



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, May 27, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
May 12, 2008

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson 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: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad (arrived 9:23), Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Absent: Blair

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 minutes as corrected.
Motion passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move Item 4, Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel, as the next item of business.
Motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community/Campus Relations

Town Manager Matthew Hart updated the Council regarding the Community Campus Partnership review of Spring Weekend. Mr. Hart complimented the work and dedication of the emergency personnel and the efforts of the prevention staff both in town and at the University, but stated that at the meeting he challenged the membership to take a position on the weekend and to develop long-term goals and plans.

Council members discussed the positive actions that have been taken over the last 5 years or so and possible approaches to the

ongoing issues that persist. Ms. Koehn requested historical statistics be added to the final report including an itemization of the number of students sanctioned under the student code of conduct as a result of Spring Weekend activities. She also requested the Mayor and Town Manager compile information on what other university towns are doing.

2. Community Water and Wastewater issues

Town Manager Matt Hart and Eastern Highland Health District Director Rob Miller attended a meeting of University personnel and neighbors of the UConn agronomy farm regarding the farm's wells. Mr. Miller reported that UConn is undertaking a research project to help gauge whether the drilling of irrigation wells will affect the neighborhood. He also reported that Eastern Highland Health District has reviewed available neighborhood private well water quality data reported in the last 10 years and found none exceeded established action levels for nitrates. Staff will continue to work with the neighbors in the area.

3. Town Council Policy Index

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

Resolved, effective May 12, 2008, to add the following documents to the Town Council Policy Index:

- Resolution regarding limiting PZC consideration of community sewerage systems – 12/14/1987 (WPCA)
- Resolution regarding winter snow and ice clearing – 09/11/1991
- Resolution regarding purchasing rules and regulations – 01/08/2002
- Resolutions regarding use of "LEEDS" Building Standards – 10/25/2004

Ms. Koehn questioned the inclusion of the purchasing rules and regulations since they have not been updated with regards to environmental and sustainability issues. Mr. Clouette agreed to change his motion and divide the resolution into four separate motions. Mr. Schaefer also agreed to the change.

Motion to include resolution regarding limiting PZC consideration of community sewerage systems passed unanimously.

Motion to include resolution regarding winter snow and ice clearing passed unanimously.

Motion to include resolutions regarding use of "LEEDS" Building Standards passed unanimously.

Motion to include resolution regarding purchasing rules and regulations was withdrawn.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to refer the resolution regarding purchasing rules and regulations to the Finance committee for review.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded, effective May 12, 2008, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel Motion passed by all.

Mayor Paterson invited Council members to join her in presenting the proclamation (attached) to members of the Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel in honor of all their work in preparation for and execution of the operational plan for Spring Weekend.

5. Presentation to the Council – Roundabout proposal at Rte 275 and Rte 195

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, offered an informational presentation on a possible roundabout at the Rte 275 and Rte 195 intersection.

6. Financial Statements Dated March 31, 2008

Mr. Schaefer moved, effective May 12, 2008, to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008. Mr. Schaefer reviewed the financial statements and explained that there is the likelihood of a \$250,000 shortfall in the current fiscal year.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn left at 9:05 PM.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Comments

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Schaefer reported that he attended the most recent Downtown Partnership meeting and urged the Partnership to be more visible in their explanation of the work that is being done. He suggested a public meeting. Other members agreed that it is incumbent upon the Partnership to apprise citizens of the progress being made. In response to a question the Town Manager reported that the status report of the Partnership would probably be presented at the June 6th Council meeting.

Mr. Paulhus reported that the recent budget information session was well received by the public.

Mr. Haddad arrived at 9:23 PM.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Attached

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Advance, "Community Celebrates Hogan's Inauguration" - 4/21/08

8. Advance, "Online Global Component Added to Insurance Law Curriculum" - 4/28/08

9. S. Bysiewicz re: Public Service Awards Program

10. CCM re: Conveyance Tax to be Subject of Special Session

11. Chronicle, "A Healthier Choice" - 4/30/08

12. Chronicle, "Alum Gives E.O. Smith Foundation \$400K Gift" - 5/1/08

13. Chronicle, "A Quiet Start to Spring Weekend" - 4/25/08

14. Chronicle, "Council Ups Land-Use Board Fees" - 4/29/08
15. Chronicle, "It's Warm, It's April, It's Spring Weekend Time" - 4/23/08
16. Chronicle, "Letters to the Editor" - 4/25/08
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22. Chronicle, "Rep. Merrill Eyes Leadership Seat" - 4/30/08
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35. Hartford Courant, "Drive-In Theatres: Heyday Was Yesteryear" - 5/7/08

36. Hartford Courant, "Party Central No More?" - 4/25/08

37. Hartford Courant, "Region 19 High School Budget Scrapes By" - 5/7/08

38. Hartford Courant, "UConn Student Editor Tells of Sex Assault" - 5/3/08

39. Mansfield Registrars re: Budget Increase

40. NECASA re: Spring Programs

41. C. van Zelm re: March 31, 2008 Progress Report

42. VNA East re: 3rd Quarter Statistics

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move into Executive Session.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer

Also present: Matthew Hart, Town Manager and Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works

Issue: Open Space Acquisition

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: May 12, 2008
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Events and meetings

- On April 29th, several Council members and I attended the Mansfield Community Center's "Flip the Switch" event. The event celebrated the installation of the Center's new photovoltaic solar system, which was installed by a private vendor at no cost to the town and is projected to offset 1.5 million lbs. of carbon dioxide over the next 20 years. We also anticipate the system will save \$20,000-\$25,000 in energy costs per year. I wish to thank Curt Vincente, Bill Hammon and Jeff Smith, as well as the staff at SunEdison and the state Clean Energy Fund, for their work on this project.
- Also on April 29th, the Youth Service Bureau held their first Annual Volunteer Recognition event. The event, which was attended by several Council and Board of Education members from the Town of Mansfield and Region 19, provided an opportunity to thank and recognize the more than 70 volunteers who have worked over the course of the year to extend the capabilities of the Youth Service Bureau. This was an emotionally-charged evening, which inspired many volunteers to look for additional ways to be able to contribute to our community. Volunteers were recognized for their work on the Advisory Board, the H.I.F.I. Grief Group, community contributions, and as youth mentors. Volunteers are an important part of the Youth Service Bureau, expanding the capacity of staff to offer programs and services that would not otherwise be possible.
- Last Wednesday, May 7th, the Finance Committee conducted the second and final budget information session prior to Tuesday's Town Meeting. I thought the meeting was well-attended, and the public posed salient questions regarding the budget and the budget adoption process. From my perspective, the Finance Committee did a fine job with the presentation and facilitating the discussion.
- The Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors met on May 8th and we had a good discussion regarding the Partnership's sustainability guidelines and listened to a presentation from the town's engineering staff regarding traffic circles.
- The Personnel Committee met last Thursday, May 8th, and commenced its discussion of the Town Council Rules of Procedure. We had a good initial discussion, and I anticipate the committee will continue its review of this item over the next few meetings.
- On Friday, May 9th, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Region 4 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) met and endorsed a spending plan for homeland security grant funding. The grant application totals \$917,000 and includes funding for a variety of regional initiatives, with a primary focus on communications technology. WINCOG serves as the administrator for this grant, and I would like to acknowledge Mark Paquette, WINCOG Executive Director,

John Jackman, Director of Emergency Management and the remainder of the REPT steering committee for their good work on this project to date.

- Tomorrow, May 13th, the Mayor and I will attend the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Awards Reception, held at the Willimantic Country Club. We will be pleased to honor Ferrigno Realtors as Mansfield's "Business of the Year." Having recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the realty, Pat Ferrigno and his co-workers are very deserving of this honor and I thank them for their service to the greater Mansfield community.
- At 7:00 PM tomorrow, May 13th, we will conduct the Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration in the Mansfield Middle School Auditorium. This will be the first town meeting under the revised Town Charter, and I encourage all Mansfield voters and eligible property owners to turn out for the meeting. The League of Women Voters will host a dessert social at 6:00 PM prior to the meeting, and I thank the league members for their generosity and community spirit.
- Mansfield will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th. A parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. from the intersection of Rt. 195 and Bassetts Bridge Road in Mansfield Center, and will travel North on 195, down Cemetery Road to the new Mansfield Center Cemetery. There will be a ceremony at the cemetery including three volleys fired and taps sounded in honors for the fallen. Music will be provided by the Mansfield Middle School Band and the E.O. Smith Regional High School Band. In the event of inclement weather, an abbreviated ceremony will be held in the Mansfield Middle School Gymnasium. If necessary, an announcement will be made over WILI Radio by 7:30am.

Projects

- The Assisted/Independent Living Advisory Committee met recently to discuss the presentations of the two candidates to serve as the preferred developer for the assisted/independent living project. The committee is now working on its recommendation for the Town Council, and I anticipate that you shall receive the committee's report within the next few months.
- The Four Schools Renovation Project building committee has reviewed preliminary estimates from the construction manager we retained to evaluate costs of various options for the project. He informed us that the district would not qualify for full state reimbursement for many of the alternatives we were considering, largely because the state department of education calculates this rate based on a ratio of student enrollment to square-footage, and our enrollment has decreased in recent years.

Because the district's enrollment has declined somewhat, renovation projects that add space outside of a school's existing footprint probably would not qualify for the usual reimbursement rate (over seventy percent) Mansfield has enjoyed over the years. Interestingly, the construction manager noted that a new building might actually get us a more favorable reimbursement rate.

The school building committee meets again this coming Wednesday, May 14th, and we will again review various options that might be available to us. Once we have a clearer idea of options and associated costs, the committee will schedule the last in the series of public meetings we started earlier this year. We will then present a status report and recommendations to the Board of Education and the Town Council.

- Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision continues to be developed by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. The committee is now fleshing out the action plans and is preparing its recommendations to Council. The committee hopes to have its recommendations to Council by mid-summer. The steering committee has also agreed to serve as the one-time focus group for the GFOA performance measurement project, of which Mansfield is pilot member.

- The Town of Mansfield is one of the pilot members of the *New England States Municipal Performance Measurement Project*, which is being sponsored by New England GFOA. All member towns are from New England. Initially, this project will require an incremental three year commitment. During the first year, two service areas (e.g. fire, public works) will be developed, in year two a third service area will be developed and in year three a fourth service area will be developed. Part of this process includes a one-time citizen focus group. Ms. Adrienne Marks, a participant of the Mansfield 2020 search conferences, has attended training and will serve as facilitator of the focus group. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee will serve as the focus group, and will meet for this purpose this Wednesday, May 14th. Jeff Smith and Maria Capriola are scheduled to attend the next meeting of the performance measurement consortium, scheduled for May 22nd.
- Staff and I are working on an action plan to implement a number of the recommendations outlined in the Community Center Management Study, and we expect to submit the plan to the Town Council at its meeting on May 27th.

Staff and employee development

- Ms. Sara-Ann Chaine of the Town Manager's Office has recently graduated from the Windham Region Chamber of Commerce STRETCH Program. This nine-month community leadership program has an overall goal of meeting the leadership needs of the 12 communities within the Chamber Region by preparing emerging and prospective leaders to become policy makers, change agents, program developers, and project managers in government, education, and voluntary organizations. This year's program theme was "Creating a Safe, Caring, and Nurturing Community for the Children of Northeastern Connecticut" and culminated with presentations made by the graduating class at their graduation ceremony held May 2, 2008 at Eastern Connecticut State University. Congratulations, Sara-Ann!

Upcoming meetings

- Town/University Relations Committee, May 13, 2008, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Annual Town Meeting, May 13, 2008, 7:00 PM, Mansfield Middle School Auditorium
- Special Town Council Meeting, May 13, 2008, Following the conclusion of the annual town meeting, Mansfield Middle School Auditorium
- Mansfield 2020 Steering Committee, May 14, 2008, 6:45 PM, Dining Room, Mansfield Senior Center
- Committee on Committees, May 19, 2008, 6:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- IWA/PZC Meeting, 7:00 PM, May 19, 2008, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Open Space Preservation Committee, May 20, 2008, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, May 21, 2008, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, May 22, 2008, 7:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Advisory Committee on the Needs of People with Disabilities, May 27, 2008, 2:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, May, 27, 2008, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building



Town of Mansfield

Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel

Whereas, the University of Connecticut held its annual Spring Weekend event from Thursday, April 24, 2008 through Sunday, April 27, 2008; and,

Whereas, emergency services and public safety personnel from the Town of Mansfield, the State of Connecticut and area communities served the community with compassion and performed their duties with honor and distinction;

Whereas, these entities worked tirelessly and effectively throughout the weekend to prepare for and respond to activities that are not sanctioned by the university or the community and pose a threat to public safety;

Whereas, the town has received numerous positive comments from students, the university and the general public regarding the efforts of the emergency services and public safety personnel who assisted the community during Spring Weekend 2008; and

Whereas, the Mansfield Town Council wishes to express its appreciation to the Mansfield Fire Department, the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office and the Office of Emergency Management, as well as all of the other state and area emergency services and public safety departments that provided assistance during Spring Weekend 2008:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mansfield Town Council, on behalf of the community, does hereby express its gratitude to the members of the Mansfield Fire Department, the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office and the Office of Emergency Management, as well as all of the other responding state and area emergency services and public safety departments for their assistance to the Town of Mansfield during Spring Weekend 2008.

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 May in the year 2008.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

May 13, 2008

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 10:20 p.m. in the Mansfield Middle School Auditorium

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus,
Schaefer

Absent: Blair

II. BUSINESS

By consensus the Town Council agreed not to set the mill rate for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, pending further analysis of revenue by the Finance Department.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

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; Robert Miller, Director of Health
Date: May 27, 2008
Re: Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

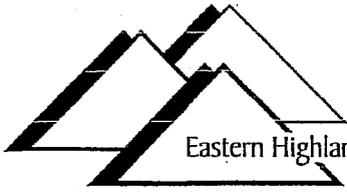
Subject Matter/Background

I have attached for your information recent correspondence regarding the UConn landfill. The Town Council does not need to take any action on this item.

At Tuesday's meeting, I will also discuss the Council's recent request to use a software program to highlight differences between landfill reports.

Attachments

- 1) R. Miller re: UConn Landfill Long Term Monitoring Plan, Report dated April 2008
- 2) Excerpts from UConn Landfill Long Term Monitoring Plan, Report dated April 2008



Eastern Highlands Health District

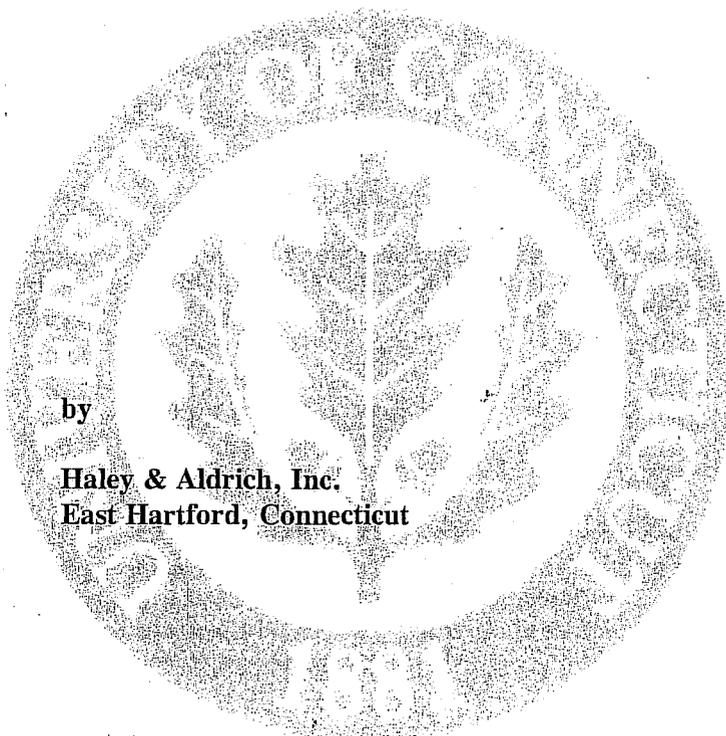
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Memo

To: Matt Hart, Mansfield Town Manager
From: Robert Miller, Director of Health
Date: 4/30/2008
Re: UConn Landfill Long Term Monitoring Plan, Report dated April 2008

Per your request, I have reviewed the above referenced report. The results reported to do not suggest and imminent or immediate risk to public health. No changes in the monitoring program were identified. The results are generally consistent with the historic body of data available for this project. No action is recommended.

**LONG-TERM MONITORING PLAN
JANUARY 2008 SAMPLING ROUND #6
UCONN LANDFILL
STORRS, CONNECTICUT**



by

**Haley & Aldrich, Inc.
East Hartford, Connecticut**

for

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Storrs, Connecticut**

**File No. 91221-645
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8 April 2008

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Attention: Raymond L. Frigon, Jr.

Subject: Long Term Monitoring Plan
January 2008 Sampling Round #6
UConn Landfill
Storrs, Connecticut

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following certification is being submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the terms as delineated in the Consent Order No. SRD-101 issued 26 June 1998 for the document specified below:

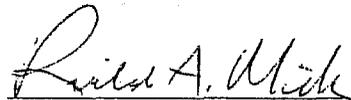
- Long Term Monitoring Plan
January 2008 Sampling Round #6
UConn Landfill
Storrs, Connecticut

I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statement made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense.

Agreed and accepted as stated above:



Richard P. Standish, P. G., LEP
Senior Vice President
Haley & Aldrich, Inc.



Richard A. Miller
Director,
Office of Environmental Policy
University of Connecticut

C: Barry Feldman, UConn

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Long Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP) was prepared pursuant to the Consent Order # SRD-101 between the State of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut (UConn) regarding the solid waste disposal area on North Eagleville Road (Landfill and Former Chemical Pits) and the former disposal site in the vicinity of Parking Lot F (F Lot). An Interim Monitoring Program (IMP) had been previously implemented in order to monitor shallow ground water, surface water and bedrock groundwater quality in nearby domestic water supply wells until a LTMP required pursuant to paragraph B.4.e of the Consent Order was implemented. In September 2005, the University began transitioning from the IMP to the LTMP. As part of this process, samples were collected from both the IMP and LTMP locations for three sampling quarters. These quarters, referred to as "transition rounds" were conducted in September and December 2005 and May 2006. Beginning with the October and November 2006 monitoring quarter, samples were only collected from the LTMP locations.

The objectives of the LTMP are:

- To assess the effectiveness of the remediation
- To monitor groundwater and surface water quality and trends; and
- To act as sentinel wells to protect human health and the environment.

Groundwater, surface water and soil gas samples are being obtained to verify that the new remediation systems are working as planned. The Plan is also designed to protect human health and the environment by evaluating the concentrations of contaminants in groundwater and surface water over time. If increasing concentrations are observed, UConn and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) will reassess the remediation system design, expand the monitoring program, and take additional measures to protect human health and the environment.

The LTMP includes sampling of media at multiple locations: (1) six surface water locations; (2) five shallow groundwater monitoring wells; (3) five bedrock monitoring wells; (4) six active domestic wells; and (5) four soil gas monitoring locations. The locations are shown on Figure 1. The active domestic wells are located on Meadowood Road and Separatist Road.

The University proposes to conduct quarterly sampling for two years after the elements of the Remedial Action Plan are in place. Based on the results of the initial year, UConn may suggest reducing the sampling to twice a year. The results will be reported to the key parties and to the public.

This report documents the sampling round conducted in January 2008, also referred to as Round #6. Subsequent sampling will be conducted on a quarterly basis.

2. SCOPE OF PROGRAM

The objectives of the LTMP are:

- To assess the effectiveness of the remedial actions.
- To establish sampling points and analytical parameters to monitor groundwater and surface water quality and trends and soil gas concentrations and trends, and
- To establish a network of monitoring wells and active domestic wells to function as sentinel wells to protect human health and the environment.

The LTMP is designed to monitor groundwater and surface water quality as well as soil gas in the vicinity of the landfill, former chemical pits, and F Lot on a long-term basis. The program consists of five sampling elements: shallow groundwater monitoring wells, deep (125 to 300 ft) bedrock groundwater monitoring wells, surface water monitoring locations, active residential water supply wells, and soil gas monitoring locations. All locations to be monitored under the program are shown on Figure 1. The following paragraphs describe the rationale for each proposed location based upon the conceptual model of the study area.

2.1 Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Wells

As part of the LTMP, three shallow wells [B401(MW), B403(MW) & B404(MW)] were constructed in the overburden south, southeast and north of the landfill respectively, and downgradient of the Leachate Intercepter Trenches (LIT) in February and March 2007. These wells were installed to monitor shallow groundwater quality migrating out of the landfill area and to assess the effectiveness of the landfill cover and LITs.

Two previously existing shallow monitoring wells, MW-3 and MW-4, were reinstalled in August 2007 in the same approximate locations. They were installed to monitor shallow groundwater quality downgradient of F Lot.

2.2 Deep Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Five bedrock (125 to 300 ft) groundwater monitoring wells are included in the LTMP. Three existing wells, MW-105R, B201R(MW), and B302R(MW) are located south and west of the landfill and former chemical pits. These wells were selected because they are situated in the direction of either suspected historical or known bedrock groundwater flow. Two former residential water supply wells, located at 156 Hunting Lodge Road and 202 North Eagleville Road, are also included in the LTMP because of their locations and construction depths. The University has not yet received permission to access the well at 156 Hunting Lodge Road, therefore it was not sampled as part of this quarterly event.

Permanent systems that allow the monitoring of discrete fracture intervals have been installed in two bedrock wells, B201R(MW) and MW-105R. Groundwater samples are collected from two fracture zones in each monitoring well.

2.3 Surface Water Monitoring Locations

Six surface water-monitoring locations, designated SW-A through SW-F, are included in the LTMP. These locations are strategically placed at the primary surface waters north (wetland and Cedar Swamp Brook drainage) and south (western tributary of Eagleville Brook drainage) of the landfill and former chemical pits area. A sixth surface water monitoring location immediately downgradient of F Lot (SW-F) on an eastern tributary to Eagleville Brook is also included. The surface water monitoring locations have been selected to assess surface water quality migrating from the landfill, former chemical pits, and F Lot areas.

2.4 Active Residential Water Supply Wells

Six active residential water supply wells are included in the LTMP:

38 Meadowood Road
41 Meadowood Road
65 Meadowood Road; and
202 Separatist Road
206 Separatist Road
211 Separatist Road

These residential wells are the closest active bedrock wells to the landfill and former chemical pits in the direction of suspected historical and known groundwater migration pathways in the fractured bedrock aquifer.

2.5 Soil Gas Monitoring Locations

Four soil gas-monitoring points B501(GW), B502(GW), B503(GW) and B504(GW) were installed in the east, southeast, southwest and northwest quadrants of the landfill immediately outside the cap perimeter to monitor for potential gas migration away from the landfill. The monitoring points are 4-in. diameter PVC wells extending to depths ranging between 7.5 and 9.5 ft bgs with a slotted screen interval from the surface seal (approximately 2.5 ft bgs) to the depth of completion. The locations are lateral to the LITs where the likelihood of soil gas migration is presumed to be greatest.

2.6 Sampling Parameters

During the course of the Hydrogeologic Investigation, a comprehensive suite of analytical methods was selected to determine the nature of the contamination in the Study Area. A wide range of methods were used to ensure that any potential contaminant identified during review of historical records or interviews with knowledgeable personnel would be detected if present. Multiple rounds of groundwater and surface water sampling have shown that the contamination is confined to a few classes of compounds. Furthermore, monitoring a select number of analytical methods will accomplish the objectives of the LTMP, that is, to assess effectiveness of remediation, monitor groundwater quality and trends and be protective of human health and the environment.

Groundwater and surface water samples will be analyzed from the 22 groundwater and surface water monitoring locations for the following parameters:

- VOCs by EPA Method 524.2

- Total metals by EPA Method 200 Series

- Other Inorganic Parameters

 - ammonia, nitrate and nitrite, total phosphorus, total dissolved solids, total suspended solids, alkalinity, hardness, chloride, sulfate, chemical oxygen demand, total organic carbon, biological oxygen demand and cyanide

- Field Screening Data

 - turbidity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, ORP, pH, and temperature

Soil gas monitoring points will be analyzed for methane and carbon dioxide using a multiple gas detection meter.

2.7 Sampling Frequency

Quarterly sampling is proposed for a period of two years following the completion of the Remedial Action Plan (RAP). Depending on the results of the initial year of monitoring, UConn may petition to reduce the monitoring to a semiannual schedule (twice per year).

3. SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Sampling procedures and analytical methods for the groundwater monitoring wells and surface water samples were followed in accordance with the Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Investigation and Remedial Action Plan, Addendum No. 2, dated July 2004.

Sampling procedures for the residential water supply wells were conducted in accordance with procedures previously established by CTDEP and the DPH for the health consultation study completed in 1999. Samples were collected from the water supply system prior to treatment after running the tap for approximately eight minutes.

Samples from the residential water supply wells were analyzed using EPA drinking water methods as noted on the enclosed Table I.

4. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The analytical results from the January 2008 LTMP round #6 sampling are summarized in Table I. VOC Concentration and Conductivity vs. Time Plots for selected bedrock wells [MW105R, B201R(MW), and B302R(MW)] and selected overburden wells [B401(MW) and B403(MW)] are included in Appendix A. A discussion of the results below is organized by general sample types and locations – shallow groundwater monitoring wells, deep bedrock monitoring wells, surface water samples, active residential wells, and soil gas monitoring.

Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Monitoring wells B401(MW), B403(MW) and B404(MW) were constructed in the overburden south, southeast and north of the landfill downgradient of the Leachate Intceptor Trenches (LIT). These wells were installed to monitor shallow groundwater quality migrating out of the landfill area. The LITs have been installed however; the associated recovery wells were not in operation at the time of this sampling event. Groundwater samples were collected to provide baseline data. Samples were submitted to Phoenix Environmental Laboratories, Manchester, Connecticut for analysis of VOCs, total metals, and nutrients.

Several VOCs (benzene and chlorobenzene) were detected in the wells located south [B401(MW)] and southeast [B403(MW)] of the landfill. In addition, cis-1,2 dichloroethene and vinyl chloride were detected, the latter at a concentration above the residential volatilization criteria. These compounds typically occur as degradation products of trichloroethene (TCE) and tetrachloroethene (PCE). This is the first time these breakdown compounds have been detected in shallow monitoring wells in the LTMP. VOCs were not detected in B404(MW) located north of the landfill. Metal concentrations were below protective criteria. In general, concentrations of selected parameters and compounds appear consistent with previous sampling rounds.

Monitoring wells MW-3 and MW-4 were re-installed to monitor shallow groundwater quality downgradient of F Lot. VOCs were not detected in the samples collected from MW-3 or MW-4. Metal concentrations at both locations were below protective criteria.

For quality control purposes, a duplicate sample was collected from MW-3. Results were in general agreement.

Deep Bedrock Monitoring Wells

In August 2005, permanent systems were installed in LTMP bedrock groundwater monitoring wells MW-105R and B201R(MW) which facilitate the collection of samples from two discrete intervals within each well. Both wells are approximately 125 ft deep. Monitoring wells 202-NERD (unused domestic well at 202 N. Eagleville Road) and B302R(MW), which range in depths from 300 to 320 ft do not have a discrete sampling systems installed. Integrated samples were collected from these locations. Samples were collected and submitted to Phoenix Environmental Laboratories, Manchester, Connecticut for analysis of VOCs, total metals, and

nutrients. Permission has not yet been obtained to access the well at 156 Hunting Lodge Road; therefore it was not sampled as part of this quarterly event.

VOCs were detected in discrete samples collected from both fracture zones of MW-105R and B201R(MW), which are located south of the landfill, within the Eagleville Brook drainage basin. Concentrations of benzene, 1,2-dichloroethane, and TCE exceeded the groundwater protection criteria in samples from both MW105R and B201R(MW). As in the previous round, benzene was detected below groundwater protection criteria in the sample collected from B302R(MW). TCE was detected above laboratory detection limits in the sample collected from 202-NERD but below groundwater protection criteria.

Metal and nutrient parameters were within typical groundwater water ranges for all the bedrock monitoring well samples.

For quality control purposes, a duplicate sample was collected from the unused well at 202 North Eagleville Road (202-NERD). Results were in general agreement and confirmed the detection of TCE.

As part of the Remedial Action Plan and the Landfill closure, two leachate interceptor trenches (LITs) were constructed; one at the north end of the landfill (November 2006) and one at the south end (December 2006). The LITs were installed to intercept leachate-contaminated groundwater migrating north and south from beneath the landfill and former chemical pits. Leachate recovered by the LITs will be pumped to the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) for treatment and disposal. At the time of this sampling event, the LITs and recovery wells were not fully operational. Groundwater quality at MW105R and B201R(MW) appeared to remain unaffected; analytical results were generally consistent with previous sampling events.

Surface Water Samples

Surface water was present in five of the six monitoring locations during this sampling quarter. Samples were collected from locations SW-A, SW-C, SW-D, SW-E and SW-F. The samples were submitted for analysis of VOCs, metals and nutrients. VOCs were not detected. Metal and nutrient parameters were within typical surface water ranges and consistent with previous sampling rounds.

Active Residential Domestic Wells

Six active domestic wells (38 Meadowood Road, 41 Meadowood Road, 65 Meadowood Road, 202 Separatist Road, 206 Separatist Road and 211 Separatist Road) were sampled as part of this quarterly event. Four of the six wells did not contain VOCs above the method reporting limits. Trace concentrations of chloroform were detected in the samples collected from 206 and 211 Separatist Road. These results are consistent with findings from previous sampling events. No other VOCs were detected above method reporting limits at these locations. In the sample collected from 65 Meadowood Road, copper was detected above surface water protection criteria; however the concentration is below drinking water criteria and is consistent with copper concentrations detected at this location in previous sampling rounds.

Metal and nutrient concentrations at all locations were within acceptable drinking water ranges.

Soil Gas Monitoring

Landfill gas is the natural by-product of the decomposition of solid waste in landfills and is comprised primarily of carbon dioxide and methane. A GEM2000 Landfill Gas Meter was used to sample and analyze methane, carbon dioxide and oxygen content at soil gas monitoring locations B501(GW), B502(GW), B503(GW) and B504(GW). Oxygen concentrations ranged from 21.3% at B501(GW) to 21.6% at B503(GW). Carbon dioxide readings were 0.1% at all four locations. Methane gas readings ranged from 0% at B501(GW), B502(GW) and B504(GW) to 0.3% at B503(GW), well below the flammable range (5-15%) in air.

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SAMPLE DESIGNATION	METHOD	RSR GAGPC	RSR SWPC	RSR RVC	MW105R-74	MW105R-111	EB-010908	TB-010908	B201R(MW)-38	B201R(MW)-60
SAMPLING DATE					1/9/2008	1/9/2008	1/9/2008	1/9/2008	1/11/2008	1/11/2008
COMMENTS					Discrete	Discrete	Field Blank	Trip Blank	Discrete	Discrete
WELL DEPTH (ft.):										
LOCATION:					MW105R	MW105R			B201R-MW	B201R-MW
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)(ug/l)	524.2	(ug/l)	(ug/l)	(ug/l)						
1,1-Dichloroethane		70	NE	3,000	ND<0.5	2.2	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	0.84	1.3
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		70	NE	NE	ND<0.5	9.8	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	4.3
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		600	170,000	5,100	ND<0.5	3.4	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	0.94	2.3
1,2-Dichloroethane		1	2,970	6.5	ND<0.5	15	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	5.5	8.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		75	26,000	1,400	ND<0.5	11	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	1.6	6
Benzene		1	710	130	0.51	56	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	3.2	2.6
Bromobenzene		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	17	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	5.3	13
Chlorobenzene		100	420,000	1,800	ND<0.5	23	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	9.4	20
Chloroethane		NE	NE	12,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroform		6	14,100	26	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene		70	NE	830	ND<0.5	10	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	4.4	5.9
Dichlorodifluoromethane		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	31	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
sec-Butylbenzene		61	NE	1,500	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Tetrachloroethene		5	88	340	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	1.6	3.1
Toluene		1,000	4,000,000	7,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Trichloroethene		5	2,340	27	ND<0.5	14	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	3.4	5.3
Vinyl chloride		2	15,750	1.6	ND<0.5	1.2	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	0.74
TOTAL METALS (mg/l)										
Aluminum	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.092	0.109	ND<0.01	--	0.255	0.272
Antimony	200.7/6010	0.006	86	NE	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	--	ND<0.005	ND<0.005
Barium	6010/E200.7	1	NE	NE	0.139	0.084	ND<0.002	--	0.074	0.082
Calcium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	145	56.9	ND<0.01	--	76.4	70.3
Chromium, hexavalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Chromium, total	P.E.L.	50	NE	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Chromium, trivalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Copper	6010/E200.7	1.3	0.048	NE	ND<0.001	0.002	ND<0.001	--	0.002	0.001
Iron	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	8.9	0.618	ND<0.002	--	0.53	ND<0.002
Lead	7421/S3113B	0.015	0.013	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Magnesium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	17.4	6.27	ND<0.01	--	8.06	7
Manganese	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	1.06	0.165	ND<0.001	--	0.162	0.051
Mercury	7470/E245.1	0.002	0.0004	NE	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	--	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002
Nickel	200.7/6010	0.1	0.88	NE	0.002	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Potassium	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	8.26	2.99	ND<0.1	--	3.63	6.22
Selenium	6010/200.7	0.05	0.05	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Silver	200.7/6010	0.036	0.012	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Sodium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	31.1	17.2	ND<0.1	--	10.1	12.9
Vanadium	200.7/6010	0.05	NE	NE	0.003	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	--	0.005	0.006
Zinc	200.7/6010	5	0.123	NE	0.004	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	--	ND<0.002	ND<0.002

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COMMENTS					Discrete	Discrete	Field Blank	Trip Blank	Discrete	Discrete
WELL DEPTH (ft.):										
LOCATION:					MW105R	MW105R			B201R-MW	B201R-MW
OTHER ANALYSES (mg/l)										
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	SM2320B	--	--	--	500	170	ND<20	--	220	130
Ammonia as Nitrogen	S4500NH3	--	--	--	0.14	ND<0.02	ND<0.02	--	ND<0.02	ND<0.02
B.O.D./5 day	SM5210B	--	--	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0
C.O.D.	SM5220.D	--	--	--	23	ND<10	ND<10	--	ND<10	ND<10
Chloride	300.0/9056	--	--	--	20	13	ND<3.0	--	14	13
Hardness (CaCO ₃)	300.0/9056	--	--	--	434	168	ND<0.10	--	224	204
Nitrate as Nitrogen	300.0/9056	--	--	--	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	ND<0.05	--	ND<0.05	ND<0.05
Nitrite as Nitrogen	E365.2	--	--	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Phosphorus, as P	9010/335.3	--	--	--	0.03	U 0.02	U 0.02	--	0.58	0.5
Sulfate	300.0/9056	--	--	--	18	14	ND<3.0	--	16	16
Tot. Diss. Solids	SM2540C	--	--	--	550	240	ND<10	--	270	150
Tot.Org.Carbon	415.1/SW9060	--	--	--	11	7.2	ND<1.0	--	3.3	6.7
Total Suspended Solids	SM2540D	--	--	--	25	5	ND<5.0	--	5	85
FIELD SCREENING DATA										
Turbidity (NTU)					0	0	--	--	0	396
Conductivity (uS/cm)					999	437	--	--	775	477
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)					6.28	6.45	--	--	6.67	6.6
ORP (mV)					-144	-169	--	--	-184	-93
pH					6.8	7.4	--	--	7.7	9.7
Temperature (°C)					10.6	10.9	--	--	9.9	9.7

NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS:

