, 2007, to set the pay rate for the Registrars at \$20.02 per hour, and the pay rate for Deputy Registrars at \$15.02 per hour.

Deputy Mayor Haddad commented that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the compensation and found it to be fair and comparable to other area towns.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Acceptance of Various Town Roads

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective March 13, 2007, to authorize Town Manager Matthew W. Hart, subject to the conditions cited below, to accept Jackson Lane as a Town road. Town acceptance shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Developer replacement of two intersection warning signs on South Bedlam Road and
2. Execution by the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman, Mansfield Controller, and the developer of a one-year maintenance bond agreement that addressed all regulatory requirements and approval conditions.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Proclamation in Honor of Girl Scout Week

Previously addressed.

6. Mansfield Charter Revision Commission, Request for Extension

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

WHEREAS, the Town Council has established a Charter Revision Commission pursuant to Section 7-190(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

And, WHEREAS, said Section 7-190(b) requires the Town Council to specify by resolution when the Commission shall submit its draft to the Town Clerk, who, pursuant to General Statutes Section 7-191 (b), shall then transmit such report to the Council;

And WHEREAS, by previous resolution adopted on March 27, 2006 the Town Council has established that the Charter Revision Commission must provide its draft report to the Town Clerk by April 2, 2007;

And WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend its previous resolution to provide that the Charter Revision Commission must provide its draft report to the Town Clerk by May 11, 2007:

And WHEREAS, all other provisions of the March 27, 2006 resolution issued by the Town Council to establish the Charter Revision Commission shall remain in force;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Charter Revision Commission shall review and make recommendations in its report concerning the Mansfield Town Charter and related subjects, and provide its draft report to the Town Clerk by May 11, 2007, for submission to the Town Council.

Town Attorney, Dennis O'Brien, outlined the effect the extension might have on the desire of the Council to place the Charter revisions on the November ballot. He feels that a short extension would not greatly change the chance for inclusion on this year's ballot. In response to questions Stephen Bacon, Charter Revision Commission Chair, stated that the Commission feels that they can complete their work with this extension which is well within the sixteen-month limit set by the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion passed unanimously,

7. Pay Grade, Deputy Chief/Emergency Management Director Position

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded effective March 12, 2007, to set the pay grade for the Deputy Chief (Fire Marshal)/Emergency Management position at grade 23 of the town administrators pay plan.

Deputy Mayor Haddad stated that the Personnel Committee also reviewed and endorsed this change in classification.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Classification of Executive Assistant to Town Manager Position

Move, effective March 12, 2007, to replace the Management Assistant position with the position of Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, and to set the pay grade for the Executive Assistant to the Town Manager position at grade 15 of the town administrators pay plan.

Deputy Mayor Haddad noted that this change was also reviewed and endorsed by the Personnel Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Applications(s) to Department of Economic and Community Development for Small Cities Program Funds

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, effective March 12, 2007, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 26, 2007, to solicit public comment regarding the

proposed Application(s) to the Department of Economic and Community Development for Small Cities Programs Funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Amendments to Mansfield Housing Code

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective March 12, 2007, to schedule a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 26, 2007, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Mansfield Housing Code.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Planning and Zoning Commission Referral: Downtown Zoning Applications

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective March 12, 2007, to communicate to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission the Town Council's support for the two applications submitted by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. and Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, which applications are necessary to establish the Storrs Center Special Design District.

Ms. Koehn asked what an affirmative vote on this motion means. Does it mean support for the application to take it to the next step or does it mean approval for all aspects of the project? Mr. Clouette commented that a "yes" vote would be an endorsement of the general concept of the Special Design District and the accompanying approval process and that anything beyond that would be usurping the authority of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Hawkins noted that in some ways the motion is redundant since the Council unanimously approved the Municipal Development Plan. Mr. Schafer stated that the Council is being asked to reaffirm their earlier support with a far more detailed plan before them and that a "yes" vote would not be a major statement but anything else would be a major negative statement.

In favor: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer
Abstaining: Koehn

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Noting that a new Senior Center policy allows for membership for seniors who do not live in Town, Ms. Koehn asked if area towns had reciprocal agreements. The Town Manager commented that seniors from Mansfield

attend the Sweeney Center in Willimantic but will check with other area towns.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Schaefer reported that he, the Town Manager and the Finance Director met with the Charter Revision Commission to discuss how the Council conducts their overview of the financial responsibilities of the Town.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Redding announced her resignation from the Town Council effective March 27, 2007 (statement attached). Ms. Redding expressed her gratitude at having been able to serve on the Council and said that she found it to be an enriching experience. She urged her fellow Council members to continue to offer their special and individual perspectives as each one is so important to the good governance of the Town. Her last meeting will be March 26th.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Matthew Hart thanked Ms. Redding for all her work commenting that it has been a pleasure to work with her.

At the next Town Council meeting Patrick Mc Mahon, a specialist in economic development and a colleague of Mr. Hart, will conduct a presentation on sustainable economic development.

Mr. Hart and his staff have been exploring tools and systems to use to help evaluate programs and initiatives that have been enacted by the Council

Town Manager Report attached

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Schaefer requested that the name of the publication and date be included with the information.

12. Advance 'Measures Explored to Improve Safety on N. Eagleville Road'
13. S. Dyer re: Artwork at the Mansfield Community Center
14. Municipal Management Bulletin'UConn and DEP Launch New Website to Assist Municipalities With Land Use Decisions'

15. Storm water Sampling Report, 4th Quarter, Stadium Road Detention Basin, UConn
16. S. Thomas re: Commission on Aging

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move into Executive Session.
Motion passed unanimously.

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

Also Present: Matthew Hart, Town Manager, Maria Capriola, Assistant to the
Town Manager

Issues: Labor Relations
Open Space Acquisition

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

March 12, 2007

Good evening Deputy Mayor and Town Council members.

My name is Cynthia van Zelm and I am the Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership. I reside at 85 Helaine Road, Manchester.

On behalf of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, I ask the Town Council to approve the resolution before you by expressing your support for the Partnership and LeylandAlliance's applications to the Planning and Zoning Commission to change the Mansfield zoning regulations to allow for a new Storrs Center Special Design District – the next step on our road to building a great new downtown for the community.

As you, know, the Partnership, as municipal development agent for the Town for the Storrs Center project, has been working on the downtown project for over six years. We believe the applications, of which we are a co-applicant with the master developer, support the goals of the Town Council to create a mixed-use pedestrian friendly downtown. The applications support the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan, endorsed unanimously by the Town Council. Finally, they support the policies of the Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development that was endorsed by the Town Council and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission last year.

We are very excited about the progress that has been made and I encourage the Council to attend the Commission's public hearing on March 28 at 7 pm to begin discussion of our application.



*Town of Mansfield
Proclamation in Honor of Girl Scouts Week*

Whereas, Monday, March 12, 2007, marks the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and

Whereas, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence and character; and

Whereas, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout organization thrives for girls in so many settings; and

Whereas, through Girl Scouting's unique leadership development program, girls define leadership by making the world a better place by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities; and

Whereas, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in math, science, sports, technology, health and fields that can expand their horizons; and

Whereas, more than 3.7 million Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 95 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who grew up participating in Girl Scouting and exemplify the impact of this amazing movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Mansfield do hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouts has made to America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 11 – 17, 2007 as Girl Scouts Make The World A Better Place Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 12th day of March in the year 2007.

Gregory Haddad
Deputy Mayor, Town of Mansfield

March 12, 2007

Dear Mansfield Town Council Members:

I am officially tendering my resignation from the Mansfield Town Council effective March 27, 2007. Due to the extensive travel requirements of my new job I will be unable to attend regular meetings. Because of this conflict I feel that I will not be able to effectively serve the citizens of Mansfield and fulfill my duties as a Town Council Member to the best of my ability.

My three years on the council has been a truly enriching experience during which I have learned a great deal. It is my hope that the townspeople of Mansfield have benefited from my service as much as I have benefited from my experiences as a Town Council Member.

It has been a pleasure serving with each and every one of you, and an honor to serve the town which I love so very much.

Sincerely,

Caroline G. Redding

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: March 12, 2007
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

- The assisted/independent living advisory committee will be meeting for the first time this Thursday, March 15, at 2:00 PM in Conference Room C at the Beck Municipal Building. The meeting is open to the public....
- Another energy efficient lighting sale will be held this Thursday, March 15, from 12:00pm until 6:30pm, in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall. Come on in and enjoy great deals on these efficient and inexpensive lighting options.
- Last week, the strategic planning team interviewed three candidates to serve as the facilitator of our strategic planning exercise. The team was able to identify a preferred candidate, and I am conducting references on that firm now. I believe that we will be able to have the facilitator on board by the end of this month.
- I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new mechanic at our public works garage. Shawn Jennerwein is well qualified and we are happy to welcome him to the Town of Mansfield.
- Allison Knoecklein, who had served previously as a Library Page, was recently promoted to Library Assistant. I would like to congratulate Allison upon her promotion, and am confident that she will do a fine job in her new position.
- Town staff, particularly our traffic authority, is continuing to consult with UConn to improve pedestrian safety on roads and walkways local roads and crosswalks. The short-term strategies are focused upon improvements to signage and lighting, and we plan to extend what the university develops for North Eagleville Road to routes 195 and 275. We also continue to study the situation on Depot Road and will have some detailed recommendations for the council later this spring.

- Upcoming meetings:

- ✓ Charter Revision Commission, 7:00 PM, March 13, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- ✓ Transportation Advisory Committee, 7:30pm, March 13, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
- ✓ Historic District Commission, 8:00pm, March 13, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room C
- ✓ Mansfield Business and Professional Association, 8:00am, March 14, 2007, Mansfield Community Center
- ✓ School Building Committee, 5:00pm, March 14, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
- ✓ Assisted/Independent Living Advisory Committee, 2:00pm, March 15, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room C
- ✓ Emergency Management Advisory Council Meeting, 3:30pm, March 15, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
- ✓ Committee on Committees, 6:00pm, March 19, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
- ✓ Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 PM, March 19, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- ✓ Open Space Preservation Committee, 7:30pm, March 20, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
- ✓ Republican Town Committee, 7:00pm, March 21, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- ✓ Conservation Commission, 7:30pm, March 21, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
- ✓ Mansfield Downtown Partnership Finance and Administration Committee, 4:00pm, March 22, 2007, Partnership Office
- ✓ Mansfield Board of Education, 7:30 PM, March 22, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Town of Mansfield

Special Town Council Meeting

March 3, 2007

9:00 am

Mansfield Community Center Community Room

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Paterson (part of meeting), Deputy Mayor Haddad, Councilor Paulhus, Councilor Koehn, Councilor Clouette, Councilor Hawkins, Councilor Schaefer, and Councilor Blair

Absent: Councilor Redding

Staff Present: Town Manager Matt Hart, Finance Director Jeff Smith, Controller/Treasurer Cherie Trahan, Assistant to Town Manager Maria Capriola.

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 am, followed by introductory comments from Town Manager Hart.

1. Update Concerning Town's Financial Position

A) State and Municipal Fiscal Indicators

Councilor Koehn recommended the CT data manager as a data source; it is a source for Connecticut data and can be accessed at the Library. Discussion occurred regarding the number of students in our school system that live on state owned property. Mr. Smith stated that unlike most state owned property in other communities, our state owned property has people living within it.

B) Governor's Proposed Budget

The Governor's proposed budget is a 3.4% increase in revenues overall for Mansfield. This statistic is a bit deceiving because our FY 2007 actual revenues are much less than was adopted by the state. For example, Pequot revenues were adopted at \$1.2 million while actual revenues are now anticipated at \$613,000, nearly a 50% reduction.

C) Budget in Brief – Expenditure Summary

Assumptions for revenue were essentially the Governor's proposed budget. Exceptions: casino grant revenues were not used and we assumed that the car tax would remain in place.

D) Estimated Tax Warrant

A 1 mil increase is equivalent to generating \$916,000 in new revenue.

E) Mill Rate Increase

F) Major Budget Drivers

Highlights include: Benefits (particularly health insurance and pension) cost increases and the addition of a new resident trooper. Discussion regarding a false alarm ordinance occurred. **Council asked staff to investigate such an ordinance.**

G) Mansfield Board of Education

A slight increase (27 students) in pupil enrollment occurred in 2006.

H) Region 19 Board of Education

Small decreases in pupil enrollment have occurred and are projected to continue to occur in the near future. Councilors inquired as to how the Region's budget can increase while enrollment decreases. Mr. Smith stated that it is difficult to shrink an organization and that building and debt service costs for the Region are somewhat fixed.

I) Mansfield Five-Year Forecast

J) Major Grant Analysis

Mr. Smith discussed the valuation process of UCONN owned property. State owned property within Mansfield used to be 9.9% of total valuation and it has now shrunk to 9.3%. **Finance will investigate the cause for the decrease.** The group discussed Pequot revenue formulas, historic revenues, and budget v. actual variances.

K) Proposed Reductions to Cover Latest Grant Reductions

L) Five Year Capital and Non-Recurring Plan Update

M) Five Year Capital Improvement Program

Downtown Partnership resources were discussed. The proposed budget will recommend doubling the Town's contribution to the Partnership's operating budget. UCONN will be doubling their contribution as well. FY '08 will require a capital allocation for relocation expenses. Total relocation expenses are projected at \$700,00, 50% of which will be paid by the developer and 50% by the Town. Of the Town's \$350,000 share, \$286,000 is currently available for this purpose. An additional capital allocation of approximately \$64,000 will be needed.

N) Capital Improvement Program – Status of Open Space

O) Recreation Program

Discussion regarding potential general fund subsidies to support parks and recreation operations occurred. **Community Center debt service information was requested.**

P) Small Cities Program Status

It was recommended that Wright's Village may be a good candidate as a target neighborhood for a future grant application. **A list of current program income expenditures (actual and encumbered) was requested.** **Graduate student trends/demo in relation to occupancy at Holinko Estates was requested.**

Q) Estimated 2007/2008 Grand List

R) Consumer Price Index

S) Miscellaneous

Pandemic Flu Planning was discussed. **Councilor Koehn is interested in planning and funding efforts made by Emergency Management and EHHD in this area.**

Energy costs, improvements for efficiencies were discussed.

Town Hall improvements and a facility plan are currently being explored. An architect has been hired to determine space needs. A similar review will be conducted at the Sr. Center. Councilor Hawkins recommended that renovations at the Fire Station located on Route 195 could create administrative office space for Fire and Emergency Management, thus alleviating some of the space constraints at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 26, 2007

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at their regular meeting on March 26, 2007 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed Application(s) to the Department of Economic and Community Development for Small Cities Program Funds. This hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield.

At this hearing persons may address the Town Council and written communications may be received.

Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut this 19th day of March 2007.

Mary Stanton
Town Clerk

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 26, 2007

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. at their regular meeting on March 26, 2007 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Mansfield Housing Code. This hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

At this hearing persons may address the Town Council and written communications may be received.

Copies of the proposed changes are on file and available at the Town Clerk's office, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield.

Dated at Mansfield Connecticut this 19th day of March 2007.

Mary Stanton
Town Clerk

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Michael Ninteau, Director of Building and Housing Inspection
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Amendments to Mansfield Housing Code

Subject Matter/Background

At Monday's meeting, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to Mansfield Housing Code. As you may recall, the housing staff has identified five areas within the text of the housing code that in our opinion should be amended. The code has been enforced for approximately six months and these proposed changes are the result of citizen comments and actual situations we have dealt with. The amendments will clarify the intent of the code and eliminate loopholes within the affected sections.

Financial Impact

These changes should represent no financial impact to the town or property owners.

Legal Review

The Town Attorney has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed changes.

Recommendation

Unless the public hearing raises any additional issues that we have not considered, or if the Town Council wishes to make further revisions, staff recommends that the Council adopt the proposed changes to the housing code.

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

Move, effective March 26, 2007, to accept the proposed amendments to the Mansfield Housing Code, which amendments shall effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Amendments to Mansfield Housing Code

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HOUSING CODE

Sections 505.2.1 901.1, 901.2, and 901.6

505.2.1. Water test. Prior to a Rental Certificate being issued pursuant to Chapter 9 of this code, a copy of a water test (completed within the immediately preceding 24 months) indicating that the water supply meets the following minimum standards must be submitted to the Code Official:

- Chloride \leq 250 mg/l
- Nitrate \leq 10 mg/l
- Nitrite \leq 1.0 mg/l
- Manganese \leq 0.5 mg/l
- Chlorine, Residual $<$.05 mg/l
- Coliform Bacteria 0 col/100ml

The sample must be drawn and tested by a firm certified by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to perform such duties. The provisions of this section shall not apply to dwelling units that are served by a public water supply or are regulated by the Water Quality Monitoring Schedule directed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

901.1 Scope. No owner, agent or person in charge of a residential rental housing unit offered for rent within the Rental Certification Zone shall allow any person to occupy the same as a tenant or lessee for a valuable consideration, unless the owner, agent or person in charge holds a valid certificate of compliance issued by the code official for the specific housing unit.

Rental Certification Zone: The provisions of this chapter shall apply only to those residential rental housing units located within the Rental Certification Zone, hereinafter referred to as the "Certification Zone" (or to any residential rental dwelling or dwelling unit whose owner request such status and treatment by the Town of Mansfield). A map of the Certification Zone is attached as an appendix to this code.

Exception: The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to those housing units that are:

1. Age-restricted to persons aged fifty-five (55) and older.
2. Owned by the Mansfield Housing Authority.
3. Owned by the State of Connecticut. This exception shall not include those dwellings or dwelling units located within the Certification Zone that are owned by an entity leasing real property from the State of Connecticut.
4. Newly constructed housing units for the first five years after issuance of an initial certificate of occupancy by the Town of Mansfield Building Department.

5. Housing units in any building consisting of no more than four units, one of which is ~~owner occupied and serves as the owner's primary domicile~~ (the owner's primary place of residence in which he or she remains for more than half of the calendar year).
6. Single-family dwelling units rented or leased for a period not to exceed one year when the original owner occupant will return to that unit as his or her primary residence at the end of the rental term or lease.
7. Single-family dwelling units sold and rented or leased by the buyer to the seller as a condition of the sale to provide the seller with extended occupancy for a period not to exceed one year.

901.2 Conditions for issuance of certificates. Upon request of the owner, agent or other person authorized to rent a dwelling unit (hereinafter referred to as the "applicant"), the code official will be available at an appointed time, within a reasonable amount of time, agreed upon by the code official and the applicant, or later if the applicant requests, to inspect such dwelling or dwelling unit. If such inspection establishes that the dwelling or dwelling unit is in substantial compliance with this code, the code official shall issue a certificate of compliance for said dwelling or dwelling unit (. provided that all fees or other assessments charged against the dwelling or dwelling unit pursuant to this Housing Code have been paid). One (1) copy of the certificate of compliance shall be handed to or sent by mail to the applicant; a second copy shall be posted by the owner or his/her designated agent in a conspicuous location inside the dwelling or dwelling unit for the information of the tenant and shall not be removed by or at the direction of anyone other than the tenant; and a third copy shall be kept on file in the code official's office. After the issuance of a certificate, if, upon reinspection pursuant to this code it is determined by the code official that the dwelling or dwelling unit is no longer in substantial compliance with this code, the certificate may be revoked by the code official in writing stating the reasons for the revocation.

901.6 Violations and penalties. Any owner, agent or other authorized persons who lets for occupancy any dwelling or dwelling unit in the Town of Mansfield and who does not hold a valid certificate of compliance from the code official shall be given written notice by said official of said violation by personal service or by certified mail, addressed to said owner, agent or other authorized person in control of the subject property at his/her last known address. Any such person or entity who fails to cure such violation ~~within 10 days after receipt~~ (within 15 days after the date) of such written notice may be assessed a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day for each and every day that such violation continues, as each day of such continued violation shall be considered a separate violation of this chapter.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Proclamation in Honor of Caroline G. Redding

Subject Matter/Background

Ms. Caroline Redding has served on the Town Council since March 31, 2004. She has recently tendered her resignation from the Council effective after the March 26, 2007 meeting.

We are grateful for Caroline's many years of service to the Town, particularly her three years of service on the council, and we hope she will continue to be an active member of our community. We will be presenting Caroline with a proclamation in her honor at the March 26, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Town Council authorize Mayor Elizabeth Paterson to issue a proclamation in honor of Caroline G. Redding.

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

Move, effective March 26, 2007, to authorize Mayor Elizabeth Paterson to issue a proclamation in honor of Caroline G. Redding.

Attachments

- 1) Proclamation in Honor of Caroline G. Redding (to be distributed)

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Item #7

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Cherie Trahan, Controller/Treasurer
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Proposed Budget Review Calendar for Fiscal Year 2007/08

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find the proposed Budget Review Calendar for Fiscal Year 2007/08. The calendar is similar to the schedule the town council has used in previous years.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the town council adopt the calendar as presented, with the understanding that we may need to modify the schedule if issues arise during the review process.

The following motion is suggested:

Move, effective March 26, 2007, to adopt the Budget Review Calendar for Fiscal Year 2007/08, as presented by town staff.

