



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, December 8, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.**

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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

November 24, 2008

DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. WORK SESSION

1. Storrs Center Fiscal Analysis and Progress Report

Town Manager Matthew Hart welcomed all participants to the work session stating the main purpose was to update the Town Council on the Fiscal Impact Analysis and give a status report on the Storrs Center Project.

Mr. Bhaumik of ERA, hired by the Town to conduct a peer review of HR&A's Fiscal Impact Analysis on Storrs Center, reported that his analysis is in line with HR& A's and shows net revenues to the Town of \$2.6 million at full build out. Members of the Leyland Alliance Group described changes to the phasing plan that allows alternatives to relocation options for existing tenants and increased street parking locations that will decrease the parking requirements for the first garage. Leyland Alliances presented a potential timeline for construction and described continued interest from banks regarding financing the project and interest from potential commercial and residential tenants. Cynthia vanZelm, Partnership Director, updated the Council on the permitting process noting that the only permit still outstanding is the permit from the CT Department of Transportation, which is currently under review.

Mr. Hart stated there is still much work to be done but that the project is progressing. He urged members of the public to e-mail any questions they might have to the Partnership.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

November 24, 2008

DRAFT

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: Blair, Clouette, Duffy, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Excused: Haddad

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of November 6, 2008 Special meeting, the November 10, 2008 Regular and Special meetings and the November 17, 2008 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion passed with Mr. Schaefer and Mayor Paterson abstaining from voting on minutes for meetings for which they were excused. Ms. Koehn was not present for this vote.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Nancy Flynn, 23 Philip Drive, representing the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, announced that this year is the Church's 200th anniversary and that the community is planning to begin a number of restoration and preservation projects on the historic structure. Ms. Flynn asked the Council if they would be willing to write a letter for the congregation in support of their efforts to obtain grants to help with the projects. Statement attached.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, responded to comments made at the last Council meeting regarding her remarks and Rule 5 of the Town Council Rules of Procedure. Statement attached.

IV. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Matt Hart presented a newly formatted Town Manager's Report and asked for Council feedback. Report attached.

Ms. Koehn requested the Town Manager's report include all questions emailed by Council members to the Town Manager and his subsequent answers.

Mr. Hart suggested a December work session regarding the phasing of the Storrs Center project as outlined at this evening's Special meeting. Ms. Chaine will coordinate the best time for the meeting.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to add the First Baptist Church's request for a letter of support as item 8a on tonight's agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. CL&P Interstate Reliability Project

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective November 24, 2008, to authorize the Mayor, with staff assistance, to finalize and submit to CL&P and the Connecticut Siting Council, Mansfield's comments and recommendations on the proposed Interstate Reliability Project and proposed new transmission lines through eastern Connecticut. Mansfield's comments shall be based on a draft letter prepared by staff and discussion at the Town Council's November 24th meeting.

Ms. Koehn requested more language regarding underground power lines be included in the letter, along with the photograph submitted by Quentin Kessel and that the alternate routes be discussed more thoroughly in the body of the letter. Mr. Clouette requested the statute regarding underground power lines be quoted in the letter. Staff will include these suggestions.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Community/Campus Relations

Mayor Paterson complimented the staff on the final Spring Weekend report noting that it was comprehensive and captured the work and effort involved. Mr. Nesbitt noted the UConn Board of Trustees seems to be looking at serious changes to the annual event and asked that staff and the Committee on Community Quality of Life remain focused on that effort.

The Town Manager reported that last week UConn conducted an open house regarding the proposed compost facility, which was very informative. He also noted the inaugural meeting of the Committee on Community Quality of Life was convened last week. The Committee began to map out a course of action.

3. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

The University Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee will meet Thursday December 18th at 5:30 in the Bishop's Center. The Town Manager will forward the agenda to Council members as soon as it is received.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. GASB 45 Presentation by Milliman

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to table this issue. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouette moved to make Item 8 A, the letter of support for the First Baptist Church, the next item of business.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Election Day 2008

The Registrars of Voters Andrea Epling and Beverly Miela, along with Moderators Carol Pellegrine and Howard Raphaelson, and Poll Registrar Kim Bova Kaminsky were on hand to discuss the November Presidential Election. Election officials discussed the parking and room inadequacies of the District 3 polling location, Buchanan Auditorium. The Registrars of Voters will contact the Board of Education to explore the possibility of closing the schools on Election Day or using the day as an in-service day for staff. Election officials and Council members discussed the lines at District 1 and agreed that flexibility in the polling place is very important. The difficulties in using the IVS system were also discussed. The Registrars urged Council members to help them recruit poll workers for future elections. Mayor Paterson thanked all involved for their work.

6. Open Space Preservation - Luce

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, to refer the request from Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust to share in the financing of the purchase of the 5.9-acres Luce property to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on December 8, 2008, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed joint purchase of the Luce property.

Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator, described all 3 parcels under consideration as passive recreation areas with little maintenance required. At the public hearings Ms. Kaufman will provide more specific information and estimates of required work and maintenance. Staff will verify that open space acquisition money can be used for maintenance activities.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Open Space Preservation – Dorwart

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to refer the proposed purchase of the 55.2 Dorwart property to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on December 8, 2008, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed purchase of the Dorwart property.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Open Space Preservation – Moss Sanctuary

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to refer the proposed purchase of the 135-acre Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, and Wildlife Sanctuary to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to

section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on December 8, 2008, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed purchase of the Moss Sanctuary.

Motion passed unanimously.

8a. Letter of Support for the First Baptist Church

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded that the Town Council, through the Mayor, express its support and appreciation for the First Baptist Church's ongoing efforts to maintain its meeting house in an historically appropriate manner and to sight the contribution that building makes to the Spring Hill Historic District.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Duffy, chair of the Committee on Committees, moved the reappointment of Gretchen Hall to the Housing Authority Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn reported that the first meeting of the Committee on Community Quality of life was held at which members prioritized issues and articulated what will be worked on.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus attended the Veteran's Day Lunch at the Senior Center and complimented the Town Manager on his presentation.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. Chronicle, "D19 School Board Delays Action on Smith Track Plan" – 11/6/08

10. Chronicle, "Editorial: We Offer These Threads, Needles" – 11/10/08

11. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" – 11/6/08 127

12. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" – 11/14/08

13. Chronicle, "Mansfield Unhappy with CL&P Line Project" – 11/11/08

14. Chronicle, "Storrs Center Gets Key Permits, Hires National Real Estate Marketing Firm" – 11/12/08

15. Chronicle, "Storrs Center May Yield \$2.6M in Taxes" – 11/13/08

16. Chronicle, "Town Eyes \$74M for New School, Repairs" – 11/18/08

17. B. Feldman re: Four Corners Sewer Study Advisory Committee
18. Mansfield Community Center 2008 Annual Review (hard copy)
19. Mansfield Today, "New Police Contract on Town Council Agenda" – 11/09/08
20. Mansfield Today, "Strength In Numbers" – 11/10/08
21. Public Safety Committee Annual Report for 2008
22. Robinson & Cole re: Docket No. 367
23. B. Silva re: District/Municipal Budget Information Sharing Meeting

XII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, urged Council members to resolve to lower taxes next year.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Koehn requested the issue of an increase in the Registrars of Voter' pay be referred to the Personnel Committee.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
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 *MWH*
CC: Town Employees
Date: November 24, 2008
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Council Communications

Upcoming Events

- Mansfield Youth Service Bureau Legislative Breakfast, December 1, 2008, 8:00AM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Please join the 14 Eastern Chapter YSB's as we discuss maintaining current funding levels & the upcoming legislative session with you!
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Open House, December 4, 2008, 5:30PM – 6:30PM, Partnership Office (1244 Storrs Road behind People's United Bank). The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. holds monthly open houses to provide updates to the public on the Storrs Center project. Storrs Center will be a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented town center located across from EO Smith High School in Mansfield. Partnership staff will be available to answer questions and discuss the progress being made on the Storrs Center project. Check the Town of Mansfield website at www.mansfieldct.org for updates. For further information, contact the Partnership office at 860-429-2740. Written comments can also be directed to the Storrs Center e-mail, which is info@storrscenter.com.
- Liberty Bank and Local Initiatives Support Corporation will announce a new program to fund the development of affordable housing in Liberty's market area at a press conference on December 2, 2008. The press conference will be held at 10:00AM at the Green Street Arts Center, 51 Green Street, Middletown.
- The 10th Annual Nutcracker Ballet will be performed by over 90 children ages 3-15 on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at E.O. Smith High School. This is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Over 1,000 see the show each year and it's a great tradition during the holiday season. Tickets are on sale at the community center for \$10, \$8, and \$6 or at the door if there are any remaining. This is a wonderful community event!
- Save the date! Winter Fun Day, sponsored by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, the Mansfield Community Center, and the Town of Mansfield, will be Sunday, February 8 from 1 – 4.00 pm at the Community Center. Scheduled events include horse drawn wagon rides (by Breezy Acres Percherons), ice sculptures (by UConn Dining Services), and musical performances by the following UConn a cappella groups: Rubyfruit, Extreme Measures, and the Chordials. The annual "Wacky Hat Contest" will take place at 3:00 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of People with Disabilities, November 25, 2008, 2:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, November 25, 2008, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Communications Advisory Committee, December 1, 2008, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- IWA/PZC Meeting, December 1, 2008, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board Meeting, December 2, 2008, 4:00PM, Partnership Office
- Four Corners Sewer Study Advisory Committee, December 2, 2008, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, December 3, 2008, 6:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, December 3, 2008, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Traffic Authority, December 4, 2008, 10:30AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Region 19 Budget Information Sharing meeting, December 4, 2008, 7:00 PM, Library Media Center, EO Smith High School
- Ethics Board, December 4, 2008, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, December 8, 2008, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Budget

- Earlier this month, we conducted a budget workshop to begin discussion regarding the FY 2009/10 budget. I have subsequently met with department heads, the superintendents and board chairs, and employees to review the relevant issues. The department heads and I are working on various options, and I would like to review those options and related policy concerns with the Council at a workshop in January 2009. Please also see item #23 of tonight's packet, which is a notice regarding Region 19's Annual Budget Information Sharing Meeting. This session is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 4, 2008, and will be held in the Library Media Center at EO Smith High School. I will attend the meeting along with the Mayor, and would encourage other Council members to attend as well.