1. Samples were submitted to Phoenix Environmental Laboratories, Inc., Manchester, CT for analysis
2. RSR GA GPC: Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) Remediation Standard Regulations (RSR) Groundwater Protection Criteria.
3. RSR SWPC: CTDEP RSR Surface Water Protection Criteria
4. RSR RVC: CTDEP RSR Proposed Residential Volatilization Criteria
5. NE: RSR criteria not established
6. ND: compound not detected
7. Blank spaces, "--" or "NA" indicate compound not analyzed
8. uS/cm: microsiemens per centimeter.
9. ug/l: micrograms per liter, mg/l: milligrams per liter
10. NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
11. Methods are EPA unless otherwise specified.
12. Organic qualifier codes: (J): estimated result; (U): not detected above associated value
13. Inorganic qualifier codes: (U): not detected above associated value
14. Bold values exceed one or more of the RSRs

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SAMPLING DATE					1/11/2008	1/11/2008	1/10/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008
COMMENTS					Field Blank	Trip Blank		Inactive	Duplicate	Field Blank	Trip Blank
WELL DEPTH (ft.):							275	320	320		
LOCATION:							B302R-MW	North Eagleville	North Eagleville		
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)(ug/l)	524.2	(ug/l)	(ug/l)	(ug/l)							
1,1-Dichloroethane	70	NE	3,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	600	170,000	5,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichloroethane	1	2,970	6.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	75	26,000	1,400	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Benzene	1	710	130	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	0.76	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Bromobenzene	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chlorobenzene	100	420,000	1,800	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroethane	NE	NE	12,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroform	6	14,100	26	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
cis-1,2-Dichloroethane	70	NE	830	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Dichlorodifluoromethane	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
sec-Butylbenzene	61	NE	1,500	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Tetrachloroethane	5	88	340	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Toluene	1,000	4,000,000	7,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Trichloroethane	5	2,340	27	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	1.1	1	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Vinyl chloride	2	15,750	1.6	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
TOTAL METALS (mg/l)											
Aluminum	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	--	0.261	0.145	0.143	ND<0.01	--
Antimony	200.7/6010	0.006	86	NE	ND<0.005	--	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	--
Barium	6010/E200.7	1	NE	NE	ND<0.002	--	0.011	0.002	0.002	ND<0.002	--
Calcium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	--	18	19.6	19.1	ND<0.01	--
Chromium, hexavalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Chromium, total	PIEL	50	NE	NE	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Chromium, trivalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Copper	6010/E200.7	1.3	0.048	NE	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Iron	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.002	--	0.044	0.303	0.293	ND<0.002	--
Lead	7421/63113B	0.015	0.013	NE	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	--
Magnesium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	--	0.031	3.13	3.05	ND<0.01	--
Manganese	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	0.003	0.003	ND<0.001	--
Mercury	7470/E245.1	0.002	0.0004	NE	ND<0.0002	--	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	--
Nickel	200.7/6010	0.1	0.88	NE	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Potassium	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.1	--	3.19	2.31	2.29	ND<0.1	--
Selenium	6010/200.7	0.05	0.05	NE	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Silver	200.7/6010	0.036	0.012	NE	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Sodium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.1	--	31.8	5.59	5.53	0.258	--
Vanadium	200.7/6010	0.05	NE	NE	ND<0.002	--	0.011	0.003	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	--
Zinc	200.7/6010	5	0.123	NE	ND<0.002	--	0.004	0.004	0.003	ND<0.002	--

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SAMPLE DESIGNATION	METHOD	RSR GAGPC	RSR SWPC	RSR RVC	EB-011108	TB-011108	B302R(MW)	202-NERD	202P-NERD	EB-011808	TB-011808
SAMPLING DATE					1/11/2008	1/11/2008	1/10/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008
COMMENTS					Field Blank	Trip Blank		Inactive	Duplicate	Field Blank	Trip Blank
WELL DEPTH (ft.):							275	320	320		
LOCATION:							B302R-MW	North Eagleville	North Eagleville		
OTHER ANALYSES (mg/l)											
Alkalinity (CaCO3)	SM2320B				ND<20	--	78	50	52	ND<20	--
Ammonia as Nitrogen	S4500NH3				ND<0.02	--	0.06	U ND<0.02	ND<0.02	ND<0.02	--
B.O.D./5 day	SM5210B				ND<4.0	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	--
C.O.D.	SM5220 D				ND<10	--	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10	--
Chloride	300.0/9056				ND<3.0	--	ND<3.0	4.6	4.5	ND<3.0	--
Hardness (CaCO3)	300.0/9056				ND<0.10	--	45.1	61.8	60.3	ND<0.10	--
Nitrate as Nitrogen	300.0/9056				ND<0.05	--	ND<0.05	1.7	1.7	ND<0.05	--
Nitrite as Nitrogen	E365.2				ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Phosphorus, as P	9010/395.3				ND<0.01	--	0.02	0.02	U 0.07	0.03	--
Sulfate	300.0/9056				ND<3.0	--	40	16	16	ND<3.0	--
Tot. Diss. Solids	SM2540C				ND<10	--	180	200	100	ND<10	--
Tot.Org.Carbon	415.1/SW9060				ND<1.0	--	2.8	2	1.6	ND<1.0	--
Total Suspended Solids	SM2540D				ND<5.0	--	7	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	--
FIELD SCREENING DATA											
Turbidity (NTU)					--	--	0	0	--	--	--
Conductivity (uS/cm)					--	--	303	224	--	--	--
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)					--	--	6.4	6.38	--	--	--
ORP (mV)					--	--	-146	55	--	--	--
pH					--	--	11	8.1	--	--	--
Temperature (°C)					--	--	8.9	11	--	--	--

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SAMPLE DESIGNATION:	METHOD	RSR GAGPC	RSR SWPC	RSR RVC	B401(MW)	EB-011008	TB-011008	B403(MW)	B404(MW)	EB-011608	TB-011608
SAMPLING DATE					1/10/2008	1/10/2008	1/10/2008	1/16/2008	1/16/2008	1/16/2008	1/16/2008
COMMENTS						Field Blank	Trip Blank			Field Blank	Trip Blank
WELL DEPTH (ft.):					11.01			15.2	11.35		
LOCATION:					B401(MW)			B403(MW)	B404(MW)		
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)(ug/l)	524.2	(ug/l)	(ug/l)	(ug/l)							
1,1-Dichloroethane	70	NE	3,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	600	170,000	5,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichloroethane	1	2,970	6.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	75	26,000	1,400	2.3	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Benzene	1	710	130	0.71	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Bromobenzene	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chlorobenzene	100	420,000	1,800	4.7	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	1.9	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroethane	NE	NE	12,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	0.89	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroform	6	14,100	26	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	70	NE	830	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	3.8	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Dichlorodifluoromethane	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
sec-Butylbenzene	61	NE	1,500	0.51	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Tetrachloroethene	5	88	340	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Toluene	1,000	4,000,000	7,100	1.8	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Trichloroethene	5	2,340	27	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Vinyl chloride	2	15,750	1.6	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	1.9	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
TOTAL METALS (mg/l)											
Aluminum	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.281	ND<0.01	--	0.144	0.195	ND<0.01	--
Antimony	200.7/6010	0.006	86	NE	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	--	0.007	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	--
Barium	6010/E200.7	1	NE	NE	0.083	ND<0.002	--	0.121	0.065	ND<0.002	--
Calcium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	51	0.012	--	37	93.5	0.064	--
Chromium, hexavalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Chromium, total	P.E.L.	50	NE	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Chromium, trivalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Copper	6010/E200.7	1.3	0.048	NE	0.004	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	0.001	ND<0.001	--
Iron	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	66.3	ND<0.002	--	102	2.44	0.009	--
Lead	7421/S3113B	0.015	0.013	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Magnesium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	12.3	ND<0.01	--	9.4	8.91	ND<0.01	--
Manganese	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	1.18	ND<0.001	--	3.75	4.38	0.002	--
Mercury	7470/E245.1	0.002	0.0004	NE	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	--	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	--
Nickel	200.7/6010	0.1	0.88	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	0.006	0.008	ND<0.001	--
Potassium	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	12.5	ND<0.1	--	8.76	8.43	ND<0.1	--
Selenium	6010/200.7	0.05	0.05	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Silver	200.7/6010	0.036	0.012	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--
Sodium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	22.6	ND<0.1	--	10.2	12	ND<0.1	--
Vanadium	200.7/6010	0.05	NE	NE	0.007	ND<0.002	--	ND<0.002	0.003	ND<0.002	--
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SAMPLING DATE					1/10/2008	1/10/2008	1/10/2008	1/16/2008	1/16/2008	1/16/2008	1/16/2008
COMMENTS						Field Blank	Trip Blank			Field Blank	Trip Blank
WELL DEPTH (ft.):					11.01			15.2	11.35		
LOCATION:					B401(MW)			B403(MW)	B404(MW)		
OTHER ANALYSES (mg/l)											
Alkalinity (CaCO3)	SM2320B				190	ND<20	--	280	110	ND<20	--
Ammonia as Nitrogen	S4500NH3				9.5	0.02	--	1.2	0.59	ND<0.02	--
B.O.D./5-day	SM5210B				ND<6	ND<2.0	--	7.6	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	--
C.O.D.	SM5220D				31	ND<10	--	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10	--
Chloride	300.0/9056				24	ND<3.0	--	20	14	ND<3.0	--
Hardness (CaCO3)	300.0/9056				178	ND<0.10	--	131	270	ND<0.10	--
Nitrate as Nitrogen	300.0/9056				ND<0.05	ND<0.05	--	ND<0.05	0.09	ND<0.05	--
Nitrite as Nitrogen	E9652				ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--
Phosphorus, as P	9010/3353				0.04	ND<0.01	--	1.8	0.6	ND<0.01	--
Sulfate	300.0/9056				120	ND<3.0	--	23	180	ND<3.0	--
Tot. Diss. Solids	SM2540C				340	ND<10	--	360	440	ND<10	--
Tot.Org.Carbon	415.1/SW9060				13	ND<1.0	--	6.1	5.3	ND<1.0	--
Total Suspended Solids	SM2540D				94	ND<5.0	--	31	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	--
FIELD SCREENING DATA											
Turbidity (NTU)					0	--	--	0	0	--	--
Conductivity (uS/cm)					801	--	--	999	900	--	--
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)					6.95	--	--	5.33	6.42	--	--
ORP (mV)					-137	--	--	-108	-23	--	--
pH					6.4	--	--	6.2	6.3	--	--
Temperature (°C)					8.1	--	--	6.9	7.5	--	--

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SAMPLING DATE					1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/7/2008	1/7/2008
COMMENTS						Duplicate		Field Blank	Trip Blank	Surface Water	Surface Water
WELL DEPTH (ft.)					18.65		22.95				
LOCATION:					F Lot		F Lot			SW-A	SW-C
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)(ug/l)	524.2	(ug/l)	(ug/l)	(ug/l)							
1,1-Dichloroethane		70	NE	3,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		70	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		600	170,000	5,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichloroethane		1	2,970	6.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		75	26,000	1,400	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Benzene		1	710	130	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Bromobenzene		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chlorobenzene		100	420,000	1,800	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroethane		NE	NE	12,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroform		6	14,100	26	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene		70	NE	830	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Dichlorodifluoromethane		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
sec-Butylbenzene		61	NE	1,500	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Tetrachloroethene		5	88	340	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Toluene		1,000	4,000,000	7,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Trichloroethene		5	2,340	27	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Vinyl chloride		2	15,750	1.6	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
TOTAL METALS (mg/l)											
Aluminum	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.115	0.117	0.116	ND<0.01	--	0.084	0.052
Antimony	200.7/6010	0.006	86	NE	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	--	ND<0.005	ND<0.005
Barium	6010/E200.7	1	NE	NE	0.06	0.061	0.041	ND<0.002	--	0.059	0.054
Calcium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	53.1	54.6	23.2	0.012	--	40.4	61.9
Chromium, hexavalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Chromium, total	P.E.L.	50	NE	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Chromium, trivalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Copper	6010/E200.7	1.3	0.048	NE	0.001	ND<0.001	0.002	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	0.001
Iron	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	9.81	10.1	0.166	ND<0.002	--	0.621	0.041
Lead	7421/S3113B	0.015	0.013	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Magnesium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	19.8	20.3	4.55	ND<0.01	--	11.9	16.3
Manganese	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	3.26	3.38	0.07	ND<0.001	--	0.451	0.016
Mercury	7470/E245.1	0.002	0.0004	NE	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	--	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002
Nickel	200.7/6010	0.1	0.88	NE	0.004	0.004	0.005	ND<0.001	--	0.008	0.002
Potassium	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	9.72	10	6.81	ND<0.1	--	7.42	10.6
Selenium	6010/200.7	0.05	0.05	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Silver	200.7/6010	0.036	0.012	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Sodium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	58.3	54.6	65.1	ND<0.1	--	47.1	8.64
Vanadium	200.7/6010	0.05	NE	NE	0.004	0.004	0.002	ND<0.002	--	ND<0.002	ND<0.002
Zinc	200.7/6010	5	0.123	NE	0.007	0.005	0.01	0.003	--	0.008	0.002

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SAMPLING DATE					1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/8/2008	1/7/2008	1/7/2008
COMMENTS						Duplicate		Field Blank	Trip Blank	Surface Water	Surface Water
WELL DEPTH (ft.):					18.65		22.95				
LOCATION:					F Lot		F Lot			SW-A	SW-C
OTHER ANALYSES (mg/l)											
Alkalinity (CaCO3)	SM2320B	--	--	--	130	110	ND<20	ND<20	--	42	28
Ammonia as Nitrogen	S4500NH3	--	--	--	0.51	0.51	ND<0.02	ND<0.02	--	ND<0.02	ND<0.02
B.O.D./5 day	SM5210B	--	--	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0
C.O.D.	SM5220 D	--	--	--	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10	--	36	11
Chloride	300.0/9056	--	--	--	140	140	67	ND<3.0	--	84	13
Hardness (CaCO3)	300.0/9056	--	--	--	214	220	76.7	ND<0.10	--	150	222
Nitrate as Nitrogen	300.0/9056	--	--	--	0.09	0.19	14	ND<0.05	--	0.07	0.77
Nitrite as Nitrogen	E365.2	--	--	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Phosphorus, as P	9010/335.3	--	--	--	0.02	0.28	0.13	0.01	--	1.6	0.93
Sulfate	300.0/9056	--	--	--	51	51	64	ND<3.0	--	110	160
Tot. Diss. Solids	SM2540C	--	--	--	440	440	320	ND<10	--	320	310
Tot. Org. Carbon	415.1/SW9060	--	--	--	3.1	3.4	2.8	ND<1.0	--	6.3	2.1
Total Suspended Solids	SM2540D	--	--	--	7	8.5	ND<5.0	8.5	--	ND<5.0	ND<5.0
FIELD SCREENING DATA											
Turbidity (NTU)					4.2	--	1.1	--	--	37.8	36
Conductivity (uS/cm)					997	--	794	--	--	827	999
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)					6.29	--	9.55	--	--	13.61	13.81
ORP (mV)					-18	--	180	--	--	167	170
pH					6.3	--	6.1	--	--	5.9	6.1
Temperature (°C)					11.5	--	13.1	--	--	3.6	3.2

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COMMENTS					Surface Water	Surface Water	Surface Water	Trip Blank	Active	Active
WELL DEPTH (ft.):									Unknown	Unknown
LOCATION:					SW-D	SW-E	SW-F		Meadowood Road	Meadowood Road
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)(ug/l)	524.2	(ug/l)	(ug/l)	(ug/l)						
1,1-Dichloroethane		70	NE	3,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		70	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		600	170,000	5,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichloroethane		1	2,970	6.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		75	26,000	1,400	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Benzene		1	710	130	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Bromobenzene		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chlorobenzene		100	420,000	1,800	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroethane		NE	NE	12,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroform		6	14,100	26	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
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Tetrachloroethene		5	88	340	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Toluene		1,000	4,000,000	7,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Trichloroethene		5	2,340	27	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Vinyl chloride		2	15,750	1.6	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
TOTAL METALS (mg/l)										
Aluminum	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.06	0.058	0.079	--	0.151	0.082
Antimony	200.7/6010	0.006	86	NE	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	--	ND<0.005	ND<0.005
Barium	6010/E200.7	1	NE	NE	0.029	0.033	0.051	--	0.012	ND<0.002
Calcium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	30	25.8	54.7	--	40.5	16.2
Chromium, hexavalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Chromium, total	P.E.L.	50	NE	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Chromium, trivalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Copper	6010/E200.7	1.3	0.048	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	0.003	--	0.001	ND<0.001
Iron	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	0.02	0.106	1.12	--	0.142	0.056
Lead	7421/S31138	0.015	0.013	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.002	ND<0.002
Magnesium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	7.88	6.91	11.5	--	6.55	2.8
Manganese	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.007	0.08	0.229	--	0.282	0.075
Mercury	7470/E245.1	0.002	0.0004	NE	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	--	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002
Nickel	200.7/6010	0.1	0.88	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Potassium	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	3.24	2.74	6.34	--	1.65	1.13
Selenium	6010/200.7	0.05	0.05	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Silver	200.7/6010	0.036	0.012	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	--	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Sodium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	6.99	14.4	69.7	--	7.63	5.58
Vanadium	200.7/6010	0.05	NE	NE	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	--	0.002	ND<0.002
Zinc	200.7/6010	5	0.123	NE	ND<0.002	0.045	0.016	--	ND<0.002	ND<0.002

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LOCATION:					SW-D	SW-E	SW-F		Meadowood Road	Meadowood Road
OTHER ANALYSES (mg/l)									110	
Alkalinity (CaCO3)	SM2320B	--	--	--	22	ND<0.02	72	--	ND<0.02	50
Ammonia as Nitrogen	S4500NH3	--	--	--	ND<0.02	ND<0.02	0.03	--	ND<4.0	ND<0.02
B.O.D./5 day	SM5210B	--	--	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	--	ND<10	ND<4.0
C.O.D.	SM5220D	--	--	--	22	29	18	--	24	ND<10
Chloride	300.0/9056	--	--	--	12	36	170	--	128	5.3
Hardness (CaCO3)	300.0/9056	--	--	--	107	92.9	184	--	ND<0.05	52
Nitrate as Nitrogen	300.0/9056	--	--	--	0.3	0.18	0.31	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.05
Nitrite as Nitrogen	E365.2	--	--	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	--	0.26	ND<0.01
Phosphorus, as P	9010/335.3	--	--	--	2.8	2.5	0.34	--	18	0.66
Sulfate	300.0/9056	--	--	--	84	57	35	--	120	14
Tot. Diss. Solids	SM2540C	--	--	--	150	150	390	--	3.2	94
Tot. Org. Carbon	415.1/SW9060	--	--	--	2.3	2.3	2.5	--	ND<5.0	ND<1.0
Total Suspended Solids	SM2540D	--	--	--	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	--		ND<5.0
FIELD SCREENING DATA										
Turbidity (NTU)					9	44.4	34.5	--	6.5	2
Conductivity (uS/cm)					900	388	975	--	478	395
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)					13.6	14.58	13.7	--	9.28	8.96
ORP (mV)					180	227	3	--	-9	10
pH					5.9	5.1	6.4	--	7.6	7.9
Temperature (° C)					4.5	3.5	5.9	--	10.1	12.8

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SAMPLING DATE					1/18/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008	1/18/2008
COMMENTS					Active	Active	Active	Active
WELL DEPTH (ft.)					Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
LOCATION:					Meadowood Road	Separatist Road	Separatist Road	Separatist Road
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs)(ug/l)	524.2	(ug/l)	(ug/l)	(ug/l)				
1,1-Dichloroethane		70	NE	3,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		70	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		600	170,000	5,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,2-Dichloroethane		1	2,970	6.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		75	26,000	1,400	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Benzene		1	710	130	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Bromobenzene		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chlorobenzene		100	420,000	1,800	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroethane		NE	NE	12,000	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Chloroform		6	14,100	26	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	0.97	1.8
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene		70	NE	830	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Dichlorodifluoromethane		NE	NE	NE	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
sec-Butylbenzene		61	NE	1,500	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Tetrachloroethene		5	88	340	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Toluene		1,000	4,000,000	7,100	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Trichloroethene		5	2,340	27	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
Vinyl chloride		2	15,750	1.6	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5	ND<0.5
TOTAL METALS (mg/l)								
Aluminum	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.099	0.146	0.134	0.13
Antimony	200.7/6010	0.006	86	NE	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005	ND<0.005
Barium	6010/E200.7	1	NE	NE	0.014	0.012	0.004	0.011
Calcium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	15.8	34.2	32.3	31.5
Chromium, hexavalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Chromium, total	P.E.I.	50	NE	NE	0.002	0.001	ND<0.001	0.001
Chromium, trivalent	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.002	0.001	ND<0.01	0.001
Copper	6010/E200.7	1.3	0.048	NE	0.231	0.004	0.009	0.02
Iron	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	0.071	0.025	0.003	0.009
Lead	7421/S3113B	0.015	0.013	NE	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	ND<0.002	ND<0.002
Magnesium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	5.66	8.11	5.58	7.42
Manganese	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	0.01	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	0.003
Mercury	7470/E245.1	0.002	0.0004	NE	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002	ND<0.0002
Nickel	200.7/6010	0.1	0.88	NE	0.002	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Potassium	6010/E200.7	NE	NE	NE	2.06	3.34	4.93	3.98
Selenium	6010/200.7	0.05	0.05	NE	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Silver	200.7/6010	0.036	0.012	NE	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001	ND<0.001
Sodium	200.7/6010	NE	NE	NE	19	7.39	9.25	11.2
Vanadium	200.7/6010	0.05	NE	NE	ND<0.002	0.005	0.005	0.005
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OTHER ANALYSES (mg/l)								
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	SM2320B	--	--	--	36	74	76	70
Ammonia as Nitrogen	S4500NH3	--	--	--	ND<0.02	ND<0.02	ND<0.02	ND<0.02
B.O.D./5 day	SM5210B	--	--	--	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0	ND<4.0
C.O.D.	SM5220-D	--	--	--	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10	ND<10
Chloride	300.0/9056	--	--	--	32	31	21	32
Hardness (CaCO ₃)	300.0/9056	--	--	--	62.8	119	104	109
Nitrate as Nitrogen	300.0/9056	--	--	--	1	3.5	1.7	2.6
Nitrite as Nitrogen	E365.2	--	--	--	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01	ND<0.01
Phosphorus, as P	9010/335.3	--	--	--	0.6	0.02 U	ND<0.01	0.03 U
Sulfate	300.0/9056	--	--	--	24	17	18	18
Tot. Diss. Solids	SM2540C	--	--	--	160	180	170	180
Tot.Org.Carbon	415.1/SW9060	--	--	--	4.7	2.3	1.8	1.9
Total Suspended Solids	SM2540D	--	--	--	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	ND<5.0	ND<5.0
FIELD SCREENING DATA								
Turbidity (NTU)					1.5	7	1.9	3.9
Conductivity (uS/cm)					524	582	380	581
Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)					10.29	10.03	10.45	10.33
ORP (mV)					152	114	116	129
pH					7.2	7.4	7.5	7.2
Temperature (°C)					10.8	10.1	10.5	11

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Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *M.H.*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Mike Nintean, Director of Building and Housing Inspection; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning
Date: May 27, 2008
Re: Community/Campus Relations

Subject Matter/Background

As you know, one of staff's current assignments in the area of community/campus relations is to conduct research regarding the viability of additional nuisance abatement ordinances as well as potential revisions to the housing code. Staff is now prepared to present the results of its preliminary research regarding this matter. Among other subjects, we would like to discuss septic pumping and well testing, parking permit requirements and the enforcement of occupancy limits.

At this point, I am seeking the Council's advice as to how you would like to proceed in this area. One thought is that you revive the Committee on Community Quality of Life to review these issues with staff to develop recommendations for the Town Council as a whole to consider. If the Council is so inclined, it might also be useful to add representatives from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the University of Connecticut to this workgroup.

Staff will be available at Tuesday's meeting to discuss this issue in more detail.

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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: May 27, 2008
Re: Presentation to Town Council – Four Corners Sewer Study

Subject Matter/Background

As you know, the Town has undertaken a study of sewerage disposal needs in the area surrounding Routes 195 and 44, generally known as the Four-Corners area. Many properties in this area have had chronic wastewater disposal issues as a result of density of development, lot sizes and soil conditions.

The consultant firm hired by the Town, Earth Tech, Inc., has completed a “facilities plan” for the Four-Corners and will be presenting this plan to the Town Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday May 27th at 7:30 PM. We have issued a general press release and have also invited the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Conservation Commission as well as area residents to attend the presentation.

The study recommends a sewer service area, a gravity collection system, a pump station and a force main to convey the wastewater to the University of Connecticut's collection and treatment system. The estimated cost of the recommended alternative is just over \$5 million.

The Town Council has received a full copy of the study. Copies of the facilities plan, map and trial assessment worksheet are posted on the Town's website for viewing/downloading at <http://mansfieldct.org> → Public Works (in the Department listing on the left) → Engineering Project Updates (in the next list on the left) → Four-Corners Facilities Plan (in the next boxed list on the right) → then choose from the box in the upper left hand side of the page).

Attachments

- 1) Town of Mansfield Press Release: Four Corners Sewering Plan



Town of Mansfield Department of Public Works
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268
May 20, 2008

News item: Four-corners sewerage plan to be presented to the Mansfield Town Council at its May 27, 2008 meeting.

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Persons interested in this project are invited to attend the presentation at the Council meeting (after 7:30 pm), or to make their comments on this subject known in writing to the Town. Financing and scheduling for this project have not yet been determined.

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works
(860) 429-3332

cc: Matt Hart, Town Mgr; Greg Padick, Dir of Planning; Grant Meitzler, Asst Town Engr., File



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To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jay O'Keefe, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance
Date: May 27, 2008
Re: Mansfield Community Center: Implementation of Management Study Recommendations

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find an action plan for the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the recently completed management study for the Mansfield Community Center. The management team will use the action plan as a guide and review and update the document on a bimonthly basis.

As you will note, many of the recommendations will require further analysis and review on the part of the staff and Council. The management team views the fee-based proposals as a priority for the suggested amendments to the fee schedule that you shall receive in a few months. Also, as part of the quarterly review of the Town's financial statements, the management team will provide the Finance Committee and Town Council with an enhanced report regarding the Community Center's financial performance.

For your reference, I have attached various procedures that we use in the area of member recruitment and retention. We welcome any feedback or questions that the Town Council may have regarding the action plan.

Attachments

- 1) Mansfield Community Center: Management Study Action Plan
- 2) Mansfield Community Center: Membership Renewal Procedures
- 3) Mansfield Community Center: Membership Low Usage Procedures
- 4) Mansfield Community Center: Low use/No Use Call Directions
- 5) Mansfield Community Center: Management Study Action Plan
- 6) Mansfield Community Center: Welcome Call Directions
- 7) Mansfield Community Center: Tour Tracking Directions
- 8) Mansfield Community Center: Tour Sourcing Directions
- 9) Mansfield Community Center: Tour Follow-up Mailing Directions
- 10) Mansfield Community Center: April Promotion Tracking Directions

MANSFIELD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mansfield Community Center - Management Study

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ACTION PLAN SUMMARY (rev. 5-27-08)

No.	Action Step	Assigned to	Timeline	Status
1.a	Review and refine monthly financial statement showing revenues and expenditures against program budget	Finance	monthly	This is currently done, but on a quarterly basis. The management team will implement this review on a monthly basis.
1.b	Create payroll summary showing each program payroll against budget	Cherie T./Curt V.	monthly	Staff has identified payroll reports in ADMINS (business software) that will provide supervisors with a more efficient way to monitor payroll budgets.
1.c	Review new member sales and cancellations against budget	Curt V./Sharon G.	monthly	New member sales and cancellation reporting is already in place, however, a net number is typically reviewed. Total losses and gains have been used in the past year in order to maximize marketing strategies and opportunities.
1.d	Review monthly member profile showing changes in membership by type, average dues, additional family members, and average tenure	Sherry B./Sharon G.	monthly	Member profiles are monitored monthly.
1.e	Monitor low and no use report to identify at risk members	Sharon G./Staff	monthly	Low and no use monitoring is in place. Management will develop a plan to institute more contact with low and no use members.
1.f	Review up for renewal reports showing memberships expiring over the next 30-60 days	Sharon G.	monthly	This report is in place and is used by member services coordinator for retention purposes.
2	Reach out to former members to determine what the primary reasons were for them to leave and then respond accordingly	Sharon G.	monthly	Focus groups, mini-surveys, and general feedback have indicated lack of use and fees to be the main factors in member cancellation. Staff will increase contact to former members to encourage them to renew.
3	Aggressively build corporate membership effort	Sharon G./Curt V.	ongoing	The business partnership program is underway and we have successfully recruited several business partners. This will continue to be a key initiative.
4	Limit three-month membership to students and eliminate for the general membership	Management team	Jul-08	Staff will present a revised fee and rate structure to Town Council this summer. Staff is reviewing demographics of three-month members to determine whether this recommendation is feasible.
5	Increase non-resident fees gradually over the next few years	Management team	Jul-08	Staff will present a revised fee and rate structure to Town Council this summer. We have consistently increased rates for all members. Staff is reviewing demographics to determine whether this recommendation is feasible.
6	Consider instituting a modest membership fee for the Teen Center	Management team	Jul-08	Staff will present revised fee and rate schedule to Town Council this summer, and may include this recommendation. 35% of Teen Center members are also regular members, leaving 338 who are not currently paying a fee. Staff is also researching fees in other towns with Teen Centers.

No.	Action Step	Assigned to	Timeline	Status
7	Consider beginning to charge an enrollment fee for new memberships	Management team	Jul-08	Staff will present a revised fee and rate schedule to Town Council this summer. We have looked at enrollment fees as an option in the past. In combination with #9, this is something we will recommend for new members only.
8	Eliminate off-peak membership	Management team	Jul-08	Staff will present a revised fee and rate schedule to Town Council this summer. Staff will recommend that this option be phased out gradually over time.
9	Institute a new member agreement that will automatically shift to a month-to-month agreement after the first year	Management team	Jul-08	Staff recommends that this be done in conjunction with #7 and implemented at the time the new fee and rate schedule is effective.
10	Consider developing an area for "Tweeners"	Program staff	long-term	Staff has worked hard to engage "tweeners" in facility activity. Developing an area specifically for tweens, much like the existing Teen Center, could bolster family participation in the Center. However, there will be capital costs and space in the facility is limited as it exists. This will require further review for long term solutions. In the interim, staff will focus on additional programming for this age group.
11	Implement a sales plan to increase personal training and facility rentals	Marketing consultant/ fitness staff	ongoing	Staff sees opportunities to increase this revenue potential through new marketing and other strategies. The management team will work with marketing consultant and fitness staff to develop these strategies.
12	Be pro-active in improving payroll metrics	Management team	ongoing	Management team will review staffing schedules and other info to determine whether additional savings may be realized. We may also experiment with different schedules on a pilot basis.

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Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department
MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
Membership Renewal Procedures

- 1) Print membership expiration report for the coming month
- 2) Sent letter one month prior to expiration to all members reminding them about their membership and any special renewal incentives
 - a. those who selected auto renewal will be sent a letter stating their form of payment and instructions for any changes they desire
- 3) Prior to the month of expiration, manually check each membership to determine renewal status
- 4) At the beginning of the month of expiration, send emails (to those have supplied us with email addresses) reminding them again about renewal
- 5) After the month of expiration is over, email or contact via phone all members who did not renew and if possible, find out the reasons for not renewing
 - a. record reasons for non renewal in monthly membership termination report
- 6) One month after expiration, send letter offering a free month to all those who did not renew
- 7) Maintain non-renewal list for future offers
- 8) Maintain a spreadsheet of renewal percentages after each contact step above

Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department
MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
Membership Low Usage Procedures

For newest members (who show up on low usage report)

- 1) Print a mid-month low usage report for all membership types (including additional members) with 5 or less visits for the previous month.
- 2) Check every name for the last date of visit
- 3) If the last visit was more than two weeks prior, call to check in with them
- 4) Three weeks after the call, manually review visit check report for each person who was sent a letter
 - a. If visits increased beyond low usage report threshold, no further action is required at this time
 - b. If visits did not increase, the person is placed on a call list to be called again
- 5) After calls are made, response is recorded on call list report
- 6) Further action will be dictated by response
- 7) If message had to be left at initial call, revert back to number 4 above
- 8) If contact is made, member is reminded about:
 - a. free orientation
 - b. encouraged to use guest pass to come in with a friend
 - c. provided with review of upcoming events
 - d. reminded about membership freeze option

For existing members

- 1) Print low usage report for all existing members (all membership types) for last three months
- 2) Check every name for the last date of visit
- 3) Send low usage letter with survey (100 CenterPoints offered for returned surveys) and guest passes
- 4) Three weeks after re-welcome letter is sent, manually review visit check report for each person who was sent a letter
 - a. If visits increased beyond low usage report threshold, no further action is required at this time
 - b. If visits did not increase, the person is placed on a call list
- 5) Further action will be dictated by response
- 6) If message had to be left at initial call, revert back to number 4 above
- 7) If contact is made, member is reminded about:
 - a. free orientation
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Mansfield Community Center

Low Use / No Use Call Directions

Goal: Member Retention! Remind members about their membership, get them back on the workout wagon, and offer them opportunities for events and programs that may be of interest. Low use / no use members are our high risk members – unless we can get them in here, we are going to lose them because they are the most unlikely to renew when their memberships expire!!

A RecTrac report which lists members with 5 or less visits to the MCC is attached. There are call sheets in front of the lists. The top call sheet has the month in which they joined on the top, and what kind of membership they have.

The RecTrac reports list the member's name, membership type, member date (date that membership began), expiration date, phone number and visits (the last column).

Step One: First, you need to do a little bit of rectrac sleuthing and look at their household to see if their membership is active (some might be cancelled and it would be silly for us to call and ask why they aren't coming). Look the person up in household inquiry, highlight their name and click passes. If it shows more than one pass, highlight their current pass (it should show the letter A in the status column, E means expired). Next, click visits on the bottom of that screen. The top visit is their most current. Write the date down on the list under their name. If the date of their last visit was less than a week ago, CROSS them off the rectrac list.

*If you cannot find the pass type/dates that it shows the person has on the list, click the box that says show cancelled passes. The person might have cancelled their pass that we have on the list, and upgraded to a new pass type. If that is the case, you do not need to call. Cross them off the RecTrac list.

Step Two: Please transfer the information of the people who have active memberships from the list to the call sheet. So do not transfer information of the people on the list that you had crossed off. Please then call those people at a reasonable time (after 11am and before 8pm). Write comments of the conversation, whether you spoke with the person or left a message, what they said, etc.

Sample Dialogue: Hi, my name's Sharon, I'm calling from the Mansfield Community Center to welcome you as a new member. We noticed that you haven't been in to use the center since _____ (insert last visit date) and we wanted to check in with you to see if we can help you continue to use your membership. Are there any reasons why you haven't been in? What do you typically use the Center for? Maybe I could suggest some upcoming events that you might be interested in. (ex. Family fun events, spring fitness classes) Thanks for your time, and we hope to see you soon.

If you get an answering machine, just leave a friendly message that you were calling to check in with them, and we hope to see them back at the MCC soon.



Mansfield Community Center

Welcome Call Directions

Goal: Member Retention! Welcome new members to the MCC, check in with them to see if they have any questions about their membership, and make them feel connected to the MCC. It's very important to connect with these members soon after they join – hopefully to prevent them from becoming low use members. It's also important to try to get them to sign up for an equipment orientation, which will help them create a work out habit and feel more comfortable coming to the MCC.

A RecTrac report is attached. The title at the top is Pass Type Membership. It has all the new memberships since the last time people were called – should be about one month's worth of new memberships. The new members are grouped by pass type.

Step One: First check the households in RecTrac to make sure that they are in fact “new” members. Look up the person's name, and click passes. If there is more than one pass listed, then you can cross them off the list. If there is only one pass listed, then next click “history” at the bottom of that screen. It will show the history of that one pass – it will show if it was renewed. If they had renewed an old pass, you can also cross them off the list. Anyone with a pass within the last year should be crossed off.