Attachments

1) Proposed Budget Review Calendar for Fiscal Year 2007/08

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW CALENDAR
 BY TOWN COUNCIL
 2007/08

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECTION & PAGE</u>
Mar. 26 (Mon.) 7:30 p.m.	Budget Presented to Town Council Issues and Options	Council Chambers	
Mar. 28 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m.	Town-Wide Public Safety Revenues Operating Transfers Out Debt Service Internal Service Funds	Conference Room C	
Apr. 4 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m.	Mansfield Board of Education Daycare	Community Center	
Apr. 09 (Mon.) 6:30 p.m.	Health and Social Services Community Services Public Hearing (7:30pm)	Conference Room C	
Apr. 11 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m.	Library Area Agency Contributions Community Development Building Maintenance Recreation	Conference Room C	
Apr. 19 (Thurs.) 6:30 p.m.	Public Works Solid Waste Capital Projects CNR Town Aid Building/Housing Inspection	Council Chambers	
Apr. 23 (Mon.) 6:30 p.m.	Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations	Council Chambers	
Apr. 25 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m.	Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations (if necessary)	Council Chambers	
May 8 (Tues.) 8:00 p.m.	Annual Town Meeting	Mansfield Middle School	



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Historic Documents Preservation Competitive Grant

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find the draft copy of an application in the amount of \$86,925.00 to the state's Historic Documents Preservation Competitive Grant Program. The Town is applying for a competitive grant in order to continue the implementation of the Record Management Plan. This grant, if approved, would fund the installation of compact mobile storage units in the Town Clerk's vault that will allow records currently stored in the basement to be sorted, evaluated and properly stored. The grant funds would also be used to rehire Peter Bartucca of Document Management Systems to continue to assist with the project. If this grant is not approved the town will still be eligible for a \$7,000.00 targeted grant in the second funding cycle.

The state funds the grant program via a specific \$3.00 filing fee charged with the filing of land records, in which the town retains \$1.00 and remits the \$2.00 balance to the state. The State Library's Office of the Public Records Administrator oversees the fund and coordinates the grant program for Connecticut municipalities. The State Library's Office offers both targeted grants and competitive grants up to \$50,000.00 to towns.

Financial Impact

The grant program encourages contributions from the town. In addition to in-kind contributions of town staff time, local funds of \$11,200 will be spent on document disposal and to purchase a portion of the mobile storage units.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Town Manager to submit the grant application on behalf of the town. If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following resolution is in order:

Resolved, effective March 26, 2007, that Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and a contract with the State Library for a Historic Document Preservation Grant.

Attachments

1) Proposed Grant Application

HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION
 COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION -
 FY2008
 Connecticut Municipalities
 GP-001Crev.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 Connecticut State Library
 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106
 PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR

Name of Municipality: Town of Mansfield
 Title and Name of Municipal CEO: Matthew W. Hart
 Name of Town Clerk: Mary Stanton Check if Designated Applicant
 Mailing Address: 4 South Eagleville Road
 Mansfield, CT 06268
 Phone: 860-429-3302 FAX: 860-429-7785 Email: stantonml@mansfieldct.org

Grant Contract Period: Begin: 7/1/07 End: 6/30/08
 Grant Category (check one): Records Management Archival Management

Total Grant Amount Requested¹:

Application Summary
 (Do not write until after completing the rest of the application)

Provide a **one-paragraph** summary of the proposed project. Use only this space and no less than 10 pt. font.

"The basement area has certain characteristics that make it unsuitable for the storage of any record material". (Peter Bartucca, Town of Mansfield Record Management Survey). The Town of Mansfield is at an impasse. Our Records Management Plan is in place. Our Designated Representatives from each department are trained and have been implementing and refining the Plan in their offices. Over 200 cubic feet of non-records and obsolete records have been approved for disposal. Great progress is being made. Our Record Management Survey, however, has identified a serious problem. One of our two storage areas is unusable and the documents currently stored there are at risk. Many of the materials in this basement area are long-term and permanent records, which are being stored in mismatched boxes with no consistent labeling system. The second storage area, which is in the Town Clerk's vault, is filled to capacity with supplies, record material and other sundry items. In the interest of preservation and public access it is imperative that the material in these areas be evaluated, assigned a record series and custodian, boxed, labeled and properly stored. To that end we are proposing the installation of compact mobile storage units in the vault. As presented this model will accommodate all the current long-term and permanent record material with some room for growth. The completion of this project will allow the Town to continue with the implementation of our Plan and provide us with a records storage center that is accessible, organized and preserves Mansfield's history.

Budget Summary²

Line Items	Grant Funds (A)	Local Funds ³ (B)	Total Funds (A+B)
1. Consultant(s)/Vendor(s) ⁴	\$13,400	\$ 400	\$13,800
2. Equipment/Supplies	\$34,524	\$10,800	\$45,324
3. Town Personnel Costs ⁵	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Other In-kind Contribution(s)		\$27,801	\$27,801
TOTAL	\$47,924	\$39,001	\$86,925

¹ A competitive grant must be **more** than the maximum amount allowed for a targeted grant, which is for this grant year: \$ 7,000 for a Small Municipality (population less than 25,000); \$12,000 for a Medium Municipality (population between 25,000 and 99,999); \$17,000 for a Large Municipality (population 100,000 or greater).

² Transcribe section totals from the detailed budget on pages 5 & 6 of the application (pages 17 & 18 of the published guidelines).

³ Projects receiving a greater percentage of local funding will receive higher priority.

⁴ Do not list individual vendors in the summary. This information is provided in the detailed budget on pages 5 & 6 (pages 17 & 18).

⁵ Temporary help hired directly by the municipality and/or additional IP. 28 or existing staff. Consultant/Vendor personnel costs will be

Designation of Town Clerk as Applicant:

This section to be completed only if the MCEO wishes to designate the Town Clerk to make the application for the grant.

I hereby designate, _____, the Town Clerk, as the agent for making the above application.

Signature of MCEO

Date

Certification of Application:

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and that all eligibility requirements as outlined in the *Grant Guidelines 2007-2008* have been met.

Signature of MCEO (or Town Clerk if Designated Applicant)

Date (must be same as or later than above date)

Typed name of MCEO (or Town Clerk if Designated Applicant)

State Library Use Only

Grant Disposition:

Approved
Denied

Grant Award: \$ _____

Grant Number: _____

Signature (Public Records Administrator)

Date

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Grant Project Description
(Attach additional sheets to this page)

Name and Title of Project Supervisor: Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Department: Town Clerk
Phone: 860-429-3302 **FAX:** 860-429-7785 **Email:** stantonml@mansfieldct.org

Planning Survey(s) Completed (check all that apply):

Preservation Planning Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Records Management Survey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disaster Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date Town Clerk, MCEO or other approved staff attended grant training (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/18/2007

Project Category:

Records Management

Establish town-wide or multi-department records management program
Establish centralized records storage center
Create a town-wide disaster records recovery plan

Archival Management

Conduct an historic records inventory and create a preservation plan
Organize historical records and write a user guide

Project Format:

Will more than one department(s)/office(s)⁶ be involved in the project? X Yes No

If yes, please list them: Assessors; Board of Education, Building and Housing Inspection, Emergency Management, Finance, Information Technology, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Social Services, Tax Collector, Town Manager, Town Clerk

On as many additional sheets as necessary, please answer each of the following questions⁷:

1. Statement of Purpose.
 - a. Describe the specific records management or archival management issue(s) the project will address.
 - b. Explain why the issue(s) is (are) a priority.
2. Intended Results.
 - a. Explain how the project will resolve the above issue(s).
 - b. Describe how the project will benefit the town, the department/office(s) and the specific records involved.
 - c. Explain how the project relates to and will advance the town's overall records management and/or archival management.
3. Work Plan⁸.
 - a. Describe in detail the technique(s)/process(es) to be used and explain why they were selected over other options.
 - b. Provide a timetable for each phase of the project and an estimated date of completion.
4. Staffing.
 - a. Indicate which employee(s) will be involved in the project. Include job title(s), duties, number of estimated work hours and qualifications to work on the project. Describe any impact on present duties and how the town will mitigate the impact, if necessary.

⁶ Cooperative projects involving more than one department/office will receive greater consideration for funding.

⁷ Failure to answer any question will result in disqualification. If the CP. 3 On appears not to apply, please contact the grant staff for assistance.

- b. Identify any vendors or consultants that will be working on the project. [If not previously approved, attach document(s) supporting a company's qualifications to perform the proposed work or a resume for individual consultants.]

1. Statement of Purpose.

a. *Describe the specific record management issue the project will address.*

The Town of Mansfield has completed a Records Management Plan that has been adopted as Town Policy. This Plan sets forth a system of organizing, maintaining, and storing records. A Record Management Committee was established in 2003. Under the aegis of the Committee, the Plan together with Policies and Procedures were developed and the initial effort to eliminate non-records and organize permanent and long-term records was begun. Approximately 200 cubic feet of non-records and obsolete records were approved for disposal and eliminated. Designated Representatives from each department have been identified and trained in the proper handling of records. Staff throughout the Town have been working to implement the Plan. Our Records Management Survey, however, has identified a serious concern with the current storage of documents. The two main storage areas in the Town are the Town Clerk's vault and the basement of the Town Hall. Our Records Management Consultant, Peter Bartucca of Document Management Systems, has determined that the basement is completely unacceptable for the storage of documents. According to Mr. Bartucca, "The basement area has certain characteristics that make it unsuitable for the storage of any record material. Pipes distributing the hot water for heat originate in the entry room and transit the other two rooms. Electrical lines encased in conduit are also suspended from the ceiling and the electrical system panels are located in the storage area. A dehumidifier is located in the larger of the two subsidiary rooms and there is clear evidence of water seeping into the storage area. Insects are present in the storage area. Each of these items identified above represent a hazard to the security and/or preservation of the materials stored in this area." There are over 350 cubic feet of records in this area.

b. *Explain why the issue is a priority*

The Town has been working diligently to try to manage and organize the material that is generated in the process of governance. The Designated Representatives from each department have identified a "clean up" period each year. They have also begun to implement procedures in their daily tasks that will make the maintenance and storing of documents much easier. Departments that have materials in the basement will have to evaluate what is there and properly sort and store those documents that are of value. Examples of items in the basement are: minutes of boards and commissions; small city grants; capital project files; social service case files; attorney opinions; blueprints and plans for town owned and commercial buildings; personnel files; open space records and so on. Many of these are valuable, permanent and long-term retention Town records that must be preserved. Continued storage in the basement puts these materials at risk of loss or damage. The question now becomes where do we store those permanent and long-term items that must be preserved?

2. Intended Results

a. *Explain how the projects will resolve the above issues.*

The installation of compact mobile storage units replacing the wired partitions (cages) currently in the vault will significantly increase the Town's storage space. Installation of these storage units will allow us to rescue important records from the basement, rebox these documents and incorporate them into the sorted material from the cages.

Organization of the files from the cages and the basement will assist us in refining the Record Management Plan, eliminating duplicates and associating individual record series with the most appropriate custodian. Completion of this project will improve organization, filing and retrieval of the records and insure that the both staff and citizens will be able to access the information they need in a timely manner.

b. *Describe how the project will benefit the town, the department offices and the specific records involved.*

Having a place to organize and store records will allow full implementation of the Records Management Plan and address one of the main concerns uncovered in the Records Management Survey. As materials are removed from the basement and reviewed those that will be retained will be boxed, labeled and inventoried. This material will be either identified as a permanent record or will have a date set for disposal. Records to be examined include personnel records, social service case files, minutes, capital project files, attorney opinions, small cities grants, Town Manager files and other material that we currently cannot access. Permission to dispose of obsolete records and records that have passed their retention dates will be sought. Duplicate and extraneous material will be disposed of. Proper identification and filing will make it easier for staff to respond to request for information and it will insure that the Town has all the required documentation it needs. This process will reduce duplication of efforts, but more importantly proper storage will guarantee that permanent records will be preserved.

c. *Explain how the project relates to and will advance the town's overall records management.*

With the basement eliminated as a place for storage, the only area suitable for storage of permanent and long-term records is in the Town Clerk's vault. The caged area currently has an assortment of shelving and contains a variety of documents from almost every department in Town. The Records Plan cannot continue to be implemented if there is no space to properly and cohesively organize these documents. By limiting the vault area to only storage of long-term and permanent records this project will insure that the Town will have the capability to protect this information now and also protect information generated in the future.

This plan does not address all of the document storage concerns of the Town. We are in the beginning process of developing a long-term plan to develop additional short-term record storage capabilities for the Planning and Zoning, Building, Fire, Maintenance and Housing Departments. This will involve eventual expansion of the Town Hall.

3. Work Plan

a. Describe in detail the techniques to be used and explain why they were selected over other options.

We estimate that the volume of material in the basement and in the cages is in excess of 1000 cubic feet. Overseen by Peter Bartucca of Document Management Systems and assisted by the Town Clerk and staff, Department Representatives will begin evaluating, sorting, boxing and labeling the long-term and permanent material, requesting approval to dispose of expired material and eliminating non-record material. We anticipate that approximately one third of the material will be disposed of. This will leave about 650 cubic feet of record material. Since the material in the basement is at risk our goal will be to arrange by general subject matter and to make decisions on that material as quickly as possible. We will eliminate the obvious non-record material and bring the remaining material to the vault for further evaluation and refinement as to custodians and record series.

Installation of the first 5 carriages will accommodate the long-term and permanent record material from the basement and the cages after the final sorting, boxing and labeling has been completed. There will remain a modest amount of room for growth. Five carriages will provide 750 cubic feet of storage. In these units we will have a lockable area for vitals, student records and personnel files. There will also be a lockable cabinet for Information Technology.

Since the material in the basement is currently at risk, the 2 additional carriages that the Town will purchase will allow us to remove the material from the basement to these units for further refinement and decisions before final filing. These units will also provide 302 cubic feet of additional storage area. The tile floor and rails for the entire section of the vault will be included as part of the original installation so the Town will be able to purchase additional units as needed. The total amount of storage space available when the entire system is eventually installed will be nearly 1500 cubic feet. The Town will install additional lighting in this area of the vault as needed. The vendor will remove all materials from the caged area, disassemble the cages, install the units and replace the material.

This approach to the problem has been selected after looking at a variety of options. It became obvious early in the process that nothing could be done to make the basement area suitable for storage. A review of other town owned facilities was undertaken and one possibility was identified. The Town owns a number of buildings on the grounds of the old Mansfield Training School, which is approximately 10 minutes from the Town Hall. An old refrigerated storage room was evaluated as a potential site. The space is offsite, not a vault and would cost a significant amount of money to make it workable. Even if it could be made acceptable it would still need storage equipment. Off-site commercial storage was also rejected for storage of permanent records. There are no commercial storage facilities nearby that could be used for storage of short and long-term records. It was therefore determined that dense storage capabilities in our existing large

vault would be preferable. The vault is on a slab, making installation of these units possible. In order to address humidity concerns enumerated in the Records Survey, the Town is planning to replace the existing heating/air conditioning system in the vault within the next year. Recently we moved all computers from the vault into the anteroom. Our vault will be an excellent storage area. Access to the vault is through the Town Clerk's office, which will allow us to control access to the vault. We will require that only permanent or long-term retention items are stored and no boxes will be deposited unless they are in accurately labeled uniform containers.

Floor space is limited and very expensive. Compact mobile shelving units were chosen because they provide dense storage volume in a limited footprint.

b. *Provide a timetable for each phase of the project and an estimated date of completion.*

This proposal addresses the application of the Record Management Plan to the material currently in the caged area of the vault; the initial sorting, boxing and removal of basement material; the installation of compact mobile storage units and the filing and organizing of long-term and permanent records on the shelving. We expect this work to be completed in stages as described below and to be completed by May of 2008. The complete sorting, organizing and boxing of all the basement material will be an involved process and will continue past the time of this proposal. The goal of this phase is to remove and protect all permanent and long-term record material from the basement. As time allows we will also dispose of record material that has exceeded its retention requirements and non-record material.

Activity	Responsibility	Time
Set up processing area in vault	Consultant, Town Clerk	7/01/07
Inventory each caged area; analyze material to determine proper disposition; remove all supplies and non-record material; prepare disposal authorizations; rebox, folder and organize.	Consultant, Town Clerk Designated Representatives	7/01/07 to 8/15/07
Group boxes in basement by subject matter; begin evaluation; prioritize based on importance of record starting with permanent records; move upstairs to processing area in increments; request authorization to dispose of items past retention date; folder, box, organize and inventory.	Consultant, Town Clerk Designated Representatives Maintenance	8/15/07 ongoing
Shredding	Info Shred Maintenance	9/01/07
Remove boxed material;	Dupont or comparable vendor	9/ 17/07 to

dismantle existing shelving and wire partitions; install lighting; lay floor and rail; install mobile shelving units.	Maintenance	10/19/07
Arrange boxed and organized material sequentially by department	Consultant, Town Clerk Maintenance	10/22/07 to 11/29/07
Continue to process basement material	Consultant, Town Clerk Designated Representatives	ongoing

4. Staffing

a. *Indicate which employees will be involved in the project. Include Job titles, duties, number of estimated work hours and qualifications to work on the project. Describe any impact on present duties and how the town will mitigate the impact, if necessary.*

1. Town Clerk: As chair of the Record Management Committee the Town Clerk is clearly invested in the project. In conjunction with Peter Bartucca of Document Management Systems the Town Clerk has trained the Designated Representatives from each department in the proper organization, retention and disposal of records. Approximately 5 to 8 hours per week will be spent on the project depending on the phase of the program being implemented. The Town Clerk has completed the Record Management section of the Town Clerk School and has attended the Grant Training Workshop. The Town Clerk will be responsible for overseeing all aspect of the project, ordering supplies and answering questions.
2. Assistant Town Clerks (2): The very capable Assistant Town Clerks, who between them have over 30 years of experience, will be able to cover the duties of the Town Clerk allowing her to work on the project. In addition, both Assistants are well versed in the Record Management Plan of the Town and will be able to assist the Designated Representatives as needed. Both Assistants have attended and participated in the Record Management Plan training sessions and have their CTC certification. Approximately 5 hours per week.
3. Designated Representatives (17): A representative from each department has been identified and trained in the proper execution of the Record Management Plan. They have been implementing the Plan in their offices. Time spent on the project will vary depending on the department and the amount of stored material. It is estimated that the average time spent will be approximately 20 to 30 hours over the course of the project.
4. Maintenance: Two members of the Public Works maintenance staff will participate in the project. The electrician will be responsible for installing additional lighting in the vault. The maintenance person for the Town Hall will assume responsibility for the moving of the record material and the physical

disposal of the authorized and non-record material. Approximately 60 hours over the life of the project

b. Identify any vendors or consultants that will be working on the project.

1. Records Management Consultant: Peter Bartucca of Document Management Systems, an approved consultant, has been working with the Town of Mansfield since 2005. Under his guidance the Town has approved and is in the process of implementing and refining the Document Management Plan. He has also created a Management Records Survey for the Town. Mr. Bartucca's work has been exemplary and has greatly enhanced the Town's ability to understand and manage its records. His relationships with Town staff have allowed him to overcome initial objections and gain the respect of all involved. With Peter assisting with this project we will benefit from both his document management expertise and his knowledge of the Town.

2. Dupont Systems or comparable approved vendor: Dupont Systems is an approved vendor. In this project they will be responsible for the removal of material in the caged area; removal of the cages and shelving; installation of the floor, rails and compact mobile storage units; replacement of record material.

Proposed Grant Project Budget⁹

1. Consultant(s)/Vendor(s)

Vendor/Consultant	Service	Grant Funds (A)	Local Funds (B)	Total Funds (A+B)
Peter Bartucca, Document Management Systems	Consultant, Project Director	\$ 13,000	\$	\$ 13,000
Info Shred	Shredding	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 800
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
Total (Enter in the summary on p. 1)	Check if additional sheets attached <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 13,400	\$ 400	\$ 13,800

2. Equipment/Supplies

Vendor/Supplier	Product			Grant Funds (A)	Local Funds (B)	Total Funds (A+B)
	Description	Qty	Unit Cost			
Dupont Systems (comparable approved vendor)	Compact mobile storage units	7		\$ 31,675	\$ 10,800	\$ 42,475
University Products	Archival Document Cases letter	80	5.20	\$ 416	\$	\$ 416
University Products	Archival Document Cases legal	20	6.00	\$ 120	\$	\$ 120
University Products	Archival Folders letter	800	30.15/100	\$ 241	\$	\$ 241
University Products	Archival Folders legal	200	35.96/100	\$ 72	\$	\$ 72
W.B. Mason	Bankers Boxes	480	49.99/12	\$ 2,000	\$	\$ 2,000
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
Totals (Enter in the summary on p. 1)	Check if additional sheets attached <input type="checkbox"/>			\$ 34,524	\$ 10,800	\$ 45,324

⁹ Enter whole amounts only. Round all figures to the higher dollar amount.

3. Town Personnel Costs⁵

Job Title	Job Duties/Pay Rate/Hours ¹⁰			Grant Funds ¹¹ (A)	Local Funds (B)	Total Funds (A+B)
	Duties	Total Hours	Rate			
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
				\$	\$	\$
Totals (Enter in the summary on p. 1)	Check if additional sheets attached <input type="checkbox"/>			\$	\$	\$0

4. Other In-kind Contribution(s)

Item	Purpose	Value As Local Funds
Town Clerk	Project Supervisor 6 hours/week @ \$32.00/hour	\$ 9216
Assistant Town Clerks (2)	Assisting Project and covering office 5 hours/week @ \$25/hour	\$ 6000
Designated Representatives (17)	Evaluation and subsequent actions 25 hours/project @ \$25/hour x 17	\$10625
Maintenance	Manual labor and electrician 60 hours/project @ \$28/hour x 2	\$ 1680
Lighting	Installation of 4 additional light panels in vault	\$ 280
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Total (Enter in the summary on p. 1)	Check if additional sheets attached <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 27801

⁵ Temporary help hired directly by the municipality and/or additional hours for existing staff. Consultant/Vendor personnel costs will be included under Consultant/Vendors.