Project Updates

- *Assisted/Independent living project*— as you know, based upon the recommendation of the Assisted/Independent Living Advisory Committee, the Town Council has designated Masonicare as the preferred developer for an assisted/independent living project in Mansfield. Masonicare is now completing its own marketing study, and has participated in a conversation with staff and representatives of the university to discuss infrastructure needs and potential partnerships.
- *Four Schools Renovation* – the Council, the Mansfield Board of Education and the School Building Committee conducted a special meeting/workshop on November 17, 2008, to review the status of this project. From my perspective, the meeting was productive. The committee agreed to investigate the one school option in more detail and to report back the Council and Board of Education some time in January 2009.
- *Hunting Lodge Road Sidewalk/Bikeway* – tree removal is complete and construction is underway. At this point, the works consists of excavating and boxing out the structural section of path. At this point, the project is on schedule.
- *Middle School Fuel Conversion* – we recently placed this project out to bid, and the estimates came in over budget. Consequently, in January staff will re-bid the project with a number of bid alternates, in an effort to receive better pricing. We will also seek legislative support to finance the gas line component of the project.
- *Strategic plan* – at the December 8, 2008 meeting, the Town Council will continue its discussion of Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision, particularly the sustainability vision point. Also, staff is moving forward to work with the various advisory committees per Council's directives from their October 20th special meeting on Strategic Planning. In addition, department heads have been engaged in an internal process regarding town government and Mansfield 2020.

Miscellaneous

- *New Elderly Home Heating Assistance Program* - In August of this year the State Legislature set aside funding for a program to help pay primary heating bills this winter for households with a member who is at least 65 years old. This program will provide a one time grant of up to \$500 for eligible households towards heating bills incurred between November 1, 2008 and May 15, 2009. The income limits are much higher than the usual energy assistance guidelines, providing assistance for households with an income up to 100% of the State Median Income (SMI). For a household with one individual the annual SMI is \$48,787, while for a family of two it is \$63,798. There is also an assets test. Renters may have liquid assets up to \$7,000 and homeowners may have liquid assets up to \$10,000. Amounts above this limit are added to annual income to determine eligibility for the program. The heating bill must be in the name of the 65+ year old applicant or the applicant's spouse, and they must be unable to make timely payment on that heating bill. The benefit is paid directly to the utility or fuel company. In this area the program will be administered by the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM). Appointments can be scheduled after December 1st by calling 456-7270. If the household is eligible for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), it must first use those benefits. If you have any questions about this program please contact Senior Services' Social Worker Jean Ann Kenny at the Mansfield Senior Center at 429-0262, ext. 103, or the Department of Human Services at 429-3315.

First Baptist Church of Mansfield

- Established 1809 -

Pastor Ronald L. Baker

23 November 2008

The First Baptist Church of Mansfield, which has just begun a year-long celebration of its 200th anniversary, is applying for grants to cover partial funding of several projects to preserve and restore its historic 1875 main structure at 945 Storrs Road (the corner of Route 195 and Spring Hill Road), in the Spring Hill Historic District. These projects will include repair and stabilization of the south wall, replacing the wood shingle roof, repair and protection of original 1875 stained glass windows, and improvement of the drainage along the east foundation wall. Several historic preservation experts and members of the Mansfield Historic District Commission have recognized the Church as one of the best examples of its type.

In support of our grant applications, the Church requests a letter of support from the Mansfield Town Council. Because we will apply for several grants from different sources, including the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and the State of Connecticut Department of Culture and Tourism, we suggest that a general "To whom it may concern" letter would be the most appropriate form of support.

The Trustees of the Church will be happy to provide additional information on request to help with the composition of the letter of support.

Thank you very much.

Nancy Flynn Ronald Baker

Nancy Flynn and Pastor Ronald Baker
For the Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield

To: Town Council
November 24, 2008

From: Betty Wassmundt

Rule 5 – Conduct

All meeting participants including Councilors, citizens and staff should not discuss personalities and will not be permitted to impugn the motive, character or integrity of any individual. All participants should address their remarks to the Mayor and maintain a courteous tone. These rules of conduct shall apply to all written correspondence.

I would like to respond to the Town Manager's comments at your last meeting to the effect that I had violated Council Rule #5 regarding Conduct at the meeting held on November 6th.

At that meeting, I spoke to you about my impressions about the form of government which this town has. I said that I had come to feel that it is not in the interest of the taxpayer. In fact, I have come to think that there should be a caveat – Taxpayer Beware; Town Manager/Town Council government operating. Then, because you had an executive session scheduled about collective bargaining, I referred to Matt Hart and Maria Capriola with respect to salary bargaining. I did not say that these two employees are unethical; I questioned the process whereby it appears that they are negotiating their own salaries. I still question this process; it certainly looks like a conflict of interest to me. Yet, this is the process provided for in this form of government. As I said, Taxpayer Beware, my personal opinion.

Please refer to the Town Manager's memo from October 14, page 105 of your packet, you will see that he states that a 3.5% increase is consistent with what everybody else got and that 3.5% already was included in this year's budget for salary increases. It seems that the Town Manager's budget provided for everyone to get a 3.5% raise. Was there any reason for the so-called negotiations? Thank you for your time.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING December 8, 2008
OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM at their regular meeting on December 8, 2008 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed acquisition of the following properties:

- A joint purchase with Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust for the 5.9-acre Luce Property in the Coney Rock area,
- Purchase of the 55.2-acre Dorwart property, and
- Purchase of the 135-acre Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, and Wildlife Sanctuary.

At this hearing persons may address the Town Council and written communications may be received. Copies of said proposals are on file and available at the Town Clerk's office: 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield

Dated at Mansfield Connecticut this 26th day of November 2008

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; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Open Space Preservation – Luce Property

Subject Matter/Background

As presented to the Town Council at the meeting of November 24, 2008, the Luce property is a 5.9-acre property that is part of the Coney Rock area, which is listed as a Significant Conservation and Wildlife Resource in the 2006 Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development. The property abuts protected land on all sides, except a portion along the west boundary (see attached map). The land features a mature oak and maple forest that slopes eastward to the edge of and into a large marsh. There are scenic views of this marsh in winter from the old road. The Luce property contains the only remaining unprotected area in this part of the marsh, the majority of which is protected by Joshua Trust ownership and conservation easements on house lots. Although the Luce property is narrow, it provides a corridor between houses for wildlife to move between the large interior forest tracts on the north and south sides of Mulberry Road.

Preservation of this property would preserve part of Coney Rock and part of a large marsh, as well as create permanent public access along the discontinued portion of Woodland Road for access to Coney Rock. Protection of this property would complete the Coney Rock preservation project, and establish an important link in a long-distance trail.

Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust has requested that the Town fund 50 percent (\$12,500) of the \$25,000 purchase price. The trust would hold ownership title, as it has done with adjacent purchases. Mr. Luce has a recent appraisal from Stewart Appraisal Services of Tolland, which places the value of the property at \$52,500. The Town, with the most recent revaluation, valued this property at \$27,000.

As documented in the attached Open Space Preservation Committee report, the Town of Mansfield has a long history of partnering with Joshua's Trust to preserve land in the Coney Rock Preserve area. In 2001, Joshua's Trust contributed to the Town's purchase of the Olsen property (the Town-owned portion of Coney Rock Preserve), and, in 2004 the Town assisted the trust with its acquisition of the Mullane property (Proposal Rock). A Town contribution to the Luce property would continue this history of cooperation and collaboration between the Town of Mansfield and Joshua's Trust.

Financial Impact

If the Town chooses to contribute to the purchase of this property, our share would be paid from the existing balance in the Open Space Acquisition Fund. Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust would own the property; therefore the Town would not incur any management costs associated with this property.

Recommendation

In conformance with the Town's open space acquisition procedures, staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the payment \$12,500 from the Open Space Acquisition Fund to Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, to purchase the 5.9 acre Luce property on Mulberry Road.

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

Move, effective December 8, 2008, to authorize the payment of \$12,500 from the Open Space Acquisition Fund to Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, as the Town's 50-percent contribution to the Trust's purchase of the 5.9 acre Luce property on Mulberry Road.

Attachments

- 1) Memo from Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
- 2) Memo from Mansfield Conservation Commission
- 3) Request for support from Joshua's Trust
- 4) Open Space Preservation Committee Report
- 5) Existing and Potential Trails on the Luce Property and Existing and Contiguous Open Space
- 6) The Coney Rock Preserve Project
- 7) Aerial Photo of Coney Rock Preserve Project



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF MANSFIELD

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
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To: Town Council
From: Planning and Zoning Commission
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2008
Re: 8-24 Referral; Proposed Open Space Acquisitions
a. Luce Property, Mulberry Road
b. Dorwart Property, Mulberry Road
c. Moss Sanctuary Property, S. Eagleville and Birchwood Heights Roads

At a meeting held on 12/01/08, the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the following motion:

“That the Planning and Zoning Commission notify the Town Council that the proposed acquisitions of the Luce Property on Mulberry Road, the Dorwart Property on Mulberry Road and Moss Sanctuary Property on South Eagleville, Storrs and Birchwood Heights Roads all significantly promote goals, objectives and recommendations contained in Mansfield's Plan of Conservation and Development and therefore the PZC supports the proposed purchase of all three properties.”



TOWN OF MANSFIELD

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268
(203) 429-3334

Memo to: Mansfield Town Council
From: Mansfield Conservation Commission
Date: 11/24/08
RE: Proposed Open Space Acquisitions:
A. Luce Property
B. Dorwart Property
C. Moss Sanctuary Property

At the 11/19/08 Conservation Commission meeting, members discussed the above referenced open space acquisition proposals and the recommendations of the Open Space Preservation Committee (OSPC). The Commission appreciates the thoroughness of the documents prepared by the OSPC. They have reviewed these properties with reference to the Town Plan's Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria, and the Commission notes that these acquisitions will further stated goals in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The Conservation Commission is enthusiastic in adding its endorsement to these recommendations.

A and B: The acquisition of the Luce and Dorwart properties represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect existing recreational and open space property previously acquired by the Town and Joshua's Trust. This connection adds immeasurable value to these prior investments. We are speaking not only of wildlife corridors but also of the ability to hike easily from the Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve, through the Coney Rock Preserve and the Chapin property, on through the Luce and Dorwart properties to the Lions Club Field and into Mansfield Hollow State Park. This is an opportunity the Town must not hesitate to take advantage of.

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Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.
PO Box 4, Mansfield Center, CT 06250-004

October 28, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Hart:

I am writing to you, as suggested by Mr. Greg Padik, to propose a joint Joshua's Tract/Town of Mansfield purchase of a 5.9 acre parcel of land from Mr. Harvey Luce of Mansfield. Mr. Luce approached the Trust late last winter wanting to know if the Trust was interested in purchasing this remainder parcel from a subdivision he developed in 2003 on Mulberry Road. We feel this property is a key parcel to protecting abutting properties owned by the Trust, protecting the entrance to the Mullane Trail to the Proposal Rock/Coney Rock open space complex, and ensuring the continued use of the informal lower Woodland Road hiking trail and its future connection to the Dorwart property on the other side of Mulberry Road. Such a purchase would add one of the last remaining pieces to a future loop trail linking Coney Rock, Land Trust land, Dorwart property, Nipmuck Trail and the Lyons Club property.