Step Two: These new members (not previous or renewing members) just need to be called and welcomed to the facility. If you don't get an answer, just leave a message. Please make a note of the date you called, if you left a message, and any other helpful notes of the conversation.

Sample Dialogue: Hi, my name's Sharon, I'm calling from the Mansfield Community Center to welcome you as a new member. Please let us know if you ever have any questions or comments regarding your membership. Have a nice day!



Tour Tracking Directions

Goal: Tour Tracking! We want to see what our commitment percentage is for those who come in to tour the facility. Also, we want to know who came in for a tour, but did not purchase a membership so that we can follow up with them.

The tour questionnaires that we have received in the current month are attached.

Step One: Please look up each person in RecTrac to see if they joined. If they did not purchase a membership, write NO at the top of the questionnaire. If they did, write the membership type and dates at the top.

Step Two: Complete a Tour Sourcing form. (See Directions)

Step Three: Complete the Tour follow-up mailing. (See Directions) Please write addresses on envelopes for the people who toured at least two weeks ago and did not yet purchase a membership. Put a tour letter in the envelope and put it in the mail. Label that pile – “letter sent”, and the pile with no memberships after– “letter not sent yet”. There should also be a pile of those who did commit to a membership.



Mansfield Community Center

Tour Sourcing Directions

Goal: Source Tracking! We want to determine which media marketing and advertising is helping us get the most potential members into the facility.

A stack of tour questionnaires is attached. These were all tours taken during the month of March.

A tour sourcing form is also attached.

Step One: On the questionnaires, tour-takers listed what brought them to the MCC. Tally up their responses on the tour sourcing form.



Mansfield Community Center

Tour Follow-up Mailing Directions

Goal: New Member Capture! We want to follow up with potential members who were interested enough to take a tour, but did not choose to join yet. We send follow up letters hoping that this might remind people that they were interested in membership at the MCC.

A stack of tour questionnaires is attached. An original tour follow up letter is also attached. You will need to make copies of the letter (please don't mail the original).

Step One: If it hasn't already been done, you need to check the households in RecTrac to make sure that they have not yet purchased a membership. If they did purchase a membership, write what membership type, and the dates at the top of the questionnaire. If they have not yet purchased a membership, write "no" at the top of the questionnaire.

Step Two: Take all of the questionnaires with "no" at the top. Put each person's address on an envelope, and mail them a tour follow up letter. After the stack of tour questionnaires is completed, i.e. they have all been mailed a letter, label the stack with a post it that says that letters were mailed. The tour questionnaires should then be left on my desk. Envelopes should be put in the outgoing mail bin.



Mansfield Community Center

April Promotion Tracking Directions

Goal: Promotion Tracking! We want to determine how many people responded to a special promotion we offered last month. People who had 3 month memberships that expiring in April were offered a promotion of 10% discount off an annual membership if they renewed as an annual member by April 30th, 2008.

A RecTrac report is attached. These are the people who the promotion was offered to in April.

Step One: Look up their household to see if their membership is active. If they have no active membership, put a big E (or something else obvious) next to their name. If they have an active membership (and I'm crossing my fingers that they do) write the type and dates of the membership next to their name AND highlight their name with a bright color (not yellow).

Step Two: Total the number of memberships which were renewed after the promotion was offered. Put those numbers here.

3 Month Memberships _____

Annual Memberships _____

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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; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Cherie Trahan, Controller/Treasurer
Date: May 27, 2008
Re: Estate of Dorothy Goodwin

Subject Matter/Background

The late Dorothy Goodwin bequeathed \$10,000 to the Town and we have deposited those funds in a separate account. We need guidance from the Council as to how these funds should be appropriated.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Council refer this item to the Finance Committee for review and consideration. If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following motion would be in order:

Move, effective May 27, 2008, to refer the \$10,000 gift from the estate of Dorothy Goodwin to the Finance Committee for review and consideration.

Attachments

- 1) US Trust re: estate of Dorothy Goodwin

Estate Settlement
Bank of America, N.A.

April 3, 2008

Town of Mansfield
c/o Jeffrey H Smith, Director of Finance
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268

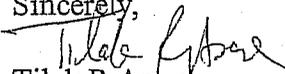
RE: Estate of Dorothy C Goodwin

Dear Jeffrey:

You will recall that Dorothy Goodwin bequeathed \$10,000.00 to Town of Mansfield under Article 2.03 (d) of her Last Will and Testament. A check is enclosed for that amount.

So that we may be sure you have received this check, please date and sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return to me in the envelope provided. If you have any question, call me at (860) 986-7185. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tilak R Arora
Estate Settlement Officer

Enclosure

Received

Date

Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes

10:00 AM – Senior Center

Monday, April 14, 2008

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), K. Doeg, C. Pellegrine (Vice-Chair), M. Thatcher, A. Holinko, P. Hope (staff), R. Gouldsbrough, W. Bigl, S. Gordon, T. Quinn (Chair), C. Phillips

REGRETS: J. Quarto

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair T. Quinn called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. Acceptance of Minutes: the minutes of the **March 10, 2008** meeting were accepted as written.
- IV. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff: none.

V. **New Business**

- Committee to regionalize the Senior Center Association: T. Quinn reported that the Association has formed a sub-committee and is looking at the McSweeney Senior Center as a model. There are no requirements for a Center being able to refer to itself as a regional center. The sub-committee is looking forward to trying to create an organization of area Centers to coordinate and share services that are delivered. One idea is to create a regional orchestra for seniors. T. Quinn asked if there was a motion to support this. C. Pellegrine asked who the motion would be for: Answer: the Association. Motion unanimously approved to encourage the Association to support regionalization of area senior centers. C. Phillips asked what the next step would be: the sub-committee of the Association would need to proceed with this initiative.

- "Other": M. Thatcher noted the Mission of Mercy dental clinic that was held this weekend, and wondered if the Commission could do more to support the provision of dental care in this area. T. Quinn would like to address this as a part of the Long-Range plan.

VI. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations

A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – J. Kenny distributed copies of her monthly report. She raised a concern that many of the senior housing facilities are no longer accepting applications. K. Grunwald pointed out that Willington Woods is accepting applications.

Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation – J. Kenny reported that there is a concern that residents are being admitted with mental health issues that may not

be appropriate for the facility. T. Quinn was there recently and reported very favorably on his experience. W. Bigl has joined the advisory board, along with R. Gouldsbrough and J. Kenny.

B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – P. Hope distributed copies of her monthly report. She pointed out that a “Celebration of Life” was held in March to honor deceased friends and relatives. 139 people received tax assistance in the month of March. Tax volunteers have also done outreach at Jensen’s and Juniper Hill.

Funding for Area Agencies: K. Grunwald reported that the Council budget provides flat funding for this year; this part of the budget will be reviewed Wed., April 16 at 6:00 PM at the Mansfield Community Center. This especially impacts the Meals On Wheels budget request.

Senior Center Assoc. – John Brubacher (for Tom Rogers): not present; no report. C. Phillips said that the Bazaar this past Saturday was a great opportunity to get seniors involved; they raised approximately \$1800. She noted that it is the same volunteers who work every year, and we need to recruit new volunteers; looking for suggestions on how to expand this. She also said that the UConn student volunteers were much appreciated.

W. Bigl noted that the Computer Committee is looking at purchasing 10 new laptop computers and Wi-Fi access with a memorial donation that was received. He will keep the Commission updated on this project.

C. Housing

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: K. Grunwald reported that the committee has received two proposals and is currently evaluating them. One of the proposals includes a partnership with MCNR.

Juniper Hill: R. Gouldsbrough reported on the results of a transportation survey that was done at Juniper Hill. One of the needs is to get to the Senior Center. K. Grunwald will invite Melinda Perkins to the next meeting of the Commission to speak about the services of WRTD

Jensen’s Park: no report.

D. Related Town and Regional Organizations such as:

Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities: next meeting, Tues., April 22 at 2:30.

VII. Old Business

- Proposed Board of Seniors (T. Quinn) reported that this is being considered as part of the town-wide strategic planning initiative.

- Status of the State of CT, Department of Social Services Funding Opportunities: P. Hope reported that the Center received a grant of \$5000 that will fund staffing the senior center of Saturday's from 8:30-1 through April of 2009. K. Grunwald reported that we received \$3400 for case management services. P. Hope mentioned that the Health District received funding to improve health of women over age 55, and we will be receiving money through this grant for equipment.
- Long Range Plan for 2007- 2010: T. Quinn stated that he feels that the Commission needs to review this plan annually and identify action items for each year.
- Action Plans: C. Pellegrine and M. Thatcher distributed recommendations on Information Dissemination. Recommendation that "At Your Fingertips" needs to be updated. K. Doeg pointed out that the hospital now routinely asks if patients have a Living Will and a Durable Power of Attorney.
- Planning Update – Transportation: T. Quinn reported that he has looked into the willingness of residents to use public transportation. He is looking for help in determining whether the UConn bus or WRTD are serving the White Oak Condos. Motion approved unanimously to request that the Senior Center offer sessions on using the public transportation system.

VIII. **Adjournment:** meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

Next meeting: **Monday, May 12, 2008** at 10:00 AM at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
MARCH 17, 2008
AUDREY P BECK BUILDING
6:00 PM

The meeting of the Committee on Committees was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present were Chairman Leigh Duffy and members Bruce Clouette and Gene Nesbitt.

The minutes of the January 23, 2008 were approved as presented.

The Committee reviewed the applications for the newly established Communication Advisory Committee. By consensus they agreed to recommend to the Town Council the following names for appointment to the Communication Advisory Committee:

One-Year Term – Richard Pellegrine and Bill Powers

Two-Year Terms – Patrick McGlamery and Leila Fecho

Three -Year Terms – Aline Booth, Toni Moran and Joyce Crepeau

Ms. Duffy will include in the resolution to appoint changes to the terms of office and a statement authorizing the Mayor or her designee to call the first meeting of the Communication Advisory Committee to order and to preside until a chair is elected.

The Committee discussed the value of organizing a meeting of all chairs of committees. At this meeting the responsibilities of the chairs, procedures for agenda and minutes, and the recruitment of new members could be discussed. Implementation of the Strategic Plan may identify other areas that will need to be discussed with the chairs.

In an effort to expand the pool of volunteers the Committee decided to delay making additional appointments until they have an opportunity to post some of the committee openings on the town home page. Ms. Duffy will write the text for the web stressing the need for minority representation and new volunteers on all committees. An application deadline date of April 17th will be included in order to be considered at the next Committee on Committees meeting. Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Clouette will review the text prior to posting. In addition to the web the notice will also be forwarded to the cable channel and sent as a press release.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:35 P.M.

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

Town of Mansfield
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of 16 April 2008
Conference B, Beck Building
MINUTES

Members present: Robert Dahn, Quentin Kessel, Scott Lehmann, John Silander, Joan Stevenson (Alt.). *Members absent:* Peter Drzewiecki, Rachel Rosen, Frank Trainor. *Others present:* Matt Maynard (Towne Engineering) & Charles Insalaco (Quiet Meadow Subdivision); Mark Peterson (Gardner & Peterson Associates) & Ray Crossen (Windwood Acres Subdivision); Grant Meitzler (Mansfield Wetlands Agent).

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:30p by Chair Quentin Kessel. In the absence of three members, Stevenson participated as a full member of the Commission.

2. The draft **minutes of the 19 March 08 meeting** were approved as amended: Stevenson abstained from voting regarding W1395.

3. **Quiet Meadow Re-subdivision Plan (LaGuardia, IWA 1393/PZC 1108-2).** Mr. Maynard indicated that the application has been revised in accord with the Commissions recommendation 2b; the new map shows conservation easements on the steep slopes of the glacial terrace.

Kessel distributed notes from a 3/30 field trip and the 4/15 meeting of the Open Space Preservation Committee; the Committee wants a buffer between the development and Chapin Pond to minimize the possibility of nutrient flows into the pond. He noted that Ken Metzler, a wetlands specialist at DEP, has been asked to assess potential impacts on Chapin Pond. Since the pond surface is 20+ feet higher than Chapin Brook, Meitzler believes that seepage from development on the terrace between them would most likely drain to the water table, following its gradient to Chapin Brook and away from the Pond. Dahn suggested that protection of the pond might be enhanced by moving the septic systems on lots 2 & 3 farther from it. Mr. Maynard thought this might be possible; the proposed systems are located where the test holes were dug, but all test holes dug on the property produced quite similar results. Kessel and Stevenson suggested that protection might be further enhanced by an open space subdivision in which lots 2 and 3 were put into open space and the same number of houses clustered on smaller lots. Mr. Insalaco doubted that such a plan would be economically feasible for the developer.

The Commission agreed to add two comments to those made at its 19 March 08 meeting:

1. The Commission is pleased that the applicant now proposes protecting the steep slopes of the terrace with conservation easements, as the Commission previously suggested (3/19/08 comment 2b). However, the Commission notes that the issue of potential impact on Chapin Pond (3/19/08 comment 2c) is still unresolved; it hopes that a study now underway at DEP will clarify the situation and suggests that the applicant consider locating septic systems on lots 2 and 3 farther from the pond. (**Motion:** Lehmann, Silander; approved unanimously.)

2. The Commission suggests that the PZC consider requiring an Open Space Subdivision with the same number of lots, in which the present lots 2 and 3 become open space and eight houses are clustered at the northern end of the terrace. (**Motion:** Stevenson, Kessel – Kessel, Lehmann, Stevenson voting *for*, Dahn *against*, Silander *abstaining*.)

Mr. Maynard & Mr. Insalaco left the meeting.

There was general agreement that it would be desirable if applicants could meet informally with the Commission and other relevant Town bodies to discuss options for development before a lot of money was invested in developing site plans. Such a system is used in Rhode Island.

4. W 1397 & PZC 1229-2: Windwood Acres Subdivision (Crossen, Route 195 between Baxter & Cedar Swamp Rds) Mr. Peterson presented the subdivision plan. The property consists of approximately 67 acres, 26 of which would be deeded to the Town as open space. Extensive wetlands limit development potential. If wetlands are not crossed, there is room for just three lots on Rte 195. Instead, the applicant proposes six lots, accessed by two common driveways from Rte 195 (the east driveway accesses lots 12, 14, & 15; the west driveway, lots , 16 & 17). The driveways would run side by side from Rte 195 between lots 12 and 13, merge to cross a narrow wetland (small seasonal (?) stream in vale) over culverts, and then divide, the western driveway crossing another narrow wetland (smaller seasonal stream in flat area) over culverts to lots 16 & 17. Houses on lots 12 & 13 would be largely screened from Rte 195 by a low rise. Mr. Crossen plans a 'green' development; lots are large to permit gardens and geothermal heating/cooling systems.

The open space dedication is adjacent to another 26 acres of Town open space with public access by trail from Baxter Rd. Mr. Crossen noted that the upland area of the open space dedication could be transformed into an attractive meadow if a USDA program for restoring native grasses is refunded.

Lehmann participated in the IWA field trip to this property earlier in the day, but did not have time to prepare a written report for this meeting. He noted that the land was thoroughly logged perhaps 10 years ago, leaving a network of logging tracks and few trees of any value; the small stream to be crossed by the merged driveways drains a large brushy wetland with standing water that lies largely off the property. The vale in which the stream flows is relatively undisturbed at present, and slopes here would require contouring. A possible alternative to the driveways is a Town road from Rte 195 across lot 13 along an existing logging road across the same wetland in a flat area below the proposed crossing; common driveways to lots 16 & 17 and to lots 14 & 15 would connect to this road. The wetland is broader here, however, and a road would be wider than the merged driveways.

The Commission agreed (**motion:** Lehmann, Silander; approved unanimously) on the following points in commenting to IWA.

1) The Commission commends the applicant for the dedication of significant open space adjacent to existing Town open space.

2) The Commission notes that extensive wetlands limit development to three houses along Rte 195, unless wetland crossings are permitted. The crossings proposed have a potential for significant impact on wetlands, particularly the one involving the merged driveways, which would require contouring. The Commission suggests that the IWA investigate the impact of crossing this wetland to the west, where an old logging road now crosses it.

Mr. Peterson & Mr. Crossen left the meeting.

5. W 1395 & PZC 1269: Green, Wormwood Hill & Knowlton Hill Rds.. The original proposal has been modified somewhat, according to Meitzler, but the Commission has not received this material.

The Commission agreed (**motion:** Silander, Kessel; all in favor save Stevenson, who abstained) to request that the time period for review be extended, if necessary, to give the Commission an opportunity to comment on any modifications.

6. Gas line clearing. In response to an e-mail inquiry from Lehmann about why extensive logging along the right-of-way of the gas line that crosses Davis Rd. was being conducted without apparent regard for damage to wetlands, Meitzler reported that a) the clearing is being done to permit aerial surveys, b) gas lines are regulated at the federal level so neither the Town nor the State has any jurisdiction, and c) telephone calls to the pipeline company had finally reached someone who promised some remediation.

7. Adjourned at 9:35p.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary
18 April 08
Approved 21 May 08

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING - January 2008

Attending: Members: Gail Bruhn, Isabel Atwood, Anita Bacon, and Jason McGarry.

Minutes from November and December were approved.

Commission discussed past minutes and minutes were approved for the November and December Meetings. A meeting with Doctor Rostyslav Stephanenko, 981 Storrs Road, was discussed concerning size of the sign and new siding work on the said property.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectively submitted,
Jason A. McGarry
Member

Minutes Historic District Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Members in attendance: Gail Bruhn, Isabel Atwood, Anita Bacon, Dave Spencer and Jason McGarry

Public Hearing:

The Public hearing regarding the proposed change from wood to asphalt shingles on the roof of the home owned by David and Nanci Westlake at 587 Storrs Road, Mansfield Centre Historic District, was opened at 8:05 p.m.

Comments were received from the Westlake's who indicated that the cost of re-shingling the roof in wood shingles was prohibitive for them given their current economic condition, and that it was their intention to have the roof reshingled in asphalt at one-fifth the cost. The need to proceed quickly was emphasized given the status of the current hole in the roof and their desire to complete interior renovations once the new roof was in place.

The Westlake's intent is to maintain the house in good condition, but they are financially unable to undertake the burden of replacing wooden shingles.

Jack Nardi, a neighbor in the District spoke in favor of the change to asphalt shingles.

The Commission members expressed their concern about changing from wood to asphalt shingles, but recognized the expense and the hardship it presented for the Westlakes. They also explained the durability of wood vs. asphalt (the current wood-shingled roof is 60 years old). The Westlakes stated that they do not intend to own the house that long. The Commission requested that copies of the estimates for the repair work be forwarded to G.Bruhn, and D. Westlake agreed to do so.

Commission member, Dave Spencer suggested that if asphalt shingles are to be used, that they be of architectural style and similar in color to wooden shingles. Dave had a sample of such shingles in his truck, which he retrieved and showed to the Westlakes and the Commission members. Gail Bruhn requested to see the asphalt shingles the Westlakes would use in order to assess the likeness of these shingles to those D.Spencer showed and to get an idea of the color that would be used. Westlake returned with a sample of the shingles before the meeting was adjourned. Although the Westlakes had expressed a desire for a black roof, they agreed that if the Commission approved the asphalt shingles, they would use a "weathered" wood color.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Commission agreed to continue further discussions among themselves and other parties before coming to a decision.

Regular Meeting:

Mrs. Luba Roskow presented a proposal for installation of an electrical generator to be installed on the side of the dentist's office at 981 Storrs Road, Mansfield, Spring Hill Historic District, Dr. Rostayslav Stepanenko, owner . Photos were presented and the Commission discussed the possibility of moving the placement of the unit to behind the house. If this was done, then a public hearing would not be required. Ms. Roskow agreed to consult her electrician to see if placement behind the house met all appropriate codes and to get back to the Commission with the result of that determination. If placement behind the house is not possible, then a public hearing will be called and the placement of bushes in front of the generator will be discussed.

The Committee also discussed with Ms. Roskow the fact that numerous complaints have been received regarding the sign that was installed in front of the building. Discrepancies between the sign that was approved by the Commission and the actual sign were discussed. D. Spenser recommended that the posts be changed, and Ms. Roskow agreed to look into this and get back to the Commission.

The fact that the entire house was resided with a material different from the original was also discussed. Ms. Roskow stated that it was the owner's intention to improve the overall appearance of the building, and at the time this was done, the building permitting process did not require that a Certificate of Appropriateness be obtained. She understands that future changes will require that she come before the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason McGarry
Gail Bruhn

MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY Regular Meeting, Monday, March 3, 2008 Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardrier, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, P. Plante, B. Ryan,
Alternates present: M. Beal, L. Lombard, B. Pociask
Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed alternate Beal to act.

Minutes:

2/4/08- Hall MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Gardner who disqualified herself.

Communications:

The 2-20-08 minutes of the Conservation Commission and the 2-21-08 Inland Wetland Agent's monthly report were both noted.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

W1392- (W1320) -Knollwood Acres - Modification Request-building sewer connections

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by ING US Community Living Foundation (File W1320) under section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the installation of gravity sanitary sewers and manholes at Knollwood Apartments Rte 275 and Maple Road, on property owned by the applicant, as shown on a map dated January 2006 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1394 - Smith Farm Development Group - Modification Request-walking trail revision

Holt MOVED, Kochenburger seconded, to approve a minor modification request from the Smith Farms Development Group for Beacon Hill Estates altering trail locations in the vicinity of Lot #11, as shown on a plan depicting the changes, dated January 2008, sheets 1 and 2 of 2. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1393 - LaGuardia - Quiet Meadow Subdivision - Dodd Road - 9 lots

Holt disqualified herself. Goodwin MOVED, Gardner seconded, to receive the application submitted by Lynn LaGuardia (File W1393) under section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a nine (9) lot residential subdivision at Dodd Road and Warrenville Road, on property owned by the applicant, as shown on a map dated January 1, 2008 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment and to set a Public Hearing for April 21, 2008. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Holt who disqualified herself.

W1395 - Green - Wormwood Hill Road - 11 lot subdivision

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Victor Green, Executor of the Estate of N. S. Green, Sr. (File W1395) under section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for an eleven (11) lot subdivision at 737 Wormwood Hill Road, on property owned by the applicant, as shown on a map dated January 24, 2008 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said

application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment and to set a Public Hearing for April 7, 2008. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1396 - Kovarovics - Daleville Road - single-family house in buffer

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by Michael and Kim Kovarovics (File W1396) under section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the construction of a single family residence on Daleville Road near SNET pole #3015, on property owned by the applicants, as shown on a map dated December 20, 2007 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1397 - White Oak Condominiums

Application withdrawn

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Chairman Favretti noted a 3/13/08 field trip at 2:00 p.m.

Other Communications and Bills:

Noted

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary

MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLAND AGENCY/PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FIELD TRIP

Special Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Members present: R. Favretti, J. Goodwin (Items 2&3), R. Hall (Items 1, 2 & 3) K. Holt (Items 1 & 2), L. Lombard (Items 1, 2 & 3), B. Ryan (Items 1, 2 & 3)
Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent, Assistant Town Engineer), G. Padick, (Director of Planning), S. Lehman (Conservation Commission), J. Stevenson (Conservation Commission (Item 2))

1. KOVAROVICS PROPERTY, Daleville Road (between #28 and #52), IWA file W1396
Participants reviewed the site of a proposed single family house and septic system. Site characteristics, particularly the location and character of wetland areas were observed. No decisions were made.
2. GREEN PROPERTY, Knowlton Hill and Wormwood Hill Roads, IWA file W1395
Participants were met by project surveyor, R. Hellstrom and a property owner representative V. Green. The proposed house sites along Knowlton Hill and Wormwood Hill Roads were observed from the roadway edges except for Lot 3; where participants entered the subject property. Site characteristics, particularly site topography and general wetland locations, were observed. No decisions were made.
3. LAGUARDIA PROPERTY, 34 Dodd Road, IWA file W1393, PZC file 1108-2
Participants were met by M. Maynard, project engineer, Mr. and Mrs. LaGuardia and two other individuals. A proposed new road and 8 proposed lots were reviewed with respect to site characteristics, particularly topography and wetland areas. The site was observed from both open field areas and wooded areas. No decisions were made.
4. KNOLLWOOD APARTMENTS PROPERTY, off South Eagleville Road, IWA file W1392
Participants were met by M. Gaston, project engineer. The locations of proposed sewer connections to existing apartment buildings were observed with respect to site characteristics, particularly wetland areas. No decisions were made.

The field trip ended at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Favretti, Acting Secretary

APPROVED
Town of Mansfield
Open Space Preservation Committee
Minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting

Members present: Evangeline Abbott, Ken Feathers, Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowrey, Jim Morrow, Vicky Wetherell. Guests: Matt Maynard & Charlie Insalaco representing Quiet Meadow Resubdivision. Penn Handwerker, Mansfield resident.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35.
2. Minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Feathers/Wetherell.
3. Opportunity for Public Comment: Penn Handwerker offered comments/insights during the discussion of the Green property (11 lot subdivision on Knowlton Hill and Wormwood Hill Roads.
4. Old Business: Matt Maynard provided clarification of some details of the Quiet Meadow proposal. The committee then held a lengthy discussion of the various aspects of this development and the proposed conservation easements and proposed open space dedication. Members reviewed impressions from field trips to the property and considered physical characteristics of the land, as well as its connections to Army Corps land. Vicky Wetherell agreed to prepare detailed comments and recommendations to be shared with IWA and PZC.
5. Recommendations to Town Manager: TBD
6. New Business: Green property subdivision on Knowlton Hill and Wormwood Hill Roads. The committee reviewed the history of this development during discussion of its characteristics. OSPC recommends approval of the proposal as is, with stone wall preservation in perpetuity, as a condition of approval. It was determined that there would be no discussion of the Windwood Acres, Baxter Estates Section II subdivision application until the committee visits the site.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Evangeline Abbott

MINUTES

MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Regular Meeting, Monday, March 17, 2008 Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, B. Ryan
Members absent: R. Hall, P. Plante,
Alternates present: M. Beal, L. Lombard (arrived 7:20 p.m.), B. Pociask
Staff present: G. Padick (Director of Planning)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and appointed alternates Beal and Pociask to act.

Minutes:

3/3/08- Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, to approve the 3/3/08 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3/13/08 Field Trip - Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 3/13/08 minutes as written. Goodwin, Favretti, Holt and Ryan in favor with all others disqualified.

Scheduled Business:

Zoning Agent's Report

Noted

Old Business:

1. Resubdivision application, 9 Proposed lots off of Dodd Road (Quiet Meadow), L. LaGuardia o/a File #1108-2
Tabled due to a 4/21/08 scheduled Public Hearing.

New Business:

1. Four Corners Sewer Study
Padick summarized the information in the packet, and noted that a joint meeting with the Town Council for presentation of the Four Corner Sewer Study will be scheduled for in May.
2. New Special Permit Application, Request to approve the use of off-site parking to increase restaurant occupancy at the Thirsty Dog Pub, N. Eagleville Rd., File #930-7
Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded, to receive the Special Permit application (File #930-7), submitted by Graham Scelfo, for accessory off-site parking for the Thirsty Dog Pub & Grill, on property located at 134 N. Eagleville Road, owned by O.M. & F. Sanderson, as shown on plans dated 3-11-08, and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff for review and comments, and to set a Public Hearing for April 7, 2008. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Request for filing extension, Mulwood West Subdivision, File #1225-2
Holt MOVED, Beal seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to Section 6.5 of the Subdivision Regulations, grant a second ninety-day extension for filing final subdivision plans for the Mulwood West Subdivision (File #1225-2). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Holt MOVED, Pociask seconded, to add to the agenda under New Business, the application of the Estate of N.S. Green, Sr. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. New 11 lot Subdivision Application, Wormwood Hill and Knowlton Hill Rds, Green o/a, File #1269
Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the subdivision application (File #1269), submitted by the Estate of N. S. Green, Sr., for 11 lots, on property located on Wormwood Hill and Knowlton Hill Roads, owned by the applicant, as shown on plans dated January 24, 2008, and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff, Town Council, Open Space Preservation Committee, Parks Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission, and Agriculture Committee for review and comments, and to set a Public Hearing for April 7, 2008. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Favretti noted the next Regulatory Review Committee Meeting will be scheduled later this month, and members will be notified. Holt noted that she resigned as Chair of the Regional Planning Commission, but remains a member representing the Town. Favretti noted that Zimmer's resignation has left an opening on both the Traffic Advisory Committee and the Town University Relations Committee. Beal volunteered to be a representative on the Town University Relations Committee and Gardner volunteered to be representative on the Traffic Advisory Committee. By consensus, the PZC designated them.

Communications and Bills:

Items were noted.

Public Hearing:

PZC-Proposed revisions to the Zoning Map and Zoning Regulations, File #907-30

Chairman Favretti opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. for the above application. Alternate Lombard disqualified himself. Members present were R. Favretti, B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, B. Ryan, and alternates M. Beal and B. Pociask. Favretti appointed Beal and Pociask to act. Padick read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the Chronicle on March 4 and March 12, 2008. Padick read into the record a 3-6-08 letter from Kevin McDonald, Chairman of the Regional Planning Commission of the Windham Regional Council of Governments. Padick listed the following communications that have been received and distributed to all members of the Planning and Zoning Commission: a 3-4-08 letter from Joseph J. Morrone, 11A Heritage Square; a 3-13-08 memo with attachments from Gregory J. Padick, Director of Planning; a 3-13-08 letter from Dennis O'Brien, Mansfield Town Attorney; a 3-14-08 letter from C. Stearns, 440 Mansfield City Road; and a 3-16-08 letter from C. Pellegrine, 269 Clover Mill Road.

Padick summarized the 1/30/08 proposed revisions to the Zoning map and zoning regulations. He noted that copies of the proposed revisions and legal notice had been mailed to all property owners within the area of proposed rezoning and to all property owners within 500 feet of proposed areas of rezoning. His presentation focused on the key elements of the proposal: the rezoning of three parcels of land along Pleasant Valley Road and Mansfield City Road from Industrial Park and Professional Office-3 zones to Pleasant Valley Commercial/Agriculture, Pleasant Valley Residence/Agriculture and Rural Agricultural Residence-90 zones. He identified these areas on a display map, and he outlined the underlying reasons for drafting the proposed revisions. He specifically noted a 7-2-07 Pleasant Valley Road Area Land Use/Zoning Analysis report and map that he prepared with chairman Favretti, who is a registered landscape architect/site planner. Padick said that he has included additional information in Commission members' packets (also available to the public), such as portions of PZC minutes and meeting notes from 2006 and 2007 regarding previously proposed revisions for the subject area and minutes of the discussions held by the PZC with the Town Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, Resident State Trooper, Chairman of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and Jim Gibbons, a land use planner with UConn's Cooperative Extension Service; 2007 and 2008 PZC Regulatory Review Committee minutes; and portions of the 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development that are related to the 1/30/08 proposed revisions.

Chairman Favretti then asked for questions and comments from the public.

Alexinia Y. Baldwin, of 3 Charter Oak Square, asked for clarification on the current zoning and the proposed zoning on the parcel across from Freedom Green. Baldwin questioned if promoting public transportation in this area is part of this proposal. Padick responded that public transportation is not part of the proposed zoning revisions. Any public transportation or road issues would be addressed at the time of any application for development.

Jean Meddick, of 3a Charter Oak Square, expressed concern for traffic on the narrow roads in this area, and if public transportation were to serve the area, there would not be enough road-width to accommodate sidewalks, a feature of public transportation. She wondered who would pay for the road widening. She also asked Padick for clarification on some property lines and parcels, which he provided.

Michael Orenstein, of 11a Charter Oak Square, asked for clarification on the site map, and questioned what the change in zone would allow for uses in the area. He also wondered if development is to be set back from the road, back by the tree-line. Padick addressed his questions.

Dennis Flanagan, 205 Pleasant Valley Road, asked if there are any projects currently being considered for this area. Padick noted that he was not aware of any specific proposals.

Chairman Favretti asked for further questions and comments from Commission members and the public.

Kari L. Olson, from the Law Firm Murtha Cullina LLP, representing the Hussey family, submitted to the Commission a 3-17-08 Notice of Protest to Proposed Zoning Revisions. Olson also submitted a 3-17-08 letter outlining 8 reasons why the Husseys protest this proposal. Olson elaborated on each of the eight reasons cited in the 3-17-08 letter and added that the Husseys are willing to work with the Town to address their concerns.

Michael Orenstein, of 11a Charter Oak Square, expressed concern that additional multi-family housing would negatively impact the area by adding more strain to the road and school systems.

Sandy Dunnack, 220 Pleasant Valley Road, questioned whether existing 150 foot setback requirements from existing residential uses would apply in the proposed PVCA and RAR-90 zones. She asked if any negative impact would occur on the residential shallow wells from commercial activity. Padick agreed to respond to the setback issue in an update memo and related that potential impacts to surface and ground water are addressed by existing special permit approval criteria.

Noting no further comments or questions from the public, Padick explained to the Commission about the Notice of Protest submitted by attorney Kari L. Olson on behalf of the Hussey Family. It is his understanding that a 2/3 member vote would be needed to approve the proposed rezonings of the Hussey property. Olson noted that this Notice of Protest is new and pertains only to the current proposal, and that the Notice of Protest also would apply to the proposed rezoning of the Professional Office-3 zone.

A. Baldwin questioned if Freedom Green has to collectively submit a protest or if individuals can submit one. It was explained that the Husseys' Notice of Protest may apply to all 3 rezonings and that it may not be necessary for Freedom Green to submit a protest petition if they oppose the PO-3 rezoning. Padick related that he would be researching the protest petition and would report back to the PZC.

Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, to continue the Public Hearing to April 21, 2008. MOTION PASSED, with all in favor and Lombard disqualified.