¹⁰ Personnel taxes and benefits, if any, must be paid with local funds and listed under in-kind contribution (section 4).

¹¹ Shall only consist of base pay for personnel hired directly by the municipality.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Replacement of Asbestos-bearing Tiles at Mansfield Middle School

Subject Matter/Background

Please see the attached memo to Gordon Schimmel regarding the establishment of a School Building Committee for the replacement of asbestos-bearing tile at the Mansfield Middle School.

Financial Impact

About 73 percent of the cost will be eligible for state reimbursement. The total estimated local share is estimated to be no more than \$25,000 and has been budgeted in the 2007/08 Capital Budget.

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that the Town Council adopt the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolved, a School Building Committee consisting of the Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of Education be established for the above mentioned project.*
- 2. Resolved, a capital project in the amount of \$90,000 be established to be funded by \$65,700 in state grants and a local share of \$24,300.*

Attachments

- 1) Memo to Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent

Mansfield Board of Education		Memorandum
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Date: March 12, 2007
To: Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent
From: Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance
Subject: Education Specifications for the asbestos bearing tile at the Mansfield Middle School

As you know, eleven rooms at the Mansfield Middle School have asbestos bearing tile underneath the wall-to-wall carpeting. Those rugs are in poor repair and must be replaced. In order to do that, we must also remove the asbestos tile at the same time.

The process for application to the state for approval of a code improvement project includes the adoption of Education Specifications in addition to establishing a school building committee. It is respectfully requested that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

The Mansfield Board of Education resolves to:

1. Adopt the attached Educational Specifications for the replacement of asbestos bearing tile at the Mansfield Middle School.
2. Request the Town Council to establish a School Building Committee for the replacement of asbestos bearing tile at the Mansfield Middle School.
3. Authorize the Superintendent to file our application for a School Building Project.

JHS:pmj

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

The Mansfield Board of Education proposes to replace the asbestos-bearing tile located in the Mansfield Middle School with non-asbestos tile and, where appropriate, rugs.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt H*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Holinko Estates Water Heater Replacement

Subject Matter/Background

Currently the Town has Small Cities program income available to fund, for example, housing rehabilitation projects. Staff supports funding a multi-family housing rehab project at Holinko Estates. The Mansfield Housing Authority is seeking Small Cities program income funding to replace 20 antiquated 40 gallon water heaters. The project is estimated to cost no more than \$20,000. In order to use program income on multi-family dwellings, a resolution must be adopted by Council, followed by program amendment approval from DECD.

Financial Impact

The Town's current balance of Small Cities program income is \$32,250, and this project will bring that balance under \$20,000. Spending program income will assist us in applying for future rounds of Small Cities funding.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Council adopt the following resolution in order to enable the Mansfield Housing Authority to utilize the Small Cities program income funding for the replacement of the water heaters.

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

Whereas, the Town of Mansfield has received funds under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended; and

Whereas, the Town of Mansfield has expended those funds pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Assistance Agreement; and

Whereas, those funds received by the Town of Mansfield have generated Program Income.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions for the use of Program Income as prescribed by Title 24, Part 570, Section 489(e) and (f) of the Code of Federal Regulations.
2. That it realizes Program Income is governed by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
3. That it may use Program Income only for the following activities:
 - a. The activity that generated the program income if the activity continues to meet the requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
 - b. Any additional activity that meets the requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act if the Town receives DECD's written approval to fund it with Program Income.
4. That it may use Program Income to fund Administrative and Program soft costs within the following limits:

Administrative Costs	16%
Total Administrative and Program Soft Costs (Housing Rehabilitation Activities <u>Only</u>)	25%
Total Administrative and Program Soft Costs (All Activities <u>Except</u> for Housing Rehabilitation)	21%
5. That it is hereby amending the Program Income Plan(s) that was adopted for the original activity that generated the Program Income to permit the funding of additional activities from that Program Income.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Connecticut Youth Service Association Leadership Grant

Subject Matter/Background

Through a non-competitive bid process the Connecticut Youth Services Association will administer a direct-service project that enhances existing and/or develops youth-leadership programs, as a component of after-school programs for middle- and/or high-school-aged youth. The criteria include:

1. Meeting for a minimum of six hours of leadership activities between March 15 and June 30, 2007
2. Completing a student assessment tool
3. Provide input regarding the development of a best practices manual
4. Expending the full amount of the grant funds by June 30, 2007

Professional development and technical assistance will be available to all YSB's needing assistance in developing a student leadership program. The framework for the trainings shall be guided by the ACU functions as defined in the state statute, and will particularly focus on the development of youth advocacy.

Outcomes of this project will be:

- Enhancement of after school programs, through the development of a youth leadership component.
- Increase in youth participation in leadership programs.
- Handbook of best practices and guidelines for replicating the project in other after school programs.

After school programs through youth service bureaus will enhance learning, keep children safe, and support working families.

Financial Impact

Youth Service Bureaus will receive a minimum of \$2,000, based on the application of all 99 YSBs. If all 99 Youth Service Bureaus do not apply, an adjustment of grant funds will be made on March 30, 2007. This adjustment may result in a maximum award of \$8,000. Funds may be used for such things as personnel, transportation, program supplies and activities. Funds may not be used to purchase equipment.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that we submit an application for this grant. These funds will allow us to work collaboratively with the Mansfield Middle School to enhance an existing after-school program by introducing a critical leadership component. We believe that by doing this we will begin to build a youth-based leadership infrastructure that will sustain future initiatives for positive youth development activities in our community.

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

Resolved, effective March 26, 2007, that Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and a contract with the Connecticut Youth Service Association for funding to support the Town of Mansfield Youth Leadership Program.

Attachments

- 1) Program narrative and budget

PROGRAM SUMMARY AND BUDGET NARRATIVE:
Town of Mansfield Youth Leadership Program

The Mansfield Youth Service Bureau will collaborate with Mansfield Middle School to offer a leadership component to their existing "Respect Me" program. "Respect Me" is a grassroots, student-led program that was started in 2005. Their focus is on helping students to feel safe, welcomed, and respected at the school. It is open to all students as an after school activity.

Currently "Respect Me," offers a 7-week module 4 times during the school year, and a session is planned for this spring. We will utilize the resources from this grant to enhance the leadership skills of student members as well as identify potential 5th-8th grade students with leadership interests/skills. Activities will include web page design regarding philosophy, mission, strategies, student perspectives, peer mediation concepts and resources/web links. A group of 2-3 students from this program will also attend the Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by the Governor's Prevention Partnership on May 4.

BUDGET

Program Coordination: 20 hours of staff time to coordinate program activities including conducting pre and post-test activities with program participants, completion of surveys and required reporting: \$700.

Trainers: Shared cost with the middle school for teachers facilitating eight weeks of after-school programming: \$240.

Substitute Teacher: Cost of one day of classroom coverage for a teacher attending the Youth Leadership Conference: \$70.

Meals/Refreshments: Refreshments for 15 program participants for eight weeks and meals for 6 attendees at the Youth Leadership Conference: \$330.

Incentives/Rewards: Gift certificates and leadership incentive awards for 15 program participants: \$300.

Miscellaneous Program Supplies/Travel Costs: \$360.

Total: \$2000

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Demand Responsive Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant

Subject Matter/Background

Connecticut General Statutes, Section 13b-38bb, provides a state matching grant program available to any municipality for demand responsive transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. This program was funded for the first time during the 2005 legislative session, and this would be a renewal of the grant for a second year of operation.

The goals of this program are:

- To provide a uniform funding source available to all municipalities in the state,
- To provide new transportation services to enhance access to the community for seniors and people with disabilities where transportation services do not exist,
- To expand transportation services to enhance access to the community in areas where transportation is already available, and
- To encourage efficient use of scarce resources through coordination.

The Town of Mansfield currently contributes approximately \$75,000 per year to elderly and disabled transportation services through the Dial-A-Ride program and the ADA para-transit system. We have expanded these services both within and outside of our region through this grant in the following ways:

- Expansion of existing Dial-A-Ride services to include Saturday rides from 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Free rides by a taxi service or other transportation provider to medical appointments at locations outside of the region such as the UConn Medical Center in Farmington and hospitals in Manchester and Hartford.
- Use of a wheelchair accessible van for 12 recreational trips per year, offered to local community groups including residents of Juniper Hill, Wrights Way, Glen Ridge and various Senior Center groups.

Financial Impact

Funds are available to municipalities through this grant using a formula based on the proportion of the population of persons age sixty or older and also the municipality's square mileage. Using this formula, the Town of Mansfield is eligible for \$32,071. The grant also requires the municipality to provide matching funds to receive the total amount of the grant. The \$75,000 that the Town currently contributes to transportation

services for elderly and disabled residents makes us eligible to receive the full amount of \$32,071. The grant allows that 10% of this total may be charged to the administrative costs of operating the grant. While there is no cost for using the service, riders are asked to make a suggested donation to subsidize the cost of the service.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that we apply for this funding once again. After getting off to a relatively slow start, this service has been well utilized, particularly for transportation to medical appointments outside of the region. Our senior residents consistently identify transportation as one of their greatest needs, and this program enables us to be more flexible in responding to these needs for our senior and disabled residents. These funds will also allow us to purchase needed transportation services for individuals that are currently being provided by some of our professional staff.

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

Resolved, effective March 26, 2007, Town Manager Matthew W. Hart is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents on behalf of the Town of Mansfield with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program, and to affix the corporate seal.

Attachments

- 1) Demand Responsive Elderly and Disabled Transportation Grant Application (to be distributed)



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *M.H.*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Fair Housing Policy and Proclamation

Subject Matter/Background

In order to apply for and receive funding under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, the Town is required to maintain its fair housing policy. The Town's Small Cities grant-funded projects, such as the housing rehabilitation revolving loan program, have proven very successful in the past, and we would like to maintain this funding in the future. In addition, as a policy matter it makes sense for a local government such as the town of Mansfield to maintain a fair housing policy to help ensure that all citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council re-endorse the Town's existing fair housing policy and authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached proclamation designating the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in Mansfield.

If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following resolution and motions are in order:

Whereas, All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Mansfield is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a

non-discriminatory basis: and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Manager of the Town of Mansfield, or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Mansfield.

Move, effective March 26, 2007, to adopt the attached Fair Housing Policy Statement.

Move, effective March 26, 2007, to adopt the attached Compliance With Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964 Policy.

Move, effective March 26, 2007, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in Mansfield.

Attachments

- 1) Fair Housing Policy Statement
- 2) Compliance With Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964 Policy
- 3) Proclamation Designating the Month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in Mansfield

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT

It is both the policy and strong commitment of the Town of Mansfield to promote Fair Housing opportunities in all its programs and housing development activities and to take affirmative action through education and implementation to ensure equal housing opportunities for all persons and families.

The Town of Mansfield will take affirmative action to ensure that all tenants, applicants, residents are treated fairly without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, learning disability, mental or physical disability, including but not limited to blindness, age, individuals with children or lawful source of income.

The Town of Mansfield will continue to make a good faith effort to comply with all Federal and State laws and policies which speak to fair housing practices.

It is the policy of the Town of Mansfield that all Housing related personnel be trained and educated in the principles of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity so that Equal Housing Opportunity may be available to all qualified applicants.

This Fair Housing Policy Statement reaffirms our personal commitment to the principles of fair housing and equal opportunity housing practices.

The Fair Housing Officer, Kevin Grunwald, or their designated representative is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of the Fair Housing Regulations/Plan and the enforcement of this policy. The Fair Housing Officer may be reached at (860) 429-3314.

Complaint(s) pertaining to discrimination in any program funded by the Town of Mansfield may be filed with the Fair Housing Officer. The Town's Grievance Procedure will be utilized in this case(s).

Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

Date

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

The Town of Mansfield does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The Town of Mansfield seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that "No person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program" covered by the Regulations.

This policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town's "Fair Housing Plan" and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town, as the recipient, and by subrecipients. The cooperation all Town personnel is required.

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager



Town of Mansfield
Proclamation Designating the Month of April as
Fair Housing Month in the Town of Mansfield

WHEREAS, the month of April is National Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut is steadfast in its long public commitment to the promotion of fair housing in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut continues to be represented on the Windham Regional Fair Housing Task Force, which initiates actions and cooperates with housing related organizations in the promotion of the awareness of and compliance with fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield takes this opportunity to focus attention on the importance of fair housing by declaring April to be "Fair Housing Month" in Mansfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Mansfield officially proclaim the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in the Town of Mansfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 26th day of March in the year 2007.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program Grant Application

Subject Matter/Background

The Town was contacted by the WinCOG Executive Director regarding the Federal Highway Administration's TCSP grant program. Apparently for the last several years no funds have been available in this program for open/competitive applications, but FHWA thinks this year some funds may be available. In our discussions with the Downtown Partnership Development team, we have been looking for ways to slow traffic on Route 195 as it approaches the proposed Storrs Center on Route 195 from the south. In addition, traffic goes very quickly by the Hanks Hill Road/195 intersection which is in the middle of the Town's Federal transportation enhancement grant project. One of the ways this traffic calming could be accomplished is with a modern, possibly multi-lane roundabout at the Route 195 and Route 275 intersection and/or the Hanks Hill Road/Route 195 intersection. Modern roundabouts have been used successfully in other parts of the U.S., but not so much in Connecticut. As this is a reasonably complex issue and on a state highway, it was felt that a feasibility study as to whether roundabout(s) would be successful at these locations is needed. Our grant application is to provide funds to finance this feasibility study.

Financial Impact

The TCSP grant program requires a 20 percent local match, so that if the study is funded, the Town will have to contribute \$8,000 towards the \$40,000 study. There is a possibility that the Town can do some of this through in-kind services (such as traffic classifying). Matching funds would be taken from the Transportation Enhancements account in the capital budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council authorize the application for \$40,000 in TCSP funds for this study. If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following resolution would be in order:

Resolved, effective March 26, 2007, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to enter into and amend contractual instruments with the Federal Highway Administration for a Transportation, Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program Grant.

Attachments

- 1) TCSP grant application, map and cost estimate

**TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, AND SYSTEM PRESERVATION
PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

PART A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Fiscal Year:	2007
Project Title:	Rte. 195 Roundabout Feasibility Study
Project Location (City/County, State):	Mansfield/Tolland County, CT
GRANTEE CONTACT INFORMATION	
Grantee Contact Name:	Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Agency:	Town of Mansfield
Mailing Address (Street/P.O. Box):	4 South Eagleville Road
City, State, Zip code:	Storrs/Mansfield, CT 06268-2599
Phone:	860-429-3332
Fax:	860-429-6863
E-Mail:	HultgrenLR@Mansfieldct.org
STATE DOT CONTACT INFORMATION	
State Contact Person:	Kathryn A. Faraci, Transp Planner II
Phone:	(860) 594-2160
Fax:	(860) 594-3028
E-Mail:	Kathryn.Faraci@po.state.ct.us
FHWA DIVISION OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION	
Division Contact Person:	Jason Newman
Phone:	(860) 659-6703 ext 3022
Fax:	
E-Mail:	Jason.Newman@FHWA.DOT.gov
CONGRESSIONAL INFORMATION	
Congress Member:	Joe Courtney
Congressional District No.:	2
TCSP Program Funds:	\$32,000.00
Matching Funds/In-kind Services Value:	(Town of Mansfield) \$8,000.00
Matching Funds/In-kind Services Source:	
Total TCSP-Related Project Costs:	\$40,000.00

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DIVISION OFFICE				
State Administered?		Yes		No
Division Administered?		Yes		No
Date grant application approved by FHWA Division Office				

Part B. Project Abstract

(Maximum 4 sentences) Briefly describe the how the TCSP Program funds will be used for the project.

TCSP funds will be used to undertake a study of two intersections on Connecticut State Highway Route 195 in Mansfield near the “Storrs Center” project proposed along Route 195 to determine if modern roundabouts are feasible (given the transportation needs of the area) and if they would provide transportation-related benefits to the State and Town. The study will be conducted by a transportation consultant specializing in modern transportation solutions in areas with conflicting and cross-purpose modal needs. The study will determine if roundabouts will provide for more efficient passage of vehicles traveling on Route 195 and increased pedestrian safety across Route 195 in this new downtown district. Applicable “main street” uses of roundabouts in the U.S. will be identified as well as “state of the art” use criteria.

Part C. Project Narrative

(Maximum 2 pages) Describe the project and the expected results, including project goals and timeframe.

The “Storrs Center” project (a joint effort between the existing Storrs businesses, the University of Connecticut and the Town -- see attached description) represents an entirely new use along a busy Connecticut state highway (Route 195 has an ADT over 12,000 vpd) in the Town of Mansfield. The mobility needs of motorists will be impacted by the enhanced pedestrian, bicycle and transit use of the area. To ensure that this mixed-use development project will flourish, ways to serve the needs of all transportation system users while minimizing conflicts over this stretch of Route 195 are needed. Preliminary plans for modifications to this section of the highway include the insertion of median strips, some on-street parking, enhanced

pedestrian crossings and bus stops (for both the University of CT and Windham Regional Transit District busses) that serve this area.

A long rural stretch of Route 195 exists to the south of the project area. Speeds in this reach are high (average speed over 40 mph), as visibility is good and roadside development is limited. On approaching Route 195's intersections with Hanks Hill Road and then Route 275 (near the southern edge of the Storrs Center project) an abrupt transition from rural to urban will take place as the pedestrian traffic in this area expands with the mixed-use development.

Project planners believe roundabouts at the aforementioned intersections will create this transition (from rural to urban) as well as provide for enhanced safety and more efficient traffic flow. However, modern (multi-lane) roundabouts have not been used in this area of the country and a great deal of uncertainty as to their benefits/correct application exists.

The study envisioned in this application will gather the existing and expected traffic data, the existing and post-development pedestrian and other data, research the state-of-the-art experience with modern roundabouts and determine if they are a good match for these intersections. If shown to be feasible, concept and visualization drawings/models will be prepared for evaluation by the State, Town & University. The actual design of the roundabouts is not part of this project - - it will be undertaken by the parties if the feasibility study proves to be positive and is received well by the community.

A stakeholders and grant oversight committee will be established consisting of representatives of the Connecticut DOT, the Town of Mansfield, the University of Connecticut and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. (the entity that is undertaking the Storrs Center development). Neighborhood representatives of the Storrs Heights Road area located just to the east of Route 195 (who petitioned the Town's Traffic Authority in May, 2005 to provide increased vehicular and pedestrian safety at the Hanks Hill Road/Route 195 intersection) will also be invited to participate in this stakeholders committee. (Design work on a Federally funded Transportation Enhancement project that will provide streetscape improvements along the west side of Route 195 in this area and continue up Flaherty Road to the Storrs Heights neighborhood is currently underway.)

As the proposed Storrs Center development will be a mix of commercial, retail and residential uses, improvements to the major southern access to this area will ensure safe access to a significant area of jobs, services and trade. The Town has recently

(2006) adopted a revised Plan of Conservation and Development that identifies the Storrs Center area for significant economic development. A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) for this area was also adopted in 2006. A Special Design District (SDD) for the Storrs Center project is now under consideration by the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission (public hearings are scheduled in April) and the SDD is expected to be adopted by May of 2007, clearing the way for final design and groundbreaking. (For more information on the Storrs Center development, see the attached and <http://www.storrscenter.com> .)

The grant project schedule is envisioned as follows:

Task	Task Length (calendar days)	Milestone (subject to actual start date)
Execute Grant Agreement	0	11/1/07
Request for Consultant Qualifications	30	12/1/07
Shortlist & Interview RFQ Responders	15	12/15/07
Negotiate Scope of Services & Sign Consultant Agreement	30	1/15/08
Conduct Community & Stakeholder Kick-off Meetings	5	2/1/08
Roundabout Research	15	2/1/08
Field Data Collection**	45	3/15/08**
Mapping and Analysis	15	4/1/08
Stakeholder Meetings and Public Reviews	30	5/1/08
Revisions & Final Reporting	30	6/1/08

** Must be completed by the end of the University's Spring semester, or will have to wait for the Fall semester to begin.

TCSP
Mansfield Rt. 195 Roundabout Feasibility Study

Proposed Scope of Services
[Specialized Traffic Consultant]

1.	Initial startup & meet with stakeholders (Town, DTP, DOT, University of CT)	8 hours
2.	Gather Traffic/Speed/Volume/accident data from DOT records, Town records, conduct speed classification studies, intersection turning/counting studies	48 hours
3.	Gather information for & produce base map of study area at suitable scales	16 hours
4.	Research current roundabout use & design criteria for site-specific speed & volume data	24 hours
5.	Prepare summary of data gathered & potential use of roundabout at study sites. Include pro & con analysis of relevant factors for their use.	32 hours
6.	Meet with stakeholders -- present initial findings -- receive feedback on analysis	16 hours
7.	Revise conclusions to incorporate stakeholder feedback, publish final report & conceptual drawings (if applicable)	48 hours
		± 192 hours
	Est. cost @ \$190/hour	\$36,480
	Deliverables & Expenses	<u>\$3,500</u>
	estimated total cost	\$39,980



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services
Date: March 26, 2007
Re: Connecticut Strategic Prevention Framework

Subject Matter/Background

At the August 28, 2006 meeting, the Town Council approved a resolution to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The state has approved our grant application. However, the resolution passed in August 2006 authorized only the former Town Manager, Martin Berliner, to execute the grant paperwork. A new resolution authorizing Matthew Hart to sign the grant paperwork is necessary to execute the grant agreement.