At the time Mr. Luce approached the Trust his property was on the market, and still is, through the real estate firm ERA with an asking price of around \$98,000. The Town, at its last town wide reassessment put the parcel's full value at \$27,000. Mr. Luce has a recent appraisal from Stewart Appraisals Services of Tolland which places the value at \$52,500. He is now willing to sell his 5.9 acres to for \$25,000. We feel this is a fair bargain sale price given property values in Mansfield and even if this parcel fails to qualify as a building lot under current lot requirements.

The Trust's Acquisitions Committee has reviewed the property and made a favorable recommendation to the Trust's Board of Trustees. The Trust's Board meets again on November 13, 2008 where a motion will be offered for the Trust to purchase the Luce property. Because of the compelling reasons for this purchase I expect a positive endorsement from the Board. In anticipation of the Boards action, and to ease the financial burden on the Trust I propose the Town of Mansfield join us in a 50/50 cost

sharing purchase of this property with the Trust holding ownership title as we have done in adjacent purchases.

In the past the Town of Mansfield and Joshua's Tract have had much success in cooperatively purchasing property for open space and we feel this can be another example of taking advantage of opportunities as they present themselves to meet future needs of Mansfield's residents. We look forward to the Council's response to our proposal and urge a favorable response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren Church". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Warren Church

President, Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

November 19, 2008

To: Town Council

Re: Town contribution toward Joshua Trust's purchase of the Luce Property

At their November 18, 2008, meeting, the Committee reviewed Joshua Trust's request for the Town to contribute toward the cost of the Trust's proposed acquisition of the 5.9-acre Luce property on Mulberry Road. The parcel would be owned and managed by the Trust.

COMMENTS

The Town and Joshua's Trust have been working on a cooperative project to preserve Coney Rock since 1999. Two parcels have been purchased with contributions from the Town and the Trust (see history of this project below). The preservation of the Luce property would complete the Coney Rock Preserve project. The committee reviewed this property with reference to the Town Plan's Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria, and summary of their review follows.

1) **The land.**

The Luce property is part of the Coney Rock area, which is listed as a Significant Conservation and Wildlife Resource in the Town Plan. The property abuts protected land on all sides, except a portion along the west boundary, which is formed by the discontinued section of Woodland Road (see map). The land features a mature oak and maple forest that slopes eastward to the edge of and into a large marsh. There are scenic views of this marsh in winter from the old road. Creating a short side trail to the marsh edge would offer easy access to views year-round. The Luce property contains the only remaining unprotected area in this part of the marsh, which is currently protected by Joshua Trust ownership and conservation easements on house lots. Although the Luce property is narrow, it offers a wildlife corridor between houses for wildlife to move between the large interior forest tracts on the north and south sides of Mulberry Road.

2) **Access to the east side of Coney Rock Preserve.**

The half-mile discontinued section of Woodland Road connects the end of the travel portion of Woodland Road to a junction with Mulberry Road. This discontinued section is a popular walking route, and it also provides access to the Mullane trail that climbs the east side of Coney Rock. The approach to this trail is from two directions.

A) Trail access from the north leads from the end of Woodland Road (travel portion) via the discontinued road through JT's Proposal Rock Preserve (Mullane parcel). JT owns this section of the discontinued road, so access is permanently preserved.

B) Trail access from the south follows the discontinued road from Mulberry Road. This section is on private land, so the road bed is divided down the middle between the two abutting land owners. The east half of this section of the road bed is owned by Luce. There is no formal permission to use this part of the road from either owner. By purchasing the Luce

property, JT would own the east half of the road bed and thus secure permanent public access to Coney Rock from Mulberry Road. Parking on Mulberry Road is currently available on land across Mulberry Road from the entrance to the discontinued road. This parking area will be deeded to the Town as part of a subdivision open space dedication.

3) Long-distance trail.

The Luce property is an important link in a long-distance walking trail on public-access land. This trail circles for several miles across Coney Rock Preserve, Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve, UConn forest land, and Mansfield Hollow State Park. The only other private property in this loop is the Dorwart property, which is across Mulberry Road from the Luce property. Following protection of both the Luce and Dorwart properties, this loop trail can be completed. There is no alternative to the Luce property for connections on the north side of Mulberry Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommends that the Town contribute to the purchase of the Luce property by Joshua's Trust 1) to preserve part of Coney Rock and part of a large marsh and 2) to create permanent public access along the discontinued portion of Woodland Road for access to Coney Rock and as an important link in a long-distance trail.

HISTORY OF THE CONEY ROCK PRESERVE PROJECT

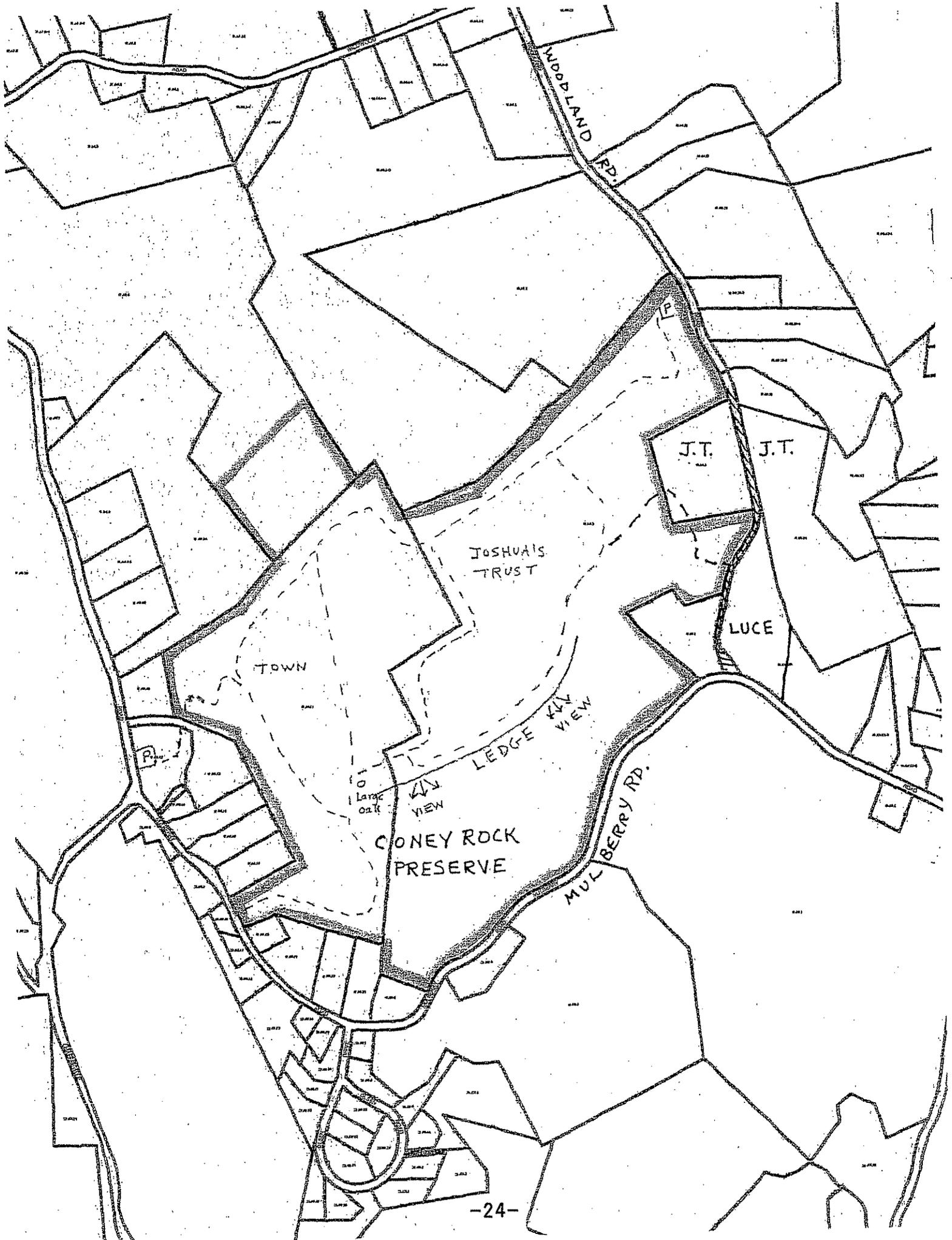
December, 1999, Representatives of Joshua's Trust (JT) and the Town of Mansfield met at the Coney Rock lookout to discuss the opportunity for a cooperative effort to preserve Coney Rock.

May, 2001, **Olsen property** (60 acres on west side of Coney Rock) was purchased by the Town. Partners included the Town (\$45,000), DEP (\$50,000 grant awarded to the Town and JT as joint applicants) and JT (\$5,000 in cash and \$5,000 of in-kind services). JT had obtained a license for public access to the Chapin property to support the application for the DEP grant.

May, 2002, **David Storrs Chapin** donated 134 acres on top and east side of Coney Rock to JT.

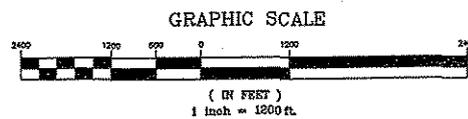
June, 2004, **Mullane property–Proposal Rock** (17 acres on east side of Coney Rock and part of a large marsh) was purchased by JT with a contribution from the Town (\$10,000 from Town, \$25, 000 from JT).

November, 2008, **Luce property** (5.9 acres on east side of Coney Rock) is being considered for purchase by JT with a possible contribution from the Town. **Protection of this property would complete the Coney Rock preservation project.**





AERIAL PHOTO
OF THE LUCE PROPERTY
AND CONTIGUOUS OPEN SPACE



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Item #3

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Open Space Preservation - Dorwart

Subject Matter/Background

As presented to the Town Council at the meeting of November 24, 2008, the Dorwart property consists of 55.2 acres with approximately 779 feet of frontage on Mulberry Road. This property provides a valuable link between Mansfield's Lions Club Memorial Park (owned by Lions Club with 25-year lease to the Town) and Mansfield Hollow State Park (owned by the Army Corps of Engineers, leased to the state of Connecticut) on the south and Coney Rock Preserve (jointly owned by the Town of Mansfield and Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust) and Fifty-foot Cliff Preserve (owned by the Town of Mansfield) on the north. A map detailing this connection is attached.

The acquisition of the Dorwart Property would create one of the longest contiguous loop trails in Mansfield and ensure permanent access to important recreation resources such as nature study, hiking trails, and scenic viewing. These connections would complete protection of a large, contiguous, interior forested tract and provide significant wildlife corridors between preserved forest areas to the north and south and between large wetlands to the east and west. These preservation goals are supported in Mansfield's 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development.