Adjournment:

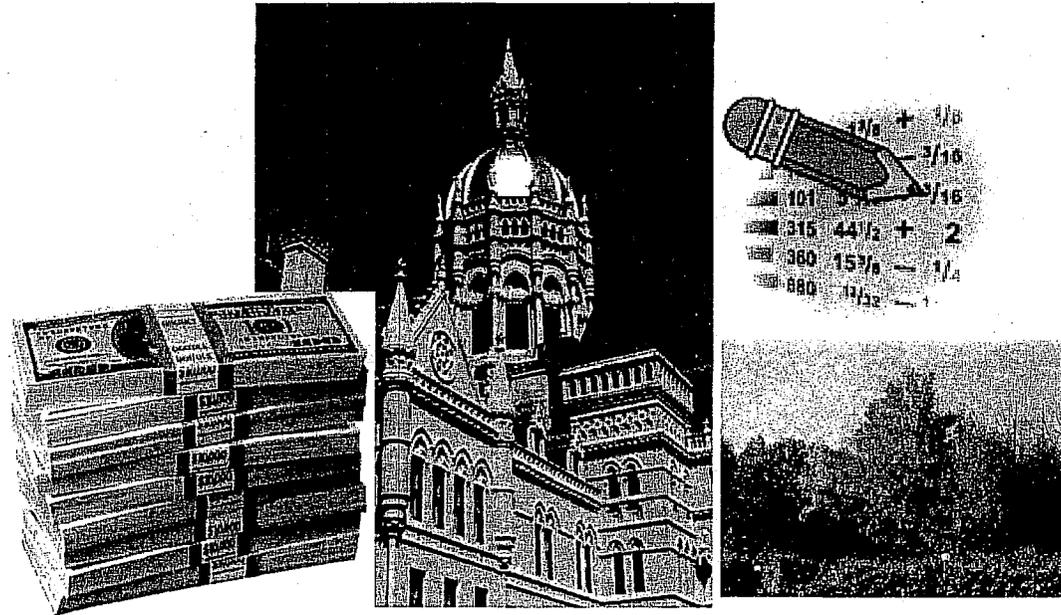
Favretti declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary

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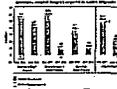
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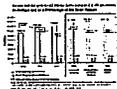
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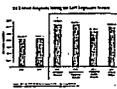
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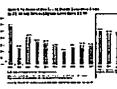
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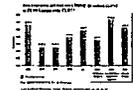
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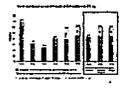
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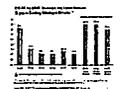
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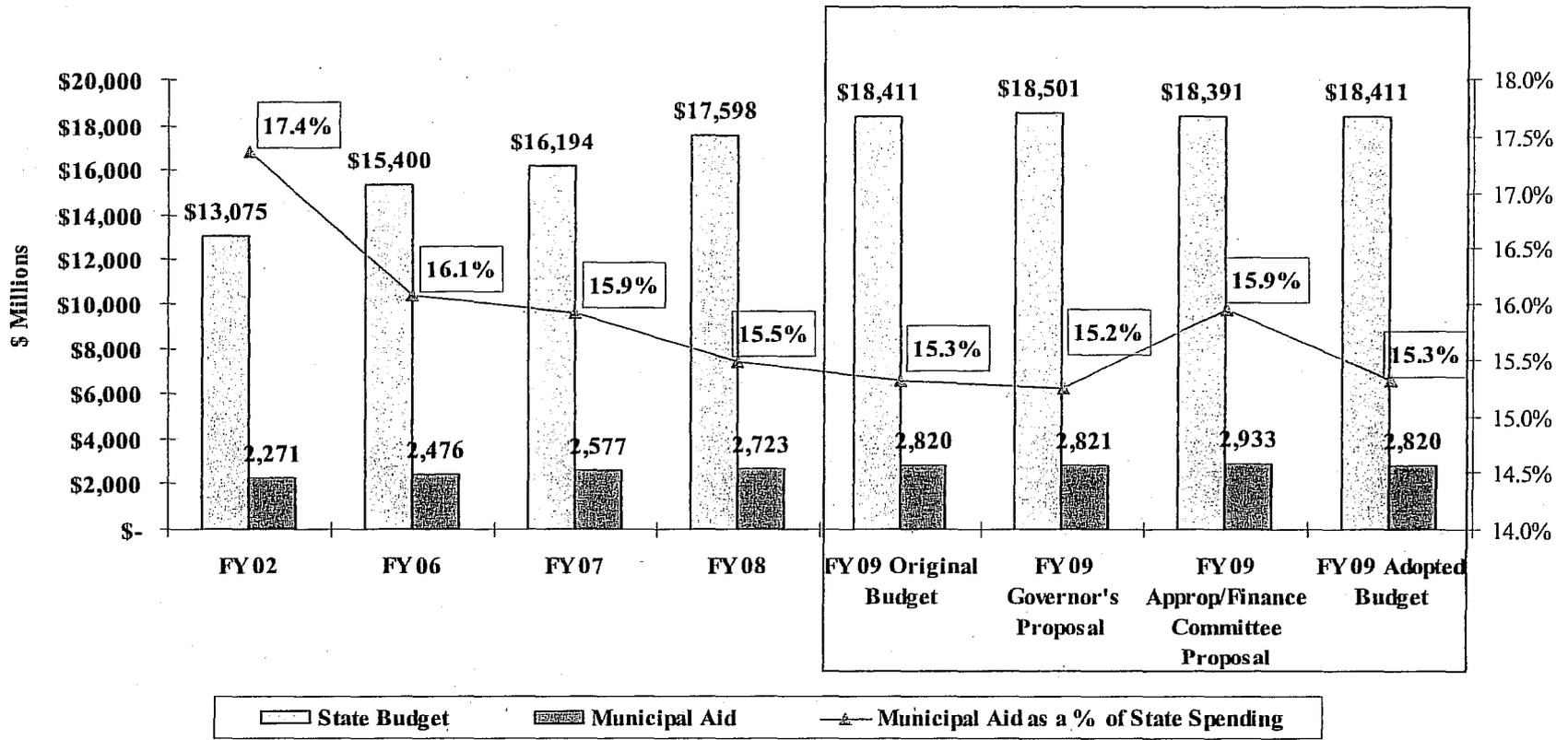


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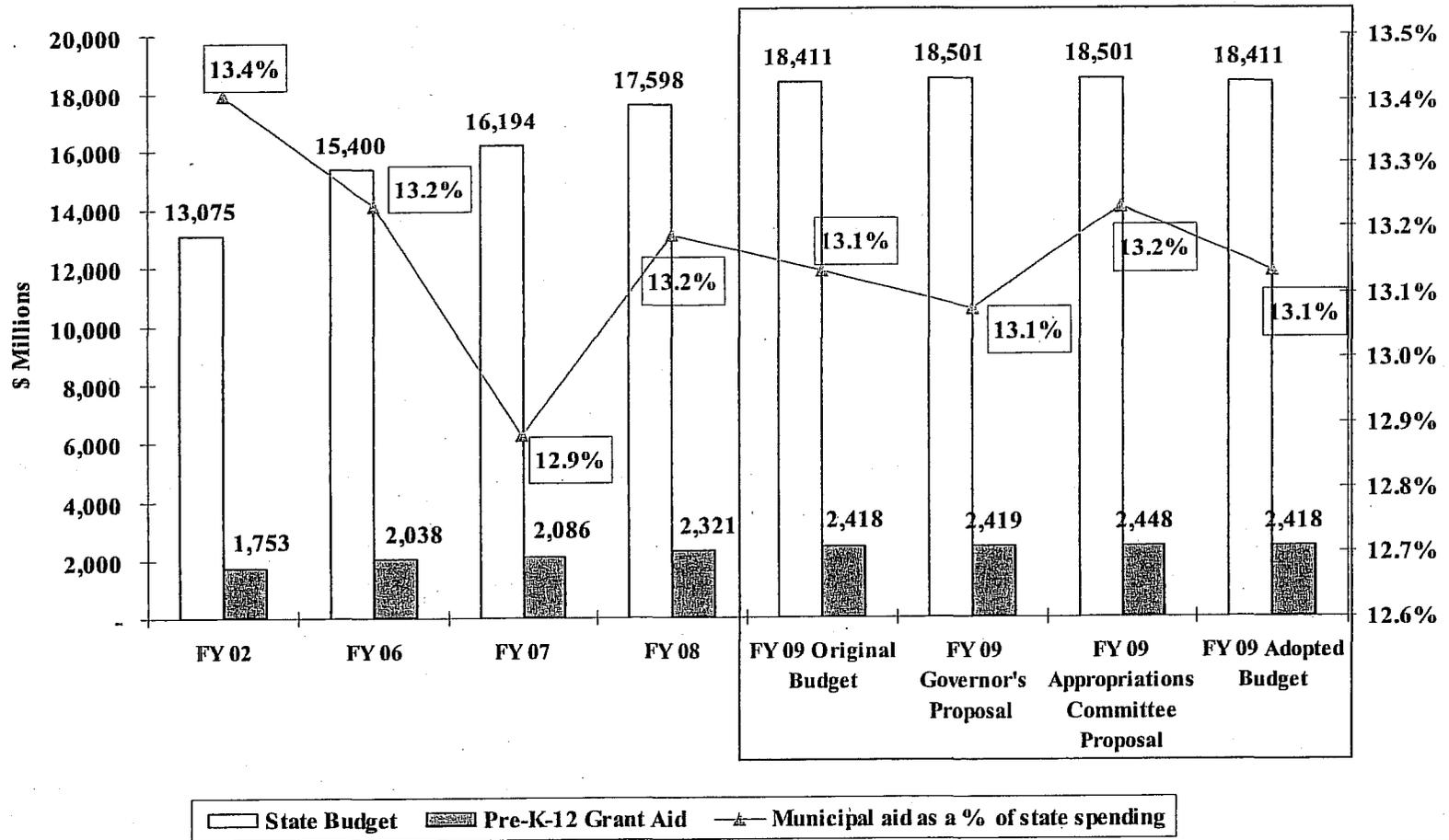
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Municipal Aid Increases Overall by \$97 Million (3.6%) Over Previous Year



Source: Adopted State Budget, previous budgets, Appropriations & Finance Committees' and Governor's Budget Proposals, and CCM, May 2008

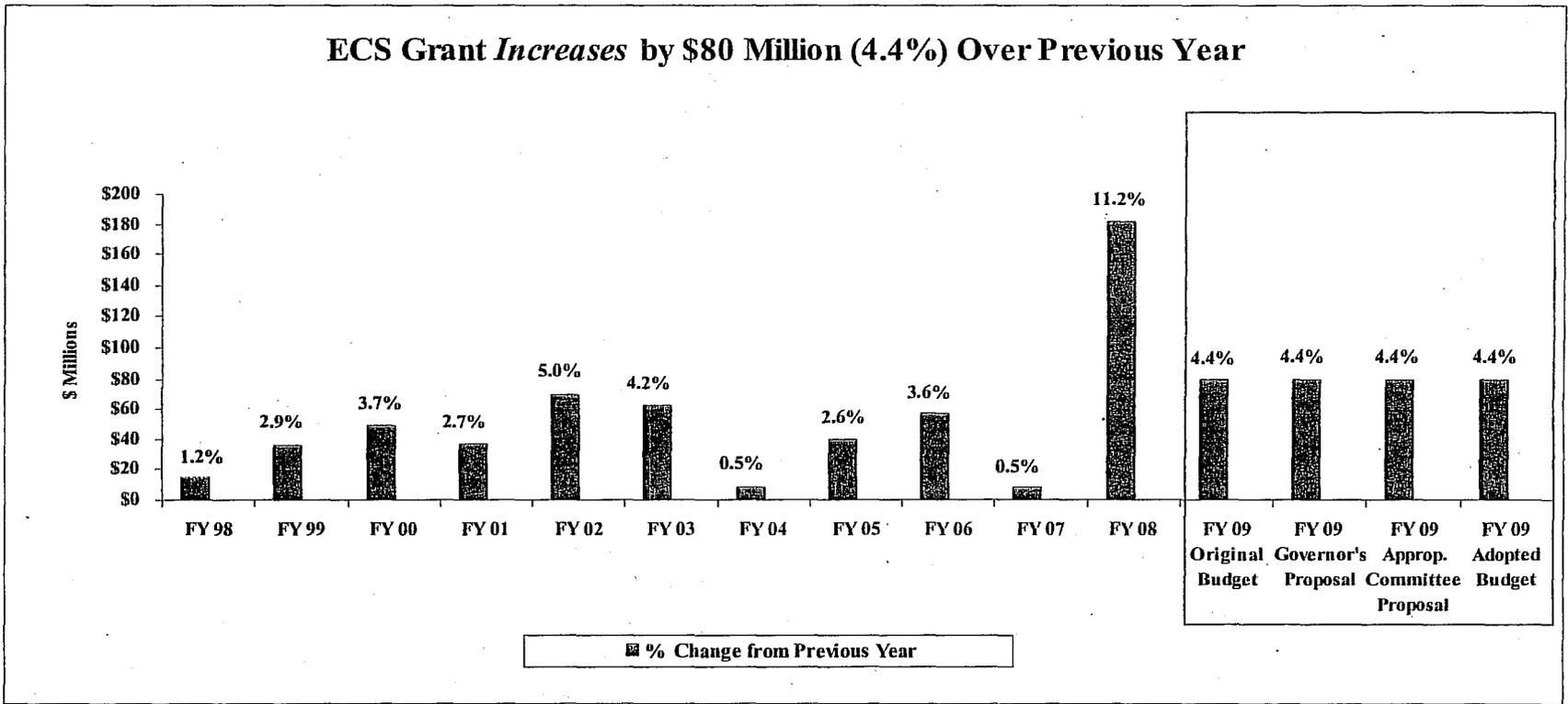
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Note: Education aid includes operating grant aid that assists towns and cities. School construction, charter schools, and unified school districts are excluded.

Source: Adopted State Budget, previous budgets, Appropriations Committee's and Governor's Budget Proposals, and CCM, May 2008

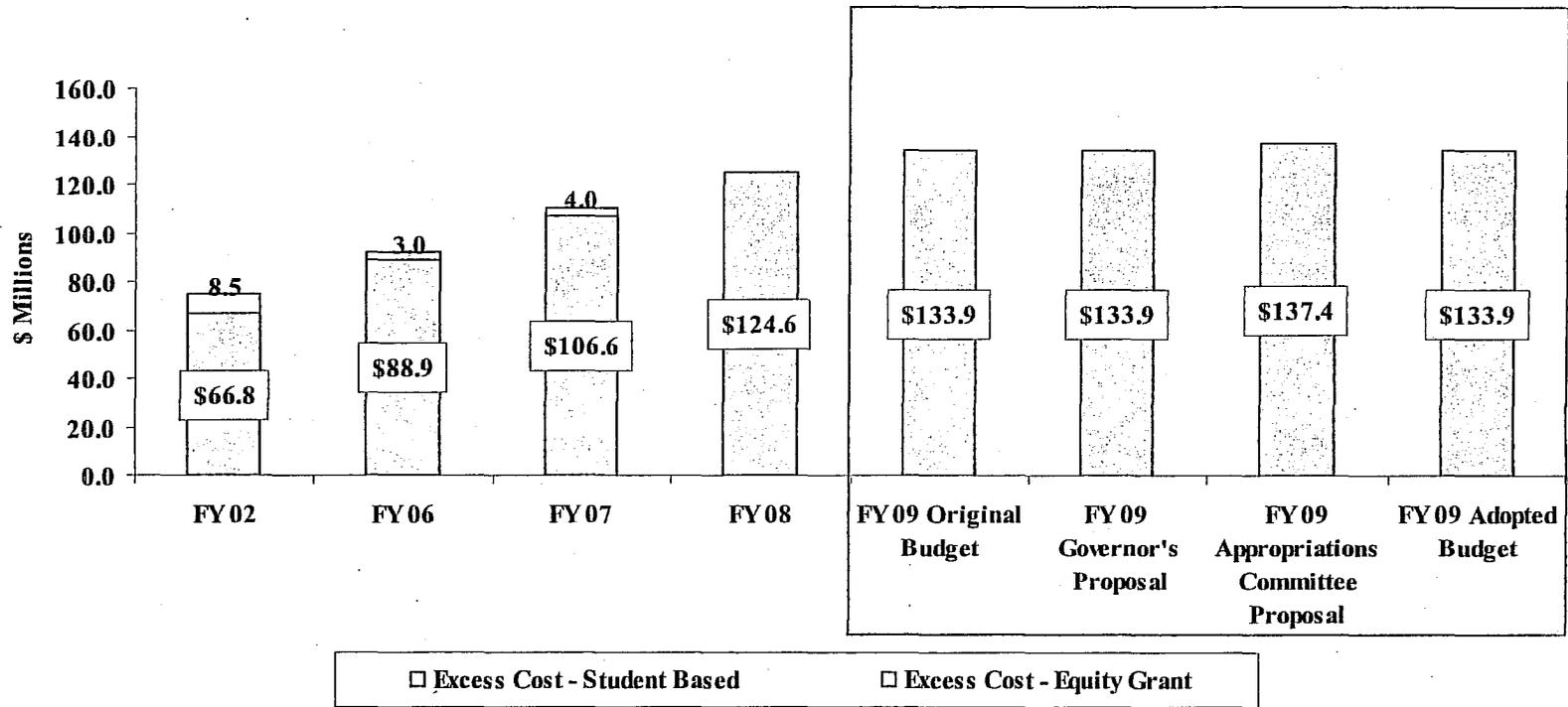
ECS Grant *Increases* by \$80 Million (4.4%) Over Previous Year



\$ Increase: \$15	\$36	\$49	\$37	\$69	\$62	\$8	\$40	\$57	\$8	\$182	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80
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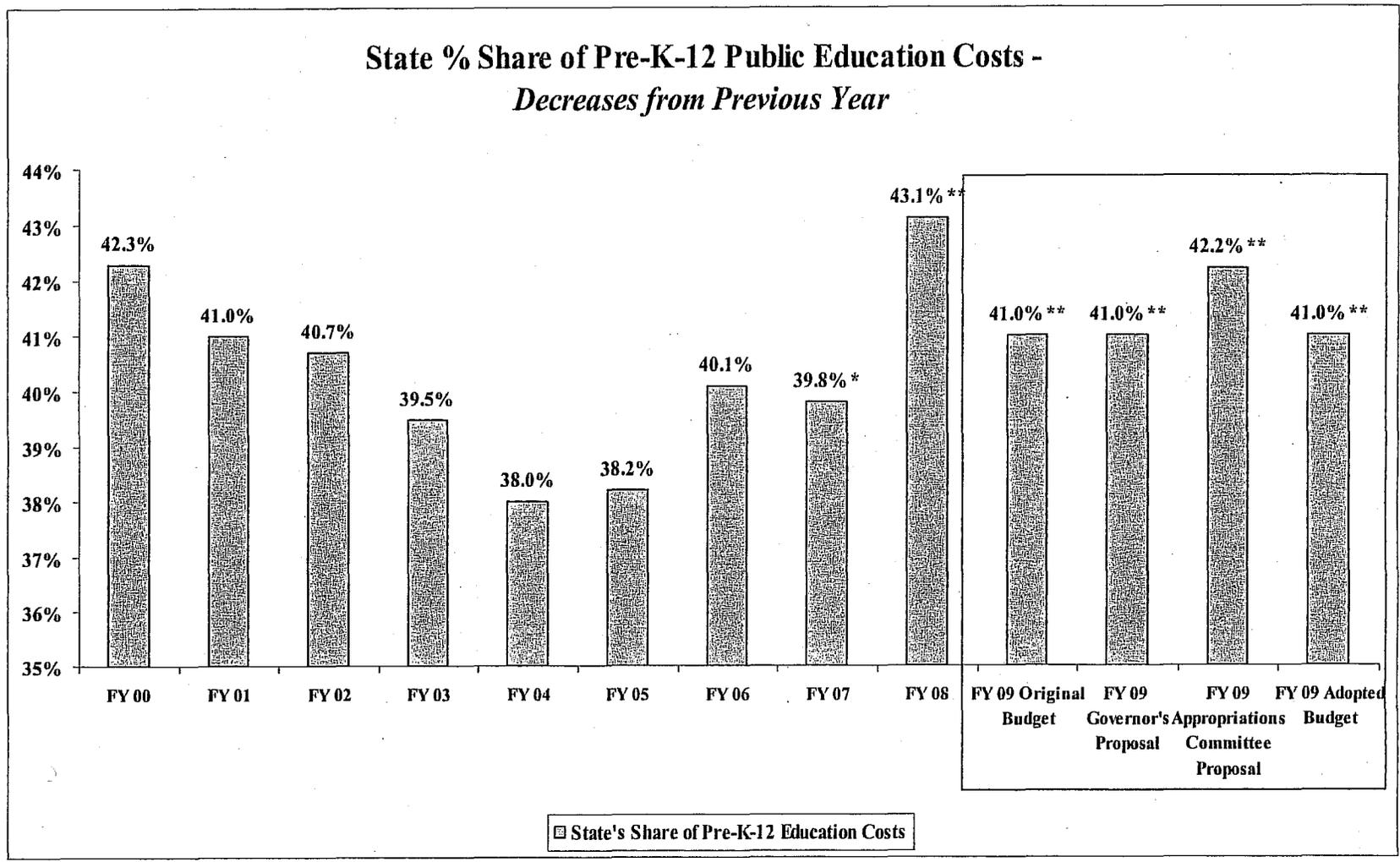
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Special Education Excess Cost Grant *Increases* by \$9.3 Million (7.5%) Over Previous Year



Note: The Excess Cost - Student Based grant has two components: (1) children whose placement is handled by the Department of Children and Families and (2) children whose placement is handled by a local school district. For children placed by DCF, municipalities are reimbursed for all costs that exceed the local school district's average per-pupil expenditure. For locally placed students, municipalities are reimbursed for all costs that exceed 4.5 times the district's average per pupil expenditure. The Excess Cost - Equity grant reimbursed those towns whose special education expenditures exceeded the state average, but has been eliminated.

Source: Adopted State Budget, previous budgets, Appropriations Committee's and Governor's Budget Proposals, and CCM, May 2008



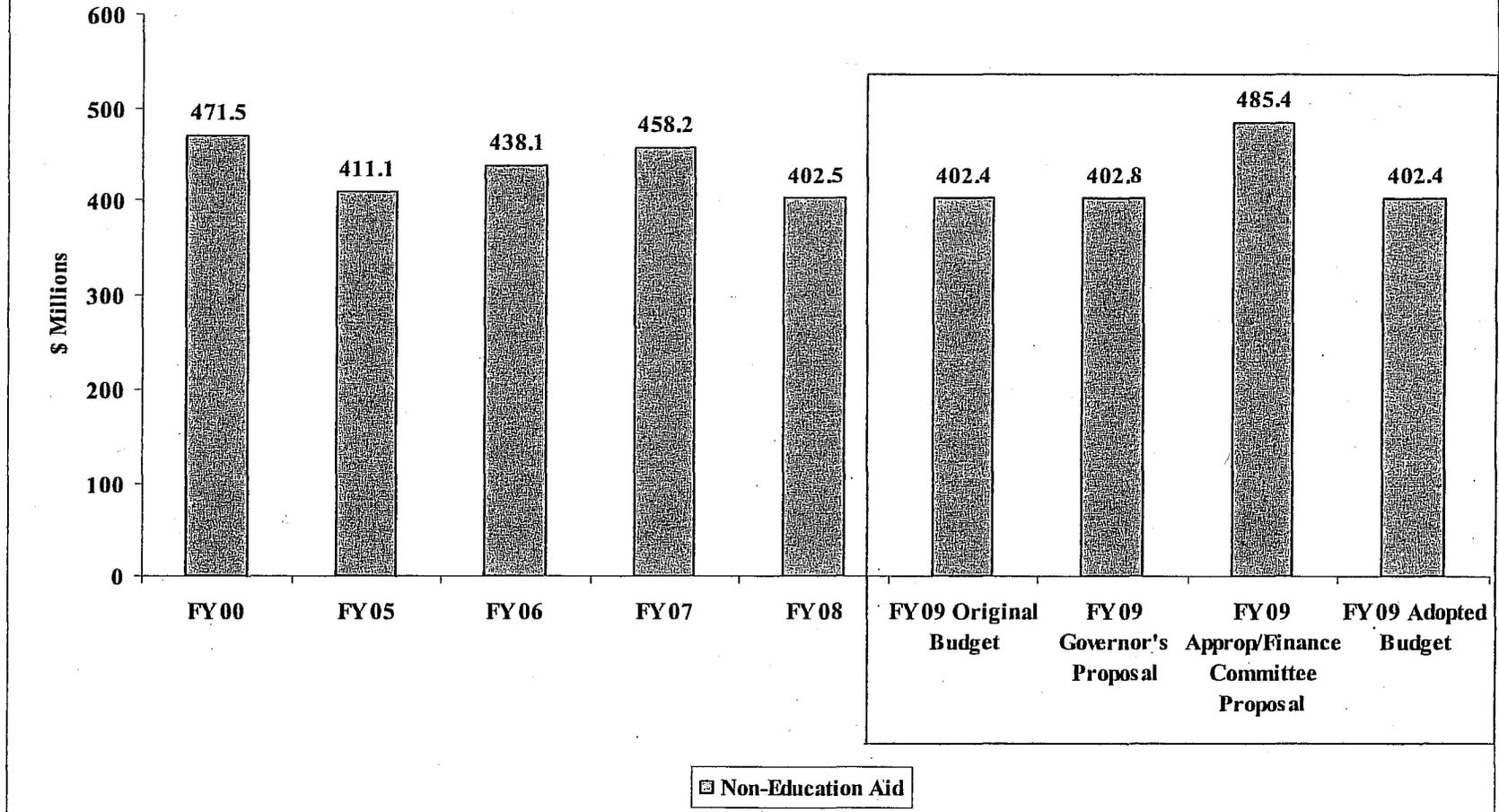
Note: State's share includes grants for operating grant aid, payments into the Teacher's Retirement Fund, other Department of Education costs, and school construction bond authorizations.

* FY2007 is the latest information available

** Represent CCM Estimates based on budgetary projections

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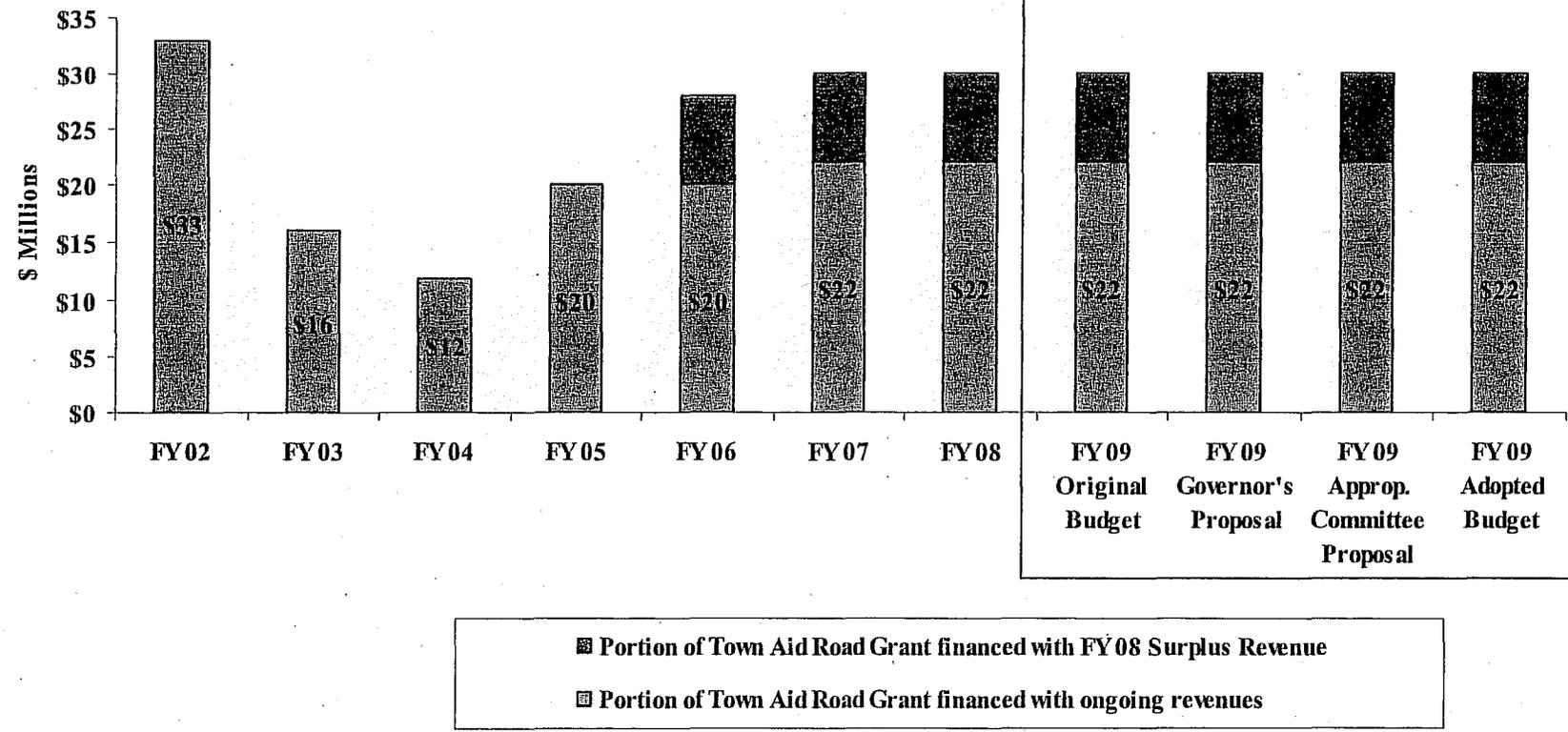
Non-Education Aid - *Decreases from Previous Year*



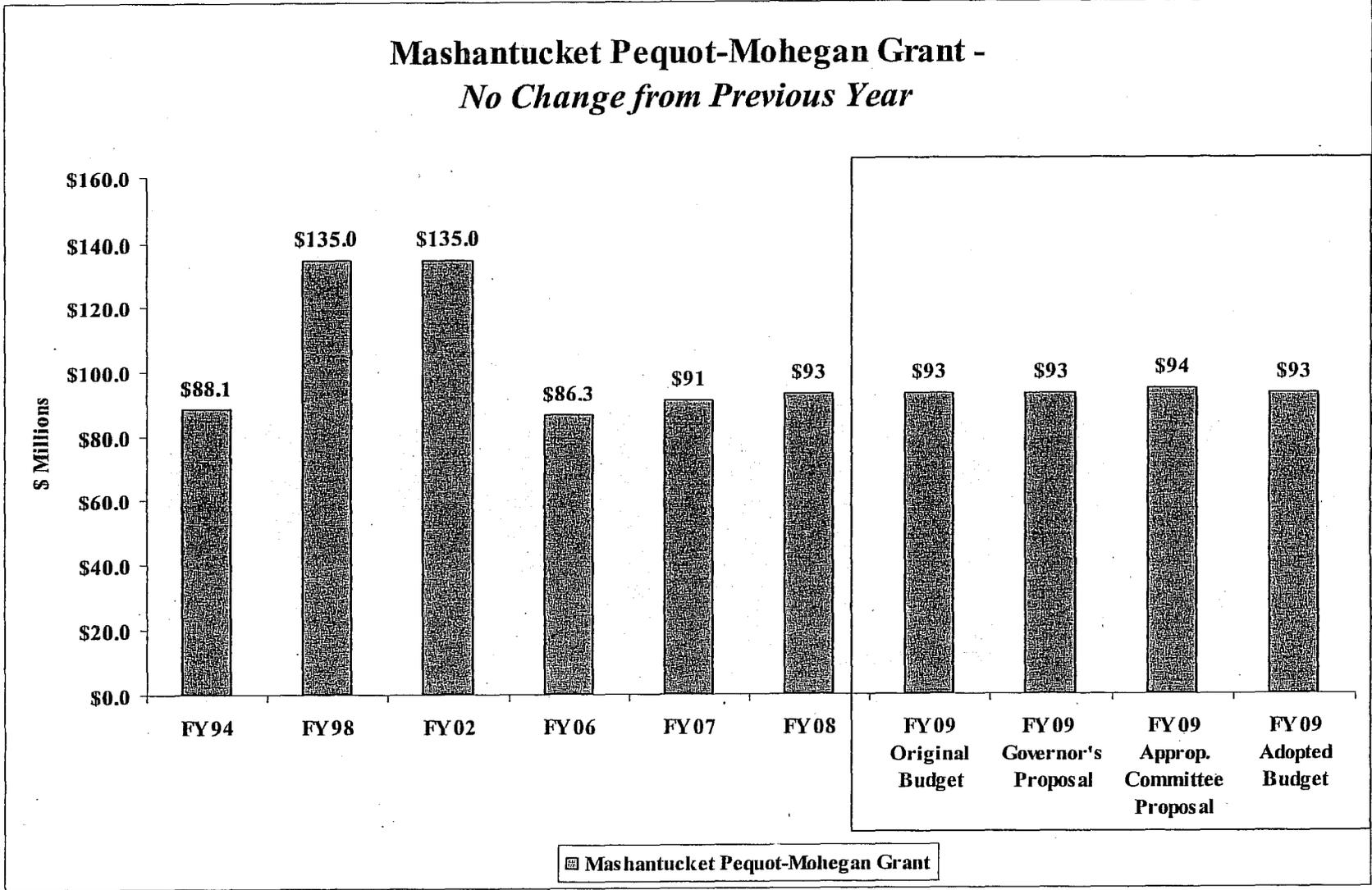
* Excludes PILOT Machinery/Equipment and Commercial Motor Vehicles, which is reimbursement for an expanded state-mandated tax exemption, and is thus, not increased municipal revenue.