As you may recall, the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), was soliciting proposals from qualified private and public entities to implement the Connecticut Strategic Prevention Framework (CT SPF), a data driven planning process designed to effectively prevent alcohol abuse in communities, with a special emphasis on underage drinking. Proposals needed to address the priority substance problem specific to the sub-region where the project will take place, as identified in Sub-Regional Profiles prepared by DMHAS-funded Regional Action Councils (RACs) in consultation with Community Needs Assessment Workgroups. In our area the priorities identified were underage drinking and underage binge drinking, with secondary consequences of driving under the influence and underage liquor law violations.

We applied for this grant on behalf of the Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership, and we are very excited that the Town's application has been approved. Utilizing grant funds, the partnership will work with staff to develop and oversee a social norms campaign, working collaboratively with E.O. Smith High School along with the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Services and student groups from the University of Connecticut to correct misperceptions, increase knowledge and change attitudes about alcohol use. The target population will be high school students and their parents.

Financial Impact

The State of Connecticut will award the Town a maximum of \$150,000 under this grant program. Funds may be used for personnel, fringe benefits, travel and occupancy. The grant requires a minimum of a .25 FTE position and additional resources for data collection and evaluation activities.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the new resolution. Underage drinking is a serious problem throughout the country, and this community is no different. While high school alcohol use amongst ninth and tenth grade students at E.O. Smith High School is at the state average of 46.5 percent, this is 28 percent above the national average. Underage liquor law violations in our community are triple the state rate, and arrests for driving under the influence are double the state rate. While some of these statistics reflect the presence of University of Connecticut students, it is clear that this is a problem that affects our entire community. This grant provides an opportunity to address these issues with young people through education, utilizing older peers as a source of accurate information, while also addressing the parental attitudes and beliefs that allow this behavior to occur. The grant also presents an opportunity for the Community-Campus Partnership to focus their efforts and to create some positive awareness for their ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in Mansfield for all residents.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following resolution would be in order:

Resolved, effective March 26, 2007, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to enter into and amend contractual instruments with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services of the State of Connecticut.

Attachments

- 1) Excerpt from the contract with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services of the State of Connecticut

**PART III STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**

Section A: Terms and Conditions

The contractor shall comply with the department's minimum performance outcome measures, for each funded component as stated below. The contractor shall provide information to the department which will be used to determine whether each service funded by the department meets, does not meet or exceeds the required minimum percentage of compliance of each performance indicator applicable to that component. The contractor shall provide information to the department on each admitted and discharged client in the time, form and manner required by the department so that the department may calculate the percentage of compliance.

The contractor shall not make any changes to the services as described herein without the prior written approval of the department.

1. STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK (SPF) INITIATIVE

- a. The contractor shall provide an underage drinking prevention program that is targeted to one or more of the following target populations: school aged children 12 to 17 years old, college students 18 to 25, and those people who influence them including parents, family members, care-givers, schools, communities at large and the agencies, organizations and institutions within those communities. The contractor shall utilize a five phase Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) approach focused on community underage drinking to include phase one: conducting needs assessment, phase two: building community capacity, phase three: strategic planning, phase four: implementation of evidence-based programs, policies and strategies, and phase five: evaluating the results of the framework implementation. The contractor's program shall be responsive to the culturally diverse needs of the target populations and shall include plans to sustain the efforts in all five phases.

Specifically the contractor shall complete the following activities in the following timeframes:

Type of Activity	Timeframe
<p style="text-align: center;">Assessment and Capacity Building Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess grantees ability to implement the SPF, including needs, resources, cultural competence and sustainability. • Build or enhance existing substance abuse prevention coalitions by convening of community leaders and key stakeholders; and engaging underserved population; • Participate in training and technical assistance activities for community stakeholders, coalitions, and service providers. • Efforts aimed at becoming a member of the appropriate Regional Action Council 	<p>September 06 - March 07</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Planning Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a DMHAS Prevention Unit-approved planning process that will be used to determine how to address the priority problem with the target population, including how the community will use data to make decisions • Complete a substance abuse prevention logic model • Identify appropriate evidenced-based or innovative environmental strategies to be implemented with the target population • Develop measurable objectives and performance measures against which progress will be monitored • Develop a process for ensuring cultural competence of selected interventions without sacrificing its core elements 	<p>April 07 - June 07</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Implementation Phase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement DMHAS Prevention Unit-approved environmental strategies that are flexible and responsive to changing data and new information on problem behaviors in the community • Develop and implement procedures that maximize appropriate, culturally competent services for the target population and minimize duplication of services. 	<p style="text-align: center;">July 07 – September 09</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in monitoring and evaluation of the project. • Allocate sufficient staff and resources, including computer equipment, data collection and evaluation activities. 	<p style="text-align: center;">September 06 – September 09</p>

b. The contractor shall implement the programs and services described herein to result in the following outcomes. Such outcomes shall be measured in the manner described herein. Outcome results achieved pursuant to these terms and conditions will be monitored by the department through data reported by the contractor to the department’s information systems, in observations through site visits and/or in the required monthly service reports. The department’s outcome indicators for the contractor’s funded services are as follows:

PERFORMANCE OUTCOME MEASURES

 STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK INITIATIVE

OUTCOMES	MEASURES
<p>Select and interpret relevant epidemiological and other data related to community specific casual factors of underage alcohol consumption</p> <p>Assess organizational and community readiness and capacity for underage drinking prevention, including identifying needs, resources, and cultural competence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of data analysis in the format prescribed by the department by April of each contract year. • List of consequences targeted from needs assessment. • List of populations served. • Submission of community and organizational assessment in the format prescribed by the department by April of each contract year.
<p>Build or enhance existing alcohol prevention coalitions of community leaders, key stakeholders and representatives of underserved populations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of target community members participate in coalition meetings and other activities to organize and plan the implementation of prevention services. • 50% increase community awareness of prevention resources as evidenced by the Fall 2007 Community Readiness Survey, to implement SPF. • Submission of a Sustainability Plan in the format prescribed by the Prevention Unit. • A community coalition that has active participation from faith based, youth, parents, healthcare, local government and law enforcement interests and organizations.
<p>Develop a community strategic plan that describes community methods to address the underage alcohol consumption using environmental strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of a strategic plan by May 2007 that includes a logic model that reflects alcohol consequences, risk and protective factors, and other underlying factors, interventions and outcomes.

<p>Implement evidence-based or innovative environmental intervention(s)/strategies to reduce underage alcohol consumption.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of evidenced-based programs, policy and practices where 75% of target population reached. • Environmental strategies will reach 75% of target community. • 50% of target community participated in meetings and other activities to establish new laws, policies and institutional norms around underage drinking prevention.
<p>Monitor community changes in underage alcohol consumption through changing data and new information on alcohol-related problems in the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of monthly reports on service activities and population served by the 7th of every month beginning in January 2007.

- c. The contractor shall submit monthly reports on service activities and population served using the Minimum Data Set (MDS) Prevention data collection system software.
- d. The contractor shall participate in monitoring and evaluation of the project, including the National SPF SIG Cross-Site Evaluation.
- e. The program shall develop and maintain formal linkages with social service organizations within the community in its implementation and shall build on existing community prevention efforts. Additional linkages shall be developed with:
 - Regional Action Councils;
 - The Governor's Prevention Partnership;
 - Multicultural Leadership Institute;
 - Connecticut Clearinghouse; and,
 - Connecticut Assets Network.
- f. The contractor shall submit a project plan in a form and manner and at a time designated by DMHAS Prevention Unit

Section B: Approved Budget

The contractor shall adhere to the approved budget, negotiated with the department, for each non-fee-for-service funded component, in compliance with Part II, Section B, Clause 3 of this agreement. The approved budget consists of page 32 through page 33 of this agreement.

The maximum amount payable under this contract is \$ 150,000.

DMHAS
 CONTRACT APPLICATION
 BUDGET SCHEDULE

BUDGET SCHEDULE

Applicant Name: Town of Mansfield

Program Name: Mansfield SPF-SIG

FUNDING PERIOD		09/30/06 - 09/29/07	09/30/07 - 09/29/08	09/30/08 - 09/29/09				
ECURA/SATIS/MDS Code:								
Level of Care (if applicable):		N/A	N/A	N/A				TOTALS
INCOME								
DMHAS Funds (this contract)								
	SID							
1.	State Funds							\$ -
2.	State Funds							\$ -
3.	State Funds							\$ -
4.	State Funds							\$ -
5.	State Funds							\$ -
6.	Federal Funds 21831	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000				\$ 150,000
7.	Federal Funds							\$ -
8.	Federal Funds							\$ -
9.	Federal Funds							\$ -
10.	Federal Funds							\$ -
SUBTOTAL DMHAS FUNDS (this contract)		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 150,000
Other DMHAS Funds								
12.	General Assistance Payments Received under DMHAS GA Provider Agreement							\$ -
13.	Project SAFE Payments Received from Advanced Behavioral Health (ABH)							\$ -
14.	Other (Identify)							\$ -
15.	SUBTOTAL OTHER DMHAS FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-DMHAS Funds								
16.	Client/Participant Fees							\$ -
17.	Medicaid (Title XIX)							\$ -
18.	Medicare (XVIII)							\$ -
19.	Court Support Services Division (CSSD)							\$ -
20.	Other State Agency (Identify)							\$ -
21.	Other State Agency (Identify)							\$ -
22.	Other (Identify)							\$ -
23.	SUBTOTAL Non-DMHAS FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
24.	TOTAL ALL INCOME	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000

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DMHAS
 CONTRACT APPLICATION
 BUDGET SCHEDULE

BUDGET SCHEDULE

Applicant Name: Town of Mansfield							
Program Name: Mansfield SPF-SIG							
FUNDING PERIOD	09/30/06 - 09/29/07	09/30/07 - 09/29/08	09/30/08 - 09/29/09				TOTALS
ECURA/SATIS/MDS Code:							
Level of Care (if applicable):	N/A	N/A	N/A				
EXPENSES							
1. Salary	\$ 37,750	\$ 37,750	\$ 37,750				\$ 113,250
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,850				\$ 8,550
3. Direct Program Operating Expenses	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400				\$ 28,200
4. Central Administration and Support							\$ -
5. Capital Expenses							\$ -
6. Other (Identify)							\$ -
7. TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000

CENTRAL ADMIN AND
 SUPPORT EXPENSES

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000
DIFFERENCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Direct Operating Expenses Detail							TOTAL DIRECT OPERATING EXP.
Rent							\$ -
Utilities							\$ -
Client Support							\$ -
Materials, Contracted Consultant, Staff travel	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400				\$ 28,200
TOTAL	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,200

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Original Contract #07MHA2217AA

Amendment # _____
(For Internal Use Only)

ACCEPTANCES AND APPROVALS:

The Contractor herein is a Business Associate under HIPAA per Part I, Section 37 of this contract

By the Contractor:

Town of Mansfield
Contractor (Corporate/Legal Name of Contractor)

Signature (Authorized Official) Date

Documentation necessary to demonstrate the authorization to sign must be attached.

(Typed Name of Authorized Official) Title

By the Department:

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Department Name

Signature (Authorized Official) Date

Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D. Commissioner
(Typed Name of Authorized Official) Title

By the Office of the Attorney General:

Attorney General (approved as to form) Date

() This contract does not require the signature of the Attorney General pursuant to an agreement between the department and the Office of the Attorney General, dated _____.

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MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007

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

I. Attendance: Joan Sidney, Kevin Grunwald (staff),
Scott Hasson, Wade Gibbs, Cristina Colon-Semenza

II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting, Jan.23,
2007: the minutes of the meeting were approved as
written.

III. New Business:

Assisted Living: K. Grunwald reported that the Town Council has appointed an advisory committee, tasked with identifying a private developer for an Assisted/Independent Living facility. J. Sidney reported that she read that this will be for low-moderate income residents. It was clarified that this will be a "market rate" facility.

New Group: K. Grunwald reported that he is meeting with parents and staff to try to start a social activities group for young adults with developmental disabilities. An informational meeting will be held on March 22. S. Hasson suggested that he contact Donna Korbel at UConn for a connection with the Best Buddies program and Joan Doron at E.O. Smith regarding the Unified Sports program.

"Other": J. Sidney and C. Colon-Semenza raised concerns about accessibility problems on campus related to the recent snowfall. W. Gibbs directed them to contact Emergency Maintenance at 486-3113. The accessible van is an option for students who may have difficulty using a wheelchair in the snow.

K. Grunwald reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 28 on the proposed design district for the Mansfield Downtown.

IV. Old Business

a. Membership status – (ongoing)

V. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Next meeting: March 27, 2007, 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grunwald

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2007 MEETING

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Carol Stearns, Vicky Wetherell
Guests: Betsy Paterson, Matt Hart, Al Hawkins, Jim Morrow, Jennifer
Kaufman
Speaker: Elisabeth Moore, Program Director, Ct. Farmland Trust

1. Al Cyr was acting chairman.
2. Minutes of the November 1, 2006, and December 13, 2006, meetings were approved.
3. Discussion with Elisabeth Moore
Elisabeth presented information about the following topics, followed by discussion.

Ct. Farmland Trust

Outreach to farmland owners

Potential sources of funding for farmland preservation.

4. Discussion of membership and the open space initiative were tabled until the next meeting on March 7. Proposed farm animal regulations will be discussed at that meeting, also.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Sara-Ann Chainé

From: donvicweth@juno.com
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2007 7:46 PM
To: publicnotices
Subject: Ag. Comm. minutes March 7

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2007 MEETING
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

1. Acting Chairman, Charlie Galgowski, called the meeting to order at 7:30.

2: PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Carol Stearns, Vicky Wetherell

Guest: Bill Thorne, E.O. Smith Vo-Ag Program

3. Minutes of the January 3, 2007 meeting were approved.

4. E.O. Smith Vo-Ag Program Search for Agricultural Field
Bill Thorne requested assistance in identifying properties that would be appropriate for the E.O. Smith Agriculture Program to use for their field projects. The possibility of leasing Town or private lands as a temporary measure was discussed, as well as the possibility of E. O. Smith applying for a grant to purchase private land for long-term use. The committee made suggestions of possible properties for E.O. Smith to consider for this project.

Old Business

5. Proposed Farm Animal Regulations

The committee discussed a proposed revision of these regulations, which was referred to them for comment by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The committee agreed that the proposed version needs extensive further revision. They recommended that Jim Gibbons of the UConn Extension System be asked to attend a meeting to advise them and other Town officials about regulations that would be workable for Town officials and allow the maximum agricultural uses possible for residents. The committee also proposed that Mr. Gibbons be asked to make a public presentation, "Keeping Horses in Residential Areas," to inform horse owners and Town officials about best practices and regulations concerning horses on residential properties.

6. Open Space Initiative

The "Protecting Family Farms and Forests Workshop" will be held on Tuesday, April 17. A notice will be sent to those on the farm mailing list.

New Business

7. Revision of Ag Products and Services Brochure

The committee reviewed a draft of a new design for this annual brochure.

They recommended additional items for the design and a new title for the brochure, "Mansfield Country" (with the present title as a subtitle farther down on the cover page).

8. Bonemill Field Tour

A committee member will attend the tour of Bonemill Field, which is being offered for an agricultural lease. The tour is on Saturday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m. The committee will review proposals for use of the field and recommend a lessee to the Town Council.

9. Announcements

Al informed the committee that the Annual Plow Match will be held on April 21 at a new site on Rt. 32 at .8 miles north of junction with Rt. 44.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Animal Control Activity Report

REPORT PERIOD

2006 / 2007

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	197	219	183	211	167	170	178	123					1448	1580
road calls	13	17	11	20	17	13	16	18					125	160
dog calls	89	93	75	111	80	99	79	64					690	530
cat calls	83	82	71	90	65	59	53	36					539	399
wildlife calls	9	23	11	4	9	4	14	7					81	45
Notices to license issued	3	5	9	8	2	7	5	12					49	56
Warnings issued	4	5	3	4	1	3	2	3					25	184
Warning letters issued	1	248	0	160	1	0	70	5					485	78
Infractions issued	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1					4	6
Misdemeanors issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0
Dog bite quarantines	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0					9	5
Dog strict confinement	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0					1	0
Cat bite quarantines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	5
Cat strict confinement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0
Dogs on hand at start of month	4	3	6	5	2	3	0	3					26	41
Cats on hand at start of month	15	21	16	17	20	15	13	4					121	73
Impoundments	42	40	28	34	28	17	26	21					237	239
Dispositions:														
Owner redeemed	3	15	5	8	3	8	10	6					58	47
Sold as pets-dogs	4	1	1	7	2	3	1	3					22	52
Sold as pets-cats	33	23	21	16	23	9	20	6					151	121
Sold as pets-other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					1	0
Total destroyed	2	3	2	3	4	2	0	2					18	20
Road kills taken for incineration	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0					5	5
Euthanized as sick/unplaceable	1	3	2	1	3	1	0	2					13	15
Total dispositions	37	42	29	34	32	22	32	17					245	240
Dogs on hand at end of month	3	6	5	2	3	0	3	3					25	37
Cats on hand at end of month	21	16	17	20	15	13	4	8					114	78
Total fees collected	2,028	1,574.50	956	949	1,251	580	1,261	407					\$9,006.50	\$ 8,371

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Scotland dogs FY 06/07 to date 6 Total 12
 Hampton dogs FY 06/07 to date 6

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting

March 8, 2007

7:30 pm

Council Chambers

Board Members: William Simpson, Chairman; Mary Feathers, Vice Chair; Christopher Kueffner, Secretary, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, John Thacher

Agenda

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| I. | Call to Order | William Simpson, Chairman |
| II. | Approval of Minutes from 2-1-07 (M) | |
| III. | Hearing for Visitors | |
| IV. | Communications | |
| V. | Additions to Present Agenda | |
| VI. | Committee Reports | |
| VII. | Report of the Superintendent | Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent |
| | A. Update on Future Town Development | Greg Padick, Director of Planning |
| | B. K-8 Mathematics Program Review | Karen Moylan, Mathematics Consultant |
| | C. December 31, 2006 Quarterly Report | Jeff Smith, Director of Finance |
| | D. Agreement Between the Town, Board, and Region 19 for Director of IT Position (M) | Jeff Smith, Director of Finance |
| | E. Class Size/Enrollment Report | |
| | F. Personnel (M) | |
| VIII. | Hearing for Visitors | |
| IX. | Suggestions for Future Agenda | |
| X. | Executive Session - Negotiations | |
| XI. | Adjournment | |

Additional Information

Next Meetings:

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Thursday, April 12, 2007

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Thursday, May 24, 2007 (Workshop - Bishop Center)

Thursday, June 14, 2007

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the February 21, 2007 Meeting
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (chair), Quentin Kessel, and Scott Lehmann.
Absent: Peter Drzewiecki, Jennifer Kaufman, John Silander and Frank Trainor

Town Staff: Grant Meitzler

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.
2. The minutes of the January 21, 2007 with an editorial change were unanimously approved on a motion by Dahn and seconded by Lehmann.
3. Kessel reported on the February 20, 2007 OSPC meeting.
4. The election of officers was postponed until the March meeting.
5. Bylaws: Kessel distributed copies of the minutes of the first Mansfield Conservation Commission meeting (September 19, 1963) and the 1967 "Administrative Procedures" for the CC. These procedures must be updated to include, among other items, the two alternates who may now be appointed.
6. The FOI requirements for conducting meetings and recording minutes were discussed. It was noted that the minutes should be posted within seven days of the meeting and the results of any votes be made available within 48 hours. It was agreed that ordinarily the IWA referrals would not be discussed in executive session.
7. Letter to Senator Williams. The CC reviewed a draft that thanks Senator Williams for his ongoing efforts to promote land preservation and other conservation issues. Kessel moved that the CC endorse, in principle, the sending of a letter such as this to express the CC's appreciation of his efforts and thereby encourage him to continue to promote and support programs which are also supported by the CC. The motion was seconded by Dahn and passed unanimously.
8. IWA referral W1370 - Girard College Development Fund - Map date January 2, 2007. This application is for a 1-lot subdivision at the end of Ellise Road. The proposed driveway for this lot will cross a wetland area and Fisher's Brook. Kessel moved that there should be no permanent significant negative impact on the wetlands or Fisher's Brook as long as the precast arch bridge indicated in the submission is utilized. It was noted that this is a significant improvement over earlier submissions for this property. Included in the motion was the recommendation that every effort should be made to make the temporary crossing and do the bridgework during a dry period to protect the integrity of Fishers Brook, the mill pond downstream, Codfish Falls, the Fenton River, the Willimantic Reservoir, etc. Also included in the motion is that the sedimentation and erosion controls indicated in the application be in place during the construction period and removed after the site is stabilized. Dahn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. PZC File #750-3 Girard College Development Fund - Map date January 2, 2007. This application is for a 1-lot subdivision at the end of Ellise Road. The CC notes that when the developer originally extended the Ellise Road subdivision to the maximum number of houses permitted on a dead end-road, he had the option of selling larger lots and the CC fails to see the logic in now granting this additional subdivision. In essence, rewarding the developer for his poor planning.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Quentin Kessel
Secretary

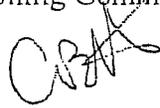
Town of Mansfield
Open Space Preservation Committee
Minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting

Members present: Evangeline Abbott, Ken Feathers, Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowrey, Jim Morrow, Vicky Wetherell, Jen Kaufman (staff), Larry & Holly Armstrong (present for public comment).