The property is being offered to the Town at a price of \$325,000. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has awarded the Town an Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant totaling \$112,500, or 34.6 percent of the purchase price. A previous appraisal report, based on 2004 data, appraised the property at \$250,000. Mansfield's Assessor estimates the current fair market value of the property to be \$333,880.

Financial Impact

The existing balance (approximately \$630,000) in the Town's Open Space Acquisition Fund is sufficient to cover the purchase of the subject property and related survey costs. As requested at the Town Council's November 24, 2008 meeting, fiscal notes detailing the management costs over time for this property are attached.

Recommendation

In conformance with the Town's open space acquisition procedures, staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to finalize and to execute the purchase of the Dorwart Property.

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

Move, effective December 8, 2008, to authorize the Town Manager to finalize and to execute the purchase of the 55.2 acre Dorwart Property from The Reinhold A. Dorwart and Juanita M. Dorwart Family Trust.

Attachments

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- 1) Memo from Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
- 2) Memo from Mansfield Conservation Commission
- 3) Open Space Preservation Committee Report
- 4) Memo from Town of Mansfield Assessor
- 5) Existing and Potential Trails on the Dorwart Property
- 6) Aerial Photo of Dorwart Property and Contiguous Open Space

Dorwart Property Acquisition- Fiscal Notes

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To: Town Council
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OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

November 19, 2008

To: Town Council

Re: Acquisition of the Dorwart Property

At their November 18, 2008, meeting, the Committee reviewed the Town's proposed acquisition of the 55.2-acre Dorwart property on Mulberry Road. A DEP grant has been awarded to the Town for this purchase. The committee reviewed this property with reference to the Town Plan's Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria (see below).

COMMENTS

Natural Resources: The Dorwart property has a mature hardwood/conifer forest on a relatively level plateau, which drops steeply along escarpments on its west side. It is part of a large interior forest tract and fills a gap between two large forest preserves: Coney Rock Preserve to the north (across Mulberry Road) and Mansfield Hollow State Park to the south. A year-round stream crosses the property along its frontage on Mulberry Road. This stream flows between a large marsh upstream and a beaver meadow downstream (on abutting properties) before continuing to the Fenton River. The property and this stream are part of the watershed of the Willimantic Reservoir, a public water supply. Several vernal pools are perched on the plateau, and the northeast corner of the property contains a shrub swamp.

Recreational Resources: Existing trails in Coney Rock Preserve and in Mansfield Hollow State Park can be connected through the Dorwart property to complete a long-distance loop trail on public-access lands via Lions Club Field, and Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve (see map). These trails are popular for hiking and cross-country skiing, so completing this trail would enhance Mansfield's recreational resources. The year-round stream extends 1400 feet along Mulberry Road. It has a native trout population and offers easy access from Mulberry Road for recreational fishing.

Scenic Resources: There are scenic views from the top of the escarpment. Preservation of the Dorwart property would protect the view from Coney Rock Preserve's ridge-top lookout. This view extends across the Dorwart property and Mansfield Hollow State Park. The rocky cascades in the brook can be seen from Mulberry Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommends that the Town purchase the Dorwart property to achieve the following goals: 1) preserve part of a large forest tract and provide a continuous protected forest area and wildlife corridor between Coney Rock Preserve and Mansfield Hollow, 2) protect a stream connecting two large wetlands, 3) preserve a significant area in the Willimantic Reservoir

OSPC comments, Dorwart property

watershed , 4) provide an important link in a long-distance loop trail, 5) preserve scenic views from Coney Rock and Mulberry Road.

RESULTS OF CRITERIA REVIEW:

1. List of Significant Conservation and Wildlife Resources in the Town Plan (Appendix J). The Dorwart property is part of a large interior forest block identified on Map 21 of the Town Plan. It also contains a portion of a year-round tributary stream to the Fenton River.
2. Features of historical interest: An abandoned Town road crosses the south part of the property. It once connected Mulberry Road to Wormwood Hill Road, and it features double stone walls and an adjacent house foundation.
3. Notable wildlife habitats: A mature forest in an interior forest tract.
4. Water resources: The brook features many scenic cascades and has native brook trout. The land and this stream are in the watershed of the Willimantic Reservoir, a public water supply. There are several vernal pools. The northeast corner contains most of a large shrub swamp.
5. Important forestry lands: The property has not been logged for at least 25 years. The property has a high diversity of large mature trees.
6. Scenic resources: View of the property from Coney Rock Preserve. Views of the brook from Mulberry Road. Westward views from the edge of the escarpment.
7. Creates connections: The Dorwart property abuts Coney Rock Preserve across Mulberry Road and Mansfield Hollow State Park to the south. Preservation of the Dorwart property would protect a broad forested area connecting these two large preserved areas, providing for continuous forest cover and a preserved wildlife corridor. Existing trails in these two public-access areas could be connected by a trail through the Dorwart property and Lion's Club Field. This trail connection would become part of a long-distance loop trail that includes Fifty-foot Cliff Preserve.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ASSESSOR'S OFFICE



MEMO

TO: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
Greg Padick, Director of Planning
FROM: Irene E. LaPointe, Town Assessor
DATE: November 18, 2008
RE: Dorwart Property Valuation – 55 Acres on Wormwood Hill Rd.
Map/Block/Lot: 018/0068/0001

I've been asked to provide an estimate of current fair market value for 55 acres on Wormwood Hill Road that the Town may purchase from the Reinhold A. & Juanita M. Dorwart Family Trust. Presently, the acreage is valued under PA490, Forest Land @ \$100/Acre.

Review Considerations:

- Based on 2004 and 2007 appraisal reports prepared by T. Rummel, the "highest and best use" of the property would be to subdivide it into "three to five residential lots using common driveways."
- Road frontage is approximately 800–900 feet.
- The parcel is located in a RAR90, Rural Agricultural Zone, which requires a minimum 90,000 square foot building lot.
- At present, building lots in the neighborhood are valued an average of \$110,000.
- Unimproved lots, from a developer's point of view, are typically discounted by about 30%.
- Vacant acreage, above and beyond the two-acre building lot, currently is valued in Mansfield at \$6,000/front acreage and \$3,000/rear acreage.
- Mansfield's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations include provisions for common driveways serving up to 3 lots and provisions that authorize waivers of lot frontage for new lots off of common driveways.

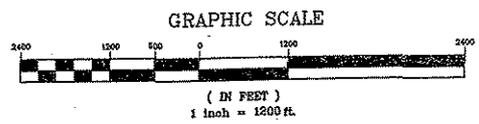
Based upon the above considerations, it is likely that the subject 55-acre parcel can be divided into at least three building lots. Assuming 3 lots of equal size, an

estimate of fair market value would be calculated as follows:

2 Acre Building Lot	\$110,000
16.33 Excess Rear Acreage @ \$3,000/AC	<u>48,990</u>
	158,990
	X <u>3 lots</u>
	476,970
30% discount	<u>(143,090)</u>
Estimate of Fair Market Value	\$333,880



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**Town of Mansfield
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To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Open Space Preservation – Moss Sanctuary

Subject Matter/Background

As presented to the Town Council at their meeting of November 24, 2008, the Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, and Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1989 by the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. However, there is no deed restriction on this property providing for its permanent preservation.

This 135-acre tract of land has served as an outdoor classroom for University and Town programs and a place where visitors from Northeastern Connecticut can enjoy native flora and fauna, walk and hike through trails, and discover a variety of natural habitats. The property is used for class field trips and research projects by E.O. Smith and UConn students alike, and this parcel currently serves as a "village woods" with trails that are easily accessible by nearby residents in a densely developed area. If preserved, the wooded open space on this property would compliment the Storrs Center development nearby. It could provide an extension for recreational programs at the Mansfield Community Center with an outdoor venue for walking and possibly a fitness trail.

The Connecticut Forest and Parks Association (CFPA) is offering the Moss Sanctuary to the Town of Mansfield at a price of \$100,000. According to the Town Assessor, this property is currently valued at \$3,000 per acre, for a total of \$405,000.

As described in the attached letter, the acquisition of the Moss Sanctuary by the CFPA is part of a larger series of land conservation transactions that would result in permanent conservation of more than 253 acres of land in Mansfield and Willington, 50 years' protection of an additional 300 acres, and permanent protection of more than three miles of the blue-blazed Nipmuck Trail in Mansfield and Willington. Additionally, the protection of these lands would contribute to maintaining the natural hydrology of the Fenton River Watershed. Should the Town of Mansfield approve purchase of this property, CFPA would place a conservation restriction on the property to ensure the property's preservation as well-managed forest and wildlife habitat. Approximately four acres would be exempted from the conservation restriction, in order to provide the Town with flexibility in the future to construct a small-scale nature center or educational facility.

As stated in the attached report, the Open Space Preservation Committee supports this proposed acquisition. The committee does, however, raise two concerns. The first issue is guaranteed availability of access to the Moss Sanctuary from behind the UConn apartments on South Eagleville Road. Staff has addressed this concern by requiring access as a contingency of purchase. The second concern the committee raises is the condition of the 19th century stone dam. Staff and an external expert have studied the historic structure, and it is estimated that the Town would need to spend an estimated \$218,600 over the next five to ten years to repair and maintain the dam. There is no imminent threat that the dam will fail; however, repair and maintenance of any dam must be considered. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a grant program specifically for municipalities, which would fund up to two thirds of the repair costs. The reports demonstrating the condition of the dam are attached.

Financial Impact

If approved, this purchase would be funded from the existing balance (approximately \$630,000) in the Town's Open Space Acquisition Fund. Two thirds of the estimated \$218,600 to repair the dam could be funded through the Department of Environmental Protection Flood and Erosion Board Program, a program specifically designed for repair of municipally owned dams. The remaining dam repair costs could be funded through the Open Space Acquisition fund. As requested at the Town Council's November 24, 2008 meeting, fiscal notes detailing the management costs over time for this property are attached.

Also, in response to a question raised by Council, there is no restriction against using existing Open Space Fund monies to pay for repair and maintenance activities. All of the bonded funds have been spent, and the balance in the account consists of funding from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. We have used the fund for similar expenditures in the past.

Recommendation

In conformance with the Town's open space acquisition procedures, staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to finalize and to execute the purchase of the Moss Sanctuary.