Source: Adopted State Budget, previous budgets, Appropriations & Finance Committees' and Governor's Budget Proposals, and CCM, May 2008

Town Aid Road Grant - *No Change from Previous Year*

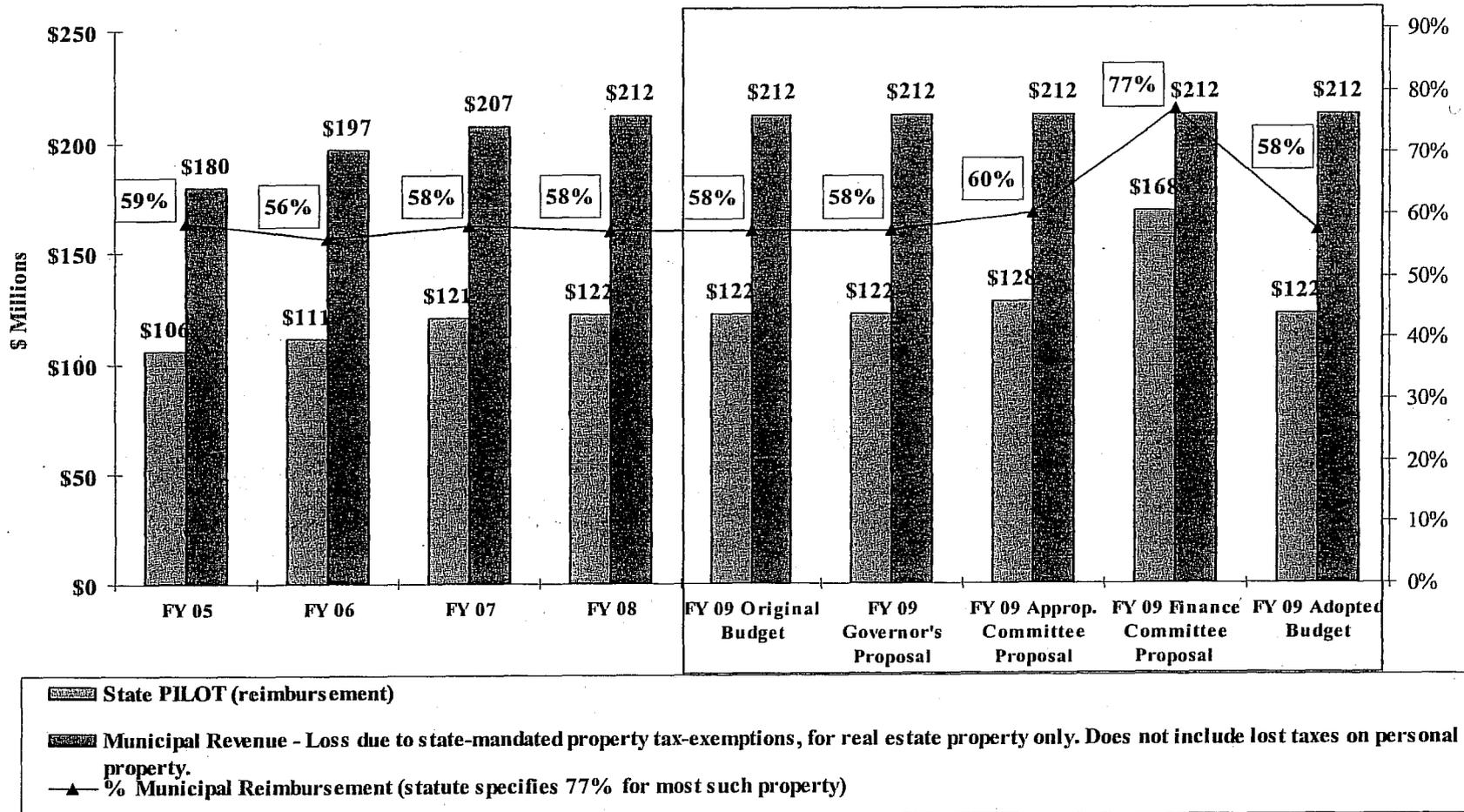


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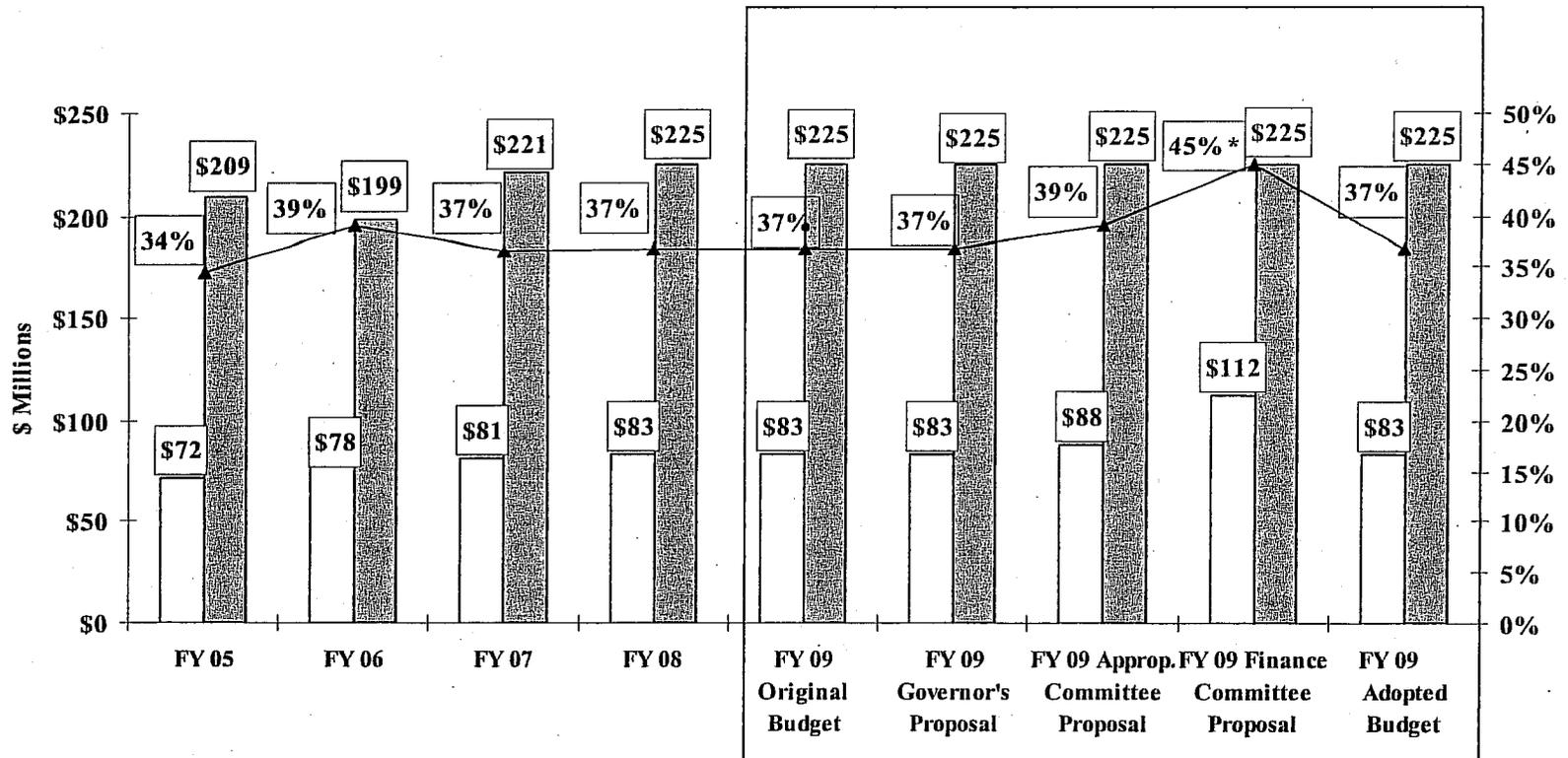
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PILOT: Private College and Hospital Property - No Change from Previous Year



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PILOT: State-Owned Property - No Change from Previous Year

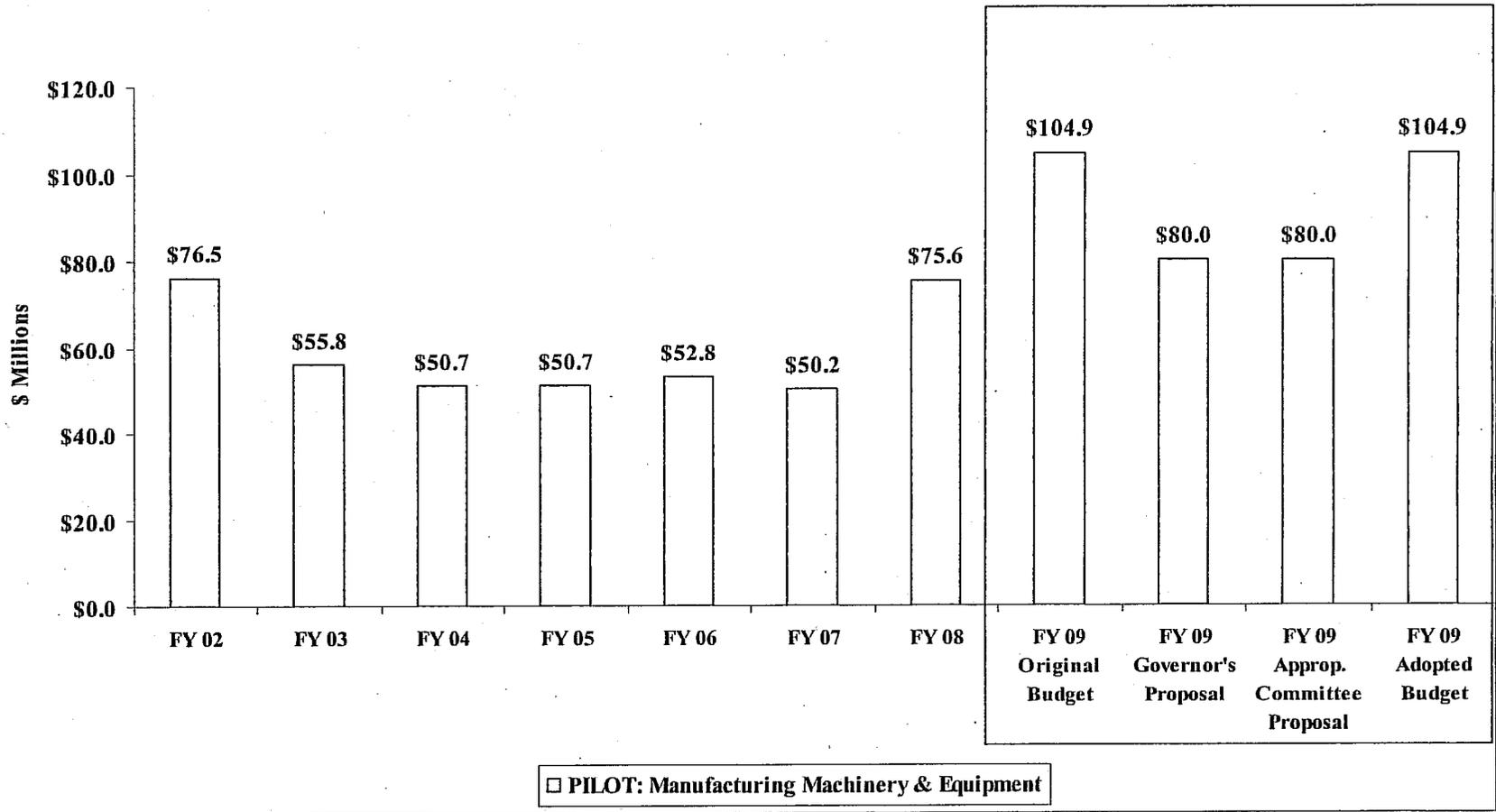


State-Owned Property PILOT (reimbursement)
 Municipal Revenue - Loss due to state-mandated property tax-exemptions, for real property only.
 Does not include lost taxes on personal property.
 % Municipal Reimbursement (statute specifies 45% for most such property)

*Note: The Finance Committee recommended that PILOT: State Owned Property be funded at the statutory level of 45% of lost tax revenue for most state properties, 65% of lost tax revenue for the Connecticut Valley Hospital, and 100% of lost tax revenue for specified state prison facilities.

Source: Adopted State Budget, previous budgets, Appropriations & Finance Committee and Governor's Budget Proposals, and CCM, May 2008

**PILOT: Manufacturing Machinery & Equipment *Increases* by \$29.3 Million
(38.7%) Over Previous Year**



Source: Adopted State Budget, previous budgets, Appropriations Committee and Governor's Budget Proposals, and CCM, May 2008

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CCM LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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This is a DRAFT list of select bill tracked during the session and their fate.
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PASSED BILLS

Bill#	Bill Title
HB 5031	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM.</p> <p><u>DECD PILOT AND TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM</u> Restored funding for FY 07-08 to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for the payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) program for state public housing (\$2.2 million per year) and the Tax Abatement Grants program for non-profit and low- and moderate-income housing (\$1.7 million per year) to municipalities. <u>No funding was provided for FY 08-09.</u></p>
HB 5324	<p>AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY OF REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.</p> <p><u>SMART GROWTH – PROGRAM REVIEW PROPOSAL</u> Among other things, (a) makes no changes regarding the structure of regional planning organizations (RPOs), (b) requires OPM to analyze the boundaries of RPOs and "adopt new boundaries, if appropriate, based on that analysis" after consultation with municipal officials, (c) require OPM, when developing the State Plan of Conservation and Development, to, for each policy, among other things, assign a priority to it, as well as an estimate of funding needed to implement it, and (d) would make permanent the Regional Performance Incentive Grant.</p>
HB 5438	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING MAKING PERMANENT THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR MILITARY SPOUSES.</p> <p><u>MILITARY SPOUSE EXEMPTION</u> Made permanent the military spouse exemption under the unemployment compensation act.</p>

HB 5536 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP.

MUNICIPALITIES AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES HEALTH PLAN

(i) Allows municipalities to participate in the state employees health plan, and (ii) clarifies that municipalities can join with one another in forming a municipal-only health insurance pool.

Participation in the state employee plan would be voluntary -- initial participation in the state employees' pool would not be a mandatory subject of bargaining and would not be subject to binding arbitration.

This voluntary approach means that the state employees' health plan, and multi-municipal pools, are options that local governments can consider when looking for ways to save money for their property taxpayers.

HB 5599 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY PROPERTY AND THE TIMELY FILING OF DECLARATIONS.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY PERSONAL PROPERTY

Treats the personal property of **telecommunication properties** in a manner similar to all other business personal property by: (1) giving municipalities the information they need to plan for fluctuations in the PILOT funds by **requiring telecommunications companies to report their inventory of personal property** by October 1st of each year; and (2) **allowing municipalities to audit** the personal property declarations sent to the State by the telecommunications companies. CCM proposed these provisions.

CCM is concerned about a third portion of the bill that allows tax payments to be deemed on time if postmarked by the due date. Such a provision overturns a court ruling to the contrary.

HB 5629 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES

Establishes a **rebuttable presumption for heart attacks on the job or while in training – myocardial infarction or cardiac arrest**. The presumption is rebuttable by "a preponderance of the evidence". The presumption is within workers compensation, so is insurable (as opposed to the distinct Heart Disease and Hypertension law). It applies to public safety workers hired after 7/1/96.

The bill no longer contains proposed mandated presumptions for two types of heart diseases, types of cancers or certain infectious diseases.

HB 5734 AN ACT CONCERNING NEW AND EXPANDED BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT.

Establishes a "Buses for 21st Century Mobility" program. The program requires an additional \$5 million in capital costs in FY08 to increase bus service across the state.

This new and expanded bus transportation service program shall include, but is not limited to: (1) **expansion of existing services** where a demonstrated need has been shown, including, but not limited to weekend and evening service and increased frequency of service; (2) **new rail shuttle services**; (3) **express bus commuter services**; and (4) other bus transportation programs designed to increase bus ridership opportunities for Connecticut residents.

BILLS THAT FAILED

HB 5636 AN ACT CONCERNING RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED RETAIL BUSINESSES AND COMPENSATION FOR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURES.

EMINENT DOMAIN - "GOOD WILL" COMPENSATION

Would have required municipalities to compensate businesses for loss of "good will" when acquiring properties via eminent domain projects.

HB 5637 AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES IN MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS.

ZONING FOR HALFWAY HOUSES

Would have overridden local zoning to require multifamily buildings with community residences, to be treated similarly to other multifamily buildings for zoning and neighborhood revitalization purposes.

HB 5663 AN ACT CONCERNING UNITED STATES SENATE VACANCIES.

FILLING A U.S. SENATE VACANCY

Would have eliminated the Governor's power to appoint a replacement and instead require a special election to be held to fill the vacancy if the vacancy occurs 125 days or more before the next regular state election.

The Office of Fiscal Analysis stated that this bill is a State Mandate and estimates that this could cost upwards of \$17,000 for smaller towns and \$55,000 for cities.

HB 5711 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

SOLDIERS' PROPERTY-TAX EXEMPTION

Would have exempted from property taxes one motor vehicle owned by members of the armed forces.

HB 5714 AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING FOR STARTER HOMES.

MANDATED ZONING FOR STARTER HOMES

Would have required that **municipalities zone for starter homes**. Land rezoned for residential use would have had to provide that any development of more than 5 acres must reserve 20% of land for ½ acre for 1 or 2 family dwellings, if soil conditions support such development.

HB 5719 AN ACT CONCERNING STEAP GRANTS AND THE CONVERSION OF PRIME FARMLAND TO NONAGRICULTURAL USE.

RESTRICTED USE OF STEAP GRANTS

Would have restricted the use of STEAP grants for certain projects that would convert farmland to another use.

HB 5736 AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY A MUNICIPALITY FOR ANY MOTOR VEHICLE MOVING VIOLATION FOR WHICH A TICKET WAS ISSUED BY A MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER.

MUNICIPAL SHARE OF MOVING VIOLATION FINE

Would have required that fifty per cent of any fee or fine paid to the State with respect to any moving violation by a motor vehicle, for which a ticket was issued by a municipal police officer, be remitted to the municipality by which such police officer is employed.

In 2006 legislation was passed to allow towns and cities to collect a surcharge of \$10 per motor vehicle fine levied by municipal police departments, in 2007 municipalities as a whole received over \$800,000 in revenue as a result. H.B. 5736 would have dramatically increased that revenue stream.

HB 5817 AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES.

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES REGULATION

Would have prohibited owners or operators of privately owned resources recovery facilities or ash landfills **from charging fees for disposing municipal waste that exceed the rate set by the Department of Public Utility Control**.

CCM supported this bill but urged that, before passing it, the General Assembly conduct a detailed analysis of any potential impacts on towns, for example those with ash landfills used by private companies or towns under contract to private companies (so they do not "lose" trash to regulated/lower cost options).

HB 5832 AN ACT CONCERNING EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION.

POLICE LINEUP ADMINISTRATOR

Would have established procedures for conducting a police photographic or live lineup including requiring municipalities to have a lineup administrator who does not know which person is suspected as the perpetrator, informing the eyewitness that the perpetrator might not be in the lineup and presenting the persons or photographs in a lineup sequentially rather than simultaneously.

HB 5844 AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL SHARE OF THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX, DEDICATING CERTAIN MONEYS TO FUND THE STATE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) PROGRAMS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON DELIVERY SERVICES.

FULL PILOT REIMBURSEMENT/ HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Would have (a) shared $\frac{1}{2}$ of the state's hotel occupancy tax with the municipalities in which the hotels are located (\$43 million), and (b) established a dedicated source of "full" funding for PILOT-colleges & hospitals and PILOT-state property. The PILOT grants would be funded at the "full" statutory levels of 77% for colleges and hospitals and 45% for state property.

HB 5857 AN ACT CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND USE.

EMINENT DOMAIN

Would have prohibited municipalities and developers from demanding "valuable consideration or participation in a business enterprise as a condition for allowing the real property's owner to use or rehabilitate the real property for a purpose consistent with any planned land use or applicable development or redevelopment plan".

HB 5885 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL SHARE OF THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX.

REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

Would have extended for two years the present rates of the municipal real estate conveyance tax.

CCM urges that these rates be made permanent, so that towns and cities do not face a \$40 million loss of revenue every few years...a battle that takes away from efforts at comprehensive property tax reform and mandate reform.

This bill will be dealt with in Special Session called by legislative leaders.

HB 5888 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM.

REVISIONS TO ELECTION LAWS

While the bulk of this bill addressed needed changes to current election laws to accommodate the new optical scan voting machines, several sections would have created new administrative and unfunded fiscal mandates on municipalities:

Section 4 required registrars to have on hand for each primary or election enough ballots to accommodate 100% of the registered electors. Ballots cost at a minimum 30 cents each. Registrars' currently order a percentage of the registered electors based on historical turnout. *Passage of this section will create a significant and unnecessary fiscal impact.*

Section 5 (d) required registrars to file a layout plan for each and every polling place with the Secretary of the State at least 60 days in advance of the primary or election. This is a new unnecessary administrative burden on local election officials, especially in municipalities with multiple polling places.

Section 12 required registrar', when appointing additional election officials, to certify in writing to each candidate the reason for doing so. This also would be a new unnecessary administrative burden on local election officials, as the potential candidate list can be extensive. If the registrars follow the proper procedure for appointing additional officials, there is no reason to notify each candidate individually.

HB 5894 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECALL OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND THE FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR CERTAIN CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

FOUR-YEAR TERM RECALL - MUNICIPAL OPTION

Would have allowed municipalities to adopt a recall provision for local elected officials serving a four-year term. Such a provision would have a chilling effect on towns' consideration of four-year terms.

HB 5940 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES AND MUNICIPAL OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES.

REGIONAL INCENTIVE GRANTS

Would have extended, and made changes to, the successful regional incentive grant program (which was not funded in the adopted budget).

SB 35 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANTS

Would have required local police departments to develop policies and procedures to verify the accuracy of the information provided by sex offender registrants, as well as uniform procedures to investigate the registrant's continued compliance with the registration requirements and any violations of such requirements.

SB 39 AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH.

RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

Would have, among other things, established a Responsible Growth Cabinet and statutorily defined "responsible growth".

SB 64 AN ACT CONCERNING SCARRING AWARDS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

SCARRING AND DISFIGUREMENT MANDATE

Would have created a new costly workers compensation mandate by allowing commissioners to grant highly subjective compensation awards for scarring and disfigurement in "any area of the body."

SB 67 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX ON MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY & EQUIPMENTS EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX

Would have completely exempted all manufacturing machinery and equipment from local property taxes as of July 1, 2008 without any new mechanism to reimburse municipalities for lost revenue.

SB 136 AN ACT PLACING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

ALTERNATIVE ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Would have enacted a 2-year moratorium on the installation of alternative on-site sewage treatment systems with a capacity of 5,000 gallons or more.

The intent of this bill was to halt a particular project, however the implications would be spread statewide. There is a solid process in place for the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate applications for alternative on-site sewage treatment systems. This bill would have impacted projects that have already gone through the appropriate channels for approval.

SB 175 AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS.

SCHOOL CRISIS DRILLS

Would have stipulated that each local and regional board of education must substitute a crisis response drill for a fire drill once every three months and requires that they develop the content of such crisis response drills in consultation with the appropriate local law enforcement agencies. At least one representative of such agency shall supervise and participate in each such crisis response drill.

SB 217 AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES.

PAID SICK LEAVE

Among other things, would have required towns and cities to provide paid sick leave to all municipal employees -- at a rate of one hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked -- and mandate that all employees are entitled to carry over unused, accrued paid sick leave from one year to the next.

S.B. 217 loosely defined "temporary workers" -- it did not distinguish between part-time, full-time employees, paraprofessionals, or seasonal employees -- for example, park and recreational camp counselors

The bill also stipulated specific scenarios under which towns would be mandated to permit employees' use of sick time

SB 255 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR WAGE LOSS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

DISCRETIONARY BENEFITS

Would have extended the maximum number of weeks of additional workers' compensation benefits for partial permanent disabilities a workers' compensation commissioner may award after a claimant has exhausted the statutory schedule for regular benefits.

The Office of Fiscal Analysis identified this proposal as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities.

~~SB~~ 358 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL RATES.

SOLID WASTE RATE REGULATION

Would have established rate regulation for the disposal of solid waste at privately owned resources recovery facilities.

SB 373 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

Would have (1) prohibited towns from accruing interest on delinquent motor vehicles after 3 years, unless such town has notified such property owner of fees due within the 3-year period and (2) prohibited towns from collecting motor vehicle fees after 6 years.

SB 442 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORITY OF BOARDS OF SELECTMEN AND THE VALUE OF PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.

REQUIRED TOWN MEETINGS

Would have required town meetings to act on certain questions unless the charter or ordinance authorizes action by the board of selectmen, and change eligibility requirements for nonresident property owners to vote in local referenda and at town meetings.

SB 475 AN ACT EXEMPTING INSURANCE CONTRACTS AND POLICIES FOR MUNICIPALITIES FROM THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX.

ELIMINATING THE PREMIUM TAX ON HEALTHCARE

Would have helped reduce the cost of municipal health insurance by exempting municipalities from the state's premium tax.

This would be a tangible step to help cut costs for property taxpayers.

The premium tax costs municipalities about \$6.3 to \$7 million each year. The tax is 1.75% on fully insured municipal premiums.

Municipalities that are self-insured do not pay the premium tax. But some municipalities, particularly small towns, cannot reasonably consider self-insurance as an option, because just one catastrophic illness could have a severe negative impact on a local budget.

This bill would have done more than just help municipalities cope with the high costs of health care. It would have ended a situation where local governments pay taxes to the State. Municipalities and the State are partners in the governance of Connecticut, and this tax is contrary to that partnership.

SB 486 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES OF MUNICIPALITIES.

FMLA MANDATE

Would have created a loophole in FMLA benefits that would have allowed up to 36 weeks of leave, over a 2-year period. Current law allows for up to 24 weeks over a two-year period. In addition, would have imposed higher restrictions on municipalities regarding (1) the period for which employees would have been eligible for such benefits and (2) placement of employees after FMLA leave.

SB 535 AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY ABUTTING REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH ABOVE GROUND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES ARE LOCATED.

ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES TAX REBATE

Would have allowed towns to provide a property tax refund of up to \$500 to owners whose land value has been affected by adjoining 345 kilovolt above-ground electric transmission lines, however the bill's sponsor had originally proposed this be a mandate and was seeking to amend it again be mandatory.

SB 570 AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING AND HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Would have provided a 2-year property tax exemption to telecommunication companies (such as AT&T) for any equipment used for high-speed internet infrastructure.

The fiscal note stated that this proposal would "result in a significant grand list reduction for all municipalities in FY 12.... Historically, telecommunications companies have paid a total of about \$23.4 million per year to all municipalities..."

Telecommunications companies already have favorable property tax treatment. This tax break, at the expense of all other property taxpayers at a time of fiscal distress, is unwarranted and unnecessary.

SB 602 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

Would have (1) prohibited towns from accruing interest on delinquent motor vehicles after 3 years, unless such town has notified such property owner of fees due within the 3-year period and (2) prohibited towns from collecting motor vehicle fees after 6 years.

SB 608 AN ACT CONCERNING THE VIDEOTAPING OF INTERROGATIONS.

VIDEO-RECORDING OF INTERROGATIONS

Would have required video-recording of interrogations by municipal police officers.

SB 625 AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF A HOME INVASION OR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY.

NOTIFICATION OF NEIGHBORS

Would have required local police to notify neighbors -- within 1/2 mile -- whenever a home invasion or residential burglary has occurred.

SB 636 AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES RECOVERY FACILITY CONTRACTS.

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES AT PRIVATELY OWNED FACILITIES, and CRRA

Would have established rate regulation for the disposal of solid waste at privately owned resources recovery facilities and those operated by the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority.

CCM supported this, but urged that, before passing it, the General Assembly conduct a detailed analysis of any potential impacts on towns, for example those with ash landfills used by private companies or towns under contract to private companies (so they do not "lose" trash to regulated/lower cost options).

SB 638 AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED TERM FINANCING FOR SEWER SEPARATION PROJECTS.

EXTENDED LOANS FOR SEWER SEPARATION

Would have provided extended loan terms for sewer separation projects.

SB 674 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS.

ASSESSORS

Would have eliminated municipal authority to terminate appointed assessors without "good cause".

This would have infringed on the ability of elected officials to manage their municipality and would subject property taxpayers to the cost of litigation if elected and executive officials choose to remove an appointed assessor.



**REPORT ON FINAL ACTION OF
BILLS PROPOSING NEW STATE MANDATES ON MUNICIPALITIES
2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

(Report as of May 12, 2008)

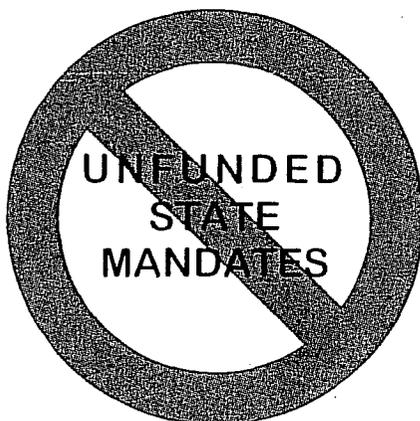


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The following is a select list of bills that would have or will impose new state mandates on towns and cities. Some of these bills would or will have a significant fiscal impact on municipalities and their residential and business property taxpayers.

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Please note that many of these proposals may have good public policy goals. However, when the General Assembly mandates municipal expenditures without reimbursement it drives up the cost of local government, forcing municipalities to choose between raising property taxes, curtailing other local services, or both. If the State decides such mandates are good policy, it should pay for them

Note:

*This report summarizes final action by the 2008 General Assembly on proposed state mandates on municipalities.
This report only includes proposals that survived until the final weeks of the legislative session.
Many more were proposed over the course of the session.*

BILLS THAT DIED

HB 5138	<p><u>CURBSIDE RECYCLING</u></p> <p>Would have mandated that all municipalities and solid waste haulers currently providing curbside pick-up also provide curbside recycling pick-up.</p> <p>CCM had concerns about the fiscal implications on local government budgets to implement the provisions of Section 7 of this bill. Municipal budgets are already pressured by multiple state mandates. While the intentions of Section 7 of this bill are to increase recycling rates across the state, the way in which it would be accomplished would be through imposing a new unfunded state mandate on some municipalities.</p>
HB 5334	<p><u>FAILURE TO "PROMPTLY" PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES</u></p> <p>Among other things, this bill would have applied ambiguous language to mandate that the failure to "promptly" provide medical services under Workers' Compensation be presumed an unreasonable delay in treatment and thus, deemed worthy of a penalty of up to \$1,000 – paid to the claimant.</p> <p>Under this bill, it would have been possible that by simply seeking a second medical opinion, which subsequently agrees with the first opinion – it could be deemed a failure to "promptly" provide medical services, and is thus subject to a fine.</p>
HB 5508	<p><u>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF STUDENTS</u></p> <p>Would have mandated that local and regional boards of education ensure that students provide proof of health insurance. In the event a student is unable to provide proof, this bill would mandate that local and regional boards of education supply such students with information, including applications, for state-sponsored health insurance programs for children.</p>
HB 5637	<p><u>ZONING FOR HALFWAY HOUSES</u></p> <p>Would have overridden local zoning to require multifamily buildings with community residences, childcare facilities, and halfway houses for ex-prisoners to be treated similarly to other multifamily buildings for zoning and neighborhood revitalization purposes.</p>
HB 5711	<p><u>SOLDIERS PROPERTY-TAX EXEMPTION</u></p> <p>Would have exempted from property taxes one motor vehicle owned by members of the armed forces. CCM appreciates the intent of the bill, but as mentioned in the OFA report, HB 5711 is an unfunded state mandate. The State should reimburse municipalities for associated costs.</p>

<p>HB 5714</p>	<p><u>MANDATED ZONING FOR STARTER HOMES</u></p> <p>Would have required that municipalities zone for starter homes. Land rezoned for residential use must provide that any development of more than 5 acres must reserve 20% of land for ½ acre for 1 or 2 family dwellings, if soil conditions support such development.</p>
<p>HB 5790</p>	<p><u>INTERNET SAFETY CURRICULUM IN SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Would have required each local school district to incorporate into its curriculum a component on internet safety to be taught at least once to students in grade three or above. Each school district would be provided the educational materials for parents regarding child online safety.</p>
<p>HB 5888</p>	<p><u>MANDATED HAND-RECOUNT IN ALL REQUIRED RECANVASSING</u></p> <p>While the bulk of this bill addressed needed changes to current election laws to accomodate the new optical scan voting machines, several sections would have created new administrative and unfunded fiscal mandates on municipalities:</p> <p>Section 4 required registrars to have on hand for each primary or election enough ballots to accomodate 100% of the registered electors. Ballots cost at a minimum 30 cents each. Registrars' currently order a percentage of the registered electors based on historical turnout. <i>Passage of this section would have created a significant and unnecessary fiscal impact.</i></p> <p>Section 5 (d) required registrars to file a layout plan for each and every polling place with the Secretary of the State at least 60 days in advance of the primary or election. This would be a new unnecessary administrative burden on local election officials, especially in municipalities with multiple polling places.</p> <p>Section 12 required registrars, when appointing additional election officials, to certify in writing to each candidate the reason for doing so. This also would be a new unnecessary administrative burden on local election officials, as the potential candidate list can be extensive. If the registrars follow the proper procedure for appointing additional officials, there is no reason to notify each candidate individually.</p>
<p>SB 35</p>	<p><u>SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANTS</u></p> <p>Would have required local police departments to develop policies and procedures to verify the accuracy of the information provided by sex offender registrants, as well as uniform procedures to investigate the registrant's continued compliance with the registration requirements and any violations of such requirements.</p>

SB 64	<p><u>SCARRING AND DISFIGUREMENT MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would have created a new costly workers' compensation mandate by allowing commissioners to grant highly subjective compensation awards for scarring and disfigurement in "any area of the body."</p>
SB 217	<p><u>PAID SICK LEAVE</u></p> <p>Among other things, would have required towns and cities to provide paid sick leave to all municipal employees -- at a rate of one hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked -- and mandate that all employees are entitled to carry over unused, accrued paid sick leave from one year to the next.</p> <p>S.B. 217 would have been problematic -- although it loosely defined "temporary workers" -- it did not distinguish between part-time, full-time employees, paraprofessionals, or seasonal employees -- for example, park and recreational camp counselors</p> <p>The bill also stipulated specific scenarios under which towns would be mandated to permit employees' use of sick time</p>
SB 255	<p><u>DISCRETIONARY BENEFITS</u></p> <p>Would have extended the maximum number of weeks of additional workers' compensation benefits for partial permanent disabilities a workers' compensation commissioner may award after a claimant has exhausted the statutory schedule for regular benefits.</p> <p>The fiscal note the bill identified this proposal as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities.</p>
SB 374	<p><u>AUDITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES</u></p> <p>Would have allowed the state auditors to audit the books and accounts of any municipality that receives more than 35% of its revenue from the state, and has a population over 70,000.</p>
SB 442	<p><u>REQUIRED TOWN MEETINGS</u></p> <p>Would have required town meetings to act on questions unless the charter or ordinance authorizes action by the board of selectmen, and would have updated eligibility requirements for nonresident property owners to vote in local referenda and at town meetings.</p>

SB 486	<p><u>FMLA MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would have mandated that towns and cities grant certain municipal employees benefits in accordance with the state Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Under current law, municipalities already fall under the purview of the federal FMLA. Therefore, SB 486 would have unnecessarily subjected municipalities to both federal and state FMLA standards for their employees – thus, creating potential policy conflicts in leave benefits among various employees.</p> <p>By creating a new, unwarranted state mandate -- this bill would have also imposed more stringent employee law standards on municipalities such as stricter job reinstatement provisions on towns with regard to certain workers who are no longer able to perform his or her original job.</p>
SB 535	<p><u>PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS</u></p> <p>Would have allowed towns to provide a property tax refund of up to \$500 to owners whose land value has been affected by adjoining 345 kilovolt above-ground electric transmission lines, however the bill's sponsor had originally proposed this be a mandate and was seeking to amend it again be mandatory.</p>
SB 570	<p><u>TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION</u></p> <p>Would have provided a 2-year property tax exemption to telecommunication companies (such as AT&T) for any equipment used for high-speed internet infrastructure.</p> <p>The fiscal note stated that this proposal "will result in a significant grand list reduction for all municipalities in FY 12....Historically, telecommunications companies have paid a total of about \$23.4 million per year to all municipalities..."</p>
HB 5812	<p><u>AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS</u></p> <p>Would have, among other things, required all local public schools and all public buildings to provide and maintain at least one automatic external defibrillator.</p>
SB 339	<p><u>SCHOOL LUNCHES</u></p> <p>Section 4 of this bill would have imposed a new unfunded state mandate on local and regional boards of education <i>by requiring ones who meet the threshold to sponsor a summer food service program for at least 35 consecutive days.</i></p> <p>This bill did not provide any additional state funding to meet this mandate.</p>

REAL ESTATE PROPERTY VALUATION

Would have made substantive changes in the **process in which towns value real estate.**

This would have been onerous at several levels. First, an annual reval statute is unnecessary; CGS 12-55 presently permits municipalities to revalue all real estate or even a particular class of real estate should the Assessor determine such revaluation is required or necessary to effect fair assessment burden. This has been repeatedly upheld by the courts. Secondly, despite the apparent wording, section (c) of the proposed bill directly conflicts with CGS 12-63d. Perhaps worse, this will add additional work (without additional resources) to assessment staff in attempting to verify and confirm valid qualified sales, and will likely provide incentive to grantors and grantees with sufficient capital to disguise sales. We already have situations where large corporate properties are transferring by name change rather than by standard deed instrument. Further, this will not balance assessments, but will only shift burden to those residential properties of recent sale; similar to California assessment.

BILLS THAT PASSED

HB 5438	<p><u>MILITARY SPOUSE EXEMPTION</u></p> <p>Makes permanent the military spouse exemption under the unemployment compensation act.</p>
HB 5629	<p><u>SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES</u></p> <p>Establishes a rebuttable presumption for heart attacks on the job or while in training – myocardial infarction or cardiac arrest. The presumption is rebuttable by “a preponderance of the evidence”. The presumption is within workers compensation, so is insurable (as opposed to the distinct Heart Disease and Hypertension law). It applies to public safety workers hired after 7/1/96.</p> <p>The bill no longer contains proposed mandated presumptions for two types of heart diseases, types of cancers or certain infectious diseases.</p> <p>CCM agreed not to oppose the bill as amended.</p>
SB 671	<p><u>DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS</u></p> <p>Among other things, requires that if the State, municipalities, or businesses lose custody of a record containing an individual's social security number, the entity must (1) provide written notification of the disclosure or loss to the individual not later than 7 business days after discovering the disclosure or loss, (2) provide the individual, at the individual's option, not less than 2 years of commercially available identity theft monitoring and protection at the cost of, essentially, the State, municipality or business.</p> <p>Also would allow for individuals to sue in civil court for damages.</p>
HB 5105	<p><u>MINIMUM WAGE</u></p> <p>Increases the state minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2009, and \$8.25 beginning January 1, 2010.</p>

CCM – CONNECTICUT’S STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND CITIES



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OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5536 (as amended by House "A, B")*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows municipalities, certain municipal service contractors, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses to join the state employee health insurance plan for their employees and retirees. Under it, all new employees will be pooled together with state employees in the state insurance plan.

It requires the comptroller to provide insurance coverage for these employers when they apply to cover all their employees or all of their retirees. When an employer applies to cover some employees or some retirees, she must deny coverage if the Health Care Cost Containment Committee (HCCCC) certifies to her that the application would shift a significantly disproportionate part of the employer's medical risks to the state plan.

The bill requires that premiums the municipal and other employers pay be the same as those the state pays for the same insurance plans. It allows employers to require an employee contribution toward the premium. It also permits the comptroller to charge participating employers an administrative fee based on a per member, per month basis.

Under the bill, employers joining must commit to participate in the state plan for three years, at the end of which they may renew for another three years. The comptroller must develop procedures for employers to withdraw from coverage and for employers with public employee collective bargaining, the procedures must comply with state collective bargaining law.