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35.
 2. Minutes of the January 16, 2007 approved (with a correction noting that Ken Feathers was indeed present) on a motion by Wetherell/ Morrow.
 3. Opportunity for Public Comment: The Armstrongs addressed this committee with their concerns about parking areas/trails in Open Space Dedications.
 4. Old Business: (Meeting now in Executive Session) Open Space Initiative - mailings, workshops and possible field trips/programs held in Mansfield Open Space properties and recommendations to Town Council were discussed.
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5. New Business: Discussion of FOI requirements were discussed as well as review of recommendations on previously discussed properties.
(Meeting now out of Executive Session) PZC File#750-3 -- OSPC desires more information on this property.
 6. Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted
Evangeline Abbott

To: Town Council/Planning & Zoning Commission
 From: Curt Hirsch, Zoning Agent
 Date: March 12, 2007



Re: *Monthly Report of Zoning Enforcement Activity*
For the month of February, 2007

Activity	This month	Last month	Same month last year	This fiscal year to date	Last fiscal year to date
Zoning Permits issued	5	9	13	122	124
Certificates of Compliance issued	14	22	13	144	124
Site inspections	41	64	43	569	450
Complaints received from the Public	2	5	2	36	40
Complaints requiring inspection	1	4	2	20	24
Potential/Actual violations found	7	15	2	84	20
Enforcement letters	7	16	5	80	87
Notices to issue ZBA forms	0	1	3	9	13
Notices of Zoning Violations issued	2	5	3	28	29
Zoning Citations issued	2	3	2	16	8

Zoning permits issued this month for single family homes = 1 multi-fm = 0
 Fiscal year total: s-fm = 26 multi-fm = 3

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Director hired for new student services job

BY RICHARD VEILLEUX

James Hintz, assistant director of campus life for off-campus and community services at Ohio University, has been named director of UConn's new Office for Off-Campus Student Services.

Hintz will assume his new position on May 29.

"Jim stood out from among the nearly 100 people who applied for the job," says Lee Williams, dean of students.

"He's politically astute, community-oriented, and had the perfect experience set we were looking for."

Hintz will be charged with working with the University's about 4,000 off-campus students, and serving as a liaison with town officials and ING Management, the real estate management firm that last year bought much of the available rental housing in the region. He also will work with local public safety officials, the director of alcohol and other drug education and services, Town of

Mansfield officials, and local landlords. He will report to Williams.

Hintz will be an advocate for students with issues ranging from housing rights to transportation and parking problems, while also working to educate students on how to be good neighbors.

"There are two classes of off-campus students he will work with," says Williams. "There are students who live locally who have an impact on Mansfield and the townspeople, and there are students who live at home, who are not necessarily local. Each group has needs that overlap, but they also have distinct issues that he'll attend to."

The position is an outgrowth of discussions at meetings of the Mansfield Community Campus Partnership. Williams said it's a job that an increasing number of universities are funding.

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Economist's work on land use policy looks at sprawl, preservation of land

KAREN SINGER

Recent surveys of rural residents indicate their increasing concern about development and an eagerness to retain the essential characteristics of their surroundings.

The problem is that few know how to go about doing it.

"There are many different tools that people can use to protect lands; it's just a question of combining the tools properly," says Robert Johnston, an associate professor in the agricultural and resource economics department at the Avery Point campus.

A new book edited by Johnston and Stephen K. Swallow, *Economics and Contemporary Land Use: Development and Conservation at the Rural/Urban Fringe* (Resources for the Future, 2006), stresses the role of "both spatial and economic-ecological interactions in contemporary land use" and the importance of a "practical, policy-oriented perspective." It delves into such issues as the role of economics in land use policy; forecasting development; managing land conversion; and exploring the relationship between land use, property values, and local taxes.

"We're looking at how economics can help us make better policy decisions when faced with these pressures," Johnston says.

Economics and Contemporary Land Use Policy is designed to be broadly focused, but most of the emphasis is on the Northeast United States, where sprawl is more of an issue than other places, he adds.

The book dovetails with the professor's research, which focuses on the values Connecticut

residents place on preservation of various types of undeveloped land in their community and around the state, including farm, forest, and open space.

Johnston says he is concerned about the implications of these values for the preservation policies that are most appropriate, and about the state's ability to maximize the benefits of preservation for residents.

He also assesses the economic benefits and costs, broadly defined, of development and conservation at the rural-urban fringe.

Citing data from the National Agricultural Statistics Service Census of Agriculture, Johnston notes that Connecticut lost 700 farms between 1997 and 2002. During that time, 12.8 percent of Connecticut farmland disappeared – the largest percentage loss of any state in the United States. The greatest percentage of farmland losses occurred in Middlesex County (-22 percent) and New London County (-23 percent). The greatest acreage losses occurred in Litchfield County (-93,569 acres), Windham County (-61,124 acres) and Hartford County (-50,192 acres).

"Land use and preservation is a huge issue ... involving economic forces, like profit motive among developers and demand among consumers," Johnston says. "It also represents a case of market failure, where the actions of the free market do not provide outcomes that are beneficial to society. For example, the free market tends to under-provide things such as nice scenic views, ecological quality, and the rural sense of place that is valued by many

residents.

"Rural quality of life offers real benefits to residents, and the market doesn't reflect the losses in quality of life that can accompany the loss of rural land use," he adds. "My interest, as an economist, is what we can do about it."

Surveys that Johnston has pioneered help characterize the type of land preservation Connecticut residents prefer.

"My work develops new and improved ways to establish how and why people value farmland," he says.

His research shows the reasons people value farmland preservation also vary greatly, depending on factors such as where they live, who they are, and how accessible the land is.

"Typically, when people vote on a bond act, they don't know what kind of land they're going to get and what effect it will have on their taxes," he says. "We lay out these critical details [in choice-based studies], and by looking at how they vote for these specific preservation options, we can determine what aspects of preservation are most valued."

Such information, he argues, can help community leaders set priorities and better allocate funds for preserving local land.

"Townships should realize these lands are valuable," Johnston says. "They need to figure out where they want to go. Do they want more development? Do they want more sprawl? How can they preserve the land they want to preserve?"

"These are hard choices and in some cases might mean more bond issues or more taxes ... but if

people are serious about keeping their rural character, they are choices that have to be faced."

Research that Johnston conducted in Rhode Island before coming to Connecticut, demonstrated that tax reductions on farmland and forest space were a cost-effective means of land preservation. That work led to the passage of a law which, he says, "enabled towns to continue these differential assessments ... and maintain larger areas of farm and forest land."

The work also led to an award in 1999 from the Rhode Island Rural Lands Coalition.

"Everybody likes to talk about the way an area used to be, and feel nostalgic after the fact," Johnston says. "What we're trying to do is get people to be proactive."

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Environmental guidelines to be followed for all major buildings

BY KAREN A. GRAVA

The Board of Trustees last week approved a requirement that sustainability guidelines must be followed for all buildings costing more than \$5 million. The guidelines must be followed in planning, design, construction, renovation, and maintenance. The buildings must also be energy- and water-efficient.

The guidelines note that while constructing "green" buildings sometimes costs more, lifetime energy savings make the building more cost-efficient in the long run.

The policy adopted by the trustees notes that green buildings provide an enhanced learning atmosphere for students, and a healthier environment for building occupants and visitors.

It also "realizes the University's commitment to responsible growth and environmental stewardship," says Richard A. Miller, director of the Office of Environmental Policy.

The policy requires buildings to be constructed to at least LEED silver rating standards. LEED is a program maintained by Leadership in Energy and Environmental

Design which requires registering the building with the U.S. Green Building Council and applying for certification when the building is completed.

The Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center, completed last fall, are the first UConn buildings constructed to LEED standards.

The University will be permitted to seek an exemption from the green building policy, provided the exemption is approved by the Buildings, Grounds, and Environment Committee of the Board of Trustees and the board itself.

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Hearing is next step for 'Storrs Center' plan

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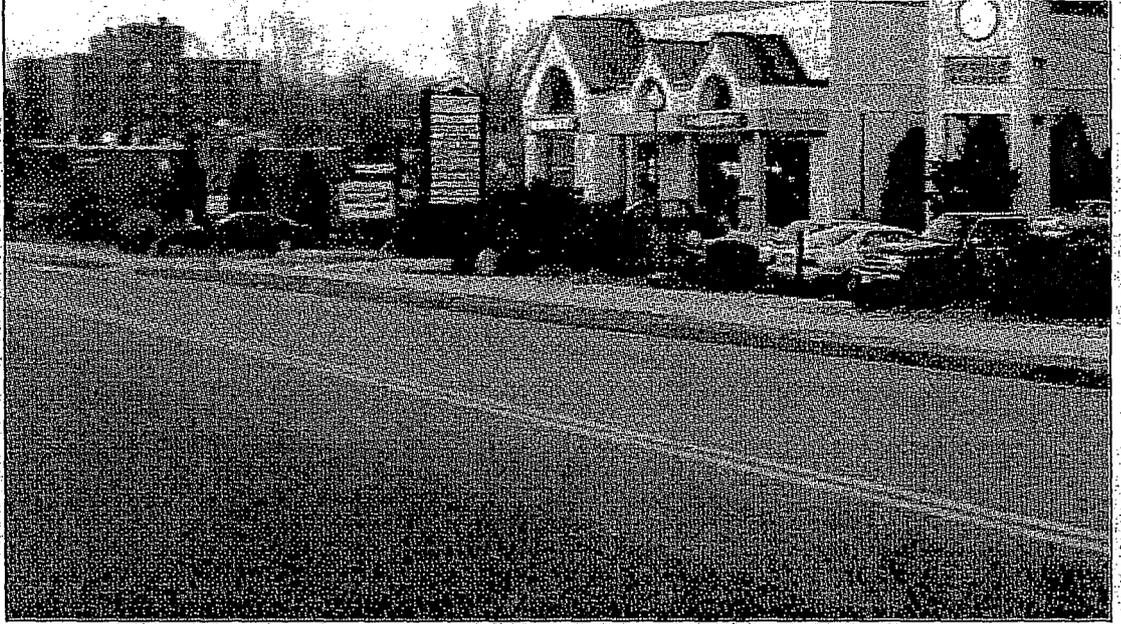
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MANSFIELD — The next major step for the Storrs Center development plan is to win approval of a new zone classification — the Storrs Center Special Design District — for a collection of parcels totalling 47.7 acres.

Large blocks of time have been set aside for reviewing one of the most significant developments in town since construction of the Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

The process begins with what's expected to be a lengthy presentation before the Planning and Zoning Commission, beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at the town hall.

(See "Garage," page 9.)



A new 'Main Street.' Most people who live or drive through Mansfield think of Route 195 — also known as Storrs Road — as the town's Main Street, but not one that is typical of many university towns. The Storrs Center project would dramatically reconfigure this area of town.

Photo by Brenda Sullivan.

Garage lost \$2 million

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— The idea of creating a “downtown” in Mansfield has been discussed for at least 20 years, and produced several studies and proposed designs. This Storrs Center Project is the first effort to bear fruit, partly due to a more cooperative relationship between the University of Connecticut and the town that began blossoming in 1995.

The upcoming hearing is especially crucial, said Cynthia van Zelm, who serves as executive director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, which is overseeing the project.

“This is a huge step, the next step on the path to making this a reality,” she said.

Plans for the first building, known as Building 1A, were previously approved but are on hold, pending the outcome of the current applications.

“We’re hoping, if we can, to get started on that building in the fall. We felt we needed to get the zoning in place for the rest of the project before we go forward,” van Zelm said.

Garage plans on hold

One of the key elements in the Storrs Center design is a parking garage, estimated to cost about \$18 million. The Mansfield Downtown Partnership has been looking for both federal and state funding.

“We made a request for \$6 million in federal funding, and we were included in a Senate transportation bill for \$2 million — but when the Democrats took control of Congress, they passed a resolution that holds the budget static... so it would be the same funding as the year before, and we were given nothing the year before. So, we have to go back in there and ask for the full amount... so yes, we lost a year.”

The garage would actually be built in two sections, van Zelm said, one adjacent to Storrs Automotive and another close to the residential area.

“We are thinking in terms of about 1,000 spaces. We’re not sure how many levels... but one reason we’re doing this as two garages is so we do not make it too high. We may do

some underground in Phase 4, but that’s so expensive,” she added.

A collection of “neighborhoods”

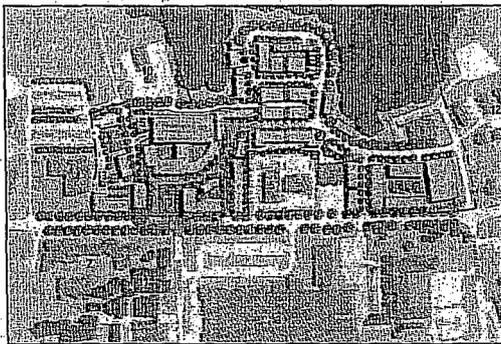
The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Storrs Center Alliance (under the umbrella of Leyland Alliance, the project’s Master Developer) have actually submitted two applications — one to create the new Storrs Center Special Design District, and a related application that would amend several existing regulations to pave the way for the new zone.

The general concept for Storrs Center is to create a cluster of “neighborhoods” including a town square modeled after Princeton’s Palmer Square and Philadelphia’s Rittenhouse Square, as well as a market square, Village Street area, and residential section, and a conservation area all accessed via pedestrian-friendly passages.

The developer’s submissions have been posted on the town’s Web site, in PDF format, at www.mansfieldct.org, including maps, studies on parking, traffic and drainage; and a 101-page, detailed description of the design guidelines for the new zone.

Copies of these documents are also available for viewing at the town clerk and planning offices during office hours, at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, at 4 South Eagleville Rd/Route 275.

The March 28 hearing is expected to be continued to April 5. For those who cannot attend these hearings, written statements can be submitted to the planning office, prior to the close of the hearing.



A new way of building. Above is an overview of the Storrs Center concept, which includes a “town square,” “market square,” “Village Street” area, and other neighborhoods. The town hall is building 7.

Graphic courtesy of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

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Legislative Update

CCM Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO ALL CCM-MEMBER MAYORS, FIRST SELECTMEN, AND TOWN/CITY MANAGERS

BUDGET POLITICS IN FULL SWING: MUNICIPAL AID AT ISSUE

With the scheduled adjournment of the General Assembly a scant 10 weeks away, and the Appropriations and Finance Committees due to report their spending and tax packages by April 19 and 20 respectively, maneuvering on state budget issues has begun in earnest.

Legislative leaders in both parties were caught off guard by the Governor's dramatic spending and taxing initiatives. The highlight for towns and cities in this package was a significant increase in education funding to towns and cities next year and the following four years, a priority objective long sought by municipalities. Also included was a new and improved proposal to phase-out the car tax and reimburse municipalities for lost tax revenues, as well as harmful proposals to cut non-education municipal aid by \$60 million (see enclosed CCM analysis).

The Governor's proposals to increase the rates on the personal income tax and on the cigarette tax have been met with opposition from many Republican legislators and from some moderate-to-conservative Democrats. The Governor indicated that tax increases are necessary to pay for the education and other investments called for in her budget proposal. It's unclear where the Democrat leadership is on the need for tax hikes, but they maintain that the Governor's budget proposal — even with tax hikes — underfunds social services and other programs. This pits municipal aid increases against other areas of the budget.

CCM has been pushing hard to convince the General Assembly leadership that the Governor's funding proposals to towns and cities should be a floor, not a ceiling, and that her proposed cuts in non-education aid should be rejected and funding for them should be increased. This call is being met with some resistance.

It is time for municipalities to be heard loud and clear on state budget matters.

Your Action Needed

Call or email your state legislators right away. Urge them to:

- Sustain the education funding increases proposed by the Governor;
- Reject proposed cuts to, and instead increase, non-education aid to towns and cities (PILOTs, Town Aid Road, Pequot-Mohegan, etc.);
- Sustain the local rates on the Real Estate Conveyance Tax, thereby preserving over \$40 million in municipal revenue; and
- Stand up and make the tough spending and taxing decisions necessary to reduce the crushing burden of the property tax and to make the necessary investments in K-12 public education and in Connecticut's future.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Finley, Gian-Carl Casa or Ron Thomas of CCM at (203-804-6895).

Enclosure



Executive Summary of Governor's Proposed State Budget:
Impact on Towns and Cities
FY 07-08 & FY 08-09

The Good News for Towns & Cities



(1) Major new investments in pre-K-12 public education

- a. \$1.1 billion (over 5 years) for the ECS grant: **+\$228 million in FY 07-08 (14%)**.
- b. Full-funding of the Special Education Excess Cost – student based grant: **+\$18 million in FY 07-08 (17%)**.
- c. Increases in per student magnet school grants each year over 5 years: **+\$12 million in FY 07-08 (14%)**.
- d. Increases in OPEN Choice grants each year over five years: **+\$3 million in FY 07-08 (28%)**.
- e. Increase in funding for priority school districts: **+\$5 million in FY 07-08 (4%)**.
- f. Increase in funding for Vocational Agriculture program: **+\$697 million in FY 07-08 (31%)**.
- g. Universal pre-school for children from low-income families: **+\$17 million in FY 07-08 (dna)**.
- h. New money for textbooks and deferred maintenance of schools: **+\$50 million in FY 07-08 (dna)**.

(2) Proposed elimination of the property tax on most cars

- Phase-in of elimination of the local property tax on most cars (over 5 years)
- Reimbursement from special state fund using the State's casino payments
- All privately owned passenger vehicles, including pick-up trucks would be included
- Towns would submit reimbursement forms to the State, rather than receive a reimbursement based on a complex formula (as proposed last year).

(3) Enhanced Planning Capacity at the State and Regional Levels

- a. More money for RPOs and more money for GIS systems: **+\$3 million in FY 07-08**.

(4) New general obligation bonding for the Clean Water Fund: +\$70 million in FY 07-08.

(5) Increased general obligation bonding for the purchase of open space: +\$10 million in FY 07-08.

(6) PILOT for manufacturing machinery and equipment (MME) would increase by \$30.6 million in FY 07-08 (60.5%); all of the increase would replace property taxes that would otherwise be collected.

The Bad News for Towns & Cities



(1) Over \$60 million in cuts to many non-education grant programs in FY 07-08

- a. PILOT for Private Colleges and Hospitals would *decrease* by **\$5.3 million in FY 07-08 (-4%)**.

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- b. PILOT for State-owned Property would *decrease* by \$5.3 million in FY 07-08 (-6.5%).
- c. Mashantucket Pequot-Mohegan grant would *decrease* by \$4.8 million in FY 07-08 (-5.3%).
- d. Town Aid Road grant would *decrease* by \$8 million (26.7%) in FY 07-08.
- e. Property Tax Relief **grant would be eliminated: -\$33 million (-100%)**. This grant was intended as a one-time grant in anticipation of the State increasing non-education aid to municipalities in FY 08 and beyond.
- f. DECD Housing PILOT and Tax Abatement Programs **would be eliminated** in FY 07-08: \$3.9 million in FY 08 (-100%).
- g. New Casino Assistance Revenue (CAR) grant would deliver *\$99.9 million in new aid, but all of the new aid would replace property taxes that would otherwise be collected on privately owned passenger vehicles in FY 07-08.*

(2) Proposed Elimination of the property tax on most cars

- a. The first reimbursement payment would occur in November 2007, presenting **cash-flow problems** for some municipalities. Eventually, reimbursements would be made in November, the following January, the following April, and the following June. The cash-flow problem with respect to reimbursement would remain.
- b. In year-five of the phase-in, the State would replace the existing Mashantucket Pequot-Mohegan grant with a "Supplemental Municipal Assistance" grant and might still have to transfer money from the general fund to finance the entire reimbursement.

(3) The Governor would phase-out the property tax credit against personal income taxes to help pay for the car-tax plan, with an exception for qualifying seniors.

(4) School Construction reimbursements would fall from the current range (20% - 80%, 95% for magnet schools) to (15% - 65%, 80% for magnet schools).

(5) Reductions in authorizations for the following bonded grant programs: Urban Act (\$-25 million), STEAP (-\$10 million). In addition, such bonding used for economic development projects would now have to meet the criteria established by the State's Responsible Growth Task Force. Although the \$70 million in g.o. bonding for **Clean Water** is a big step forward, estimates are that it falls far short of the \$157 million identified by DEP as needed for 07-08.

(6) The Special Education Excess Cost – Equity grant would be eliminated in FY 07-08: -\$4 million in FY 07-08 (-100%). The grant reimburses municipalities that have special education costs that exceed the state average.

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CCM LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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This is a select list of bills that are currently active in the General Assembly.
For additional information on these or other bills, please visit CCM's *Legislative Action Center* at www.ccm-ct.org.

Bill#	Bill Title	Staff	Current Status
HB05010	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CLEAN WATER FUND.	Kachina Walsh-Weaver	Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee Last Act.: 03-19 - FILED WITH LCO
	<u>Clean Water Funding</u>		
	Would provide an appropriation of \$100 million to the Clean Water Fund in both FY 08 and FY 09.		
HB05060	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRACKING OF REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDERS WHO MOVE OUT-OF-STATE.	Ron Thomas	Curr. Loc.: Judiciary Committee Last Act.: 01-03 - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD
	<u>Notification of Sex Offender Moves</u>		
	Would require police departments, when notified by sexual offenders of their intent to move, to notify the municipalities to which sexual offenders are moving.		
HB05110	AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF BULLYING POLICIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.	Ron Thomas	Curr. Loc.: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee Last Act.: 03-14 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON ED
	<u>School Bullying</u>		
	Would, among other things, require local boards of education to "develop, adopt and implement written polices and procedures concerning bullying"; conduct an educational awareness campaign, including pamphlets, wallet cards for schools and students; and "mandatory educational forums to inform students" about a new state hotline.		