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

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Attachments

- 1) Fiscal notes detailing the management costs for the Moss Sanctuary over time
- 2) Memo from Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
- 3) Memo from Mansfield Conservation Commission
- 4) Offer letter from CFPA
- 5) Open Space Preservation Committee Report
- 6) Staff Report on Moss Sanctuary Tift/Sullivan's Pond dam
- 7) Comments from Karl Ascimovic, P.E. & L.S. regarding Moss Sanctuary Tift/Sullivan's Pond Dam

Moss Sanctuary Acquisition- Fiscal Notes

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At the 11/19/08 Conservation Commission meeting, members discussed the above referenced open space acquisition proposals and the recommendations of the Open Space Preservation Committee (OSPC). The Commission appreciates the thoroughness of the documents prepared by the OSPC. They have reviewed these properties with reference to the Town Plan's Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria, and the Commission notes that these acquisitions will further stated goals in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The Conservation Commission is enthusiastic in adding its endorsement to these recommendations.

A and B: The acquisition of the Luce and Dorwart properties represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect existing recreational and open space property previously acquired by the Town and Joshua's Trust. This connection adds immeasurable value to these prior investments. We are speaking not only of wildlife corridors but also of the ability to hike easily from the Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve, through the Coney Rock Preserve and the Chapin property, on through the Luce and Dorwart properties to the Lions Club Field and into Mansfield Hollow State Park. This is an opportunity the Town must not hesitate to take advantage of.

C. The Moss Sanctuary represents another unusual opportunity. It is convenient to the Town's Community Center and E.O. Smith High School and is of important recreational and educational value for these reasons. It is of historic interest with a colonial cold cellar and house foundation and the mill pond.

The Mansfield Conservation Commission also notes the cooperative efforts that have gone into making these acquisitions possible for the Town of Mansfield. The University of Connecticut, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Forest and Park Association, and Joshua's Trust are all partners in this endeavor, not to mention many hours of staff and volunteer time. The Commission urges you not to miss making this investment in the Town's future.

Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268

November 6, 2008

Re: Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower and Wildlife Sanctuary Offer and Proposal

Dear Matt,

Please accept this letter as an official offer and proposal of actions for the sale of the 135.56 acre Moss Sanctuary parcel to the Town of Mansfield (the "Town") at a price of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars. As you know, the Connecticut Forest and Park Association is entering into this undertaking with the Town as part of a larger series of land conservation transactions with the University of Connecticut (the "University") that will result in permanent conservation of more than 253 acres of land in Mansfield and Willington, a 50 year protection of an additional 300 acres, and permanent protection of more than three miles of the Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Trail. Additionally, the protection of these lands contributes to maintaining the natural hydrology of the Fenton River Watershed.

As a result of this work, CFPA will take ownership of the Moss Sanctuary as part of an agreed upon exchange of land and land protection actions with the University and will reserve a Conservation Restriction on the parcel. Subsequent to the placing of that Conservation Restriction, CFPA intends to convey the parcel to a third party. Previous discussions between CFPA and the Town have identified the Town as a prospective purchaser and have resulted in an Intent to Purchase Real Estate agreement developed in collaboration with Town staff.

The Conservation Restriction mentioned above will generally be in the form reviewed by Town Staff in 2007. Town staff and CFPA working to reach mutually agreeable provisions for the Town's future use while maintaining the environmental integrity of the property.

We are looking forward to completing this project as soon as possible and are pleased to be working with you to secure the Moss Sanctuary as part of Mansfield's future.

Sincerely,



Damon Heame
Land Conservation Director

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

November 19, 2008

To: Town Council

Re: Acquisition of the Moss Sanctuary

At their November 18, 2008, meeting, the Committee reviewed the Town's proposed acquisition of the 135-acre Moss Sanctuary from the Ct. Forest and Park Association (CFPA). A conservation easement would be placed on the deed by CFPA to insure its preservation as a well-managed forest and as wildlife habitat, which are CFPA priorities.

COMMENTS: This parcel currently serves as a "village woods" for the Storrs area. It offers several trails that are easily accessible by nearby residents in this densely developed area. It could provide an extension for recreational programs at the Community Center with an outdoor venue for walking and possibly a fitness trail. The property is used for class field trips and research projects by E.O. Smith and UConn students. The committee reviewed this property with reference to the Town Plan's Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria (see these below for additional benefits of this property).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is important for the Town to own the Sanctuary to realize its benefits. However, the committee recommends that two issues be addressed before the Council makes a decision about purchase of this property.

1) Access from South Eagleville Road. Currently trail and maintenance-vehicle access is from the parking lot behind UConn's student apartments across from Town Hall. It would be necessary to have a right-of-access behind the apartments for the Town to manage the Sanctuary and for trail access. This right-of-access would need to be negotiated with UConn and included in the deed. (The other access to the Sanctuary via its frontage at Rt. 195 and Birchwood Heights is not feasible for vehicles because it would involve a wetland crossing at the bottom of a steep slope.)

2) Tift Pond's scenic appeal and its historic role as a reserve pond for the Hanks silk mill are an important part of the Sanctuary's function as a public asset. On the other hand, the dam's current condition, potential liability issues, and estimated maintenance costs over many years should be considered. The committee notes that DEP's classification for this dam is "lowest risk" and that there is not an immediate threat to its safety. The Sanctuary's management plan should include continuous monitoring of its condition by staff and use of matching funds from DEP for maintenance and repairs.

OSPC comments: Acquisition of the Moss Sanctuary

RESULTS OF CRITERIA REVIEW:

1. The Moss Sanctuary and Tift Pond (which is on this property) are on the list of significant conservation resources in Appendix J of the Town Plan.
2. Features of historical interest: Remains of an old farm, including fields reverting to forest and a covered root cellar. Tift Pond (5 acres), which was constructed as a reserve water source for the water-powered Hanks silk mill in the early 1800's (also known as Sullivan's Pond). The George Washington Memorial Forest, which includes red and white pines planted in 1932 behind the UConn apartments.
3. Notable wildlife habitats: Mature hardwood forest, fields reverting to shrubs and young hardwoods, a pond, a swamp/marsh along Rt. 195.
4. Water resource: The brooks flowing through the pond are tributaries to the Fenton River in the watershed of the Willimantic Reservoir's public water supply.
5. Important forestry lands: Approximately 90 acres of mature forest, which would be managed according the standards in the conservation easement.
6. Scenic resources: The Sanctuary contains a large marsh/swamp visible from Rt. 195. Interior scenes include views of a mature pine forest and of the pond.
7. Creates connections: Trails in the Sanctuary currently connect between South Eagleville Road (via the UConn apartment complex) and Birchwood Heights Road. A potential connection exists south to Schoolhouse Brook Park from Birchwood Heights Road via Monticello Road, Davis Road, Spring Hill Road and the Nipmuck Trail through Schoolhouse Brook Park.
8. Recreational opportunities: This property offers passive recreation opportunities in an area of existing high-density housing and the Town's Community Center.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager

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July 16, 2008

Mr. Arthur Christian
Inland Water Resources Division
Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Flood and Erosion Control Projects
Tift Pond Dam, Moss Sanctuary (DEP # 7840)

Dear Mr. Christian:

The Town of Mansfield respectfully requests approval for funding under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Flood and Erosion Control Board Program so that the Town may make repairs to the Tift Pond Dam, should the Town take ownership of this parcel.

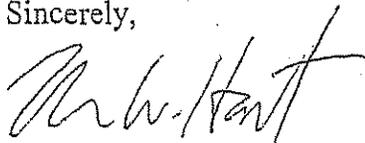
The Town of Mansfield is in negotiations with the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association (CFPA) to purchase the Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, Wildflower Sanctuary (Moss Sanctuary), an approximately 152-acre parcel containing a dam on Tift Pond. This parcel currently serves as a "village woods" with trails that are easily accessible by nearby residents in a densely developed area. Should the Town take ownership of this parcel, the deed would be restricted by a conservation easement held by CFPA, ensuring permanent preservation of this parcel.

As part of our investigation into the Moss Sanctuary, the Town of Mansfield's Assistant Town Engineer, Grant Meitzler in conjunction with Consulting Engineer Karl Acimovic estimate the costs of repairing the Tift Pond Dam to be \$218,600. The reports from Assistant Engineer, Grant Meitzler and Consulting Engineer, Karl Acimovic are attached.

One hundred percent of the frontage on Tift Pond would be owned by the Town of Mansfield.

The Town considers the repair of the Tift Pond Dam to be a priority and will diligently proceed with the steps to rehabilitate the structures once funding is in place. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact me at 860-429-3336. We look forward to working with DEP repair of Tift Pond Dam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. W. Hart".

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

The Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower, and Wildlife Sanctuary was established in 1989 by the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees. This 157-acre preserve is an outdoor classroom for University programs and a protected area for native plants and animals.

Visitors are welcome during daylight hours to walk the trails and discover a variety of natural habitats. Guided tours are available to groups upon request.

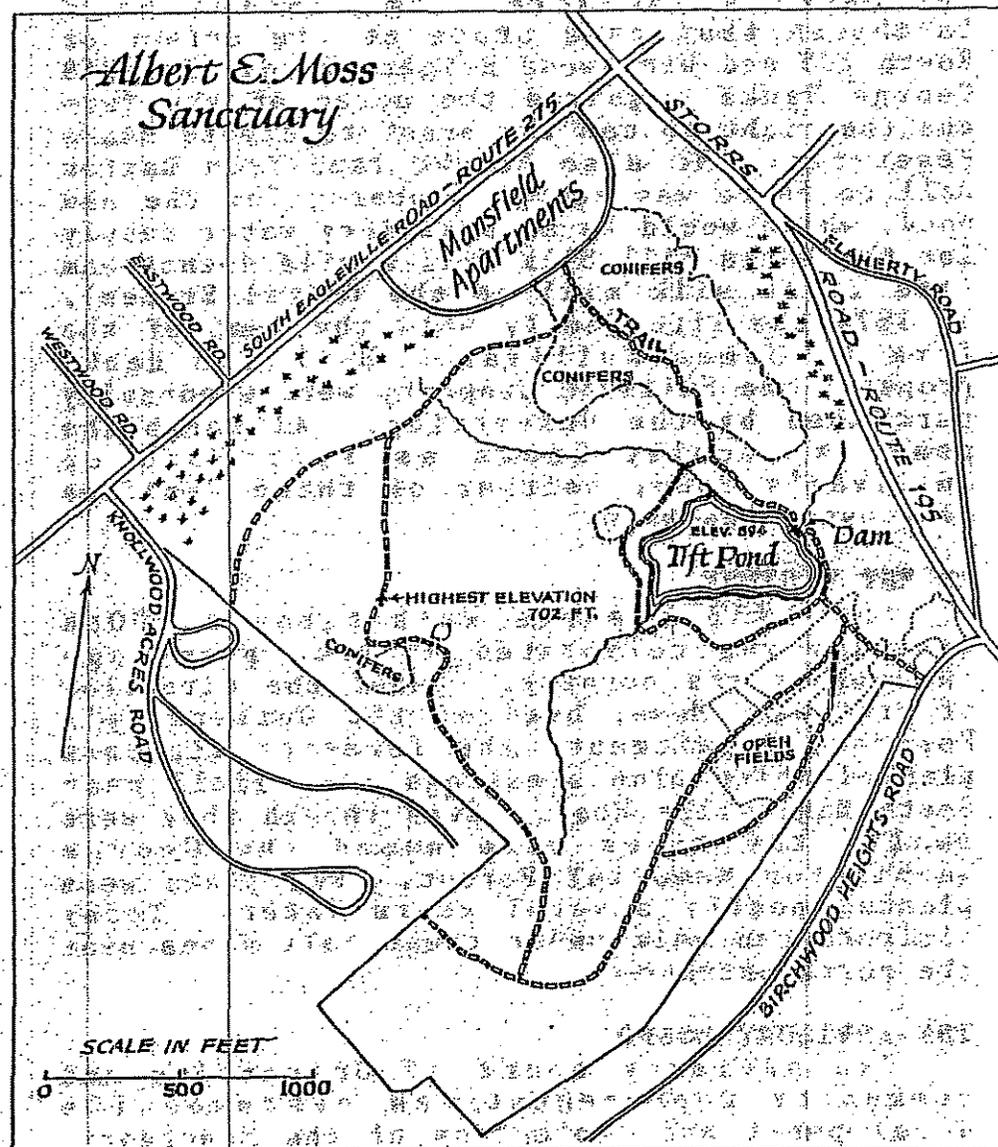
We ask your cooperation in preserving the natural beauty of this land. Please do not destroy any plants or animal life. Please do not litter, build fires, camp, hunt or use wheeled vehicles.