The bill specifies that it allows the comptroller to procure coverage for nonstate employees from insurance vendors other than those providing coverage for state employees. It is unclear whether this provision conflicts with the requirement to pool all the new employees and retirees in the state employee plan. The bill also specifies the comptroller is not required to offer coverage from each vendor now participating in the state plan.

If an employer fails to make premium payments, the state can charge interest at the prevailing rate. In the case of a municipality, it can also withhold grants or other assistance to the town until the premiums are paid.

The bill requires the State Employees' Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) to consent to adding new employees to the state plan before the plan can be opened up. SEBAC is the bargaining coalition that negotiates state employee health and retirement benefits for all state unions.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP.

The bill also establishes a Nonstate Public Health Care Advisory Committee and a Private Sector Health Care Advisory Committee to each make recommendations concerning municipal and private sector coverage, respectively, to the Health Care Cost Containment Committee, created through the SEBAC agreement.

It also requires the comptroller to submit a report to the General Assembly with recommendations on how the state employee health plan can be further expanded to include individuals not authorized under the bill.

The bill permits two or more municipalities to join together as a single entity to obtain health insurance for their employees. It requires the group to be fully insured and meet existing health insurance requirements.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the original bill. It (1) requires the comptroller to create an application for employers seeking coverage from the state plan, (2) requires the comptroller to develop procedures for employers to withdraw from the coverage, (3) changes the bill's effective dates, (4) allows coverage for nonstate employees by vendors who do not provide state employee coverage, (5) makes initial participation in the plan a permissive subject of collective bargaining and exiting the plan a mandatory subject of bargaining, and (6) permits two or more municipalities to join together as a single entity to obtain employee health insurance.

*House Amendment "B" changes the population size ranges of the representatives appointed to the Nonstate Public Health Care Advisory Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008, except the definitions, the provision creating the advisory committees, and the SEBAC approval are effective upon passage; and the report and the authority for two or more municipalities to join together to purchase health insurance are effective January 1, 2009.

§ 1 — COVERED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

The bill includes definitions for the employers and the employees it allows into the state employee health plan.

"Nonstate public employer" is a municipality or other political subdivision of the state, including a board of education or a quasi-public agency or public library. A nonstate public employee is a regular employee or elected officer of a nonstate public employer.

"Municipal-related employer" is any property management business, food service business, or school transportation business that is under contract with a nonstate public employer. A municipal-related employee is an employee of a municipal-related employer performing services in connection with a nonstate public employer contract.

"Small employer" is any person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership or association actively engaged in business or self-employed for at least three consecutive months

who, on at least 50% of its working days during the preceding year, employed no more than 50 eligible employees, as described in the bill, the majority of whom were employed within this state. In determining the number of eligible employees, companies which are affiliates, as defined in state business law as being under the control of another business, or which are eligible to file a combined tax return under state corporation business tax law must be considered one employer. Small employer does not include a town or other state political subdivision.

"Nonprofit employer" is a nonprofit corporation, as defined by law. It does not include a town or other state political subdivision.

The bill provides an exception to the small employer 50 employee rule for employers who are either municipal-related employers or nonprofits.

It also specifies state plan enrollees must not include those covered through their employer by health insurance plans or insurance arrangements issued to or in accord with a trust established through collective bargaining under the federal Labor Management Relations Act (e. g. , Taft-Hartley Act).

§ 2 — OPENING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN

By law, the comptroller solicits bids and enters into contracts with insurance carriers to provide health insurance for state employees and retirees. The bill requires the comptroller to offer insurance coverage for municipalities, other political subdivisions of the state, certain municipal service contractors, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses when their application for coverage is approved according to the bill's provisions. A board of education and a municipality must be considered separate employers for purposes of the bill.

The bill specifies that it allows the comptroller to procure coverage for nonstate employees from insurance vendors other than those providing coverage for state employees. It is unclear whether this provision conflicts with the requirement to pool all the new employees and retirees in the state employee plan. The bill also specifies the comptroller is not required to offer coverage from each vendor now participating in the state plan.

It requires the comptroller to create an application for employers seeking coverage from the state plan. The application must require an employer to disclose whether it will offer any other health plan to the employees who are offered the state plan.

The bill establishes two different processes for coverage to begin, depending on whether the application covers all or some of the employees. These rules apply to all nonstate employees and retirees.

If the application covers all of an employer's employees, the comptroller must begin coverage no later than the first day of the third calendar month following such application. This means if an application arrives anytime in January, the coverage must start April 1.

If the application covers some of an employer's employees or it indicates the employer will offer other health plans to employees who are offered the state health plan, the comptroller must forward the application to the HCCCC for review. Under the bill, the comptroller must deny coverage if the HCCCC certifies to her that the application is shifting a significantly disproportional part of the employer's medical risks to the state plan. Coverage must begin no later than the first day of the third calendar month after the application as long as the HCCCC has not informed the comptroller that the employees proposed for coverage constitute a disproportionate shift of the employer's medical risks to the state plan.

The comptroller must forward the application to the HCCC within five business days and the HCCC may, not later than 30 days after receiving the application, certify to the comptroller whether risk shifting is taking place.

Permissive and Mandatory Collective Bargaining

The bill makes the initial participation in the state employee plan a permissive subject of collective bargaining, despite any existing collective bargaining laws to the contrary. The decision to join the plan is subject to binding arbitration only if the union and the employer mutually agree to bargain over the initial participation. The mutual agreement must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the union and the employer.

Continuation in the state plan, after initial participation, is a mandatory subject of bargaining, and is subject to binding interest arbitration in accordance with the same procedures and standards that apply to any other mandatory subject of bargaining under state, municipal, and certified board of education employees collective bargaining law.

Private Sector and Federal Law

The private sector employers covered under the bill (i. e. , small businesses, nonprofits, and municipal-related employers) cannot join the plan if the comptroller determines that their participation would subject the plan to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). If the comptroller later determines the state plan complies with ERISA, she must resume granting applications. ERISA is a federal law that sets standards, including fiduciary responsibilities, for most voluntary private sector retirement plans and employer-sponsored health plans (see BACKGROUND).

Exception to the HCCCC Review Requirement

Under the bill, the comptroller must forward an employer's application for HCCCC review when the application does not cover all the employer's employees. This requirement is waived when the only employees not covered are temporary, part-time or durational employees.

The bill also permits HCCCC review to be omitted in cases where individual employees decline coverage from their employer for themselves or their dependents. This language appears unnecessary and has no practical affect because at the point in time when the application is being considered by the comptroller, there is not yet any coverage offered to

employees for the employees to turn down.

§§ 2 & 4 — PREMIUMS, ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, AND EMPLOYEE COST SHARING

The bill requires that premiums employers, other than small employers, pay be the same as those the state pays for the same insurance plans. Each month, each employer must pay the comptroller an amount she determines for the coverage.

For all employers, the bill permits them to require covered employees to contribute a portion of the cost of the employees' coverage under the plan, as may be required under any applicable union contract.

It also permits the comptroller to charge participating employers an administrative fee based on a per member, per month basis.

Small Employer Premium May Vary

The bill permits an insurance carrier to adjust the rate charged to small employers for a particular health care product under the state plan to reflect one or more of the community rating characteristics identified in state insurance law. They include:

1. age, provided age brackets of fewer than five years are not permitted;
2. gender;
3. geographic area;
4. industry, within certain variation limits;
5. group size, within certain variation limits;
6. administrative costs savings as a result of being part of the state plan;
7. profit reduction as a result of being part of the state plan; and
8. family composition, with certain limits.

§ 3 — RETIREES

Employers eligible under the bill may also seek coverage for their retirees. The coverage must be provided no later than the first day of the third calendar month following such application, as long as the HCCCC has not informed the comptroller that the retirees proposed for coverage constitute a disproportionate shift of the employer's medical risks. If the HCCCC provides this notice, the comptroller must deny coverage.

The bill does not appear to include retirees in its other provisions that (1) require pooling with

the state employee plan, (2) require the premiums be the same as the state pays, (3) permit a premium contribution by the individual covered, or (4) permit an administrative fee to be charged.

The bill states that it does not diminish any retiree's right to health insurance under the union contract or any provision of state law.

§ 4 — STATE PLAN PREMIUM ACCOUNT

The bill establishes, within the General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account called the state plan premium account. Employer and employee premiums paid under the provisions of the bill must be deposited into this account. The account is administered by the comptroller, in conjunction with the HCCCC, for insurance premium payments.

§ 4 — PENALTIES

The bill creates two types of penalties for employers who fail to pay or pay on time.

For all employers who do not pay by the date due, interest will be added to such payment at the prevailing rate of interest, as determined by the comptroller. The employer must pay the interest.

If a municipal employer fails to make premium payments, the comptroller can direct the state treasurer, or any other officer of the state that is the custodian of state grant money, allocation, or appropriation due to the municipality to withhold the payment under the authority of the bill. The money or aid is withheld until (1) the premium or interest due and unpaid has been paid or (2) the treasurer or other state officers determine that arrangements, satisfactory to the treasurer, have been made for the payment of such premium and interest. The bill provides an exception that such money must not be withheld if withholding impedes the receipt of any federal grant or aid in connection with that money.

It does not appear that this provision applies to other nonstate public employees such as school boards or public libraries.

If a municipal-related employer, small employer or nonprofit employer fails to make premium payments, the comptroller can terminate employee participation in the state plan and request the attorney general to recover any premium and interest costs.

§ 5 — STATE EMPLOYEES' BARGAINING AGENT COALITION (SEBAC) CONSENT

The bill prohibits health coverage to any new employee groups under the bill until SEBAC provides its consent to the clerks of both houses of the General Assembly. SEBAC is the union coalition that provides coalition bargaining for unionized state employees for health insurance and retirement benefit issues. (Individual unions negotiate individually for pay increases and other conditions-of-work matters.)

§ 6 — REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The bill also requires the comptroller to submit a report to the General Assembly with recommendations for terms and conditions on how the state employee health plan can be further expanded to include individuals not authorized under the bill. The report is due to the legislature by January 1, 2010.

§ 7 — ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The bill establishes a Nonstate Public Health Care Advisory Committee (NPHCAC) and a Private Sector Health Care Advisory Committee (PSHCAC), each of which must make recommendations concerning municipal and private sector coverage, respectively, to the HCCCC created through SEBAC.

NPHCAC

The NPHCAC consists of participating municipal employers and employees and include the following members appointed by a method to be determined by the comptroller:

1. three municipal employer representatives;
2. three municipal employee representatives;
3. three board of education employers;
4. three board of education employee representatives; and
5. one neutral chairperson, who must be a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators or an arbitrator authorized by the American Arbitration Association or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to serve as a neutral arbitrator in labor relations cases.

For each of the employer and employee categories (1-4 above), one representative must be from a town with a population of 100,000 or more, one from a town with a population of least 20,000 but under 100,000, and one from a town with a population under 20,000.

PSHCAC

PSHCAC consists of the following members appointed by a method to be determined by the comptroller:

1. five private sector employer representatives;
2. five private sector employee representatives; and
3. one neutral chairperson, who shall be a member of the National Academy of

Arbitrators or an arbitrator authorized by the American Arbitration Association or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to serve as a neutral arbitrator in labor relations cases.

JOINT MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE PURCHASES

The bill permits two or more municipalities to join together as a single entity, by written agreement, to obtain health insurance for their employees. It requires the group to be fully insured and meet existing health insurance requirements.

The agreement must establish membership for the group, the duration of the health coverage, requirements regarding premium payments for health coverage, and the procedures for a municipality to withdraw from such a group and terminate coverage.

BACKGROUND

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)

ERISA is a federal law that sets standards of protection for individuals in most voluntarily established, private sector retirement plans. ERISA requires plans to provide participants with plan information, including important facts about plan features and funding; sets minimum standards for participation, vesting, benefit accrual, and funding; provides fiduciary responsibilities for those who manage and control plan assets; and, if a defined benefit plan is terminated, guarantees payment of certain benefits through a federally chartered Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 7 Nay 1 (03/13/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 39 Nay 14 (03/28/2008)

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11 Nay 6 (04/16/2008)

DRAFT

May 13, 2008

TO: CCM Board of Directors

RE: **CCM's Election 2008 Campaign**

The weak response to municipal concerns in this year's General Assembly Session makes it clear that CCM needs to increase its pre-election activity to (1) improve public awareness of the connection between state government actions/inactions and local property taxes and service delivery levels, (2) influence the positions taken by the legislative candidates, (3) interject state-local fiscal issues into the campaigns, and (4) forge a true state-local partnership where the needs of towns and cities are a priority concern of the Governor and legislative leaders.

It is a particularly good year to do this. Not only is the need acute, but also legislators are running under new campaign-finance reform rules for the first time -- they are nervous that they will have opponents (and state-funded ones). This will make them all the more sensitive to public relations advocacy that draws a direct connection between state actions/inactions and fiscal and service-delivery pain in hometown Connecticut.

Among the activities we recommend:

- ✓ Convening a meeting of CCM's Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability to discuss the best ways to communicate our concerns and deciding what the messages are that we want to send. For example, the activities could be organized around a single, simple theme such as "It's The Property Tax" or "State Government and Property Taxes". Discussion will also include strategies to engage municipal officials in enhancing legislative and gubernatorial accountability.
- ✓ Embarking on an aggressive public relations advocacy campaign, possibly retaining consultants, which could include advertising in newspapers, radio, direct mail or other media. The executive director recommended this in March and there was consensus on the Board to pursue this approach.
- ✓ Rejuvenating CCM's bi-annual Candidate Bulletin series, and focusing on the theme of property taxes, local service demands, fiscal capacity and the state-local connection.
- ✓ Working with other organizations on a pre-election forum/summit on "property taxes, state-local revenue sharing and alternative local revenues". This would be similar to, and with the same group of partners (RPA, CRCOG, CCSU) with whom we've organized successful forums the past few years on transportation and bus-transit issues.

- ✓ Developing a public policy report on the state of the state-local relationship, much more detailed than the brochure we have used in the past, that can be sent to candidates, state party research/policy offices, editorial boards, political reporters, radio and television talk shows, CATV public access hosts, etc. This would include recent history of municipal cost increases and pressures, the trends of state grant assistance, state-local fiscal capacities, the number of new mandates passed, and relevant socio-economic data.
- ✓ Giving "Friend of Towns and Cities" awards/certificates to legislators who have been particularly helpful this year. This year's list will be particularly short, but it is important that friends of municipalities be given some recognition they can use (if they choose) during their campaigns. With lobbyist PAC contributions prohibited, such awards can take on all the more importance.
- ✓ Developing CCM's 2009 legislative program around the more focused theme, with initial discussions beginning immediately. CCM's issue-area committees would be asked to develop their recommendations around that theme.

CCM staff recommends that we begin work on this immediately.



Al Malpa
University of Connecticut President Michael J. Hogan, left, Mansfield Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, Gov. M. Jodi Rell and state Rep. Denise Merrill, D-Mansfield, chat at a press conference held by the governor to announce \$10 million in state funds for a parking garage, which is part of the Storrs Center project.

\$10M in funds is slated for center garage

Chronicle 5/17/08

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

STORRS — The State Bond Commission meeting this month will include authorization for \$10 million for a parking garage, part of what local officials say is crucial public funding for the \$220 million Storrs Center project.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell announced the step toward releasing the funds Wednesday on the lawn of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building in Storrs.

"We're pretty proud of today," Rell said, explaining the project fits in with other state efforts to control sprawl. "I look forward to

being here for the groundbreaking"

The state will sell bonds to provide \$10 million of the \$14 million needed for the project's first parking garage. There will eventually be two or three new garages.

The garage operator will collect the revenue from the parking garage. The state will pay back the interest and principal on the bonds.

The town is in negotiations with the developer about who will own and operate the garages once they are built. The town or a municipal

(\$10 million, Page 4)

\$10 million to help build Storrs garage

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parking authority may take on that responsibility.

The town budget approved Tuesday at the annual town meeting includes \$50,000 to retain legal and financial advice regarding agreements with Storrs Center developer Leyland Alliance.

Leyland, the town and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership are also negotiating how to fill the \$4 million gap in funding for the first garage, which officials say is necessary for Phase I of the project.

Rell said there are always more requests for funding than money that is available through bonding.

She said the effect the project will have on the University of Connecticut gives it state-wide importance.

She also credited state Rep. Denise Merrill, D-Mansfield, and state Senate President Pro Tempore Donald Williams Jr., D-Brooklyn, for promoting the project.

Williams told the crowd of about 50, mostly town employees and people affiliated with Storrs Center, it is "landmark project moving a town forward, moving a university forward, moving a region forward."

He said the state's \$10 million would "leverage \$180 million in private development" and create the "missing link" for UConn.

The project is expected to include a mix of residential and commercial development across from E.O. Smith High School on Route 195.

Merrill said she served on a committee years ago that started brainstorming about a town center for residents.

"We started talking about trees and benches, just some way to bring the community together," she recalled.

Merrill said the state's investment makes it

"a third wheel" in the project.

She said the town and the state could also be proud of the environmental consciousness of the plan.

"It's no secret that Mansfield is probably the greenest of the green," Merrill added.

Mansfield Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, who hosted the ceremony, told Rell Storrs Center will be "the finest sustainable development project in the country. I give you my word on that."

After the announcement, Rell said she was not concerned by the amendment at Tuesday's town meeting to strip all local funding from the project.

The amendment sought to cut out the \$50,000 for advisers, \$1,466,000 for Storrs Road improvements and \$125,000 for partnership operating costs.

"The state's commitment will go on the agenda this month," Rell explained.

She said she would rely on local leaders "to make sure they are abiding by the wishes of the town."

Rell also noted the tax advantages of the project, from which the town expects a net tax revenue gain of \$2 million.

Reflecting on the town meeting, Merrill said although the project has broad support, there is an "interesting mixture" of people who oppose it.

She said the opposition is an unlikely alliance of anti-growth residents worried about water and anti-tax residents who fear the project won't succeed, but will end up costing the town money.

Merrill said officials would have to overcome some of their concerns.

"You can't have both groups questioning the project," she said.

Council member Carl Schaefer said the announcement highlighted the bipartisan sup-

port for the project at the state and local level.

Rell also noted the competitive environment between municipalities. She said, although there was competition, "there's enough to go around."

In particular, Rell said she didn't think the project would negatively affect the neighboring downtown in Willimantic.

She also rejected a comparison between Storrs Center and the bankrupt Windham Mills, which also received millions in state funding and has resulted in no clear economic development progress.

Rell said this project and Windham Mills are different kinds of projects.

"In the end, I don't think that project is a failure," Merrill said, referring to the renovations of the Mills.

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Leyland are expected to make a presentation to the town council regarding town support for the project at a June meeting.

The meeting was originally expected for May, but Mansfield Downtown Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm said officials felt the need to do more work to be "as prepared as possible."

At the council meeting Monday, Public Works Director Lon Hultgren made a presentation about a roundabout that could replace the traffic signals at the intersection of Route 195 and South Eagleville Road.

The partnership is waiting on approval from the State Traffic Commission on Storrs Road improvements.

The application does not include the roundabout, but officials may move in that direction in discussions with the state.

Permit applications with the Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are also pending.

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Alternate high school focuses on choices ^{5/20}

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
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MANSFIELD. — Region 19 opened a new school on the depot campus last month with the hope it would give a select group of students a chance to not only graduate from high school, but even excel at it.

The new school, housed in a renovated and expanded reincarnation of the historical Reynolds School near the Coventry border, is home to 10 freshmen who make up the school's first "advisory."

E.O. Smith at the Depot Campus, as the school is officially called, uses the Big Picture model for a high school where classes are called advisory and students learn through internships and other real world experiences that reflect their interests.

In each of the next three years, 10 more students will enter the school until it reaches capacity at four advisories.

Depot students are chosen through an application process. Administrators selected the first class out of almost 30 applicants,

much to the relief of the students they chose.

"I was so relieved," said Jewly Jaber of Mansfield.

Jaber started the year at Windham Technical High School, but transferred to Smith. However, within a week she realized she wasn't doing any better.

"I was a wreck," she explained. "I was already falling behind. I didn't even want to do the work."

Jaber's classmate Amanda Bates, of Ashford, had similar sentiments.

"I wasn't doing good in E.O. Smith. It's a really sucky school. There's too many people," Bates said. "I hate just sitting still all day, just listening to people talk."

She said the Depot school has more hands on work, more field trips — more to do.

The Big Picture Co., founded in Providence, R.I., and funded by, among others, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is an association of high schools that share the same model of teaching, one that might be hard to recog-

Alternate high school offers choices

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nize as high school at first.

Students begin the day with breakfast and then a "pick me up" — a thought provoking or motivating activity that gets the blood flowing.

Each student will lead a pick me up for their classmates by the end of the year.

In advisory, students look ahead toward their day reviewing their goals and the tasks they plan to complete in order to meet them.

"You have more independence and trust. They pretty much tell you what to do and you go off and do it," Jaber said.

She said their current focus is a Who Am I project, based on research about themselves and their families.

"We're starting off small and expanding it so we can figure out

what we want to do," she added.

According to Superintendent Bruce Silva, the students have an exhibition each marking period. It serves as a public display of their work to their parents, fellow students and their mentors.

Brad Martin, advisor and program coordinator at the Depot, said the exhibition allows students to show what they can do, rather than what they covered.

Stephen Ferriss, a freshman from Willington, has known for about 5 years he wants a career in restaurant management. He thinks the Depot can help him achieve this goal.

"They'll take your interests and put them into a learning plan," he said, referring to the individualized approach of the school.

Ferriss said, as an example, he had the opportunity to create a

math worksheet of problems related to restaurant management for the rest of the class to solve.

He said the new environment has changed his approach toward school.

"I haven't missed a single second of school," Ferriss said, while he used to skip two classes a day.

Although Bates and Jaber are not as confident about their career paths — or perhaps because they are not as confident — they think the Depot school is the right place for them.

Jaber, interested in photography and signing, wants to intern at art and recording studios to try them out.

Bates has a similar desire to explore, although she thinks she may have a future as a hair dresser.

"I always mess around with dying my hair. In the past two years I have dyed it like 16 different colors," she explained.

Ferriss' peers agree with the radical effect the new school has had on them.

"Before this school came to mind I was getting ready to drop out of school when I turned 16," Jaber added. "I was like, this I can do."

Bates said she started high school at ACT in Willimantic before attending Smith. She also had thoughts about dropping out.

"I've never been more motivated to do something with my life," she added.

Bates said neither of her parents graduated from high school, one of her brothers dropped out and another only graduated because of help from his mom and sister.

"I pretty much want to come out of this school knowing that I did it. I did it by myself," she added.

The Big Picture model is designed to generate this kind of student motivation.

"It's not, 'Get this work done.' It's 'What do you want to do and how can we help you do it,'" Martin explained.

The students echoed his explanation. "They treat us like adults. It's like a job," Jaber said. "It's more like it affects you if you don't do it."

Where will these students be in three years?

"I want to go out of this school and apply for the UConn business school, save up money and open my first restaurant," Ferriss said.

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Editorial

Auto referendum would avoid issue

Although the Mansfield town budget was approved at a well-attended budget meeting last week, chances are great that a petition will be submitted — for the second time in two weeks — to force a town-wide referendum on the total \$46.6 million spending package.

All of this delay (on a final budget, in calculating tax bills and in keeping important fiscal matters up in the air a month longer than necessary) could have been avoided had the original petition submitted prior to the May 12 meeting been accepted. But a technicality in the town's revised charter on dates petition signatures could be submitted to call for a referendum caused rejection of the original petition and now it must be submitted again.

The technicality was a matter of interpretation by the town attorney. It is not this paper's intention to quarrel with his legal opinion but it was interpretative since the state law isn't that clear about the time frame in which petition signatures could be collected and Mansfield's town charter, which would appear to conflict with state law, limits this time period to 21 days following a town meeting vote on the budget.

But the point here isn't the technicality. The point here is the obvious belief by many Mansfield residents that the budget should automatically go to a referendum. This point was made over and over again during hearings on the revised town charter but seems to have fallen on deaf ears and now the town may have to go through the process of calling a special referendum on the spending plan.

Mayor Betsy Paterson's intimation that the referendum was bound to happen because it is the first year it is allowed under the charter would seem to imply that in the future, residents will forget about that option and votes at town meetings will push the budget through. (In the past they were voice votes — at least this year that imprecise informality was corrected with a ballot vote.)

If she believes this, Paterson seems to be out of touch with the fervor of those who are set on making action on the budget a town-wide vote. People who favor inclusiveness on perhaps the most important matter in municipal affairs aren't just in it to test the system. It was clear at the town meeting that some items in the budget, especially the \$418,000 items for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and its Storrs Center project, were controversial. A motion to defeat an amendment that would have eliminated these funds apparently failed, although there were no official counts of these votes. Surely getting precise vote counts instead of relying on subjective opinions of those running the town meeting couldn't be asking too much.

We applaud the efforts of the petitioners and hope they are scrupulous in their latest efforts so that the petition isn't hung up again by a technicality. If, as Paterson suggests, the voters will support the budget in a referendum, then the process of calculating tax assessments and processing bills can begin. But if voters reject the budget (and there are certainly contentious issues behind the figures), the town council will have to go back to the drawing board and the process would be delayed again. If Mansfield had automatic budget referendums, like 99 percent of the towns in the area, all of this could have been avoided.

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Chamber honors area's best businesses

The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business Awards reception Wednesday at Hunters Restaurant, Tavern & Catering Co., at the Willimantic Country Club.

Angela LaFour, the Chamber's awards committee chairman opened the evening's events. Chamber President Dianne Doyle, gave the opening remarks.

The presentation of awards was preceded by a reception catered by Hunter's, which operates its restaurant at the Willimantic Country Club.

The Municipal Awards were:
The Town of Columbia Business of the Year Award went to Motta's

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The Town of Coventry Business of the Year Award went to Ackert Electric

The Town of Hebron Business of the Year Award went to Ted's

The Town of Mansfield Business of the Year Award went to Ferrigno Realtors.

The Town of Windham Business of the Year award went to D&W Development/Design Center East.

The Northeast CT Economic Alliance Awards were:

The Legislator of the Year award went to State Rep. Michael Caron, R-Danielson.

The Town Partner of the Year

Award went to Ted Montgomery, the economic development director for the Town of Windham.

The Chamber of Commerce Awards were:

Volunteer of the Year Award went to [Name] Dwyer, of the Northeast CT Economic Alliance

Chairperson of the Year Award went to Brian Wells, manager of the Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center.

The President's Award went to Kenneth DeLisa, of Eastern Connecticut State University.

The New Business of the Year Award went to Eastern Perk.

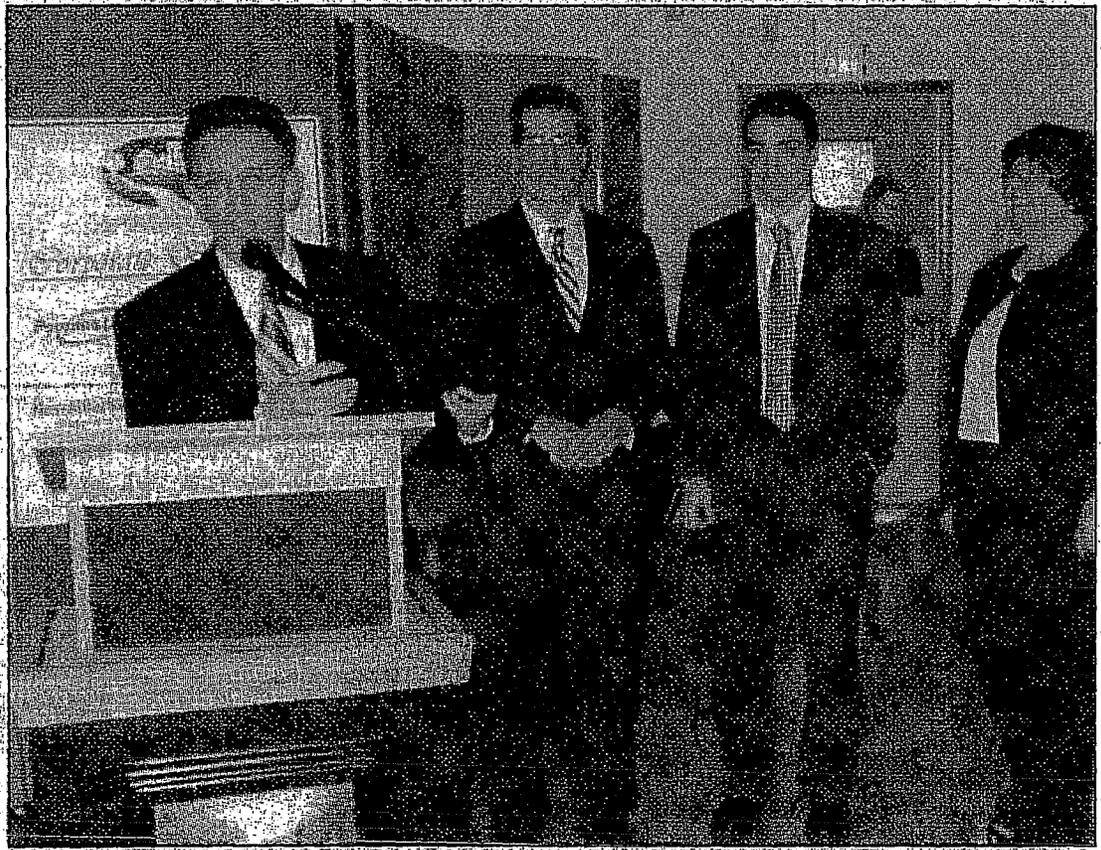
The Business of the Year Award went to Willimantic Brewing Co./Main Street Cafe.

The Corporate Citizen of the Year Award went to Windham Community Memorial Hospital.

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BELOW: Pat Ferrigno, left, accepts the Mansfield Municipal Award as best business of the year for Ferrigno Realtors as Mansfield Town Manager Matthew Hart, Ferrigno's son Steven Ferrigno and Jean Bennett, a sales agent, look on.



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Editor: 5/12

We are writing this letter in support of the council adopted budget for the Town of Mansfield. The recommended general fund budget is \$33,580,440 of which \$12,649,640 is for the town and \$20,930,800 is for the Mansfield Board of Education. This budget represents a 4.1 percent increase over this year's budget. In addition, Mansfield's share of the District 19 budget for the upcoming year will be \$10,117,705. Combined, Mansfield's budget will be \$43,698,145 or a 5.1 percent increase.

As adopted by council, the mill rate would increase 1.37 mills to 25.24 mills.

Three major cost drivers impact the proposed budget: health insurance costs, energy costs and Mansfield's proportionate share of the District 19 budget. Health insurance and energy costs continue to outpace the rate of inflation.

We have acted to offset these increases by making staff reductions and the implementing green initiatives that will reduce energy consumption and costs.

Perhaps the most complex cost driver is the increase in Mansfield's proportionate share of the District 19 budget. State law requires that the cost of running the school be divided between the member towns based upon student enrollment.

While this is certainly a fair method to apportion costs, it has the effect of causing significant increases or decreases in a town's share on a year-to-year basis. For this coming fiscal year, Mansfield's share of the budget increased from 56.72 percent to 58.26 percent. This change alone has the effect of shifting \$267,330 from the other member towns to Mansfield. Without this cost shift, Mansfield's tax rate would be increasing by 4.5 percent (very near the rate of inflation) rather than

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5.75 percent.

Recognizing that this is a difficult financial climate for our citizens, this budget does not have any service improvements. The town council closely reviewed all aspects of the proposed fiscal year 2008-09 budget, and, in partnership with the regional board of education and the Mansfield Board of Education, we collectively reduced proposed expenditures by more than \$494,000. In fact, discretionary line items were either held flat or reduced, representing a decrease in funding for many programs or services. However, we feel this budget will continue to provide quality services that our residents have come to expect and to enjoy.

Lastly, we encourage all residents and other taxpayers to attend the annual town meeting for budget consideration, which will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mansfield Middle School. (The League of Women Voters will host a dessert social beginning at 6 p.m. that evening.) For more details regarding the budget and the town meeting, please visit www.mansfieldct.org.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, mayor
Gregory Haddad, deputy mayor

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Editor: 5/13

It is time to think outside the box regarding energy production, especially what's needed only for peak use. We propose that CL&P install photovoltaic panels on schools and public buildings.

Photovoltaic systems on schools and public buildings would produce much of the electricity needed for these buildings. In the summer, when the energy usage is at peak, the schools are not in session and electricity produced would be fed into the grid.

It is a win-win situation. It probably would not cost any more to provide the photo voltaic cells for these buildings than it would to build the plants and that would be the end of the expenses, as no fuel would be transported or burned, and the grid is already at the sites.

Connecticut Clean Energy is giving rebates to those installing photovoltaic systems.

The reason given for this rebate is to encourage more installations so that peak electrical needs are met and new "peak energy plants" are not needed.

Consider the benefits of photovoltaic over biodiesel-burning jet engines to meet peak energy needs:

The sun, a free energy source, is present on site.

- No purchase of fuel is required.
- No trucking of fuel is necessary.
- No new infrastructure needs to be built.
- Photovoltaic cells produce no pollution.
- The sun provides tremendous energy during summer days.
- Peak electricity use is in the summer.

Let's hope CL&P starts thinking creatively. They could look at Sun Edison Utility Company's free installation at Mansfield's Community Center as an example of what is possible.

We presented this proposal at the April 29 DPUC public hearing on the proposed peak energy plants.

This would be in accord with the governor's educational program and the legislation (passed by the state House) to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 10 percent by the year 2020 and 80 percent by the year 2050.

It would also make great strides toward curbing global warming.

Janis B. Hoyle
Donald B. Hoyle
Mansfield Center

Editor:

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The Mansfield League of Women Voters urges all Mansfield voters to come early to the Mansfield town budget meeting tonight and enjoy refreshments provided by League members.

We hope that townspeople will enjoy socializing before the 7 p.m. town meeting at Mansfield Middle School tonight.

This year, the town charter changes approved at referendum last fall take effect and town meeting members will vote on the budget by paper ballot.

When you check in and get your ballot, join us for dessert and an opportunity to talk with your neighbors and fellow voters. We hope to see you there.

Cindy Weiss, president
Mansfield League of Women Voters
Storrs

Editor: 5/13

Congratulations to Karl Beckert for calling a spade a spade in his letter about the Storrs downtown partnership.

Our town council is spending money that we taxpayers simply cannot afford and they seem to be doing it without finding out who supports the idea.

They are behaving like teenagers on a spree in the mall. The cute little road signs that have suddenly blossomed all around town are another example of their irresponsible spending.

I hope everyone will come to the hearing next Tuesday and refuse to accept a budget with any money in it for downtown Storrs.

Jane Blanshard
Storrs

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Editor: 5/16

Frank Krasicki suggested "flattening the football program" at E.O. Smith High School as a option for dealing with the outdoor field problems.

Over the last two seasons the E.O. Smith football team won one game out of 20. Yet the players continued to go to practice, do what they were told, show up for the games and try to win. It says a lot about them and their love for the game and their teammates.

The football team has nothing to do with the fact that the track teams can't use the track and are bused out of town so they can practice safely. The track has basically been condemned. If the field hockey team qualified for a home playoff game they couldn't host it as their field isn't adequate per the CIAC. The tennis courts are seen as the worst in the CCC, a 24-school conference.

E.O. Smith is a Class L school with no main performance field with bleachers and a public address system. A small town like Stafford has all of this, as well as lights.

I know that our outdoor facilities are the worst in the Central Connecticut Conference and most likely the Eastern Connecticut Conference. If the turf field is constructed with bleachers and lights, it would allow for use by football, soccer and field hockey teams as well as school gym classes. This component of the project along with the new track and tennis courts, are going to bring things at E.O. Smith up to the level of every school we compete with.

To try and kill the football program just because they are down now is wrong.

It's the same line of negative thinking that

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said University of Connecticut hoops should have stayed in the Yankee conference when things were tough in the early '80s, and that UConn football should never have tried to join all the other state schools competing in Division I football.