HB05342 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELDERLY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-08 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON FIN

Property Tax Relief For Seniors

Would (1) require the state to reimburse municipalities who elect to enact the property tax relief program; (2) increase income eligibility limits; and (3) allow municipalities to extend benefits to higher income individuals without a state reimbursement component.

HB05528 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TOWN AID ROAD PROGRAM. Gian-Carl Casa Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee
Last Act.: 03-15 - FILED WITH LCO

Town Aid Road Increase

Would increase funding for Town Aid Roads by \$20 million over present levels.

HB05606 AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CLEAN WATER PROJECTS. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 01-19 - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Clean Water Funding

Would provide an appropriation of \$100 million to the Clean Water Fund in both FY 08 and FY 09.

HB05653 AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE FORMER GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: Human Services Committee
Last Act.: 03-16 - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS

Elimates Quarterly General Assistance Reports

Would provide that municipalities no longer be required to report quarterly to the Commissioner of DSS on the implementation of the general assistance program, and would eliminate any requirement that municipalities retain general assistance records.

HB05729 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE, LEASE OR TRANSFER OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY. Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: Planning and Development Committee
Last Act.: 03-14 - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD

Notice & Hearing for Municipal Properties

Would require municipalities to provide notice and hearing on any sale, lease or transfer of municipal property prior to conducting a vote on any such sale, lease or transfer and that such notice be published and mailed to each property owner within a one-quarter mile radius of the subject property.

HB06017 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Government Administration and Elections Committee
Last Act.: 03-09 - PUBLIC HEARING 0316

Municipal Health Insurance

Would exempt municipal health insurance premiums for municipal employees, retirees and their dependents from the state tax applied to the total net direct premiums received by an insurance company.

HB06137 AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: House Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 40

Surviving Spouses of Police Officers & Firefighters

Identified by the non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis as having potentially significant costs to the state and municipalities.

Would make the surviving spouse of any police officer or paid firefighter killed in the line of duty eligible for the employee's base salary until the date the employee would have been eligible to retire, (1) less any amount of workers' compensation benefit payable to the surviving spouse and (2) in the case of state employees, at the maximum rate for the position the employee held.

After the above date, the surviving spouse would be eligible to receive the benefits the employee would have been entitled to receive from the retirement system in which he was participating when he died. (It is unclear if the period during which the surviving spouse receives the member's salary counts towards the retirement benefits.)

Although CCM appreciates the intent behind this bill, we are concerned about this new mandate's significant fiscal impact on towns and cities.

HB06204 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY PROPERTY. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Energy and Technology Committee
Gian-Carl Casa Last Act.: 03-19 - REFERRED TO OLR, OFA 03/26/07 10:00 AM

Property Taxation of Telecommunications Companies

Would:

- (a) require telecommunications companies to report their inventory of personal property to municipalities by 10/1 each year; and,
- (b) allow municipalities to audit the personal property declarations of telecommunications companies who file with the State.

HB06338 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR FIRE SERVICE TRAINING. Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee
Last Act.: 03-07 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APP

Funding For Local Firefighters

Would earmark much-needed state funds to help supplement the costs of training local volunteer and paid firefighters.

Adequate protection of our citizens requires adequate funding. Faced with increasing public safety demands and declining federal resources - the State needs to make a stronger commitment to funding local first responders.

HB06347 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS. Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-07 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON FIN

Funding For Regional Fire Schools

Would allocate state funds to Connecticut regional fire training schools for the purposes of improvements to the training facilities.

This proposal would provide much needed financial assistance to help modernize critical fire training infrastructure and also enhance the quality of training of local firefighters. Well-equipped regional training schools are paramount to having properly trained first responders.

HB06366 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMIC FUTURE. Gian-Carl Casa

Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-19 - FILED WITH LCO

Transportation Investments

Would: (1) establish a balanced, multi-modal state-wide transportation system, (2) authorize the financing of priority projects outlined in the report "Connecticut's Transportation Strategy", (3) establish stable, long-term financing for state-wide and local infrastructure projects, maintenance and repairs, (4) fund incentives for transit oriented development, and (5) increase the Department of Transportation's funding to meet rising operating costs and to hire the necessary staff to complete infrastructure improvements in an efficient and timely manner.

HB06410 AN ACT PRESERVING CONNECTICUT'S FARM LAND. Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 01-31 - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Lump Sum Bonding Authority

Would establish a semi-annual lump sum bonding authorization for farmland preservation funds to the Department of Agriculture along with providing \$2.5 million to fund the program.

HB06555 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF SMALL FARMS. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 02-16 - PUBLIC HEARING 0221

Preservation of Small Farms

Would encourage the preservation of small farms by **requiring the Department of Agriculture to purchase development rights to small farm properties** throughout the state.

HB06723 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING. Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: Public Health Committee
Last Act.: 03-09 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON PH

On-Site Inspections

Would, among other things, **require health directors to conduct on-site inspections** for children found to have elevated lead levels. They are required to "take further action" if the on-site inspection does not identify the source of the lead exposure.

HB06927 AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER SERVICE BY PAID EMERGENCY PERSONNEL OR PAID FIREFIGHTERS. Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: House Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 44

Volunteer Firefighters & Emergency Personnel

Would **allow local paid firefighters and emergency personnel to also serve as volunteer firefighters in another municipality**, and provides that the municipality that employs the paid firefighter **shall be held harmless from any liability arising from their volunteer duties.**

CCM supports the intent of this bill. Local volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel are an extremely vital component to municipal public safety. However, H.B. 6927 is unclear with regard to the definition of "personal time."

CCM is concerned that this proposal may also be a collective bargaining issue that should be negotiated on the local level. CCM is concerned that this bill would establish far-reaching implications with respect to state mandated prohibitions for locally negotiated contracts. The impact of H.B. 6927 regarding adequately public safety staffing levels is also unclear.

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HB06956 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: House Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 45

Major Mandate: Special WC Benefits for H&H, Infectious & Contagious Disease, and Cancer

Identified by the non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) as a "STATE MANDATE" - OFA states this bill's added costs to municipalities would be "significant."

Would be the biggest proposed unfunded state mandate on municipalities in many decades. This mandate would:

- (1) **Establish a special workers' compensation (WC) presumption** for firefighters who contract (a.) heart disease and hypertension (H&H), or (b.) certain types of cancer, and,
- (2) **Provide a special rebuttable presumption benefit under WC** to police officers and firefighters who contract hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis or tuberculosis.

According to OFA - this mandate would likely increase the amount of claims for these conditions, which would be costly. OFA states that a single H&H claim could exceed \$1 million (this alone could cost municipalities well over \$30 million per year), while a single cancer claim could also exceed \$1 million. Single infectious disease claims already range between \$750k to \$2.5 million.

The dedication of public safety officials is not at issue here. What is at issue is whether towns and cities - and their property taxpayers would be forced to pay millions for a state-granted special benefit -- a benefit that, when warranted, is already covered under the current workers' compensation system.

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HB07000 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS AND MUNICIPAL LOBBYING.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Government Administration and Elections Committee
Last Act.: 02-01 - PUBLIC HEARING 0205

Municipal Ethics

Sections 1 through 11 would, among other things, **mandate a cookie-cutter approach to municipal ethics** by requiring that all municipalities (1) adopt a code of ethics at least as stringent as what is outlined in the bill and (2) establish an ethics commission.

HB07024 AN ACT CREATING AN INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM. Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: House Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 46

Emergency Mutual Aid Compact

Would establish a statewide intrastate mutual aid system among local governments for the purposes of emergency management and homeland security.

As the saying goes - the time to exchange business cards is not at the scene of a disaster. This bill includes all municipalities and establishes a network for towns, either neighboring or not, to assist each other during and after an emergency. Having this system in place prior to an emergency can enhance municipal response and recovery efforts.

Regionalization of local emergency management resources has been a long-time priority of CCM. The five recently formed "DEMHS regions" have proven to be a vital first step toward the long-term goal of cooperation among all levels of government and the variety of disciplines that encompass emergency management. Raised Bill 7024 is the logical next step toward maintaining this critical regional collaboration.

Raised Bill 7024 makes sense because:

It does not preclude municipalities from entering into their own mutual aid agreements,

It does not affect any existing mutual aid agreements between towns,

It is based on national model legislation similar to the interstate EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) system, and

It encompasses all aspects of local government, beyond traditional emergency responses of police, fire and EMS personnel - thus, allowing for the mutual aid among other key municipal assets such as public works, local health, and local clerks.

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HB07025 AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL PREPAREDNESS. Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Planning and Development Committee
Last Act.: 03-15 - FILED WITH LCO

Emergency Plans of Operation

Would require, among other things, municipalities to annually submit an emergency plan of operations to the Commissioner of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS).

Emergency plans of operation are dynamic, "breathing" documents. However, depending on the municipality, some local plans require more upkeep than others. Therefore, if this legislation moves forward, CCM urges the committee to modify it to allow local officials to submit their emergency plans to the DEMHS Commissioner with a citation that there have been no changes from the previous year's plans.

Further, we urge the committee to seek sources of funding that would enable municipalities to more frequently review and update their local emergency plans.

HB07062 AN ACT EXEMPTING INSURANCE CONTRACTS AND POLICIES FOR MUNICIPALITIES FROM THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX.

Gian-Carl Casa
Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: House Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 51

Eliminating the State's Premium Loading Tax

Would help reduce the cost of municipal health insurance by eliminating the requirement that municipalities pay the state's premium tax.

Municipalities presently spend between 8% and 15% of their local budgets on health care for their employees. For the past few years, annual increases in premiums have typically ranged between 9% and 15%. Municipalities and their property taxpayers are struggling with these high costs, and HB 7062 is a way for the State to help local governments cope with them.

The premium loading tax costs municipalities an estimated \$6.3 million each year. The tax is 1.75% on fully insured municipal premiums.

HB07083 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PROPERTY TAX ON CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Gian-Carl Casa

Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-08 - PUBLIC HEARING 0313

Car Tax

Governor's proposal to eliminate the car tax.

HB07096 AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS AT SCHOOLS AND THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee
Last Act.: 02-09 - PUBLIC HEARING 0213

Pesticide Use on School Grounds

Would extend the ban on the application of lawn care pesticides to all schools, and require the adoption of regulations regarding the use of environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products in preschools and schools.

HB07115 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: House Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 54

Local Fire Inspections

Would amend the timeframe for fire inspections to be conducted by local fire marshals, among other things.

CCM supports Raised Bill 7115.

It is important to provide local fire marshals with the flexibility to address the unique needs and safety of their own communities.

HB07135 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FOUNDATION
LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION COST SHARING
GRANT AND THE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE
REQUIREMENT.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Elementary and Secondary Education Committee
Last Act.: 02-15 - PUBLIC HEARING 0220

Education Funding - Foundation Level & Minimum Expenditure Requirement

Would increase the foundation level of the education cost sharing formula to \$10,000 and link future annual increases to the foundation to the consumer price index. In addition it would extend the minimum expenditure requirement.

HB07231 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF WASTE OIL
DISPOSAL.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 02-22 - PUBLIC HEARING 0226

Retrofit of State and Municipal Vehicles

Would mandate that municipal, state, and private entities owning a fleet of vehicles containing more than five Class 6 or above vehicles, less than five years old, equip the fleet with an on-board oil purification system.

HB07275 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FACE OF
CONNECTICUT.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 02-26 - PUBLIC HEARING 0302

The Face of Connecticut

This bill will help to:

Plan for Responsible Growth by: (1) establishing a State Responsible Growth Planning Grant program funded with \$1.15 million in 2007, and again in 2008 – the Office of Policy and Management would be responsible for establishing regulations for the disbursements of these grants [sections 1, 2, and 23]; (2) investing \$2 million in 2007, and again in 2008, to the Geospatial Information Systems Council to create a map of Connecticut in graphic electronic form [sections 2, 24, and 25]; (3) increasing, from 2% to 5%, the amount of the Open Space grants that can be used for administrative expenses [section 4]; and (4) investing \$60,000 in grants to land trusts to improve organizational development and land protection strategies [sections 20 and 28].

Leave a Lasting Legacy by: (1) investing \$200 million into the Department of Agriculture's Protection of Development Rights Program [section 3]; (2) investing \$240 million into the Department of Environmental Protection's Open Space Program [section 6] and increasing the grant percentages for certain recipients [section 5]; (3) investing \$10 million for matching grants to plan for, identify, preserve and register historic resources and sites [sections 10 and 11]; (4) investing \$50 million in matching grants for the preservation of historic land and buildings [sections 12 and 13]; (5) investing \$180 million in the Connecticut Recreation and National Heritage Trust Program [section 7]; and (6) making it easier for municipalities to come up with their portion of a matching grant by allowing a 10 year repayment schedule or, if paid within 5 years, no interest loans [section 21].

Invest in our Cities and Villages Centers by investing \$140 million in the City and Village Restoration Program Grants [sections 8 and 9].

Protect our Investments: by (1) investing \$90 million in cost sharing grants for the creation and implementation of best management practices as it relates to pesticides and invasive plants [sections 14 and 15]; (2) investing \$10 million in the Community Stewardship grants focused on developing and increasing public access to preserved land and restore access to, and habitats of, the coastline [sections 18 and 19]; and, (4) investing \$1.25 million in 2007, and again in 2008, to increase managers and staff for state parks [sections 26 and 27].

HB07318 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Planning and Development Committee
Last Act.: 03-19 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON PD

Expansion of Workers' Compensation For Volunteer Firefighters

Would expand workers' compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters conducting fire duties.

Raised Bill 7318 is unclear with regard to the definition of "additional duties...".

CCM has concerns about the potential fiscal impact this new workers' compensation expansion would have on towns and cities. Without a full fiscal analysis, it is difficult to determine its total effect on municipalities.

HB07320 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

Gian-Carl Casa
Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee
Last Act.: 03-19 - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON AP

New Municipal Employee Health Insurance Pool

This bill is an intriguing proposal to relieve municipalities of the heavy cost burden of providing health benefits for town and city employees.

Would create a new "Connecticut Insurance Pool" which would include all municipal employees who work at least half time. Municipalities would be mandated to participate and the new Pool would provide "the same coverage provided to state employees" by statute and collective bargaining agreements.

Despite certain flaws, this bill is an innovative approach that holds out real possibilities for property tax relief. It strikes at a nagging and ever-increasing cost problem for local governments.

CCM is eager to work with the Legislature on this bill, to fashion a proposal that meets the needs of property taxpayers as well as offers benefits to the employees that deliver services, every day, to residents and businesses in a community.

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HB07329 AN ACT CONCERNING A UNIFORM MASTER CONTRACT FOR REVALUATION VENDORS AND STUDY OF A REGIONALLY-BASED REVALUATION SCHEDULE. Gian-Carl Casa Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee Last Act.: 03-08 - PUBLIC HEARING 0313

Revaluation Reforms

Would require OPM to (a) issue a uniform master contract for revaluation vendors, which can be used by municipalities (must be submitted to Finance Committee for approval prior to issuance) and (b) propose reforms to the revaluation process by issuing a regionally based revaluation schedule (report due 1/1/08).

HB07330 AN ACT CONCERNING REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX RATES. Gian-Carl Casa Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee Last Act.: 03-06 - REF TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN

Extension of Real Estate Conveyance Tax Rates

Would (a) extend the present rates of the municipal real estate conveyance tax by two years, until 6/30/09, and (b) create a new definition of "unimproved land" for purposes of the conveyance tax.

Without the extension of the present rates, towns and cities could lose \$40 million in annual revenue.

SB00153 AN ACT CONCERNING SCARRING AWARDS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor Last Act.: 03-08 - FILE NO. 15

Scarring & Disfigurement Mandate

Identified by OFA as a "STATE MANDATE"

Would create a new costly workers' compensation mandate by establishing an unlimited amount of time for injured employees to receive a workers' compensation awards for permanent disfigurement or scarring.

The present workers' compensation law is reasonable and should not be changed. Landmark workers' compensation reform enacted over the past several years should be allowed to continue to work. The reforms were enacted to restore balance to the system and they have been helpful in attracting and retaining businesses. This has allowed Connecticut to be a more competitive state in terms of its overall business climate. The existing system retains fairness and equity in servicing injured workers and it should be allowed to continue working towards that end.

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SB00508 AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN WATER PROJECTS. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 01-26 - Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Clean Water Fund

Would provide a, yet unidentified, dollar amount of funding to the Clean Water Fund.

SB00531 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 01-29 - CHG. REF., HOUSE TO COMM. ON FIN

Municipal Health Insurance Premiums

Would exempt municipal health insurance premiums for municipal employees, retirees and their dependents from the state tax applied to the total net direct premiums.

SB00558 AN ACT IMPROVING LAND USE PLANNING. Kachina Walsh-Weaver Curr. Loc.: Government Administration and Elections Committee
Last Act.: 03-09 - PUBLIC HEARING 0316

Smart Growth

Would develop greater coordination of smart growth policy development and capital planning by implementing a comprehensive smart growth policy - a long-time CCM top priority - that the State has waited too long to move on.

SB00667 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee
Last Act.: 03-08 - FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APP

Increase Funding For Local Health Departments

Would increase per capita funding for local part-time and full-time health departments by fifty percent.

CCM supports Committee Bill 667. Local public health departments provide a critical function in the community and funding to them should be increased.

As demands for public health emergency planning increase, local health departments are often left stranded by the federal government – and mandated to plan for major emergencies such as a worldwide pandemic flu. Already handcuffed by limited local resources, Connecticut's local health departments must also tackle the day-to-day health issues within their districts. Committee Bill 667 provides these departments with long over-due financial assistance to better protect their communities.

SB00846 AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO ASSIST INJURED EMPLOYEES IN FILING A CLAIM FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
Last Act.: 02-16 - FILE NO. 5

Workers' Compensation Administrative Burden on Employers

Would create an unnecessary administrative burden by shifting responsibility and requiring that all employers covered by the Workers' Compensation Act provide employees injured on the job with a workers' compensation claim form (Form 30C), either in person or by mail, within two business days of being notified of the injury by the employee.

This puts an unfair and unmanageable responsibility on employers to perfect an employees workers' compensation claim against that employer.

SB00847 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR WAGE LOSS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
Last Act.: 03-01 - FILE NO. 6

Discretionary Workers' Compensation Benefits

Would extend the maximum number of weeks of discretionary workers' compensation benefits for partial permanent disabilities (PPD) that may be awarded. Under current law, these discretionary benefits (CGS 31-308a) are limited to the statutory duration of the claimant's PPD benefits, or 520 weeks, whichever is less. This bill would remove a workers' compensation commissioner's obligation to choose the lesser of the two options, authorizing a commissioner, at his/her discretion, to award up to 520 weeks of discretionary workers' compensation benefits.

SB00982 AN ACT CONCERNING BONDING FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 03-16 - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV.

Funding For Farmland Preservation

Would require the Bond Commission to authorize the issuance of any balance of bonds dedicated for farmland preservation.

SB00998 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PURCHASING OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 03-19 - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

New Agriculture Loans For Municipalities

Would provide short-term no-interest loans to municipalities for the purpose of acting quickly to purchase and protect agricultural land.

SB01080 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ROAMING LIVESTOCK AND FLIGHTLESS BIRDS.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 03-14 - FILED WITH LCO

Roaming Livestock

Would require municipalities to corral and house livestock found roaming. While there are provisions in the bill to allow municipalities to require the owners of such livestock to pay for expenses incurred, municipal agencies just are not prepared and equipped to handle the size and needs of such animals like cow, sheep, horses etc. Municipalities are not the proper entity to handle this problem.

SB01117 AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Gian-Carl Casa

Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-08 - PUBLIC HEARING 0313

Governor's Bond Proposals: School Construction Grant Reductions

Would, among other things, reduce the level of school construction grants to a range of 15% to 65%. Would also reduce reimbursement for magnet schools, from 95% to 80%.

Would also cap bonding for school construction at \$300 million annually, beginning with the December 2007 list.

SB01119 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Gian-Carl Casa

Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-08 - PUBLIC HEARING 0313

Governor's Proposed Bond Package

Governor's bond package, includes among other things, funding for the following:

Rec. Natural Heritage Program - \$10M
Municipal Open Space Grants - \$10M
Muni Plans of C&D: \$1M
Brownfields - Loan Fund \$2.5M; Pilot: \$5M
Responsible Growth Incentive Fund - \$20M in 08-09
School Wiring \$5M

SB01164 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF ZONING APPLICATIONS TO ADJOINING MUNICIPALITIES AND DESIGNATION OF MUNICIPAL INLAND WETLAND AGENCIES.

Ron Thomas

Curr. Loc.: Planning and Development Committee
Last Act.: 02-20 - PUBLIC HEARING 0226

Separate Inland Wetlands Agencies

Would, among other things, **mandate that towns and cities establish separate inland wetlands agencies by October 1, 2008.** This bill would effect approximately 57 of Connecticut's municipalities.

SB01166 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARREST HISTORY OF APPLICANTS FOR POLICE POSITIONS.

Bob Labanara

Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
Last Act.: 03-13 - FILE NO. 22

Arrest Records of Police Officer Applicants

Would place the onus on people applying for positions as municipal police officers to disclose all previous arrests regardless of whether their arrest records have been erased.

CCM supports Raised Bill 1166.

This bill makes a reasonable adjustment to current law to better equip local police departments during their officer recruitment process.

SB01169 AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Planning and Development Committee
Last Act.: 03-15 - FILED WITH LCO

Rental Assistance Program For the Elderly

Would increase the income eligibility limits for the rental assistance program for elderly persons who reside in state-assisted rental housing.