TRAILS

The north entrance trail begins in pine woods. Visitors may walk a quarter-mile along this trail to the pond or may explore a perimeter trail,

49 A half-mile trail around the pond begins at the dam and cuts through cool woods along the south shore. After crossing one of the pond's feeder brooks, the trail skirts the west side of the pond, then crosses a maple swamp and a second feeder brook before rejoining the entrance trail. (The swamp section may be wet).

The 1.3-mile perimeter loop begins 200 feet from the north entrance and gradually climbs through oak-hickory woods to the high point in the park. After descending beside a hemlock grove, the trail continues in oak woods before emerging on the west side of a field. There the trail splits into two parallel paths that cross the field through grassy glades and thickets of shrubs and young trees. After these paths merge on the east side of the field, the trail curves north toward the pond, crosses the dam and returns to the entrance.



EARLY HISTORY

In 1840 Baruch Southwick and Sanford Tift purchased a 140-acre farm, including a farmhouse that once stood at the corner of Route 195 and Birchwood Heights Road. In 1848 George Hanks acquired two acres of the farm and the right to dam the brook to create Hanks Reservoir. He also bought land from Baxter all so there was enough property for the new pond, which would be an auxiliary water supply for the Hanks Hill Silk Mill (a mile downstream the first silk mill in the United States). In 1874 the Tift family sold the rest of the farm to James Sullivan. Both the Hanks property and Sullivan property were eventually purchased by the University. Although the pond is locally known as Tift Pond or Sullivan's Pond, neither of these families ever owned the pond.

RECENT HISTORY

In 1932, George Washington's 200th birthday was celebrated by tree plantings throughout the country. Under the direction of Professor Moss, head of the University's Forestry Department, the forestry students planted white pine seedlings in a field near South Eagleville Road. Even though they were small, the trees were named the George Washington Memorial Forest. Red pines were planted nearby several years later. Today visitors can walk under these tall pines near the north entrance.

THE ADVISORY BOARD

An advisory board of University and community representatives oversees the development and protection of the Sanctuary. Inventories of the Sanctuary's flora and fauna are being recorded, and checklists will be available in the future.

Albert E. Moss Forest Wildflower and Wildlife Sanctuary



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Moss Sanctuary
Comments on the Tift/Sullivan's Pond

prepared by

Mansfield Department of Public Works
Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Grant Meitzler, Assistant Town Engineer

March 20, 2008

Moss Sanctuary
Comments on the Tift/Sullivan's Pond

General

The dam is a dry masonry faced earth dam typical of 19th century mill dam construction. The early references to the pond call it the "Hanks Reservoir". The pond was used as a secondary water supply for power to the Hanks Hill silk mills owned by the Hanks family and run for many years. Deeds in the land records indicate construction of the dam in the 1846 through 1848 time period. Later deeds in the 1860's suggest an expansion of the dam may have taken place.

The dam appears generally sound with a need for numerous areas of attention in the nature of deferred maintenance.

The consequences of a catastrophic dam failure are large due to flow running through a pipe under Route 195, where potential loss of the road appears to warrant real concern.

Figure 1 - Plan of Dam

This figure gives an overall picture of the dam layout with some key features noted.

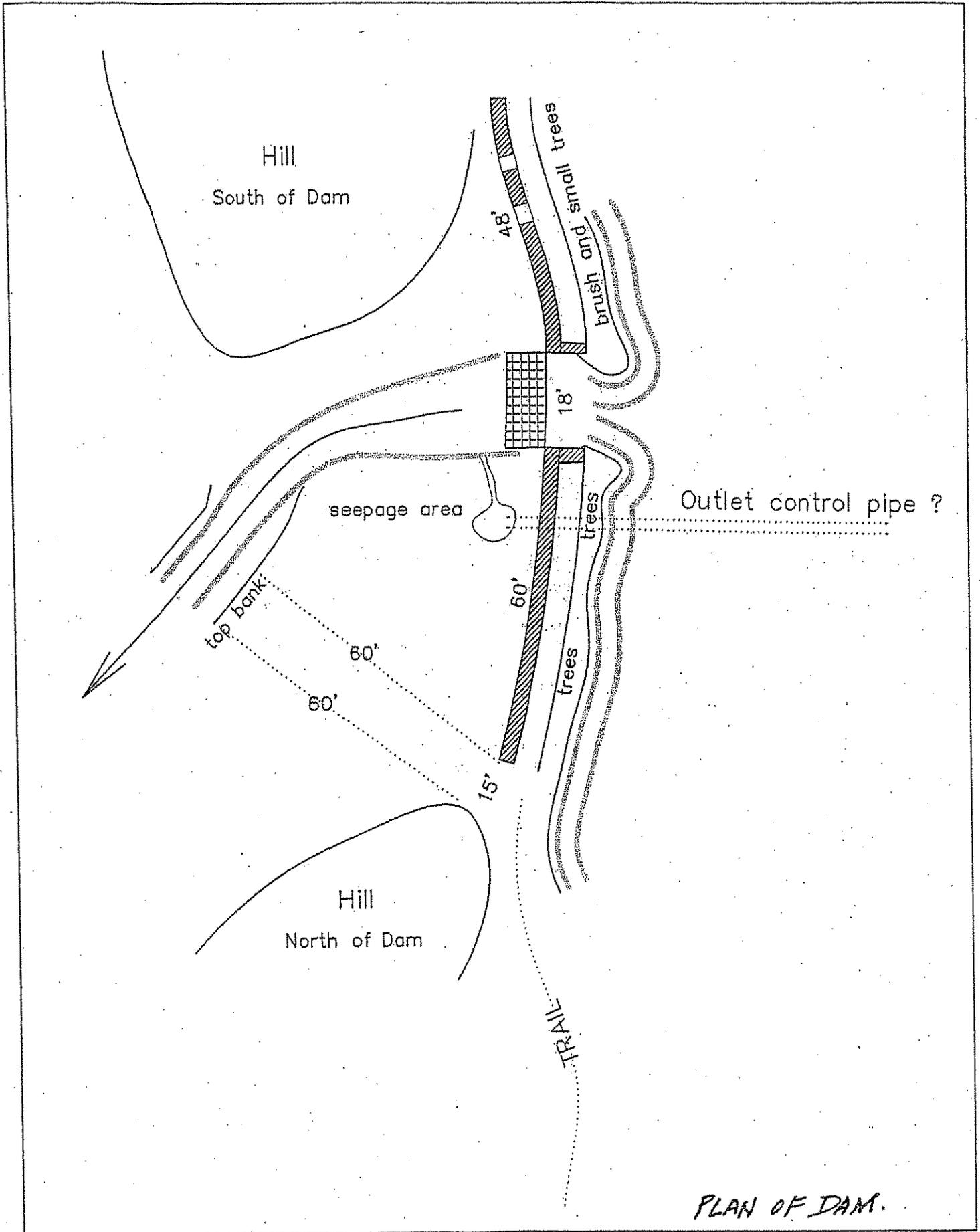
1. At the south side of the dam there are two areas where the top stones of the dam are missing.

These were not seen on the ground below the dam and it was not clear whether their loss is due to vandalism or high water flowing over the crest of the dam. Either could be the case.

Regardless of the cause, these stones should be replaced.

2. The spillway is of ample size - approx. 1.25' by 18' but has a need for attention as follows:

- A. the opening leading to the spillway is partially obstructed by brush growth and accumulated soil and debris. This is mainly on the south side of the spillway approach. This obstruction reduces the present flow capacity of the spillway.
- B. With the observed outfall flow from the pond the spillway was seen to be dry for about 2.5' upstream of the lip of the spillway and about 2.5 feet down on the face of the dam. The low flow runs between stones through cracks in the masonry. Restoration of the bed of the spillway is needed.
- C. The upstream dam face is grown to brush and trees. These need to be removed for dam safety reasons. The largest of the trees is a 24" maple. This tree being blown over in a storm represents a real risk to the integrity of the dam structure



PLAN OF DAM.

and the tree and stump need removal.

Doing this tree removal safely will require lowering the water level in the pond so that excavation for stump removal can be done above the water level.

Guidelines from the Department of Environmental Protection require removal of the trees and brush 25 feet downstream of the dam as well.

- D. The DEP has suggested placing wingwalls extending along the sides of the approach to the spillway placed to run about 45 degrees away from the spillway entry to increase flow capacity of the spillway.
3. There is a seepage area located on the north side of the brook and starting about 5 feet out from the dam face. No sign of piping soil deposits was seen. This is most likely the result of an old outflow pipe that was crudely removed years ago. This bears watching but a breach through this pipe (if indeed it exists) would result in a slow draining of the pond that could be handled by the downstream pipes under Route 195.
 4. The upstream face of the dam is only protected against erosion due to wave action by the tree and brush growth (a separate problem in itself). Although held in place to some extent by root growth, evidence of erosion due to wave action was seen along much of the upstream dam face.

DEP guidelines require rip-rap protection along the upstream dam face to prevent wave erosion.