Brian Ross
Mansfield

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Editor:

In early April, you reported on Mount Hope Montessori School's challenge to maintain enrollment as the number of free, public pre-schools increases in our area.

The advent of "universal pre-school" will undoubtedly create competition for all private early childhood programs, just as full-day kindergarten has.

Free public pre-schools will provide options that didn't exist for those who can't afford tuition and will provide more choices for those who would have sent their children to preschool anyway.

We do feel it is necessary to focus attention on data concerning the status of Montessori education worldwide in light of your quote: its practitioners and advocates worry it

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could become a lost art...."

Statistics show that Montessori's is the single-most adopted educational philosophy in the world, with more than 22,000 Montessori schools in 110 countries.

For the record

Because of a scanning error, Ernie Sharpe's name in a letter by Kate Starkey was misspelled. Also, Starkey is a former, not current, member of the school board in Columbia.

Specifically in the U.S., the Montessori movement continues to show tremendous growth. There are between 5,000 and 7,000 Montessori schools in the U.S. with the numbers increasing annually.

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It is our hope and expectation that Mount Hope and other quality early childhood programs, based on Montessori or other educational philosophies, will survive the competition created by free, public preschool. It is so important for each family to be able to make a choice regarding their child's educational environment.

Karen Drazen
Head of School
Chris Toomey, Board Chairman
Oak Grove Elementary and Preschool
Mansfield

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state law can grant that. The only was the right to be called "married." City of the California court ruled, was stating that the real, remarkable and was won by gay couples through the were entirely inadequate. They then necessary bout of judicial microman- ning marriage through a novel read- stitution.

, those who oppose same-sex mar- are working to put a measure on the to override the decision. Depending d, such a measure, if passed, could to the status quo that existed before further and pare back the protections stic partnership law. This latter out- ent a truly sad turn of events.

— Washington Post

It's not hard to find people in town who hoot with laughter when the project is mentioned. That should not be a shock to its supporters, who need to start talking more with all residents, not just their membership and town boards and staff about the development's status and prospects.

Yes, there have been many public meetings of the town council and the planning and

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the years. At various times, parallel parking, angled parking, a rotary intersection, three-story buildings reminiscent of downtown New

Editor: 5/22

I would like to comment on a statement in the May 14 issue of *the Chronicle* about the Mansfield town meeting May 13, specifically, "Town Manager Matthew Hart, speaking as a resident, made a powerful argument in favor of the project ...", the project referred to being the Mansfield Downtown.

What was meant by "powerful argument"? Was it that the deliverance of the argument was powerful or that the substance of the argument was powerful? I agree that the argument was powerful in its deliverance. Hart is a good speaker with a voice that projects well. I disagree if it was meant that the substance of the argument was powerful.

I say show me the substance.

Did Hart say what businesses and restaurants were lined up to come to this downtown? No. Did he say where the \$33 million or so that will be needed is going to come from? No. Did he explain why the developer who is to own Building 1 wants the town to finance it? No. Did he tell all of us that, yes, the University of Connecticut has sufficient water? No, he told us that UConn is doing a study and that the downtown is first in line for water. Should we conclude by a powerful deliverance that there will be plenty of water?

Did Hart tell us good financial data to show that the claim he makes that the town will receive \$2.5 million net in taxes is correct? No. I hope that he can do this. I urge all interested residents to phone him and ask for the financial analysis. If you get one, send it to me, please. Did he tell us why UConn says it will put up no more money for the project? No. Did he explain to you why the town is going to own the parking garages? No. Did he convince you with good data, that this town has people with the expertise to operate a parking garage. No.

As we pay the bill, I can't help but think of the Community Center and the great financial projection for that. At least that one only cost us about \$6 million or so. Now, taxpayers, as we talk of all of these millions, remember that for each \$922,000 that the town spends, you

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are going to pay one mill on your tax bill.

What Hart did tell us is that they have worked on this project for eight years? How much substance do you find in this "powerful" comment? I don't find any.

Betty Wassmundt Storrs

Editor:

Lebanon is out of control. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public meeting Monday night. At the meeting the subject of not notifying abutters and townspeople of rezoning by certified mail was on the agenda. During this meeting all of the townspeople in attendance were opposed to this idea. The PZC states it is not needed and we should not spend \$20,000 to \$25,000 on these mailings. The townspeople argue that, yes, indeed we should be notified of what is going on. Even though most every townspeople at that meeting was against the change, the PZC decided not to listen to the people of Lebanon.

They voted against the townspeople and decided we do not need to be notified by certified mail.

Do we in Lebanon really want a group of people like that who are on our PZC running our town by not listening to the people who voted them in?

Please let your voices be heard, let the people of Lebanon really know what is going on in our town and the unethical way our town is being run.

Lyn-Ann Felber Lebanon

Editor:

I was just delighted to read the letter from Don and Jan Hoyle in *the Chronicle* about a solution to all of the problems associated with the proposed peak power plant.

Their suggestion was that solar panels be installed on schools and public buildings as a source of power for CL&P.

Then there would be no need for trucks to

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Mansfield budget OK'd

^{\$14} Referendum on budget possible

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The best-attended town meeting in recent memory approved the town budget by a safe margin Tuesday, but residents will likely vote again at a referendum if a petition allowed under the revised charter is suc-

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YES	NO
282	187

cessful.

Residents voted 282 to 187 to approve the \$43.7 million town and school budget, as well as a \$2.59 million capital fund budget and \$663,085 for the nonrecurring reserve fund.

The town council, in a special meeting after the town meeting, decided not to adopt a mill rate because of the likely referendum and uncertainty about revenue.

Budget projections had the mill rate increase at 1.37 mills to 25.24. An owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay an additional \$274 in taxes if the council adopts the 1.37-mill increase.

Under the revised charter, resi-

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dents have 21 days to collect the signatures of 2 percent of the electors to force a referendum on the budget.

Signature collection efforts are already under way. One petitioner turned in a signature page to the town clerk, prompting the town to ask for legal advice about the validity of signatures collected before a budget is voted on.

In his written opinion, Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien said collecting signatures before a budget passes is not "legally permissible."

The legal ruling is unlikely to deter critics of the budget.

Mayor Elizabeth "Betsy" Paterson said she expected the referendum to happen.

"It's the first year. It's bound to, but I think the voters will support the budget," she said.

The council also discussed revenue concerns in its brief meeting after the town meeting. The members asked the finance staff to review town estimates for interest income and building permit revenue in the coming year.

The town recently reported gaps of about \$100,000 in both areas for the current year.

Also undecided is whether the state legislature will continue to provide towns with conveyance tax revenues.

State leaders have asked for a special session to tackle the issue, but town officials were reluctant to count on the money before a vote was taken.

During the meeting, residents introduced two amendments to reduce the budget.

Persistent board of education budget critic Charles Eaton introduced an amendment to reduce the education budget by \$156,380, which he said would represent a level-funded budget paying only mandatory increases in salary and benefits costs with no new programs.

In particular, Eaton's amendment targeted an \$80,000 initiative to purchase a new early-

grade math curriculum.

He urged residents to "do what families do in tough times: cut back on extras."

Jim Magnuson, a resident, said his children would be the last place his family would cut back.

A substantial minority voted for the amendment, but moderator Carol Pellegrine called the voice vote in favor of residents against the motion.

Resident David Morse introduced the second amendment to eliminate all expenditures related to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

Council member Bruce Clouette helped Morse identify the relevant budget items.

The council had decided at the budget adoption meeting that town officials would assist residents to make motions to accomplish their stated intent.

The motion would have reduced the town budget in three places:

- The capital fund general government program by \$50,000.

The town intended to use this money to hire legal and financial advisers to review agreements with Storrs Center Project master developer Leyland Alliance, of Tuxedo, N.Y.

- The capital fund public works program by \$1,466,000.

The money, made up of a \$1,173,000 federal grant and a \$293,000 town contribution, would pay for improvements to Route 195 known as the Storrs Center Streetscape. The planned changes include sidewalks and improved pedestrian crossings.

- The general fund Downtown Partnership program by \$125,000.

This is the town's annual contribution to cover the partnership's operating costs. The University of Connecticut matches the town's money.

Morse said he made the motion because he questioned the environmental impact of the

project and the university's commitment to it.

He also criticized the town for not putting the project up for debate at any previous town meeting.

Resident David Freudmann said he wanted to "call into question the town's deep and deepening involvement" in the Storrs Center Project.

"This is a debate we have needed to have for a long time," he said. "It's in effect the town acting as a marketing agent for a private developer, Leyland Alliance."

Several residents questioned whether the budget meeting was the appropriate forum to debate the Storrs Center Project.

Town Manager Matthew Hart, speaking as a resident, made a powerful argument in favor of the project as a democratic process with model environmental standards and the potential to transform Mansfield into a destination college town while generating millions for the town in net taxes.

Hart's words appeared to take momentum away from the amendment.

Council member Gene Nesbitt motioned to divide the question, which failed in a voice and then vote of raised hands.

In the closest vote of the night, Pellegrine called the voice and hand votes against the amendment. Several residents remarked at the large number of attendees.

According to the registrars of voters, 531 residents eligible to vote at the meeting checked in. Only 469, plus two abstentions, remained to vote on the main question after 9 p.m.

Town Clerk Mary Stanton said it was the largest turnout "in a long time."

She said the 2005 town meeting that considered full-day kindergarten had a significant turnout, but not quite as large.

Stanton said there were well-attended meetings in the late 1980s, but she didn't have exact attendance figures.

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Mansfield puts EDC group on hold for now

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The town council has postponed establishing committees to champion economic development until completion of the town's strategic plan.

Freshman council member Gene Nesbitt proposed to replace the now-defunct economic development commission with an economic development advisory committee and a standing economic and community development committee of the town council.

The council approved a new communications advisory committee, also proposed by Nesbitt, earlier this year.

Nesbitt campaigned on the establishment of the committees to improve communication with residents and tackle concerns about water and sewer central to economic development.

Nesbitt said town staff has collected a lot of data related to economic development, but it is time for the council to develop policy based on that information.

He said he was satisfied by recent council

discussions and accepted the decision by the council to wait until the completion of the strategic plan.

Maria Capriola, assistant to the town manager, said the strategic planning steering committee is expected to make its recommendations to the town council in mid-July.

She said the council could then review the recommendations until it feels comfortable to adopt a strategic plan.

Nesbitt said the town needs to plan for the possibility the University of Connecticut will, one day, get out of the water business.

He said the town needs to explore possible arrangements that could be made if the university makes such a decision.

"The sewer and water is really the critical part. If you don't have that, you don't really have anything else," Nesbitt explained.

Nesbitt said he assumed the strategic plan would rank community and economic development as a high priority and, if it did, the council would "create the structure for addressing that priority."

Recent debate prompted some members to discuss possibly reorganizing the town committee structure, not just the ones related to economic development, after the strategic plan's release.

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson worried the committees proposed by Nesbitt "could put us in a role of conflict" with the \$220 million Storrs Center project.

Nesbitt pointed out that, although the town established the Mansfield Downtown Partnership to coordinate development in three areas (Storrs Center, Four Corners and King Hill), it has focused on Storrs Center and the town cannot wait to address the other two.

"The issues are coming up now, not five years from now," Nesbitt explained.

He said the recent purchase of 25 acres in the King Hill area by Corridor Ventures, a student housing development company, could accelerate development in area. He said the Four Corners sewer study has laid the groundwork for development there, but now the council needs to make related policy decisions.

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Mansfield voters need to act locally: get out and vote

5/12 By CHARLES EATON

Act locally is a phrase attributed to David Hower, founder of Friends of the Earth. While it usually is associated with environmental concerns, what better way to act locally than to vote? This year Mansfield and other area towns have many challenges facing them. The state's surplus, which only a month ago was projected at \$125 million, has vaporized. Now a growing deficit of more than \$68 million is looming over the state. We all know the national scene is no better.

Fiscal leadership in government is something sorely needed in these tough times. And planning is also critical to preventing such times in the future. Your vote at town budget meetings and referendums is the way you can voice your opinion and direct your town's government and elected officials.

In the town of Mansfield there are two examples of financial leadership, one that demonstrated fiscal restraint based on information known early in the year and one that appeared to be unconcerned with the effect the economy will have on taxpayers.

We can all learn something about government from both examples. The first example: As Mansfield's Town Manager Matthew Hart began his budget planning this winter he realized that Mansfield's share of the District 19 budget was going to be disproportionate to the other participating towns because of enrollment. Recognizing this and concerned about the impact to taxpayers, he presented a current services-only general government budget to the town council, representing a 2.2 percent increase over the prior year.

The council approved this budget with small modifications. This example demonstrates leadership that is willing to defer new initiatives until better economic times; it was sound

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fiscal management, and it recognized the effect of the economy on taxpayers.

The second example: The Superintendent of Schools Gordon Schimmel presented a budget with a 7.9 percent increase to the board of education, subsequently revising it to a 7.2 percent increase.

After direction from the council and town manager, the board of education further trimmed its budget to reflect a 5.5 percent increase. This budget is not a current services only budget as it includes new initiatives. It reflects an increase totaling \$156,380 over a flat-line or current-services budget.

Reducing the proposed 2008-09 budget by the \$156,380 would not have resulted in layoffs of teachers, salary decreases or changes in fringe benefits but it would have resulted in only a 4.7 percent increase over the prior year — not 5.5 percent. The example of the board of education does not exemplify fiscal prudence in tough times. In spite of the increase the town council approved this budget. And this budget will be presented to voters Tuesday along with the general government budget.

So, act locally. I have been disappointed over the years in the number of voters who do not exercise their vote or voice. I have attended board of education and council meetings and written emails pleading with our elected officials to show restraint in these times of economic hardship. In Mansfield this year's tax bills are projected to increase 5.75 percent and that assumes the state does not cut back its funding of municipalities — if this happens tax bills will increase more. At these meetings I have stated that if increases of 5.75 percent continue it will only take about 12 years for tax bills to double. So the average residential

taxpayer who currently pays \$3,760 will pay \$7,520 in 12 years. If the board of education had submitted a current services only budget the increase to taxpayers would be 5.28 percent in July.

But while I pleaded my case, I wondered if anyone else really cared about the impact of a 5.75 percent increase in taxes this July, on top of huge increases families are already experiencing for gas, utilities, food and other services. I wondered this because I did not see or hear many other people voice a concern. And I wonder this every year because of the dismal turnout at Town meetings. Where is act locally when it comes to fiscal management?

Mansfield voters can influence their future at the town meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Mansfield Middle School. Upon arrival, you will be checked off the voter list and given your paper ballot. You can sit in the auditorium and listen to discussion of the budget. Some people talk, some people listen, some do both, but the discussion helps us decide how to vote. After discussion, you cast your paper ballot to let your elected officials know if you want to accept the budget as it stands or if you want changes.

Each town must also decide its budget soon. Why not make this a shining moment and set an example locally that our state and federal governments can see and learn from. Why not do locally what all families do in tough times, cut back on the extras, the new initiatives.

Why not show restraint and wait for better times, save, plan and develop strategies to prevent future economic hardships? No matter what town you live in, you can act locally and impact your town and this great state and nation. I urge you to do so.

Eaton is a resident of Mansfield and on the board of the E.O. Smith Foundation.

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Meeting could decide Mansfield budget

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI 5/12
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — Residents will meet Tuesday for the annual town budget meeting to decide on a \$43.7 million combined town/school budget.

If approved, taxes are expected to rise 1.37 mills to 25.24. An owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay an additional \$274 in taxes after the proposed increase.

The town meeting will also need to approve budgets for the capital fund and the nonrecurring reserve fund, neither of which have a direct impact on the mill rate.

The council proposed a \$2.59 million capital budget and \$663,085 for the reserve fund.

Amid planning for next year, the council will discuss staff estimates tonight that anticipate creating a \$225,000 revenue shortfall, largely due to less than expected income from building permits and interest.

Under the recently revised charter, residents can make adjustments to programs within the town budget, giving them more than bottom line control of the budget, but not all the way to the line item level.

At previous town meetings, there was some

confusion about what constituted an "item," so the charter revision commission replaced "item" with "program."

Police services, municipal management and road services are examples of programs.

The board of education budget is also considered a program.

The capital and reserve funds have programs that can be altered by residents as well.

At the meeting when the town council approved the budget, council members assured residents who attended town staff would make it easy for residents to make motions to amend programs.

The residents were concerned some changes would require adjustments to more than one program to accomplish the goal.

Council members said staff would be on hand to explain what change or group of changes would be needed to make the desired amendment to the budget.

The revised charter also allows for residents to appeal the budget approved by the town meeting, sending it to referendum, by collecting the signatures of 2 percent of the electors within 21 days.

The town clerk then has five days to certify

the petition and the referendum will follow at least 10 days after certification.

If the town meeting fails to adopt a budget, the council must submit a revised budget to a second town meeting within 10 days of the first. The most recently proposed council budget automatically goes into effect if the second town meeting fails to pass a budget, according to the town clerk. Residents can change the budget. Residents can appeal a budget approved by the second town meeting by following the same process.

A group of residents concerned about the town budget have created the web site called www.savemansfieldct.org.

It has conducted organizational meetings to educate other residents about the budget and the town meeting process.

A referendum would have one binding question and two advisory ones: Are you in favor of the budget as adopted? Is the town budget too high or too low? Is the school budget too high or too low?

The council must then reconsider the budget and pass a revised one no later than midnight June 30. A replacement budget approved by the council would be final.

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Referendum petition signatures invalid ^{5/13}

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — A budget petitioner created a mini-legal controversy by submitting a page of signatures to repeal the budget — a week before the town even voted on one.

That issue has now been resolved by a legal opinion that invalidates the signatures.

According to Town Clerk Mary Stanton, a petitioner submitted a single page of signatures to repeal the budget May 5, adding more urgency to the question of whether signatures collected before a budget passes are valid.

Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien issued a legal opinion Monday stating "no submission of petitions and no gathering of signatures is legally permissible prior to the approval of the budget."

Residents will vote tonight 7 at the Mansfield Middle School on

the \$43.7 million combined town/school budget.

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According to O'Brien's opinion, state law requires signatures to be collected within six months of submission.

But, O'Brien said — in his opinion — the state law is the maximum length of time the signatures are valid.

He said Mansfield's charter creates
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ates a smaller, 21-day window and that must be after the budget is approved at a town meeting. As a result, signatures submitted before a town meeting are not valid, he said.

O'Brien cites the minutes of the Mansfield Charter Revision Commission to support his opinion.

Mansfield resident and budget petition

author Mike Sikoski — whose petition to send the rental inspection ordinance to referendum was invalidated by the town attorney — said he would "battle" for the signatures he collected.

"I am tired of Mansfield residents signing a petition and it being disintegrated," Sikoski said.

He said the petition to referendum may not be necessary, depending on the results of

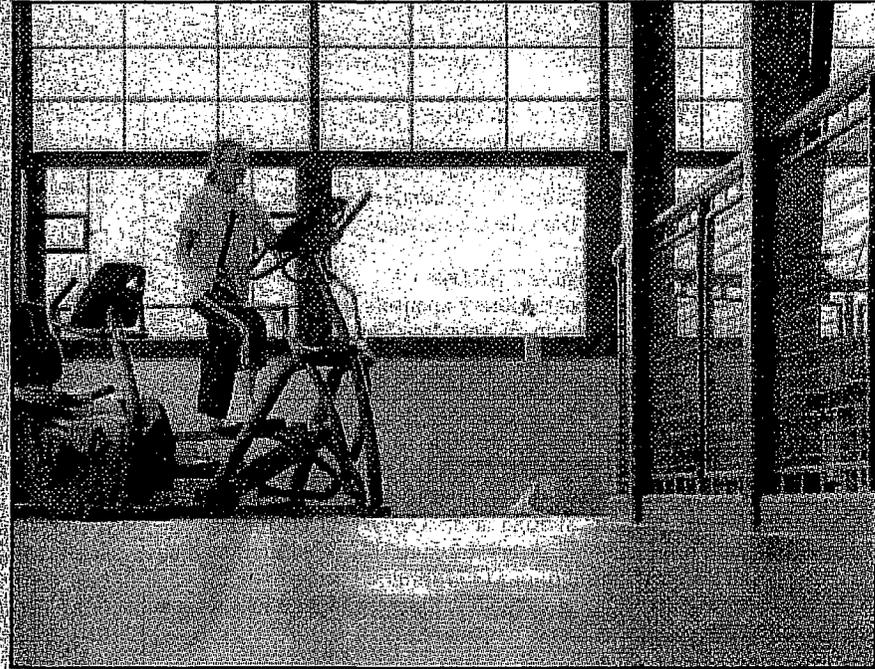
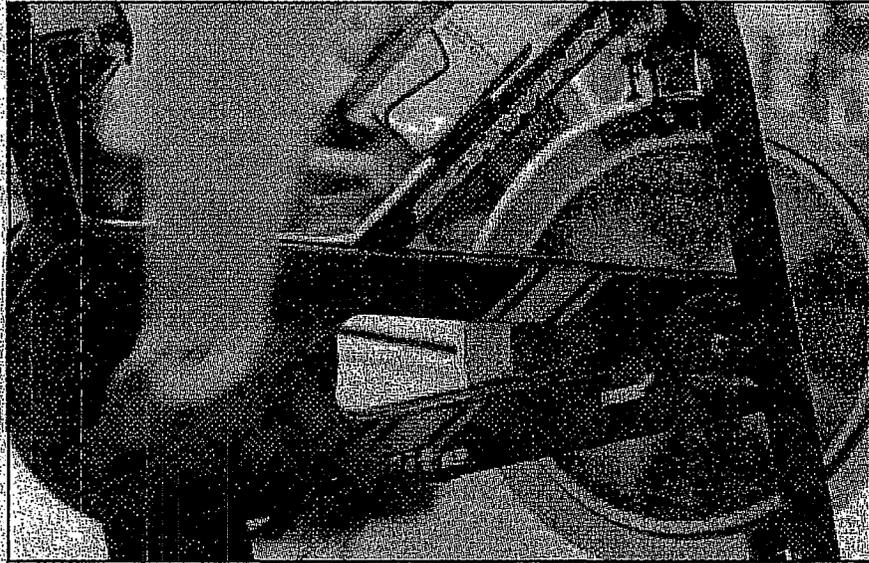
tonight's meeting.

However, he said he plans to challenge O'Brien's opinion in court.

Stanton said it would be impossible to know when signatures were collected because residents do not date their signatures.

"I think it's more setting parameters for the future," she added.

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Roxanne Pandolfi photos

ABOVE: A person works out during a spinning class at the Mansfield Community Center on Friday. RIGHT: Lori Smith of Mansfield uses an elliptical machine during her workout.

Report: Center needs to get in shape

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI

Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — There is more the town can do to eliminate persistent deficits at the community center, according to a consultant report released in April, and the town council is expected to tackle these recommendations later this month.

According to the report by Steve Capezone of Enterprise Consulting, the recommended changes could improve the center's bottom line by \$200,000 with \$50,000 in cost savings on payroll, another \$50,000 in energy savings and \$100,000 in added revenue.

"With the number of visits growing every year, the community is voting with its feet and reaffirming that the decision to build the community center

was the right thing to do," Capezone said in his report. "It is also clear the town cannot fund the significant deficits created by the operation and needs to find ways to reduce deficit funding commitments."

Capezone said the center was headed for a \$122,000 shortfall during the current fiscal year before the town's cash infusion. He added the deficit could be as high as \$650,000 if capital reinvestment funds and rent typical of a for-profit facility were included.

Town officials intended the community center to sustain itself on membership revenues, but that has not been achieved.

During the current fiscal year, the town council approved \$201,538 for the community center to cover its projected

deficit.

The town budget adopted by the town meeting Tuesday includes a \$75,000 subsidy for the recreation fund next year.

Capezone said in his report center memberships have declined from 2,900 (more than 6,000 individual members) in its first full year of operation to 2,003 memberships (4,470 individuals) today.

According to Capezone, one factor that makes the center vulnerable to the entry of new competitors is "not having enough space and equipment" to serve the "fitness-driven" member.

He said Riverside Athletic Club in Willimantic and Curves in Storrs both opened since the community center began operating and Cardio Express is expected to open this spring.

In his report, Capezone attributes continuously increasing usage while membership declines to large growth from non-paying teens.

Capezone made 13 recommendations to improve community center finances:

- Increase non-resident fees gradually.
- Charge teen center fees.
- Add an enrollment fee for new members.
- Eliminate off-peak memberships.
- Create a new membership agreement that continues month to month after the first year.
- Limit three-month memberships to students only.
- Develop new monthly reports on center finances.

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- Use new reports to improve management.
- Research why former members left and respond appropriately.
- "Aggressively" build corporate membership.
- Develop space for "tweeners."
- Increase personal training and birthday party sales.
- Improve payroll metrics.

Town budget projections anticipate the community center will finish the current fiscal year with net income of \$39,313 — after the \$201,538 town subsidy, plus \$245,920 to cover administrative costs, \$25,000 for the teen center and \$25,000 for aquatics at Bicentennial Pond.

The town contribution totals \$497,458 for the current year.

Next year's projections anticipate a \$14,060 deficit after the addition of \$409,660 in town

funds. However, after the projections were completed, the town council voted to reduce the subsidy by \$25,000.

Town finance officials devised a new method for reporting community center finances last year to clearly differentiate between the costs of providing member services and community services.

Estimates for this fiscal year show member services completing the year with \$162,824 in net income, while community ser-

vices will finish with a projected \$123,511 net loss.

Next year, member income is projected to rise to \$185,383, while the community services deficit grows faster to \$199,443.

Town staff are currently reviewing the consultant report to determine how best to proceed.

The council next meets 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

Track estimates peak at \$8 million

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

STORRS — District 19 officials face hard decisions as they decide how to replace a cracked track, failing tennis courts and fields dying from overuse without overburdening taxpayers — the same taxpayers who unenthusiastically passed next year's district budget Tuesday by 31 votes.

Intermittent phone calls reporting the vote counts emphasized the gravity of this balancing act to the regional board of education during its Tuesday meeting.

Board members discussed the wide-ranging information provided by landscape architecture firm Milone & MacBroom, of Cheshire, which Superintendent Bruce Silva summarized in three options.

At \$7.9 million the high-end proposal includes a new track, new synthetic fields behind the school and inside the track, redone tennis courts, bleachers and lighting, plus improvements to the Farrell Fields.

The second option takes out \$2.4 million for the Farrell Field complex located behind the post office, dropping the price to \$5.5 million.

The third option, at \$3.4 million, would replace the track, the field inside it and the sidewalks and road to the track.

Silva said there is also the "Volkswagen option" of removing the lights and bleachers for some additional savings. He also said the board could add or remove the improved tennis courts from any option, at a cost of \$400,000.

The board also discussed the relative advantages of synthetic versus natural fields, including relative water needs and lower upfront costs and higher maintenance expense for natural fields.

Archambault said the board would have to be cautious going forward although the members were in favor of doing so. He said residents would have to "feel as though they had an opportunity to speak, that they have been heard

and we're not doing this willy-nilly."

Archambault also stressed the importance of members going to the public meetings in each town.

Willington residents will meet 7 p.m. May 21 at the library and Ashford residents 7 p.m. May 28 at town hall.

Silva said he will also schedule a meeting in Mansfield, probably in June.

According to finance director Jeff Smith, the interest costs will fall disproportionately on Ashford and Willington because their enrollments will grow while Mansfield's falls.

According to region estimates based on a constant budget except for interest on the athletic bonds, the smaller towns' share of the region budget will increase by more than 20 percent, while Mansfield's will decline by about 5 percent.

Board member Frank Krasicki said wanted the board to look at making some hard decisions.

"Why don't we flatten the football program completely?" he asked.

Krasicki said the board also needed to identify where to get water for the facilities.

Three members of the Smith track team emphasized their need to the board.

Sophomore Rachel Stewart said it was "disheartening" that it was not likely she would compete on a home track during her high school career. Stewart said it hit her especially hard because she hopes to run track in college.

Emily Trotochaud, another sophomore, said she wanted the board to understand "what it's like being on a track team where you can't run on the track."

Trotochaud, a thrower, sprinter and long-jumper, said most of the javelins are broken and the field is in such bad shape that when they land "it's either clouds of dust or puddles of mud."

Clare Flynn said the surface of the track causes "a lot of injuries." -147-

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We offer these threads, needles

Knots to voters who approved the budgets in Regional School District 8, 11 and 19 May 6. In District 8 (RHAM Middle and High schools in Hebron), voters said yes to a \$23.56 million spending plan for 2008-09. In District 11 (Parish Hill Middle/High School in Chaplin), voters approved a \$6.13 million budget. Finally, folks in District 19 (E.O. Smith High School in Storrs) gave the nod for an \$18.31 million budget. While at face value, approved spending plans are good for a district as it allows for timely planning, the relatively small approval margins show there is hardly a mandate to spend in these regional districts. District 19, for example, only approved its budget by 31 votes. Though Ashford and Willington, towns that traditionally vote "no," voted yes this year, Mansfield's 21-vote margin was tiny compared to past years when it carried the referendum completely. And in District 11, Scotland wanted no part of Parish Hill spending, shooting down the budget with 54 "no" votes and 32 "yes" votes. Officials in these districts did a good job getting their spending plans approved, but they still need to keep an eye on their expenditures. Times are still lean.

Threads to Mansfield town and school officials for realizing a multi-school renovation package was too costly to pursue during these tough economic times. According to officials, the cost would have approached the \$100 million mark. In addition, early state reimbursement levels originally thought to be in the 73 percent range ended up being 50 percent because of the district's high square-footage-to-pupil ratios. If Mansfield wants to improve facility roofs, ventilation and security, it will have to do so in a more cost-effective manner. For now, the town leaders deserve kudos for realizing this project was simply too expensive and leaving it off the November ballot.

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History museum to look at night sky

STORRS — The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, in cooperation with the University of Connecticut's physics department, will conduct a night sky workshop on Friday at 8 p.m.

The workshop, "Look Up: Between the Winter and Summer Milky Way," will be presented by Dr. Cynthia Peterson from UConn's physics department.

Join Peterson, a physicist and astronomer, for a look at the early spring sky, a time between the winter and summer positions of the Milky Way.

Participants will learn to use a simple star chart to spot some of the brighter stars and constellations.

Weather permitting, the session will conclude with a trip to the UConn observatory on the roof of the physics building for a look at Saturn, Mars and Mercury as well as nearby star clusters.

Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars.

The program fee is \$15, \$10 for museum members, and it is open to adults and children ages 8 and up.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required. For more information visit <http://www.cac.uconn.edu/mnhcurrentcalendar.htm> or call 486-4460.

The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center are part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UConn.

Willi, Mansfield groups get awards

The Connecticut Main Street Center has announced its 2008 Awards of Excellence.

Recipients included Main Street organizations in Mansfield and Willimantic. "CMSC has developed this awards program to stimulate, encourage and support our Connecticut Main Street member network," said CMSC President and Chief Executive Officer John Simone.

This program was created to recognize outstanding projects, individuals and partnerships in community efforts to bring traditional downtowns and commercial districts back to life socially and economically.

The CMSC awards annually celebrate and communicate the most successful and innovative efforts in Main Street revitalization in Connecticut.

2008 award winners included:

- Community consensus building, which recognizes public outreach, partnership development and efforts to engage the community in issues and initiatives intended to improve how the district looks and operates.

The 2008 award recipient was the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, which is overseeing the proposed \$220 million Storrs Center Downtown Project.

- Ongoing event, which recognizes an event that occurs at least four times annually, has built traffic and benefited the district.

The 2008 award recipient was Willimantic Renaissance Inc., which supervises the Third Thursday Street Fests that happen the third Thursday from May to October.

For more information, visit <http://www.ctmainstreet.org>.

Spring Peepers in Mansfield Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The workshop — Spring Peeper Seekers — will be led by biologist and teacher Dr. Jen O'Brien.

Spring has arrived when the Spring Peepers begin calling in the night. Participants will be able to learn how to spot these nighttime callers.

Visitors are asked to put on their boots, bring their flashlights and be ready to see some amphibian action at a pond's edge.

The program, open to adults and children ages 6 and up, costs \$15, \$10 for museum members. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advanced registration is required.

For more information visit <http://www.cac.uconn.edu/mnhcurrentcalendar.html> or call 486-4460.

Hemlocks camp to conduct open house

HEBRON — With an open house slated for Saturday, Camp Hemlocks in Hebron is now accepting applications for its summer camp program.

It will give tours of its facility for prospective campers next week. A facility of Easter Seals, Camp Hemlocks offers outdoor recreation activities for people of all ages and abilities, in a barrier-free environment. Children and adults with or without development and physical disabilities are welcome.

Camp Hemlocks will hold an open house for people interested in finding out more about the camp's programs, staff and facilities.

The open house is Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The camp is located at 85 Jones St.

More information on either the open house or applying for a camping session can be obtained by calling the camp at 228-9496, ext. 200, or by visiting the Easter Seals web site at www.easterseals-camphemlock.net.

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CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET CENTER ANNOUNCES 2008 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

(Hartford, CT) – Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) has announced its 2008 Awards of Excellence. Recipients include Main Street organizations in Norwich, Simsbury, Waterbury and the Upper Albany Main Street district in Hartford, as well as organizations in Mansfield and Willimantic.

“CMSC has developed this awards program to stimulate, encourage and support our Connecticut Main Street member network”, said CMSC President & CEO John Simone. This program, which includes awards in the areas of public-private partnerships, community consensus-building, adaptive reuse of a building, image enhancement, downtown events, business owner and Main Street executive, was created to recognize outstanding projects, individuals and partnerships in community efforts to bring traditional downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts back to life, socially and economically. The CT Main Street Awards annually celebrate and communicate the most successful and innovative efforts in main street revitalization in Connecticut.

“Common themes that emerged in this year’s award-winning projects included the ability of each recipient to engage the community and encourage public dialogue about the needs of the neighborhood, as well as understanding of target markets for their districts and encouraging entrepreneurs. This year’s winners are catalysts for further investment in Connecticut’s main street districts.” said Simone.

Jurors for the CMSC Awards Program include George Buchanan, AIA, principle of Buchanan Architects LLC; Scott Healy, Executive Director of the Town Green Special Services District in New Haven; and Robert Gregson, Creative Director of the Tourism Division of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. Submissions were judged on criteria which included innovation, replication, representation and partnerships utilized, and outcome. Awards will be presented at the Connecticut Main Street Center 2008 Annual Awards Presentation on June 9th at The Wauregan Ballroom in downtown Norwich.

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2008 AWARD WINNERS

Main Street Partnership - recognizes a Main Street organization that has established a strong partnership with public and/or private-sector entity (or entities) on cooperative efforts to positively impact the quality of life, the economic value, and image and use of its main street district. 2008 Award Recipient:

Upper Albany Main Street – *Community Policing at Work*

For more information, visit: <http://www.upperalbanv.com/news/news.html>

Community Consensus-Building - recognizes public outreach, partnership development and efforts to engage the community in issues and initiatives that are intended to improve how the district looks and operates. These projects or initiatives need not be completed, as the emphasis is on facilitating dialogue, how it is being encouraged, and reaching consensus in establishing a vision for the district. 2008 Award Recipient:

Mansfield Downtown Partnership – *Storrs Center Downtown Project*

For more information, visit: <http://www.storrscenter.com/>

Adaptive Re-use of a Building - recognizes a project that utilizes new and/or alternative use of a building(s) in a mixed-use environment. Particular interest will be paid to those entries with a residential component on upper floors. This award honors building improvements that look beyond the outside of a building to include appropriate changes to the interior and upper floors, resulting in a dramatic effect on the quality and value of downtown space.

2008 Award Recipient:

Becker + Becker – *The Wauregan, Downtown Norwich*

Submitted by Rose City Renaissance, Norwich's Main Street Program

For more information, visit: <http://www.thewauregan.com/>

Business Owner of the Year - recognizes outstanding commitment, on the part of a downtown business owner, setting high standards for their own business as well as their overall impact on the district and involvement with local "main street" revitalization initiatives. 2008 Award Recipient:

Herman Todd, President of Living Word Imprints

Submitted by Upper Albany Main Street

Image Enhancement - recognizes a program(s) that improve the image and vitality of the "main street" district.