SB01260 AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND FLEXIBLE FUELED VEHICLES.

Kachina Walsh-Weaver

Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
Last Act.: 03-14 - FILED WITH LCO

Hybrid Vehicles & Grants For School Busses

Would provide municipal option to abate property taxes on hybrid vehicles and provide grants to municipalities to encourage the use of biodiesel in school buses.

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SB01334 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURCHASE AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, FARM AND URBAN PARK LAND AND FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION. Kachina Walsh-Weaver **Curr. Loc.:** Appropriations Committee
Last Act.: 03-19 - FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM.ON APP

Purchase and Preservation of Land in Connecticut

Would provide: (1) \$20 million for the purchase and preservation of open space land; (2) \$20 million for the purchase and preservation of farm land; and, (3) \$20 million for the purchase and preservation of urban parkland and for brownfield remediation and restoration.

SB01353 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON IMPLEMENTING CONGESTION PRICING. Gian-Carl Casa **Curr. Loc.:** Appropriations Committee
Last Act.: 03-15 - FILED WITH LCO

Congestion Pricing

Would require DOT to conduct a study on congestion pricing.

SB01357 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS. Kachina Walsh-Weaver **Curr. Loc.:** Environment Committee
Last Act.: 03-09 - PUBLIC HEARING 0314

Incentives to Regionalize Water Pollution Control Projects

Would provide incentives for municipalities to create regionalized water pollution control projects by (1) giving greater priority to regionalized projects over individual projects when ranking for the priority list and (2) providing a longer amortization period of 30 years for such projects.

SB01391 AN ACT CONCERNING FEE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN VITAL RECORDS. Gian-Carl Casa **Curr. Loc.:** Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-08 - PUBLIC HEARING 0313

Vital Records Fees

Would increase certain fees charged by town clerks and to provide lifetime fishing licenses to persons who are blind or mentally retarded and lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping licenses to persons who are physically disabled.

Increased fees:

- copies of surveys & maps, from \$1 to \$2
- certifying such copies, from \$1 to \$2
- new fee for "long form" birth certificates: \$10
- marriage certificates: from \$5 to \$10

SB01401 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION.

Gian-Carl Casa

Curr. Loc.: Transportation Committee
Last Act.: 03-15 - FILED WITH LCO

More Transportation Improvements

Would increase investment in transportation. Among other things, would require the State to:

- purchase 24 rail cars for shoreline east
- improve bike access at transportation centers
- purchase rolling stock for the New Haven - Springfield line
- make safety improvements at Tweed
- analyze enhanced rail freight service
- study electronic tolls and congestion pricing
- fund three pre-approved sites for Transit Oriented Development
- fund Phase I and II improvements to shoreline east
- provide capital funds for rail stations throughout CT, Stamford RR garage, and new, clean diesel buses for transit districts.

SB01441 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

Gian-Carl Casa

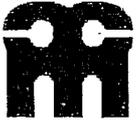
Curr. Loc.: Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Last Act.: 03-15 - PUBLIC HEARING 0320

Federal Fund Maximization

Would require the State to maximize the use of federal funds, and amend the state spending cap to exclude from the cap expenditures made w
federal funds.

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TESTIMONY OF

HERB ROSENTHAL

FIRST SELECTMAN OF NEWTOWN AND PRESIDENT OF CCM

To The

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 26, 2007

Good morning. I am Herb Rosenthal, First Selectman of Newtown and President of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. I thank you, on behalf of towns and cities across the state, for giving us this special opportunity to speak directly to you about the proposed state budget and its potential impacts on municipalities.

Each year this dialogue is critically important to the residents and businesses we both serve. As officials who have to balance our own budgets, we appreciate the difficult task before you.

We are here today to urge you to take advantage of a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make meaningful progress on the way in which we fund education in our state. If done right, the result will be a top-flight educational opportunity for all of our kids – no matter where they live – and a reduction in property tax burdens across the state.

We applaud Governor Rell for her bold proposals on education finance -- education finance is the key to property tax reform. We are here today to ask that you support her major proposals on that front.

However, there are other aspects of her proposed budget that would negate some of the progress her education proposals promise. We ask you to improve on her proposed budget in those areas.

We are aware that it will not be easy for you to (a) balance the state budget while (b) endorsing her necessary education funding proposals and (c) restoring cuts in other areas, including aid to municipalities. **But the question before you is not whether services delivered by local governments will be paid for by our citizens and businesses - they will be. The question is whether they will continue to be supported by the regressive and inadequate mechanism of property taxation, or whether the State will take an historic opportunity to use its broader and more equitable powers of taxation to support those services.**

We need your help.

Overview: Major Aspects of the Governor's Proposed Budget FY 08

Education Finance

Governor Rell's proposed budget includes upwards of \$265 million of increased investments in Connecticut's education system for FY 08. This proposal would be the largest in a decade in both dollar and percentage terms (12.7%). Perhaps more importantly, the majority of the Governor's proposals stem from the work of the Governor's Commission on Education Finance, which brought together a diverse group of stakeholders and leaders. In this way, much of the content in this bill reflects the collective thinking of Connecticut's education, business, academic, and public sector leaders as to how to correct the State's chronic underfunding of K-12 public education.

Among other things, her proposals would make the first significant changes to the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant in 12 years. She calls for increasing the foundation to \$9,687 (from \$5,891), raising the "Standard Guaranteed Wealth Level" (SGWL) to 1.75 (from 1.55), raising the minimum aid ratio to 10% (from 6%), using a more accurate measure for poverty (the free and reduced-price lunch count), and eliminating grant caps (after five years). These are major changes that, if implemented as designed, would lead to a more equitable system for financing Connecticut's public schools and a reduced reliance on property taxes to pay for public education.

Her proposal would **increase the Education Cost Sharing grant by \$228 million (14%)**, and proposes to increase it by \$1.1 billion over the next five years. (Included in your packet is a table on page 5, comparing the original, existing, and Governor's proposed ECS grant.)

The Governor's proposal would **uncap and fully fund the special education reimbursement threshold** in the student-based excess cost grant. The threshold is currently at 4.5 times each town's per pupil expenditures. CCM supports this proposal, though we would like to see the threshold lowered even further, as recommended by the Governor's Commission on Education Finance. *That Commission*, on whose work much of the Governor's recommendations are based, *suggested an excess cost threshold of 3.5 times each town's per pupil expenditures*. The cost to the State would be an additional \$27 million according to the Commission's report.

She would fully fund the **Special Education Excess Cost-student based** grant, increasing aid by \$18 million (17%). It would significantly increase the assistance municipalities would receive after spending the lion's share on necessary, but unforeseen, special education costs. Lower reimbursement thresholds would increase reimbursements, assist local governments with uncontrollable costs, mitigate property tax increases, and benefit every town.

But her proposal would also eliminate the **Special Education Excess Cost - Equity** grant, a loss of \$4 million. We urge you to restore this program.

We also urge you to reduce the phase-in of the new ECS goals to no more than four years, the length of Governor Rell's current term of office and comprising two state-budget cycles. This would (1) hold the State to its new commitment for funding pre-K-12 public education and (2) develop a renewed sense of trust between local governments and the State.

CCM also urges you to reject proposals that would (i) cap grant funding for adult education, transportation to public schools, and bilingual programs; (ii) provide the Department of Education the authority to mandate school districts to implement full-day Kindergarten programs without state reimbursement; and, (iii) eliminate grants designated to support the Early Reading Success program, summer and weekend school programs, school district improvement, priority school districts, extended hours, academic enrichment, and recreational programs.

General Government/Non-education Funding

There are several proposals in the Governor's budget that would cut aid to towns and cities, shifting more of the burden onto the backs of property taxpayers. The reality is that municipal general governments have scarcely grown in recent years, and they should not be 'punished' for running tight ships.

Overall, her proposal would mean a **\$60 million decrease in general government aid**. Almost all of that is due to discontinuation of aid that had been funded this fiscal year using surplus funds from FY 05-06. But whatever the source of revenue, the reality is that there is less general government aid proposed for next year than municipalities are receiving this year. Local property taxpayers would take the hit.

Among the cuts she proposes:

Town Aid Roads (TAR): An \$8 million decrease from last year (to \$22 million). As recently as 2001-2002, TAR was funded at \$35 million.

PILOT state property: would be cut by \$5.3 million (-6.5%). The reimbursement rate would be 32% (this year it is 35%, in FY 01-02 municipalities received 48%). The statutory standard, or goal, is 45%.

PILOT- private colleges and hospitals would be cut by \$5.3 million (-4.4%). The reimbursement rate would fall to 52%. (This year's reimbursement rate is 58%; in FY 01-02 it was 81%). The statutory standard, or goal, is 77%.

Pequot-Mohegan Grants would be cut by \$4.8 million to \$86.3 million (-5.3%, not counting portion used to reimburse for proposed car tax exemption; the \$4.8 million last year was paid for using surplus funds from FY 05-06.)

In addition to these cuts, the one-time **Property Tax Relief Grant**, funded last year at \$33 million using surplus revenue, would be eliminated.

We urge you to restore and increase funding for the grant programs that would be cut under the Governor's proposal.

State Spending Cap

Governor Rell also deserves praise for her leadership in stating that the State Spending Cap must be used in a way that will not hamstring the State's ability to fund her education-finance proposals.

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Item #24

Pedestrian safety needs united effort

There is little question that changes have to be made to traffic flow and enforcement on and near the campus of the University of Connecticut.

Both the town of Mansfield and UConn are looking for improvements to make it safer for pedestrians.

It makes sense for the town and the university to combine forces to study a problem that has been made very evident with three accidents involving pedestrians in a month — one of them a fatal.

It has also become far too obvious that greater controls need to be placed on the sale and consumption of alcohol by UConn students and visitors to the campus.

Excessive drinking is not just a problem when one of the athletic teams wins a national championship or during spring weekend, when students tend to mass and party in an out-of-control manner.

There is little doubt that the consumption of alcohol played a significant role in the hit-and-run accident that claimed the life of freshman Carlee Wines, 19, of Manalapan, N.J. early in the morning of Jan. 20.

The occupants of the SUV that allegedly hit Wines moments after she stepped off the sidewalk onto a crosswalk had all been drinking heavily at several parties the evening of the accident, according to police affidavits.

They were drinking in the dorms and at parties on and off campus. None should have been driving.

While campus and town officials evaluate the relationship between the consumption of alcohol and students, they also need to evaluate the role of several enablers.

Students who are not legally old enough to drink or purchase alcohol are still getting drinks any way they can, whether it is through the use of a false ID or by having an older student buy alcoholic beverages for them. Upper-class students bear a significant responsibility to ensure that under-age students do not attend any parties they hold where alcohol is available.

Any changes and improvements officials examine should also take into consideration the impact the Storrs Center project will have on pedestrians and traffic, as well as the accessibility of alcohol.

While it is true the design for the center includes a new walkway that will improve pedestrian safety, that will not be the only place students will cross the street. And it is very likely the apartments, stores and restaurants planned for the new downtown will bring in even more traffic than the area has now.

These factors^{1 2 3} to be worked into any safety

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PZC gets school input on added housing

Item #25

By **KIMBERLY GRAVES**
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — With enough time to plan, 400 units as part of proposed development in the southern area of town may not have as much of an impact on the schools as townspeople originally claimed.

The planning and zoning commission met with education officials Monday to discuss the impact of the proposed Pleasant Valley Design District, approximately 150 acres south of Pleasant Valley Road and west of Mansfield City Road.

Mansfield Board of Education Chairman Bill Simpson said the proposal — which could bring an estimated 400 housing units — could have a large impact on the schools if they did not make any improvements.

But, he said, school officials are trying to plan for the future so this does not happen. Currently, there

is a school building committee looking at future education needs.

Superintendent Gordon Schimmel said he believes the schools can absorb another 100 students without any significant impact. Simpson said the school is currently using some rooms, such as closet space, as classrooms.

Schimmel said, as part of the school building project, education officials would like to build new library/media centers at the three elementary schools, which could free up classroom space.

He said school building renovations and/or additions would not start until 2009 or 2010. Schimmel said he hopes the project will go to referendum in fall 2008.

Schimmel said a proposed 400 units could bring another 100 students to the school system and would require several new classrooms and may impact staffing. Schimmel said re-districting might also help.

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Comparing the proposal to Freedom Green condominiums, Schimmel said, at one time, this added 50 students split between Annie E. Vinton School and Mansfield Middle School.

But, he said there are only 30 students from Freedom Green this school year. There are currently 200 housing units at Freedom Green with another 70 to be constructed.

Schimmel said the state Department of Education predicts enrollment for Mansfield schools should remain "stable over the next few years."

Last month, the PZC unanimously voted against proceeding with proposed zoning revisions to rezone all existing areas zoned professional office and industrial park to a new Pleasant Valley Design District.

The \$165 million Storrs Center project is also estimated to bring in up to 800 housing units. Schimmel said this may or may not impact the schools.

The proposed district would have been in line with the town's plan of conservation and development, namely, to concentrate development in areas with public sewer and water and keep the rest of the town primarily rural.

The proposed regulation would have limited construction to 50 housing units per year.

The PZC will conduct another public hearing process after another proposal is developed.

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Town council reaffirms support of Storrs Center

Item #26

By KIMBERLY GRAVES
Chronicle Staff Writer

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unanimously approved a municipal development plan for the Storrs Center project.

MANSFIELD — With the public hearing process for the \$165 million Storrs Center project set to start March 28, the town council has reaffirmed its earlier support of the mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly village.

Ultimately, the PZC will act on two applications, one for zoning map amendments and the other a 25-page proposal for the special design district for mixed-use.

While the council did not have to take any action, it voted 7-0 Monday to support two applications necessary to establish the Storrs Center special design district, currently before the planning and zoning commission.

The planning and zoning commission referred the applications to various town agencies, including the town council, for review and comments.

Council member Helen Koehn, who ultimately supports the overall project, abstained because she felt the motion was "untimely and vague." Mayor Betsy Paterson was absent.

Town Manager Matthew Hart said because the PZC is the legal land-use authority for the town, he did not believe it was necessary for the town council to comment on individual elements and components of the application.

The town council last endorsed the project in October 2005, when it

Peter Millman, a neighbor of the
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Town council reaffirms support of Storrs Center

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project and a member of the partnership's planning and design subcommittee, said he believes the project will be "something we'll all enjoy and be proud of."

And though resident Robert Coughlin likes the idea of "more restaurants, more shopping and more of a community center," he's "not necessarily sure he likes the idea of more housing."

"I don't want to create another Hunting Lodge Road-type ghetto," he said.

Coughlin said he is concerned the town will need a "strong police presence" at both the new Storrs Center, as well as the University of Connecticut. He is also concerned about increased traffic.

He said he believes the plans are "overly ambitious" and he

suggested the PZC approve the project in stages.

Coughlin said the artist's renderings remind him of the "Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C." as well, and he would like to see some "New England flavor."

Hart said he is confident the Storrs Center project will have many benefits, such as more jobs and an estimated \$2.5 million in new tax revenue at build-out.

"We're very excited about the progress that's been made so far," said Mansfield Downtown Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm.

She said the approval by the town's planning and zoning commission is the "next step in building a great new downtown."

In total, the Mansfield Down-

town Partnership seeks 12 percent public funding, or \$20 million.

Private financing — approximately \$142.2 million — would fund the rest.

Construction for the project, which developers hope will start

this summer, should take five to eight years.

The first building, Building "1A," was approved by the PZC in July. It will offer a home for displaced downtown businesses during construction.

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UC tries to make crosswalks clear

By DAVID HINCHEY
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STORRS — The University of Connecticut has taken steps to make North Eagleville Road safer by installing lime-green pedestrian signs in crosswalks to alert drivers of pedestrian crossings.

Richard Veilleux, UConn spokesman, said the signs in the crosswalk were installed just in the last week and they were installed as "an upgrade in safety."

"We continue to study and work with the DOT (Department of Transportation) for other improvements," Veilleux said.

Veilleux said the university has always looked at ways to improve safety on the roads and noted the removal of parking along the road in 2004 as a safety upgrade.

He said the signs come as an "outgrowth" of suggested improvements by Barry Feldman, UConn's vice president and chief operating officer.

Veilleux said the university is also studying North Eagleville Road and has tapped EarthTech, a traffic consultant for the study.

He said the university had to get DOT approval for the signs, as North Eagleville Road is a state road and falls under DOT jurisdiction.

North Eagleville Road has been spotlighted in recent events.

Two pedestrians have been killed on the road since 2001, most recently Jan. 20, when UConn Freshman Carlee Wines, 19, from Manalapan, N.J., was struck by a 2004 Nissan Armada while attempting to cross the road by the Chemistry building.

Wines was allegedly struck by Anthony Alvino, 18, Lindenhurst,

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UConn crosswalks have signs

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N.Y., who reportedly had been drinking, according to court affidavits.

In November 2001, Nhat Pham, 22, from Danbury was struck and killed by Joshua Rossner of Shelton, who police said had been drinking prior to the accident.

Rossner was convicted and sen-

tenced to serve five years probation.

The Town of Mansfield has similar signs installed on Route 195 in front of Edwin O. Smith High School, which town officials contend have helped.

"We found they work very well," said Mansfield Town Manager Matthew Hart. "Traffic

reacts very differently when they're up, as opposed to when they're not up."

Hart said traffic reacts in a "positive" way and they notice quite a change when the signs are up.

He said he's hopeful the signs will work for UConn and said that he's confident they will.

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CCM applauds Governor's bold initiatives; calls on legislature to do better, particularly on non-education aid

The following is an opinion piece by James J. Finley, Jr., CCM Executive Director and CEO.

"CCM applauds Governor M. Jodi Rell's bold initiatives to dramatically reform education finance, provide property tax relief, and embrace smart growth land-use principles.

"The Governor has dramatically raised the public-policy bar in the 'Land of Steady Habits.' Rell proposes a \$1.1 billion increase in education-cost-sharing aid for local public education over five years, including a \$228 million increase in ECS funding for next year. The Governor also calls for significant new state assistance for responsible growth initiatives, including brownfields remediation, open space acquisition, enhanced funding for regional planning organizations, and increased funding for GIS systems and housing needs. And she had the courage to recommend raising taxes to help pay for her proposals.

"CCM commends Rell for her leadership. Towns and cities are calling upon the General Assembly to show similar leadership and courage.

"CCM is urging the General Assembly to (a) support the Governor's education-funding

proposals, as critical to property tax relief, but phase it in over four, not five years, and (b) improve upon her other proposals and reject the more than \$60 million in cutbacks in non-education grants for towns *continued on page 3*

CCM / DEMHS symposium

Learn how to prepare for unexpected emergencies

Last year's hurricane season was mercifully kind to Connecticut, but that doesn't mean state and local officials can afford to put emergency planning on the back burner. Disasters occur when you least expect them.

CCM and the CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) are co-sponsoring the Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium '07 to strengthen regional collaboration among local, regional and state officials. *continued on page 7*

CCM board names James Finley new CCM Executive Director and Bruce Wollschlager President of CIRMA

The CCM Board of Directors has named long-time Associate Director James J. Finley, Jr. as its new executive director and CEO.

In addition, the board named Bruce A. Wollschlager as president and CEO of the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), the risk management and insurance services arm of CCM. Wollschlager has been executive vice president and chief operating officer of CIRMA since 2001.

Joel Cogen, the executive director of CCM and president of CIRMA, who has led CCM

since its inception, in 1966, and CIRMA since its start-up in 1980, will become executive director emeritus until his retirement on June 30.

The change in executive leadership of CCM and CIRMA took effect March 1.

"The board of directors is pleased and excited to announce these major appointments," said Herbert Rosenthal, first selectman of Newtown and president of CCM. "The board was unanimous in its view that Jim and Bruce are the best choices to ensure maintaining and enhancing CCM's and *continued on page 4*

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James Finley named CCM Executive Director, Bruce Wollschlager President of CIRMA

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CIRMA's leadership and service roles with Connecticut municipalities.

"The appointment of Joel Cogen as executive director emeritus befits for person who, as chief executive and friend, brought both CCM and CIRMA into life and led the impressive growth of both organizations for so many years," noted Rosenthal.

Jim Finley has been with CCM for 27 years and has more than 25 years experience in lobbying the state and federal governments. As a member of the executive management team, he has been responsible for public policy development and advocacy for the association, including the development and execution of CCM's state and federal legislative programs, as well as advocacy before state regulatory agencies and the courts. He has particular expertise in education finance, labor relations, planning and zoning matters, municipal law, and state-aid issues. Finley serves on a variety of state commissions and task forces.

"I thank the board of directors for placing their confidence in me," said Finley. "I look forward to building on the legacy of excellence left by Joel Cogen and positioning CCM for even greater success in meeting the needs of towns and cities."

Finley will provide the leadership and vision for CCM in executing its mission on behalf of towns and cities. The executive director has overall responsibility for the development and execution of CCM activities, programs, and services to its 140 member towns and cities.

Finley will direct the overall business affairs of CCM, including finances, human resources, information technology, and office management. He will oversee planning and the execution of CCM's organizational development, public policy and advocacy services, as well as public education activities on behalf of member towns and cities. Finley will also manage CCM relationships and interactions with other organizations and individuals in the state and federal governments and in the private non-profit and for-profit sectors.

He earned a B.A. in political science, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from



Finley



Wollschlager



Cogen

the University of Connecticut and an MPA from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Finley is a Connecticut native and resides in Durham with his four children, Erin, Jamie, Brendan, and Michael.