5. At the north end of the dam there is a space about 15' wide beyond the end of the stone dam structure. This is low enough that overflowing storm flow could erode a channel that would cut down into the soil allowing heavy outflow and could result in dam failure.
6. The dam and its surrounds are regularly used for unsupervised recreation. This is obviously seen by large areas adjacent to the south end of the dam that are eroded and completely bare of vegetation.

Estimated Costs of
Needed Maintenance Work and Improvements

The following estimates are very preliminary and are not based on any finished design standards for the work needed. These estimates are intended only to give an idea of the costs involved.

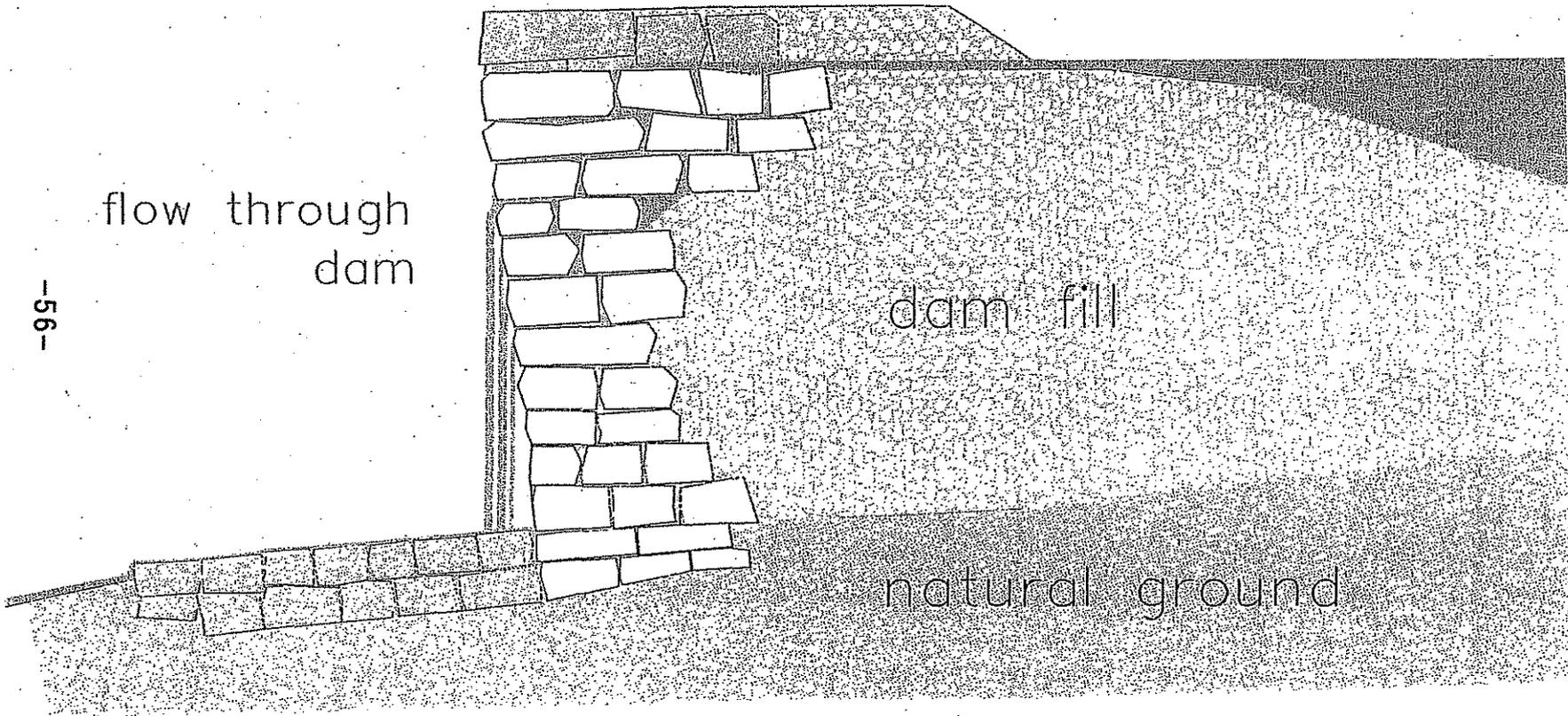
for the upstream dam face, and areas 25' downstream of dam:

cut trees and brush	\$ 2,000.
remove stumps of trees over 6"	20,000.
Pump and/or siphon ware from pond to lower water level 50% or 5 feet whichever is greater, includes S&E protection and specific requirements for discharge	
after tree and brush removal, strip upstream dam face of surface material add soil to widen top surface of dam for equipment access, can be done simultaneously with stump removal along dam	
estimated 75 cub.yds. replaced	7,500.
50 cu.yds rip-rap dam face protection	7,500.
spillway repair/improve	
remove one layer of stones, spillway base and sides	2,000.
replace to original dimensions using reinforced concrete	
est. 12 c.y. @ 1000/c.y.	12,000.
construct 45 degree wingwalls for spillway inlet improvement	
est. 18 c.y. @ 1000/c.y.	18,000.
build up low area between north end of dam and nearby hill	
est. 100 c.y earth @ 40/cy	4,000.
DEP state permits and review requirements	20,000.
S&E, dewatering, flood analysis, etc.	

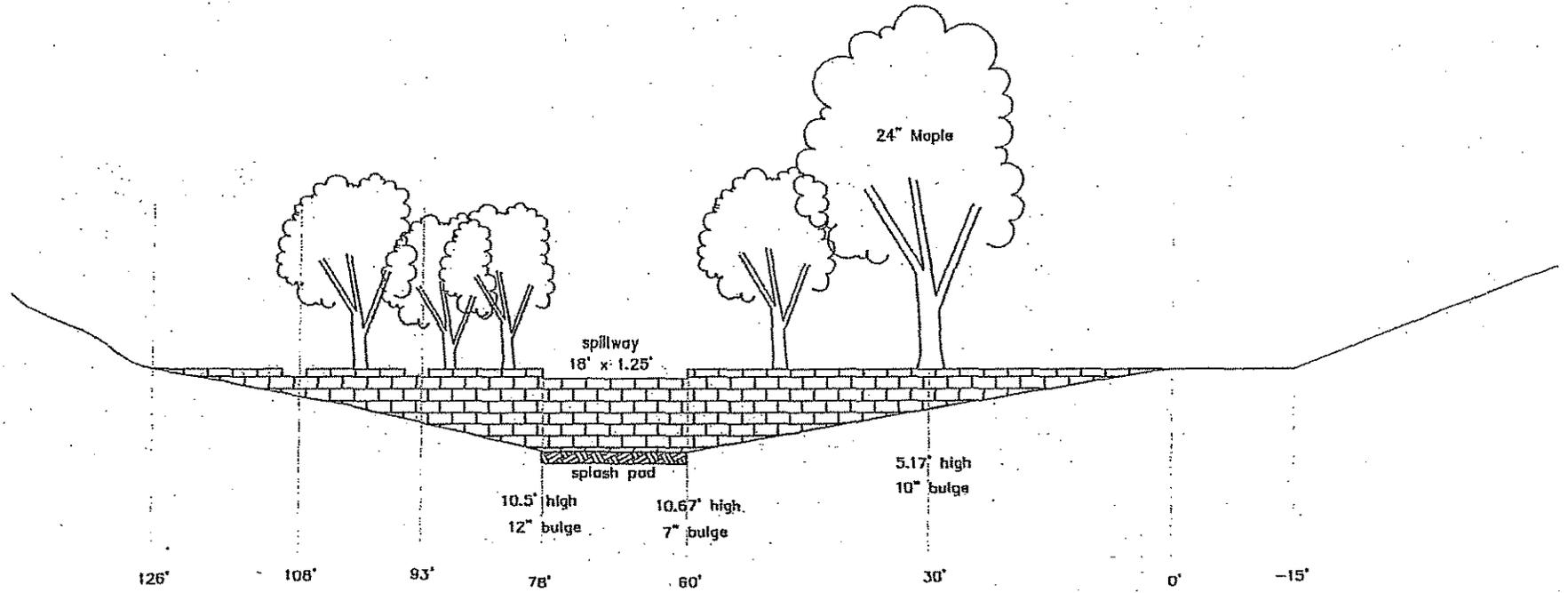
Subtotal	93,000.
Contingency, 20%	18,600.

TOTAL: \$	111,600.
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Dam Cross Section



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DAM FACE

(2)

Figure 2 - Dam Face

The figure gives an idea of the appearance of the dam. It is constructed of native stone and not ashlar masonry as is suggested by this sketch. Dimensions are noted on the sketch.

The height of the dam is 10'8" at the right hand side of the spillway (north side).

The dam is bulged slightly over its length with the maximum outward movement measured approximately at 12 inches outward at the right side (north) of the spillway opening. The face of the dam is bulged out approximately 10 inches at the location of the 24 inch maple tree, apparently due to the pressure of the tree's root growth. This is evident in the local bulge at this location which is greater than is seen on either side of this area.

Figure 32 - Dam Cross Section through center of Spillway

This is an assumed cross section sketch indicating the apparent structure of the dam. There was no trace of an upstream masonry face seen along the dam, and the pond bottom slopes very gently away from the dam suggesting a large volume of fill behind the stone dam face. This would have been accumulated over many years of maintenance after large storms. Source pits for this fill can be seen on the east side of the footpath leading to the dam.

The water flowing between stones is apparent due to water seen flowing into the cracks, and later out of the cracks between stones in the vertical face of the dam. The stones were seen to be dry about 2.5 feet from the overflow spillway lip and about 2.5 feet down the vertical face of the dam where water comes out.

Tables of Figures representing EXCEL spreadsheet iterations follow:

Table I - is an iterative solution for water levels in the low area between the dam and Route 195 given a 100 year storm, and no dam failure.

Water overtops Route 195 in the area of 9-10 feet depth.

This sheet indicates a maximum depth of 8.24 feet.

Table II - is a rating table showing the amount of storage in the area between the dam and Route 195 vs. elevation. This information is used to determine water depth in Table I, and has been determined from measurements taken from available ConnDOT photogrammetry.

Table III - this table is an elapsed time vs. flow table for the event of a catastrophic dam failure. In that event the pond empties in approximately 0.300 hours or 20 minutes, after which normal storm flow continues.

Table IV - this table generates the total depth of water between the dam and Route 195 without allowing any flow over Route 195. In this case, the depth of water rises to 14 feet indicating severe over topping of Route 195 with concomitant damage.

These tables show clearly, I think, that there is not sufficient storage area between the dam and Route 195 to safely contain the combination of stormflow and dam failure flow without severe over topping of the road.

Even with these approximate figures the indication is a large discrepancy between the volume of storage available and the volume of flow in the event of a dam failure. The indication is of high risk.