Competitive projects include events, plans or strategies that use print, electronic media or multi-media efforts to promote downtown. 2008 Award Recipient:

Main Street Waterbury – *Brass City Brew Fest 2007*

For more information, visit: <http://www.brasscitybrewfest.com/>

Special Event - recognizes a special event with an original theme that promotes a positive image of the district with consideration given to those events that celebrate local history and culture. The event should be goal-oriented, target an appropriate audience, and demonstrate creativity. 2008 Award Recipient:

Simsbury Main Street Partnership – *Preserve America Gala*

For more information, visit: <http://www.simsburymainstreet.org/>

Ongoing Event - recognizes an event that occurs at least four times annually, has built traffic, and benefited the district.

The event should be goal-oriented, target an appropriate audience, and demonstrate creativity.

2008 Award Recipient:

Willimantic Renaissance, Inc. – *3rd Thursday Street Fests*

For more information, visit: <http://www.willimanticstreetfest.com/>

Main Street Executive of the Year - This special award recognizes the work of an outstanding Main Street Executive Director – a professional in the field of downtown revitalization who has distinguished himself/herself locally and regionally, representing exemplary efforts and demonstrated results.

2008 Award Recipient:

Marilyn Risi, Executive Director, Upper Albany Main Street

Connecticut Main Street Center

The mission of Connecticut Main Street Center is to help build economically vibrant, traditional main streets as a foundation for healthy communities by providing training to its network of public and private partners and by advocating for positive change. CMSC, a statewide nonprofit corporation funded by The Connecticut Light and Power Company and the State of Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development, is dedicated to economic and community development within the context of historic preservation.

Since the Connecticut Main Street program began in 1995, participating communities have generated over \$559 million in public and private reinvestment in their downtowns. Over the same time, 360 net new businesses have opened and 2,051 net new jobs have been created. For every \$1 spent on a local Main Street program, \$65.49 has been reinvested in Connecticut Main Street downtowns, making the Main Street initiative one of the most successful economic development programs in the country. For more information, visit www.ctmainstreet.org.

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Mr. Matt Hart, Town Manager
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May 20, 2008

Dear Matt,

I am writing to thank you and Betsey Paterson (in a separate letter) for choosing Ferrigno, Realtors to receive the Municipal Award of Business of the Year in the Town of Mansfield. Needless to say we were honored and deeply grateful to receive the award. This award was especially noteworthy due to having received it from an administration that has achieved so many fine accomplishments in our outstanding Town. It is truly a pleasure to live and work here.

From all of us at Ferrigno, Realtors, we thank you and we will continue to strive to make "our great town better", through our community service and trusted dealings with the public.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat".

Pat Ferrigno

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Re: President's Climate Commitment Task Force

Dear President Hogan:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to serve on the President's Climate Commitment Task Force at the University of Connecticut. The Town of Mansfield has several programs underway that are designed to promote sustainability, and I believe my service on the task force will enhance those community initiatives. I also appreciate the prospect of assisting the university with achieving its goals related to climate change, as well as the opportunity to develop additional partnerships and to strengthen our town/university relationship.

I commend you for your leadership and look forward to the work of the task force.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

CC: Town Council
Mansfield Department Heads
Mansfield Clean Energy Team



University of Connecticut
Office of the President

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Michael J. Hogan
President

May 13, 2008

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

Dear Matt,

I am writing to invite you to join the Presidents Climate Commitment Task Force at the University of Connecticut.

You may be aware that this past March, I signed the Presidents Climate Commitment (PCC), a document related to a nationwide initiative aimed at promoting ecological stewardship through local efforts of colleges and universities to reduce global warming. Among other things, the PCC obligates the universities represented by its signatories to develop plans to reduce their carbon footprints and ultimately achieve climate neutrality. Information about the PCC is at: <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>

To develop UConn's plan and implementation strategy, I have asked Tom Callahan and Rich Miller to co-chair this small task force on which I'm inviting you to serve and which will report directly to me. In accordance with the PCC, I expect that within a year we will be conducting an annual comprehensive survey of our greenhouse gas emissions; and (although the PCC affords us two years) also within a year, the Task Force will present to me a proposed plan and implementation strategy for achieving climate neutrality.

Although I leave it to Tom and Rich to determine the process through which the Task Force will carry out its work, I do not expect members to spend more than a few hours per month on average on this effort over the next year. Nonetheless, I recognize that your time is precious and I would be grateful if you would agree to serve. I would appreciate it if you would notify my Chief of Staff, Lisa Troyer (lisa-troyer@uconn.edu, 486-2337) within the next few days regarding your willingness to join this important Task Force.

The University of Connecticut has a long and proud tradition of leadership in environmental stewardship – much of it accomplished through partnerships with the Town of Mansfield, which is why it is so important to me that the Town be represented on this Task Force. I am firmly committed to continuing this tradition and see the PCC and this Task Force as important vehicles for advancing UConn's leadership in this arena in partnership with the Town. I do hope you can serve, Matt.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hogan
President

c: T. Callahan
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AMERICAN COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT

American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

We, the undersigned presidents and chancellors of colleges and universities, are deeply concerned about the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects. We recognize the scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely being caused by humans. We further recognize the need to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80% by mid-century at the latest, in order to avert the worst impacts of global warming and to reestablish the more stable climatic conditions that have made human progress over the last 10,000 years possible.

While we understand that there might be short-term challenges associated with this effort, we believe that there will be great short-, medium-, and long-term economic, health, social and environmental benefits, including achieving energy independence for the U.S. as quickly as possible.

We believe colleges and universities must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality. Campuses that address the climate challenge by reducing global warming emissions and by integrating sustainability into their curriculum will better serve their students and meet their social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical and civil society. These colleges and universities will be providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to address the critical, systemic challenges faced by the world in this new century and enable them to benefit from the economic opportunities that will arise as a result of solutions they develop.

We further believe that colleges and universities that exert leadership in addressing climate change will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, attract excellent students and faculty, attract new sources of funding, and increase the support of alumni and local communities.

Accordingly, we commit our institutions to taking the following steps in pursuit of climate neutrality:

1. Initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible.
 - a. Within two months of signing this document, create institutional structures to guide the development and implementation of the plan.
 - b. Within one year of signing this document, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions (including emissions from electricity, heating, commuting, and air travel) and update the inventory every other year thereafter.
 - c. Within two years of signing this document, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral, which will include:
 - i. A target date for achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible.
 - ii. Interim targets for goals and actions that will lead to climate neutrality.
 - iii. Actions to make climate neutrality and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experience for all students.
 - iv. Actions to expand research or other efforts necessary to achieve climate neutrality.
 - v. Mechanisms for tracking progress on goals and actions.

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American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

2. Initiate two or more of the following tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases while the more comprehensive plan is being developed.
 - a. Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
 - b. Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.
 - c. Establish a policy of offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by our institution.
 - d. Encourage use of and provide access to public transportation for all faculty, staff, students and visitors at our institution.
 - e. Within one year of signing this document, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of our institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources.
 - f. Establish a policy or a committee that supports climate and sustainability shareholder proposals at companies where our institution's endowment is invested.
 - g. Participate in the Waste Minimization component of the national RecycleMania competition, and adopt 3 or more associated measures to reduce waste.
3. Make the action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports publicly available by providing them to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for posting and dissemination.

In recognition of the need to build support for this effort among college and university administrations across America, we will encourage other presidents to join this effort and become signatories to this commitment.

Signed,

President/ Chancellor Signature

President/ Chancellor Name

College or University

Date

Please send the signed commitment document to:

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A New Look To Suburban Planning

Hartford Courant 4/28/08

Old-Time 'Charrettes' Gaining Popularity

By REGINE LABOSSIERE
COURANT STAFF WRITER

As "big box" stores and large developments build up in suburbia, local groups in the Farmington Valley are fed up with a land-use approval process that involves the public mostly in the final stages.

So, in a nod to a 19th-century tradition, residents increasingly are raising the idea of holding charrettes — open workshops involving all local stakeholders — to bring development discussions into the public arena much earlier in the process and taking control of the future of their communities.

The idea is gaining more appeal as area towns struggle with the need to decrease property taxes by bringing in economic development without inviting commercial sprawl. The issue was evident in Simsbury this month, when hundreds of residents expressed their opposition to a mixed-use zoning proposal that would have allowed a big-box store. Their outrage helped defeat the proposal.

"[A charrette is] more by the will of the people rather than something that is imposed by the government," said Justin Falango, a town planner with the Florida urban design firm Dover, Kohl & Partners. The firm conducts charrettes all over the world and has been consulting with Simsbury since last year.

The other appeal, Falango said, is the collaboration.

"Everyone gets to voice their con-

Charrettes: A 19th-Century Tradition Resurfaces

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ns at the same time, and everything is worked through at once," he said.

Falango, who has worked in Simsbury with Victor Dover, a partner in the Florida firm, said Simsbury is "untouched" by commercial sprawl development. He warns that if any zoning regulation allows a development in town that doesn't fit in with the character of Simsbury, then residents and town officials could see similar developments continue.

"By having a charrette, it could affirm what they want the character to be and how they want the character to stay and it would help development," he said.

The word, which means "art" in French, comes from the 1800s, when professors at a Christian art school circulated art to collect final drawings. While students finished up their work, according to the National Charrette Institute in Portland, Ore. Nowadays, a charrette is an intense series of workshops where all stakeholders in a community — residents, business owners, developers, town officials — come together for at least several days and work with urban design planners and architects to discuss, research

and produce a master plan detailing how a section of a municipality or the entire municipality should be developed. A set of drawings is produced each day of the charrette to convey the overall desire of the group.

Charrettes can cost between \$75,000 and \$500,000, depending on the size and location of what is being reviewed. The cost includes preparation, implementation and fees for the design firms involved and can be paid for by municipalities, grants and developers. Falango said many charrettes lead to zoning regulations or municipal ordinances that enforce the vision created.

Simsbury conducted what First Selectwoman Mary Glassman calls a mini-charrette 10 years ago that led to the town buying land in the town center and developing a performing arts center, bike paths and soccer fields. Now, Glassman said, Simsbury needs to conduct a full charrette that would lead to zoning regulations. Glassman said she knows the idea has support in town based on the turnout at a recent public hearing about the proposed mixed-use zoning regulation that eventually was voted down by the zoning commission.

"The fact that you had more

than 500 people come out to a public hearing and comment on a land-use application is a strong message that the residents of Simsbury want to be involved in a public process to plan the development of Simsbury's future," she said.

Both developers and town officials in Connecticut and the rest of the country say that charrettes have helped their economic development strategy. Stephen Soler, president of Georgetown Land Development Co., sponsored a charrette in Redding that led to a zoning regulation change in the Georgetown neighborhood and paved the way for his redevelopment project, which will break ground this summer. He said the charrette was helpful in guiding his plans and navigating through the town's land use boards.

Hamden held a charrette in October that reviewed the city's three major corridors, State Street and Whitney and Dixwell avenues. Town Planner Leslie Creane said the charrette succeeded in getting ideas to improve those areas, and she expects new zoning regulations in Hamden in less than a year.

Mansfield is in the midst of developing a new downtown near the UConn campus. The town had a charrette and lots of public workshops in the past

eight years that led to changes in its zoning regulations to allow for mixed-use development for the downtown project, which should break ground next year.

One North Carolina town believes in the public process so much that it has written into its zoning regulations that there must be a charrette for almost every development application submitted. Davidson, N.C. Planning Director Kris Krider said the process is necessary because Davidson is a small town of 9,100 and is issuing 250 building permits a year with an average of 2.5 occupants per unit.

"The growth rate is really high here, and it's about managing that and making the most of opportunity that development brings, and the charrette identifies what those opportunities are. It's usually a much better plan than the developer's," Krider said.

In Connecticut, Farmington Valley residents interested in having a charrette in their towns aren't looking for that extreme of a process, but they want the chance to help shape their town. "In Canton, we really have no vision for what we want the town to look like 20, 25 years from now, and I think the best way to see that vision is to have a charrette," said Tom Sevigny, president of

the resident group Canton Advocates for Responsible Expansion. "It's a direct democracy, people getting together and saying what they want the town to look like."

Several groups, including the local economic development agency, have met with Sevigny's group to promote the idea to town officials. Some boards and commissions see the idea as a good one, but one that is not now feasible. Canton First Selectman Dick Barlow said the town will have to redo its plan of conservation and development in the next two years, possibly with the help of state grants. He said a charrette could be included in that process.

Simsbury residents have said they'd like to see a charrette done in the northern and southern gateways, two areas where developments have been proposed, and the town center. But the board of selectmen recently said the project would be too expensive.

"As a compromise, we're certainly open to looking at doing [the town center], which is significantly less money, and using that process to help us develop mixed-use regulation for the other two sites," Glassman said.

"It's the only process, I'm convinced, that will get this town to move forward."

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Item #30

Budget Approved By Voters

May 15, 2008

MANSFIELD —

Less than 3 percent of registered voters passed the \$33.6 million proposed budget Tuesday night in a town meeting at Mansfield Middle School. The vote was 282-187.

The voters also approved \$2.6 million for capital projects and \$663,000 for the capital and nonrecurring reserve fund.

Mansfield's portion of the Region 19 high school budget, \$10.1 million, was passed in a referendum last week.

All 2008-09 budgets combined carry a 5.75 percent, or 1.37 mill, tax increase over the current tax rate largely because the town is paying an increased share of the budget for E.O. Smith High School based on enrollment. The town has not yet set a tax rate, Town Clerk Mary Stanton said Wednesday.

Two motions to cut the budget failed. One, to decrease the school budget by \$156,000, failed on a voice vote. The other, to cut \$1.6 million in spending for costs related to the Storrs downtown project, was defeated by a show of hands.

Under the town's recent charter revision, 2 percent of the 10,228 registered voters can petition within 21 days to force a town referendum on the budget. The outcome of that vote would be advisory to the town council. The deadline for filing petitions is June 3.

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Item #31

Collecting Old Tax Bills

Consumer Watchdog: George Gombossy

May 18, 2008

It took 15 years, but the tax man finally caught up with Alan J. Lucero, a former University of Connecticut physics doctoral student now living in New Jersey.

Lucero, who received his doctorate in 1993 at Storrs, recently received a notice from the American National Recovery Group of Suffern, N.Y., informing him that he owes Mansfield \$357.31 in personal property taxes and interest for his old Honda. It also includes the 15 percent cost of collecting the debt.

Mansfield officials, arguing that they were unable to locate Lucero, turned his overdue tax bill over to American National right before its 15-year statute of limitations was due to expire. Lucero is one of hundreds of thousands (that is not a misprint, folks) of people whose car tax bills have been turned over to American National and other collection agencies in the past few years because tax collectors in Connecticut were either unable to locate the taxpayers or the people refused to pay their taxes.

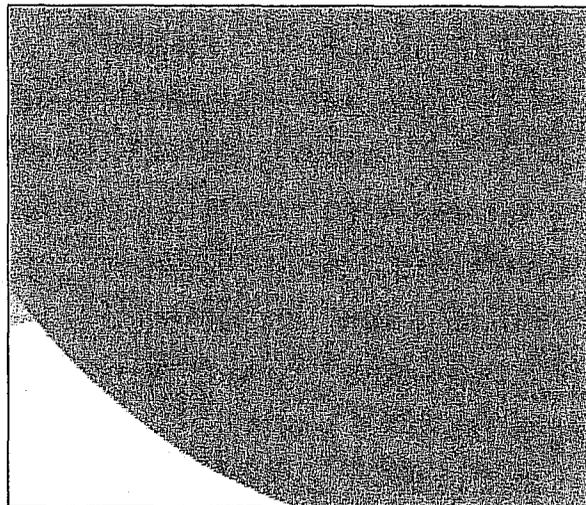
Each year, hundreds of thousands of people move within a town, from one Connecticut town to another, or to another state or country. Mansfield, with the University of Connecticut's main campus, has thousands of students moving in and out every year.

American National — which represents 40 towns in Connecticut — has 200,000 debts it is attempting to collect, according to the firm's owner, George Dodd. The agency gets paid from a 15 percent penalty Lucero and others are charged. All taxes and interest collected are turned over to the towns.

Most unpaid motor vehicle taxes probably involve people who either decided not to pay their tax bills, were unaware that they owed taxes, failed to properly transfer their vehicles when they moved or left no forwarding address.

Having been one of those who received a letter from Dodd last month, I can attest that — in at least some cases — local tax collectors do very little to locate a taxpayer after a bill gets returned to the town as undeliverable.

Tax collectors send out motor vehicle tax bills based on registration information provided by the state Department of Motor Vehicles. In my case, the DMV sent West Hartford the wrong address. A simple check in town hall would have shown my correct address because they had no problem mailing or collecting the property taxes on my home.



Lucero contacted me to ask my help to fight his bill. He said he moved to New Jersey in the spring of 1993 and immediately transferred his registration on the Honda, and therefore did not owe any local Connecticut taxes. He also told me that Mansfield officials contacted him in 1994, and that he had provided the town with documents showing he had, in fact, registered his vehicle in New Jersey.

He also pointed me to an Internet site that had more than a dozen complaints that American National was shaking them down for car taxes they did not owe:
(<http://www.thelaw.com/forums/showthread.php?t=14444>).

For two weeks I looked into Lucero's assertions, as well as the issues surrounding personal property tax collections. Being the advocate for the little guy, I would love to report that American National, as well as town tax collectors, are abusing their authority or doing something improper. But I can't.

The facts are on the side of the tax collectors. And the reality is that both the towns and American National could play a lot rougher.

I forwarded Lucero's arguments to both American National and to Mansfield officials. By checking Lucero's vehicle's VIN number, they were able to determine that Lucero's 1989 Honda was registered in Connecticut until Jan. 18, 1994, meaning that he owed taxes to Mansfield for 1993.

Instead of finding documents that Lucero said he sent Mansfield in 1994 providing the town with his proof, the town discovered that Lucero also owed taxes for 1992. Ouch.

Mansfield finance director Jeff Smith says he gets no enjoyment out of chasing thousands of people each year for back taxes, but has no choice.

"This town and this office takes no pleasure in beating up citizens over a few hundred dollars," Smith said Wednesday. "But that is our job, and we have a fiduciary responsibility to our taxpayers to collect taxes owed."

"Alan lived here and drove on our roads, was protected by our police and fire department, and had an ambulance standing by 24 hours a day to come to his aid, if needed. These services were provided by the citizens of Mansfield. All in all, he got off pretty cheap," Smith said.

And Dodd is no baseball bat-carrying goon breaking legs to collect debts. It's easy to contact his office, his employees are courteous, and they even assist people in finding proof of when they sold their cars or transferred their registrations to other places.

Dodd said he does not send credit bureaus data to pressure people into paying their debts. In fact, he said he recommends to towns that they turn tax delinquents over to credit bureaus only after they are certain that the right individual has been located and that the person is refusing to pay his or her taxes.

Most of the people who complained about him on the Internet site, Dodd said, did not contact his office.

Lucero said he will pay the back taxes, and he makes an excellent point: It is difficult for someone to prove they paid a bill 15 years after the fact when even banks are only required by law to keep records for only seven years.

And he raises a question for which Smith and other town officials don't have a good answer: Why did it take 15 years to find him?

I agree with Lucero. Town officials could do more to try to find those taxpayers who have moved and are willing to pay their taxes. There are many retired people and college interns who could do simple Internet searches to locate those whose bills were returned as undeliverable.

It took me less than one minute on Google to discover that Lucero lives in New Jersey.

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State Funds Announced For Garage

Part Of Storrs Center Plan

By **STEPHANIE SUMMERS**
COURANT STAFF WRITER

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MANSFIELD — The governor announced Wednesday that \$10 million in state bond funding will go to build a parking garage on the edge of the Storrs Center project that will abut the University of Connecticut campus.

"This is our opportunity to shape a college town," Gov. M. Jodi Rell said, calling the proposed shopping, leisure and residential center a missing ingredient at the state's flagship university.

The \$10 million, which represents 70 percent of the total cost of the garage, still will need approval by the State Bond Commission at its May 30 meeting.

"What happened today is a major step forward," said Cynthia van Zelm, downtown partnership executive director. She said the governor, with efforts by state Sen. Don Williams and Rep. Denise Merrill, has already provided \$2.5 million for pedestrian-friendly improvements to Storrs Road, "so this was great to get funding for the garage."

The project's groundbreaking awaits state and federal permits and procuring funding commitments, including \$3.5 million for the remaining cost to build the garage, van Zelm said.

The \$220 million Storrs Center project would offer a mix of housing, shops, offices, restaurants and entertainment in a village environment. The project is being shepherded by a partnership that includes town, university and development leaders.

In her comments, Rell said, "Great college towns have a spark. . . That spark comes not only from young blood but from community gatherings, literary events, bookstores and cafes. These are places that have a strong, vibrant pulse. These funds will help turn the Storrs Town Center into an intellectual, cultural and economic hub."

Earlier this month, the downtown project received a community consensus-building award from Connecticut Main Street, a group tied to the National Trust for Historic Preservation that emphasizes vibrant, traditional main streets.

The award will be presented to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership on June 9 in Norwich.

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What Street Parking Can Do For Downtowns

Hartford Courant May 14 1968
By NORMAN W. GARRICK AND WESLEY MARSHALL

As in other parts of the country, Connecticut towns and cities are struggling to revitalize their downtowns. Some of the planning and design decisions made in the 1950s and 1960s make this goal more difficult. One such decision is the elimination of street parking from many of our town centers.

Although this practice of not accommodating street parking is now routine, there has been little research done to assess its impact on urban centers. However, a growing number of urban planners have pointed out that centers that have retained street parking, along with other compatible features of pre-1950s town centers, are some of the most successful downtowns in the country.

In order to address this dichotomy between conventional practice and emerging urban theory, we at the University of Connecticut designed two studies of on-street parking and its impact on downtowns. One was based upon case studies of six New England town centers (West Hartford; Northampton, Mass.; Brattleboro, Vt.; Avon Center; Glastonbury Center and Somerset Square in Glastonbury). In the second study, we investigated how street design affected vehicle speeds and safety, based on a study of more than 250 Connecticut roads.

What we found through these studies was that on-street parking plays a crucial role in benefiting activity centers on numerous levels. Here are some of the main benefits.

■ **Higher efficiency:** Users of the downtowns consistently selected on-street parking spaces over off-street surface lots and garage parking. The on-street spaces experienced the most use and the highest turnover.

■ **Better land use:** Using the curbside for parking saves considerable amounts of land from life as an off-street surface parking lot. Medium-sized town centers can save an average of more than two acres of land by providing street parking. This efficiency can allow for much higher-density commercial development than is possible if the center relies solely on off-street surface lots.

■ **Increased safety:** We showed conclusively that drivers tended to travel at significantly slower speeds in the presence of features such as on-street parking and small building setbacks. Slower vehicle speeds provide pedestrians, cyclists and drivers more time to react, and when a crash does occur, the chance of it being life-threatening is greatly reduced. In short, on-street parking can help to create a safer environment.

■ **Better pedestrian environment:** Our study results showed that centers with on-street parking and other compatible characteristics such as generous sidewalks, mixed land uses, and higher densities recorded more than five times the number of pedestrians walking in these areas compared with the control sites, which lack these traits.

Nearly every town in the state has the street space available that could be used for on-street parking. Town leaders should consider it. Our results suggest that on-street parking is a tool that can help create a vibrant and safe town center environment.

Norman W. Garrick is an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering and director of the Center for Transportation and Urban Planning at the University of Connecticut. Wesley Marshall is a doctoral candidate in transportation engineering and urban planning at UConn.

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University of Connecticut
Office of the President

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Item #34

Michael J. Hogan
President

May 16, 2008

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

I was glad to have an opportunity to see you last Wednesday in Storrs, at the announcement that state bond funding for the Storrs Center parking garage will go forward. And, of course, I'm very pleased and grateful for your support of this particular initiative which will move our Storrs Center project from the drawing board to the initial phase of construction.

But I think what pleased me the most were your excellent comments in the announcement supporting the need for an invigorated Storrs community. You chose the word 'spark' to describe the benefits that Storrs Center will bring to the Town of Mansfield, the University, and the State - and it's the perfect word to describe what this project will do for us.

Storrs can indeed become a great college town as the University becomes a great university. As in all our endeavors, it's our partnership between the State, private enterprise, our citizens, and the University that makes the critical difference.

Again, it was good to see you in Storrs. As the University's president and as a citizen of the Mansfield community, I'm very grateful for your support of this project.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Hogan
President

cc:

Donald Williams, Jr., Senate President Pro Tempore
Denise Merrill, 54th Assembly District Representative
Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield
John W. Rowe, M.D., Chairman, Board of Trustees

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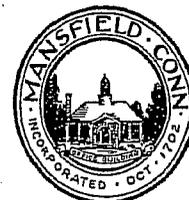
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May 22, 2008

The Honorable Denise Merrill
State Representative
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Dear Representative Merrill:

On behalf of the Town of Mansfield, we would like to thank you for all your efforts to bring \$10 million to Mansfield for the parking garage for Storrs Center. We greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication to the project – your commitment from the beginning has been unparalleled. The grant solidifies our on-going partnership to create a place of destination that will benefit our Town and local community.

We are very excited to keep moving forward on the Storrs Center project that will transform the existing commercial area on Storrs Road into a vibrant and economically successful mixed-use downtown that will become the heart of our community. We have made great progress, with the garage funding and local zoning approved last summer.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to make downtown Mansfield an even greater place to work, live, shop and recreate for residents, students and visitors.

Thank you again for the grant and your continued support of the Mansfield downtown project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Governor Rell:

On behalf of the Town of Mansfield, we would like to thank you for the \$10 million Urban Action Grant for the parking garage for Storrs Center. The grant demonstrates what a great partner we have in you and the State of Connecticut as we move to bring the Storrs Center project to construction. We also want to thank you for announcing this grant in Mansfield last week. We are committed to creating a project that will preserve our natural resources and reduce sprawl – we believe Storrs Center will accomplish these goals and serve as a model for the state.

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We look forward to continuing to work with you to make downtown Mansfield an even greater place to work, live, shop and recreate for residents, students and visitors.

Thank you again for the grant and your continued support of the Mansfield downtown project.

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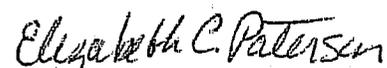
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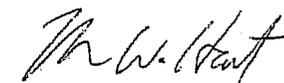
We are very excited to keep moving forward on the Storrs Center project that will transform the existing commercial area on Storrs Road into a vibrant and economically successful mixed-use downtown that will become the heart of our community. We have made great progress, with the garage funding and local zoning approved last summer, and hope to have all permits in place by this fall.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to make downtown Mansfield an even greater place to work, live, shop and recreate for residents, students and visitors.

Thank you again for the grant and your continued support of the Mansfield downtown project.

Sincerely,

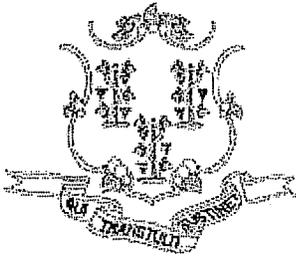

Elizabeth C. Paterson
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Matthew W. Hart
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The Office of Governor M. Jodi Rell

Item #38



M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 14, 2008

Contact:
Adam Liegeot
860-524-7313
Adam.Liegeot@ct.gov

Governor Rell: \$10 Million for Storrs Town Center Parking Garage

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that \$10 million to fund a share of a parking garage that will serve the Storrs Town Center at the edge of the University of Connecticut campus is expected to gain approval when the state Bond Commission meets May 30.

“This is our opportunity to shape a college town,” Governor Rell said. “UConn has become truly a world class institution and we are so proud of how far our flagship university has come in so short a time. Still, I think we would all agree that one key ingredient is missing at UConn – a town center that would provide Mansfield with a ‘college town’ look and feel.

“Great college towns have a spark. Think of Northampton, Williamstown and Cambridge in Massachusetts. Think of Durham, North Carolina. That spark comes not only from young blood but from community gatherings, literary events, book stores and cafes. These are places that have a strong, vibrant pulse. These funds will help turn the Storrs Town Center into an intellectual, cultural and economic hub.

“Storrs Town Center will be a national model and an example of the kind of responsible growth development Connecticut will continue to encourage. It will be a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly section of town that will be a beehive of activity. We are serious about stopping sprawl, preserving our state’s character and emphasizing responsible, controlled development.”

The University of Connecticut is located in the Storrs section of Mansfield. Approximately 20,000 students attend UConn. The Storrs Town Center will have a variety of housing, from studio lofts to apartments to condos, retail stores, entertainment, common gathering places and offices across from the School of Fine Arts.

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May 15, 2008

Mr. David J. Dagon
Fire Chief
Mansfield Fire and Emergency Services

Dave
Dear Chief Dagon:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and all of the emergency services and fire personnel who were on duty during the recent University of Connecticut Spring Weekend. The professionalism and courtesy displayed by the fire department served to maintain public safety.

From our perspective, we feel that the police and emergency services personnel responded to the event in a very capable manner. We do believe that you have helped to set a positive tone for the future.

Congratulations on a job well done and please convey our thanks to the entire department.

Sincerely,

Betsy
Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor

Matt
Matthew W. Hart
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CC: Mansfield Town Council

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May 15, 2008

SGT Brian Kennedy
Resident State Trooper Supervisor
Town of Mansfield

Brian
Dear ~~SGT Kennedy~~:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and all the officers who were on duty during the recent University of Connecticut Spring Weekend. The professionalism and courtesy displayed by the state, university and town police served to maintain public safety.

From our perspective, we feel that the police and emergency services personnel responded to the event in a very capable manner. We do believe that you have helped to set a positive tone for the future.

Congratulations on a job well done and please convey our thanks to all of our officers.

Sincerely,

Betsy
Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor

Matthew
Matthew W. Hart
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CC: Mansfield Town Council

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Commissioner John Danaher
Connecticut Department of Public Safety
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, Connecticut 06457

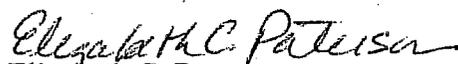
Dear Commissioner Danaher:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and all the officers who were on duty during the recent University of Connecticut Spring Weekend. The professionalism and courtesy displayed by the state police served to maintain public order.

From our perspective, we believe that the many resources that your department dedicates to spring weekend are absolutely essential to protect public safety, and we could not effectively respond to the event without the assistance of the Connecticut State Police.

We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the greater Mansfield community. Congratulations on a job well done and please convey our thanks to the department.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor


Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

CC: Mansfield Town Council
Colonel Thomas Davoren

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May 15, 2008

Lieutenant Francis Conroy
Connecticut State Police
Troop C - Tolland
1320 Tolland Stage
Tolland, Connecticut 06084

Buddy
Dear ~~Lieutenant Conroy~~:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and all the troopers who were on duty during the recent University of Connecticut Spring Weekend. The professionalism and courtesy displayed by the state, university and town police served to maintain public order.

From our perspective, we believe that the many resources that your department dedicates to the spring weekend event are absolutely essential to protect public safety, and we are certain that the weekend's event would prove much more problematic without the assistance of the Connecticut State Police.

We greatly appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Town of Mansfield. Congratulations on a job well done and please convey our thanks to the members of the troop.

Sincerely,

Betsy
Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor

Matt
Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

CC: Mansfield Town Council
SGT Brian Kennedy, Resident State Trooper Coordinator



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May 15, 2008

Mr. Robert S. Hudd
Director of Public Safety
University of Connecticut Police Department
126 North Eagleville Road
Storrs, Connecticut 06269

Dear Bob:

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and all the officers who were on duty during the recent University of Connecticut Spring Weekend. The professionalism and courtesy displayed by the university, state and town police served to maintain public order.

Congratulations on a job well done and please convey our thanks to the members of the department.

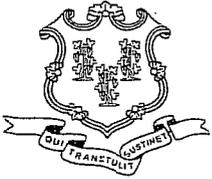
Sincerely,


Elizabeth C. Paterson
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Matthew W. Hart
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CC: Mansfield Town Council
Barry Feldman, Chief Operating Officer, University of Connecticut

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Item #40

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

May 15, 2008

Diane W. Whitney, Esq.
Pullman & Comley, LLC
90 State House Square
Hartford, CT 06103-3702

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-078-080423** – Omnipoint Communications, Inc. a.k.a. T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 82 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, Connecticut.

Dear Attorney Whitney:

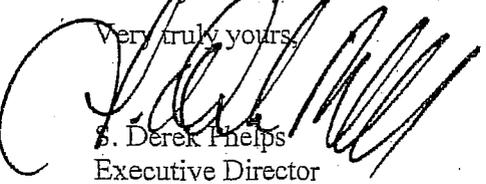
The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) hereby acknowledges your notice to modify this existing telecommunications facility, pursuant to Section 16-50j-73 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The proposed modifications are to be implemented as specified here and in your notice dated April 23, 2008, including the placement of all necessary equipment and shelters within the tower compound. The modifications are in compliance with the exception criteria in Section 16-50j-72 (b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies as changes to an existing facility site that would not increase tower height, extend the boundaries of the tower site, increase noise levels at the tower site boundary by six decibels, and increase the total radio frequencies electromagnetic radiation power density measured at the tower site boundary to or above the standard adopted by the State Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to General Statutes § 22a-162. This facility has also been carefully modeled to ensure that radio frequency emissions are conservatively below State and federal standards applicable to the frequencies now used on this tower.

This decision is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Council. Please be advised that the validity of this action shall expire one year from the date of this letter. Any additional change to this facility will require explicit notice to this agency pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 16-50j-73. Such notice shall include all relevant information regarding the proposed change with cumulative worst-case modeling of radio frequency exposure at the closest point of uncontrolled access to the tower base, consistent with Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology, Bulletin 65. Any deviation from this format may result in the Council implementing enforcement proceedings pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50u including, without limitation, imposition of expenses resulting from such failure and of civil penalties in an amount not less than one thousand dollars per day for each day of construction or operation in material violation.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Very truly yours,


S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director

SDP/MP

c: Honorable Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield
Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, Town of Mansfield
Gregory Padick, Town Planner, Town of Mansfield
Hans Fiedler, Development Manager – CT, T-Mobile
George Davis, Tower Manager



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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

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May 16, 2008

Item #41

Town Clerk Mary Stanton
4 So. Eagleville Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Re: Historic Documents Preservation Grant No. 078-PD-09, Cycle 1, FY09
Grant contract period: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Dear Town Clerk:

The State Library is pleased to inform you that the Historic Documents Preservation Grant application for the Town of Mansfield in the amount of \$ 7,000.00 has been approved. Please note that we cannot process a payment on your grant contract until your Municipal Chief Executive Officer (MCEO), the State Librarian, and a representative of the Attorney General have signed the grant contract.

Work may not begin on any grant project until July 1, 2008 and you have received your copy of the signed contract from the State Library. All grant work must be completed and funds expended by the closing date of June 30, 2009.

Enclosed you will find the following three documents and instructions for their completion:

1. **Certified Resolution**
2. **Nondiscrimination Certification**
3. **Grant Contract**

Please complete and sign these documents according to the instructions and return as soon as possible to: **Sheila K. Mosman, Grants and Contracts Manager, Connecticut State Library, Fiscal Office, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.**

Retain copies of these materials for your files. A copy of the grant contract will be returned to the MCEO once the State Librarian and a representative of the Attorney General's Office have signed it.

If you have any questions concerning the contract, certifications, or payments, please contact Sheila Mosman at smosman@cslib.org, or (860) 424-3750 (M/W/F) or (800) 571-5443 (T/Th).

Congratulations and good luck with your project.

Sincerely,

Eunice G. DiBella, CRM
Public Records Administrator

Encs.

cc: Town Manager Matthew W. Hart

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