Bruce Wollschlager joined CIRMA in 2001 during a time of great turmoil in the insurance industry. His promotion to the position of president and chief executive officer of CIRMA comes during a period of consistent strong growth in the organization's membership, revenue, and program offerings.

Herbert Rosenthal, chairman of the CCM and CIRMA boards of directors, said, "I am very pleased to announce this promotion. Wollschlager has a deep understanding of all aspects of insurance operations and municipal risk management. We look forward to CIRMA's continued success and growth under his leadership."

In his new role, Wollschlager will provide strategic direction, insight, and vision to CIRMA's risk management and risk financing operations.

Wollschlager has worked in Connecticut's insurance industry for almost three decades. Before joining CIRMA, he was general counsel and vice president of claims and human resources for the Blue Ridge Insurance Company in Simsbury, and held executive positions at the Middlesex Mutual Assurance, Shelby Insurance, and Sentry Insurance companies. He has served on the board of directors of NLC-MIC, Connecticut Fair Plan, the Connecticut Insurance Guarantee Association, and the Insurance Association of Connecticut.

Wollschlager said, "This transition is one of both continuity and opportunity for CIRMA and its members. CIRMA is well-positioned for enduring growth and financial stability, while its mission remains the same — that of

service to Connecticut's municipalities, school districts, and other local public agencies."

Wollschlager is a Connecticut native and lives in Cheshire with his wife Christine. He received his bachelor of arts in politics from Fairfield University and was awarded a Juris Doctor degree with honors from

Western New England College School of Law. Wollschlager received his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation in 1987.

Joel Cogen, CCM's executive director and general counsel, has completed 41 years of service to CCM and 26 years as president and CEO of the CIRMA.

Cogen was with CCM since its inception, in 1966, first as legislative counsel and staff member, and since 1968 as executive director. In 1976, he became general counsel as well. He became chief executive officer of CIRMA upon its formation in 1980.

From 1968 to 1976, Cogen was also a partner in Cogen, Holt and Associates, an urban affairs consulting firm specializing in management, planning, evaluation, financing, and development, with major clients in the non-profit, governmental, and for-profit sectors.

From 1959 to 1968, Cogen was with the New Haven Redevelopment Agency, including executive director-general counsel. During the same period, he was an assistant to Mayor Richard C. Lee. In that role, he served as the mayor's legislative counsel, developed new programs in housing and community development, human resource development, and other areas of municipal concern. Also, he supervised and coordinated programs involving several agencies.

His previous positions were with the Ansonia Redevelopment Agency, the New York State Mediation Board, and the U.S. Wage Stabilization Board. He served two years as a U.S. Army officer in various management assignments.

Cogen received a B.S. from the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, and an LL.B. from Yale Law School. He is a member of the Connecticut bar. Cogen resides in Hamden with his wife Beth Gilson.

cc: Town Council



Item #29

March 16, 2007

Mr. Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Hart,

Congratulations on joining the Endangered Lands Coalition! You join over 200 state and local elected officials, civic and environmental organizations, businesses and individuals working to protect the watershed lands that surround and purify our reservoirs, rivers and streams.

You will be included in our email activist alert network and informed of legislative issues, activities and other pertinent meetings and events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 787-0646, Ext. 117.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kierran Broatch". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Kierran Broatch, Coordinator
Endangered Lands Coalition

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Rell plan would cut state payments in lieu of taxes to towns

Associated Press

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NEW BRITAIN, Conn. -- Some municipal officials are lobbying against a proposal from Gov. M. Jodi Rell to reduce a grant program that gives state money to entities exempt from property taxes.

Rell's budget reduces "payments in lieu of taxes," or PILOT grants, that the state pays for colleges, hospitals, parks, office buildings, garages, courthouses and other properties.

New Britain, where Central Connecticut State University is located, and nine other communities are likely to take the biggest hit in Rell's plan.

Also losing out would be Windsor Locks, home to Bradley International Airport. Rell's proposed budget would pay the town \$3.36 million next year, a drop of about \$450,000 from current funding.

"That's a big hit," said First Selectman Steven Wawruck Jr. said. "We try to keep the whole year's tax increase down to about that."

Wawruck and several colleagues are lobbying the General Assembly to restore PILOT funding to this year's level. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities also lists it as a major goal.

For scores of communities with no major state institutions, the PILOT grants are only a few thousand or several hundred dollars, and don't rank high on anyone's list of lobbying priorities.

For example, South Windsor receives only \$10,549 in PILOT money and could lose less than \$25 next year. And Old Saybrook gets \$58,467, with Rell's plan reducing that by about \$9.

Rell's budget advisers say the current PILOT grants were inflated by one-time bonuses and when the extra cash is removed, next year's projected payouts are about even with this year's, said Michael Cicchetti, deputy budget director.

The governor's staff also says towns and cities are in line for a lot more state aid for local school systems.

New Haven, for example, could lose about \$1.6 million in PILOT grants next year, but would receive \$10 million in extra school aid next year, and as much as \$50 million over the next five years, said Chris Cooper, Rell's spokesman.

Advocates for Connecticut's towns and cities are wary.

"We're certainly supportive of a lot of the governor's initiatives, and her commitment to improving education funding and property tax relief," said Herb Rosenthal, president of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. "But if the state gives money with one hand and takes with the other, there's a concern."

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SIGNS OF SAFETY FOR UCONN WALKERS

New Fluorescent Warnings Protect Pedestrians On Busy Crosswalks

By GRACE E. MERRITT
COURANT STAFF WRITER

STORRS — The new lime-green signs marking the many crosswalks along the narrow road that slices through the University of Connecticut campus are hard to miss. And that's the point.

The university recently installed the diamond-shaped, fluorescent signs to warn drivers to stop for the thousands of students who enter the 13 crosswalks along a half-mile stretch of North Eagleville Road, where a student was killed in a hit-and-run two months ago.

Freshman Carlee Wines died two days

after she entered a crosswalk by the Chemistry Building on Jan. 20, the second student to be killed at night on a crosswalk on North Eagleville Road in six years. Nhat H. Pham, a 22-year-old graduate student, died after being struck by a drunken student as she crossed the road near LeDoyt Road in 2001.

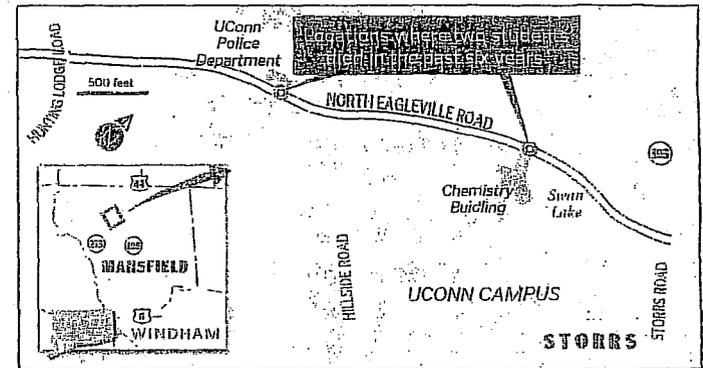
Besides the new signs, the university has put shorter, free-standing signs in the middle of the road at each crosswalk, warning motorists to stop for pedestrians. In the works are plans to improve lighting, launch an education campaign for both drivers and pedestrians and extend the sidewalk to connect to Hunting

Lodge Road.

Though less than a mile long, North Eagleville Road is heavily traveled by 12,000 cars and 11,000 pedestrians daily.

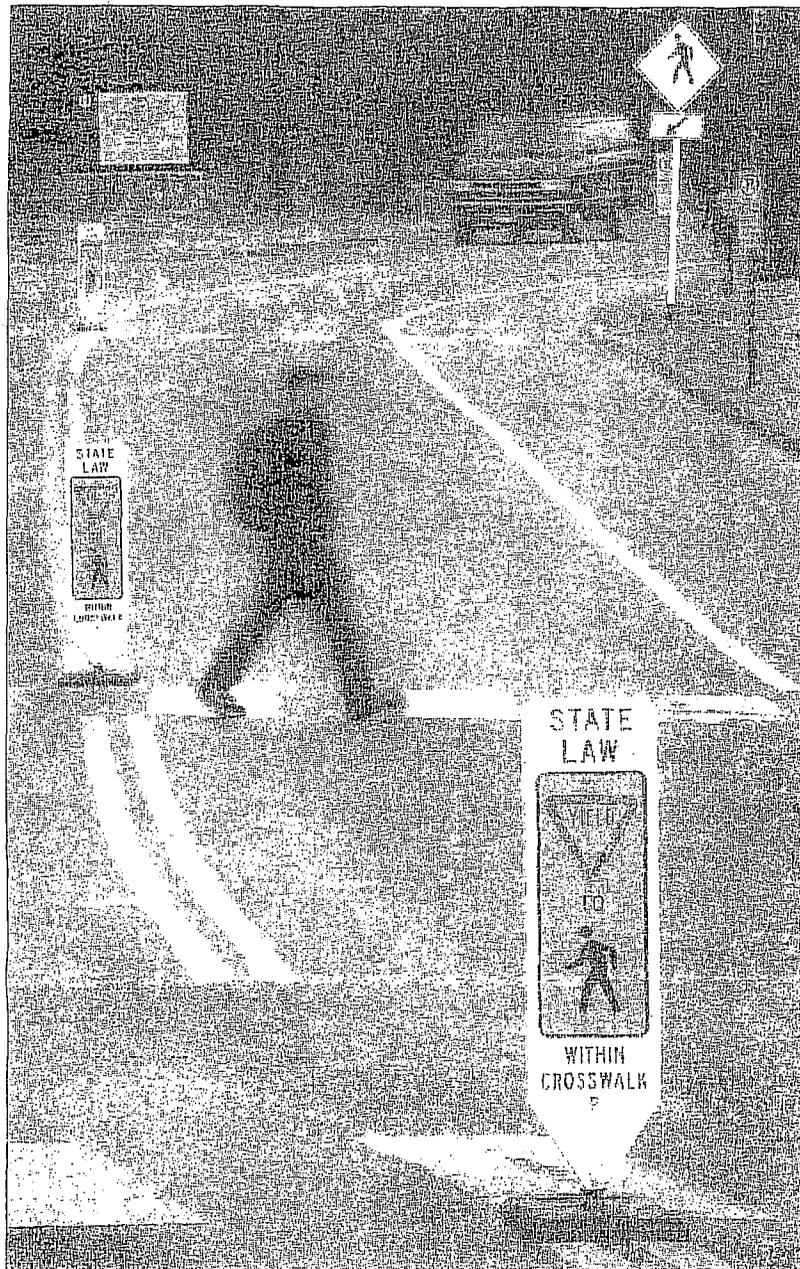
"It's a busy, busy street. It's as busy, vehicle-wise, as many streets in cities and towns around Connecticut," said Barry Feldman, UConn vice president and chief operating officer. "Given those conditions, we need to make it safer for our pedestrians."

Students, many of whom must get from their residence halls north of the road to classrooms across the road,



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A STUDENT makes his way across one of 13 crosswalks on a half-mile stretch of North Eagleville Road Thursday. The state has installed the safety signs after the death of a freshman hit by a car on the road.

New Safety Signs Installed

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seemed to welcome the new crosswalk signs.

"It's smart of them to put them up. With all the people and all the cars, it is hard to cross," said Bridget O'Reilly, 19, of Cheshire.

"It makes a big difference," said Linping Xu, 30, a graduate student from China. "I think everybody drives very, very slowly, especially at the crosswalks."

UConn is also working with a traffic design professional to evaluate the road and recommend whether to eliminate or add crosswalks, among other improvements, Feldman said.

Though North Eagleville is a state route, the shortest in the state at 0.9 miles, the university is designing and paying for the changes with the state Department of Transportation's approval.

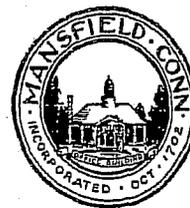
Feldman said.

Three years ago, the university eliminated parking along both sides of the road, to reduce the number of pedestrians who were darting out from between cars into the street.

"People would suddenly emerge from between cars," said Karla Fox, chairwoman of the UConn Parking Advisory Committee.

Over the past eight years, UConn has made strides in reducing traffic and parking on campus as part of its master plan to turn its core into a pedestrian campus. As part of the plan, the university eliminated on-street parking in the center of campus and diverted it to garages and outlying parking lots, Fox said.

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March 26, 2007

Ms. Eda Easton
90 Hillyndale Road
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Dear Ms. Easton:

I am responding to your letter dated March 6, 2007, in which you referenced my February 26, 2007 memorandum to the Mansfield Town Council regarding local art displays at the Mansfield Community Center.

Regarding your two sculptures that were removed from the Mansfield Community Center, I wish to apologize for mischaracterizing the theme of those pieces as "sexual in nature." In retrospect, and as I have recently explained to you over the phone, I believe that the phrase that I used to describe your artwork was inappropriate. Also, I wish to emphasize that in using that phrase I meant no insult to you nor did I desire to criticize your artwork.

Also, I wish to thank you for your suggestions as to how the Town could handle any future concerns expressed by community members regarding artwork displayed in municipal facilities. I will make certain to forward your correspondence to the Town Council, Arts Advisory Committee and staff.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

CC: Town Council
Arts Advisory Committee
Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation
Jay O'Keefe, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

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6 March, 2007

Mr. Matt Hart
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
10 S. Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06168

REC'D MAR 06 2007

RE: Your Memo of February 26, 2007 to the Town Council

Dear Mr. Hart,

Because written communications from you are a matter of public record, I must ask you to correct your statement in the above memo concerning the nature of two of my sculptures that were removed from the Community Center display because someone objected to them.

You state that they are "sexual in nature," and I vigorously object to that description. I also see, however, from your memo that your opinion was based on hearsay because you preface your statement with "From my understanding, ...". This I also consider objectionable because you simply repeated and reacted to an opinion that was expressed by someone who either has a misguided sense of sexuality or who has never encountered classical art.

If you want the artwork in town to be determined by the lowest common denominator, then the Town Council is well on its way to success. I fully agree that there is no place for obscenity or inflammatory art in public spaces such as the Community Center, but I find it impossible to accept the dictum from some naive citizen as the sole criterion of what is acceptable. Censorship at any level is dangerous and will lead to an escalation of restrictions based on warped tastes.

My complaint does, however, go beyond this personal point. The unilateral removal of art work from any exhibition by town employees on whatever basis is unacceptable not only for the artist but also for the broader community. If, in the future, someone should protest works in an exhibition, the complaint must be made in writing. The artist concerned should then be notified before any action is taken. An opportunity must then be provided for the artist to see the complaint and to explain the objectionable matters, preferably to the person who objects as well as to the management of the place in question. In such a constructive approach, civility and understanding will be fostered. Debacles like this last one and the odium of censorship will be avoided. I applaud the Art Council's efforts to work towards such a goal.

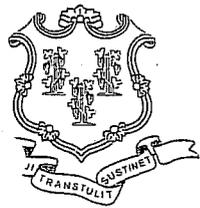
In spite of all this, I wish you would have made an effort to see my work before you officially gave it the "sexual" label. Even after the fact, I invite you to visit me so I can show you the pieces in question so you can speak from experience. Please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Eda Easton

CC by e-mail: Jay Ames, Stephanie Summers, Curt A. Vincente, Jay O'Keefe



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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March 9, 2007

Mr. Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

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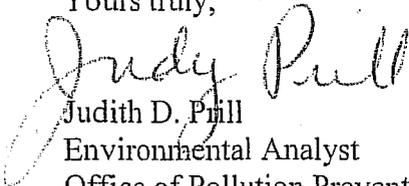
Dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you for submitting an application for the Organic Land Care Pilot Project with the Department of Environmental Protection. We have completed our evaluation of the applications that we received. We were pleased with the large number of towns that volunteered to participate. As you are aware, initial funding was limited to only one pilot project. We had a tough choice to make and while your municipality's application had many strong points, we were not able to select your town for this initial phase of the project.

We look forward to working with your municipality in the future and at the earliest opportunity we will share the results of the pilot project with you. Your e-mail address has been included in an electronic mailing list that we have created especially for this project. This will also enable us to inform you about training opportunities for your staff and purchasing cooperatives for organic land care products.

Thank you for your interest and I would encourage you to continue to explore organic land care as an option for your community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 424-3694 or judith.prill@po.state.ct.us.

Yours truly,


Judith D. Prill
Environmental Analyst
Office of Pollution Prevention

cc: Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works

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Rural Colleges Going Urban To Stay Vital

By ALAN FINDER

CONWAY, Ark. — Across from the red-brick Collegiate Gothic campus of Hendrix College in central Arkansas lie a few beat-up ball fields, tennis courts and an expanse of woods. Downtown Conway is only a half-dozen blocks away, but it is "not overflowing with amenities," as Frank H. Cox, a member of the Hendrix board of trustees, diplomatically put it.

For decades, colleges like Hendrix in rural areas of the country embraced a pastoral ideal, presenting themselves as oases of scholarship surrounded by nothing more distracting than lush farmland and rolling hills. But many officials at such institutions have decided that students today want something completely different: urban buzz. "You can't market yourself as bucolic," J. Timothy Cloyd, the Hendrix president, said.

At the same time, officials have realized that a more urbanized version of the ideal campus could attract a population well past its college years — working people and retiring baby boomers — if there is housing to suit them. And so a new concept of the college campus is taking root: a small city in the country that is not reserved for only the young.

At Hendrix, construction will begin this year on a large urban-style village on the 130 acres of ball fields and woods that the college owns across the street from the main campus, with stores, restaurants and offices. Soon, officials hope, will come nearly 200 single-family houses, many with rental apartments above the garage; 400 town houses, apartments and loft-style condominiums; and a charter school with the college as a participant.

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large student fitness center is already being built, which will be available to the owners of houses and condominiums and to the apartment dwellers, probably for a fee, as will many of the college's other cultural and educational facilities.

Similar projects are under way at about a dozen other institutions nationwide, including the University of Connecticut in Storrs; the University of Notre Dame; Furman University in Greenville, S.C., where a retirement community on campus is being planned; and Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., where construction will begin soon on 120 condominium apartments on campus for working people and retirees.

"It's part of a pattern of colleges and universities realizing that they have elements that are appealing to a population far broader than 18- to 25-year-olds," said Ralph J. Hexter, president of Hampshire College. "It's often said of a college education, 'It's a shame it's wasted on the young.'" The distinctive marks of many of these campuses are shops, restaurants, offices and housing that, together, create a destination. The idea is to produce street life and to promote social interaction.

Nearly all of these developments are being built by institutions with vast tracts of unused land; officials hope to take advantage of that asset to help build endowments. Generally, these are also institutions that are not looking to expand significantly the size of their student bodies.

Students graduating from high school these days seem particularly attracted to urban settings, said Dr. Cloyd, the Hendrix president. Many come from the suburbs, he said.

"I think students crave the kind of vitality you have in an urban space," Dr. Cloyd said. "The images that reveal an active social life are urban-based."

Storrs, for example, is home to a 20,000-student flagship state university, but it is a hamlet in the hills of eastern Connecticut. Downtown consists of three small strip malls, and university officials say the lack of a vibrant college town is frequently cited by students who decline offers of admission or decide to transfer. Officials are seeking final zoning approvals for a large mixed-use complex that will include shops, office space and up to 300 apartments and town houses.

"This would make it easier for them to attract students," said Cleo Szmygiel, a Connecticut freshman from New York City. "There is really not a lot to do here."

Keelan King, a sophomore from Scotia, N.Y., said of the university,

"It's a nice campus, but there's nothing around here, a place to eat, someplace to go after a basketball game."

The new complex, Storrs Center, is meant to provide a place to go. "We're never going to be Boston," said M. Dolan Evanovitch, the university's vice provost for enrollment management. "But having a quintessential New England town with 100 businesses and a town green will be the missing link for us."

Housing for people unaffiliated with the university is essential to the project's long-term success, said Cynthia van Zelm, executive director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, a coalition of university, town

and community officials working with a developer to create the complex. (Storrs is a hamlet in the town of Mansfield.)

"You need to have a population of people living downtown," Ms. van Zelm said. "We need that 24-hour presence."

Even the very urban University of Pennsylvania is building a large complex on land it owns across from its law school in Philadelphia; the 295 apartments will be available to the public. So will other housing Penn plans to build on a 25-acre site it is buying next to campus.

"When you picture a global university, you picture urban," said

Amy Gutmann, the Penn president. "You picture restaurants, art galleries, you picture day and night, taking in movies, live performances."

If Penn thinks it needs to make its campus more dense and lively, imagine the yearning for some touches of urban life at Hendrix, a small liberal arts college in Conway, a modest but growing city of 53,000.

Like the developments in Storrs, the Hendrix project will be built in a style known as New Urbanism. Buildings will be close to the street and roads kept narrow to encourage pedestrian traffic and de-emphasize cars. The neighborhood and its buildings are meant to recall the housing

and shops built in American towns in the first half of the 20th century.

"It is about creating walkable places that are sustainable and gratifying on a human scale," said Robert L. Chapman, managing director of Traditional Neighborhood Development Partners, the developer of what will be called the Village at Hendrix.

The college is contributing the land and will invest \$3 million to \$10 million in the project's first phase, said Dr. Cloyd, the Hendrix president, and it will share profits with the developer.

Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., which has created several programs to revive adjacent neighborhoods and to encourage faculty to live nearby, is building an apartment complex for undergraduates across from the main entrance to campus. There will be retail stores on the first floor.

"I think liberal arts colleges and universities are all about the serendipitous moments," said John Fry, president of Franklin & Marshall. "You're in the coffee shop on a Saturday morning sipping a cup of coffee and you run into a professor, and two hours later you've had one of those transformative moments."