TABLE I

Sullivan's Pond

storage between dam and Rte 195 - without dam break

T = hrs	1 flow in q =	ou q =	net flow q =	interval Vol in V cu.ft.	cumul storage cu.ft.	storage depth feet
0	0	0	0			
1	231.4	32	199.4	717840	717840	4.63
2	208.6	147.2	61.4	221040	938880	5.51
3	185.12	83.71	101.41	365076	1303956	6.97
4	161.98	112	49.94	179784	1483740	7.69
5	138.84	90.01	48.83	175788	1659528	8.10
6	115.7	92.83	22.87	82332	1741860	8.18
7	92.56	81.42	11.14	40104	1781964	8.22
8	80.99	76.25	4.74	17064	1799028	8.24 *
9	69.42	73.39	-3.97	-14292	1784736	8.23
10	57.85	68.75	-10.9	-39240	1745496	8.19

1 flow based on rational method, peak at one hour
then gradually decreasing

TABLE II

Rating curve - storage volume vs. depth

elev. msl	feet L	feet W	feet D	Volume cu.ft.	cum. volume
577	0	0	0		0
				310328	
580	1285	161	3		310328
				1250480	
585	1540	203	5		1560808
				989100	
586	1570	210	1		2549908

This is storage volume table for area between the dam and Route 195.

TABLE III

Flow vs. Time table for dam break

T	T	1	2	D	q net	V out	cumul.
seconds	hours	q out	q in	depth	cfs	cu. ft.	V out
0	0	cfs	cfs				0
		6142.72	483.04	10.5			
					5442.93	212601	
39.06	0.011	5709.22	483.04	10			212601
					5014.79	202246	
79.39	0.022	5286.43	483.04	9.5			414847
					4597.49	191853	
121.12	0.034	4874.62	483.04	9			606700
					4191.32	181484	
164.42	0.046	4474.10	483.04	8.5			788184
					3796.61	171113	
209.49	0.058	4085.19	483.04	8			959297
					3413.68	160750	
256.58	0.071	3708.25	483.04	7.5			1120048
					3042.93	150381	
306.00	0.085	3343.68	483.04	7			1270429
					2684.75	140010	
358.15	0.099	2991.9	483.04	6.5			1410439
					2339.62	129638	
413.56	0.115	2653.41	483.04	6			1540077
					2008.04	119277	
472.96	0.131	2328.74	483.04	5.5			1659354
					1690.59	108908	
537.38	0.149	2018.52	483.04	5			1768262
					1387.94	98529.9	
608.37	0.169	1723.44	483.04	4.5			1866792
					1100.85	88155.7	
688.45	0.191	1444.33	483.04	4			1954947
					830.21	77782.4	
782.14	0.217	1182.17	483.04	3.5			2032730
					577.105	67411.6	
898.95	0.250	938.12	483.04	3			2100141
					342.845	57042.6	
1065.3	0.296	713.65	483.04	2.5			2157184
					129.11	46672	
1426.8	0.396	510.65	483.04	2			2203856

1 - This is the flow out of the pond with a sudden and complete dam breach

2 - This is a very conservative figure for the storm inflow to the pond

TABLE IV

Sullivan's Pond

storage between dam and Rte 195 - with dam break

T = hrs	flow in q =	flow out q =	net flow q =	interval Vol in V cu.ft.	cumul storage cu.ft.	storage depth feet*
0	0	0	0			
				2921696		
1	231.4	32	199.4	221040	2921696	10.31
2	208.6	147.2	61.4	365076	3142736	11.09
3	185.12	83.71	101.41	179784	3507812	12.38
4	161.98	112.04	49.94	175788	3687596	13.02
5	138.84	90.01	48.83	82332	3863384	13.64
6	115.7	92.83	22.87	40104	3945716	13.93
7	92.56	81.42	11.14	17064	3985820	14.07
8	80.99	76.25	4.74	-14292	4002884	14.13
9	69.42	73.39	-3.97	-39240	3988592	14.08
10	57.85	68.75	-10.9		3949352	13.94

* with no 195 overflow

All flow enters in 0.396 hours - thus the dam break flows are not seen in the flow column but appear in the Volume column.

KARL F. ACIMOVIC, P.E. & L.S.
CONSULTING ENGINEER

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CC: Matt H
Sullivan
Curt V
Cory P

Grant M

May 8, 2008

Mr. Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works / Town Engineer
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268

Re: Tift / Sullivan's Pond Dam
Moss Sanctuary
Mansfield

Dear Mr. Hultgren:

Subsequent to a review of the report prepared by your department regarding the condition of the dam, recommended improvements and modifications, and an estimated cost of repairs and modifications, I have the following comments and recommendations (not necessarily in order).

A. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Assessment / Design Plans / Permitting

A detailed hydrologic evaluation of the watershed and hydraulic analysis of the dam are recommended subsequent to the preliminary assessment of overall scope and cost. The design storm runoff and the ability of the spillway and dam to pass that flow are critical to the future improvements and modifications. Design plans would include preliminary layouts, meetings to assess alternatives, final design plans, project specifications and contract documents. Permitting would include preparation of the permit application to the DEP Dam Safety Section of the Inland Water Resources Division and any necessary follow-up meetings and revisions to plans and specifications. Cost of this portion is estimated as follows:

Topographic Survey and preparation of Base Plan	\$ 2,500.
Design Plans, Specifications & Contract Documents	11,500.
Permitting	3,000.
Total - Item A	<u>\$ 17,000.</u>

Mr. Lon Hultgren
May 8, 2008

B. Clearing, Grubbing and Embankment Improvements

All the items identified in the report and on the estimated cost sheet (e.g., tree and root removal, a uniform elevation for the top of dam, etc.) are essential, and the costs for those items are reasonable as of the date of the report's preparation. To the repairs and improvements noted, I would add an increase in the height of the embankment and work to reset some of the stone masonry along the downstream face. Although a preliminary assessment in your report indicates that the spillway capacity is adequate, the DEP recommends a freeboard above the maximum design storm water surface elevation of 1.5 feet. This would mean an increase in the current elevation of the dam of a minimum of 1.5 feet, pending the outcome of a detailed hydrologic and hydraulic assessment, including raising a portion of the downstream wall and regrading of the upstream slope. The downstream stone masonry currently shows signs of some bulging and void spaces between stones. Modifications and repairs would include excavation of those areas of the wall, considered to be problematic, and resetting some of the masonry. In areas of observed seepage, this may include placement of new materials to act as a cutoff to flow through the embankment. Additional costs to address these items are preliminarily estimated as follows:

Raising the Embankments, including Loaming & Seeding	\$ 20,000.
Repairs and Modifications to Stone Masonry (Including raising the wall)	20,000.
Total - Item B	<u>\$ 40,000.</u>

C. Site Access & Staging Area

The site is currently accessible from Mansfield Apartments by an old wood path to a point near the dam. Accessibility to the dam itself with construction equipment (and future maintenance equipment) is, however, very limited due to topography and tree growth. Removal of soil materials to gain access to work at the site will be necessary at the beginning of the project (note that excavated material would have to be trucked off site). The wood road currently leading in to the area from the back of the apartments can be upgraded by Town forces. The rest of the work, including access to the dam and creation of a staging area at the end of the wood road to store equipment and materials, should be considered at this point to be a part of the overall project. To prevent future trespass to the dam, a vehicle access gate should be installed, preferably at the apartment parking access point.

Access Improvements, Staging Area and New Gate	\$ 20,000
Total - Item C	<u>\$ 20,000.</u>

Mr. Lon Hultgren
May 8, 2008

D. Optional Considerations

Safety and security concerns, while to some extent difficult to control, must be considered due to the limited visibility of the site from the public view. Because the intent of this work is to make the dam and pond aesthetically and environmentally pleasing, access by the public is to be encouraged. As such, a small warning sign should be placed near the entry point of the dam embankment, warning of the dangers at the site. For pedestrian access to the top of the dam, construction of a walking path of stone dust, along with a pedestrian bridge over the spillway for connection to potential paths on the south side of the dam may be considered. The path can be created with the proposed embankment work while the bridge, if prefabricated, may require installation with a small crane. [Note that the bridge will also provide access for ready maintenance to the south side of the dam.] The cost of the bridge would include structural upgrades to the spillway training walls. Estimates for this work would be as follows:

Path Access to and Along Top of Embankment (No additional cost, included in dam modifications and reconstruction)	\$ 0.
Pedestrian Bridge (In-place and including structural modifications at spillway)	30,000.
Total - Item D	<u>\$ 30,000.</u>

A portion of Item A appears to have been included in the original estimate contained within your report, although it also covered other necessary items. Items B and C are additional work that I would propose be included in a revised estimate. Item D, while noted as optional, is recommended in some form due to the tendency of the public to cross over the spillway. If the bridge is there, pedestrians are channeled by way of a safe access point and, as previously noted, it also facilitates maintenance on the south side.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require some clarification.

Sincerely yours,



Karl F. Acimovic



Item #7

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Cherie Trahan Controller/Treasurer
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Presentation – Fiscal Impact Analysis

Subject Matter/Background

Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance, will be giving a short presentation on the fiscal impact the University of Connecticut has on our municipal services, and the important of state intergovernmental revenue to Mansfield.

Attached

- 1) Town and Gown: An Impact Study on Municipal Services

Town and Gown

An Impact Study on Municipal Services

INTRODUCTION

The Town of Mansfield is unique among all the towns in Connecticut; it is the home to the University of Connecticut with a daytime student population in excess of 22,000 individuals, or nearly twice the size of the host community. When we add the Bergin Correctional Facility into the mix and all the staff, visitors, and vendors that populate Mansfield during the day because of these two institutions, we estimate that our daytime population is close to 40,000 people. But, unlike state office buildings, which bring no residents with them, Mansfield's state owned buildings are populated 24 hours per day with a high demand for services. Our problem is very simple, we are trying to provide services to a town with a nighttime population of approximately 25,000 people and a daytime population of 35,000 to 40,000 people with a tax base of a town of approximately 12,500 people. For many years this anomaly worked because substantial state aid offset the lack of a larger tax base. But, two things have changed that delicate balance between the services needed for this large of a community and the ability to fund those services. First is the advent of UCONN 2000 and the expansion of the University. Second is the rapid reduction in a major state grant (Pequot/Mohegan) the town had used to maintain its infrastructure and meet the needs of a growing population. Between FY 2003 and FY 2009 the Pequot/Mohegan grant declined from a little over \$3,000,000 to a little more than \$300,000, or by 1000 percent.

The following report examines the impact that the University of Connecticut (UConn) and Bergin Correctional Facility collectively have on municipal services within the Town of Mansfield. The service areas that demonstrate the most noteworthy impact are:

1. Police Services
2. Emergency Medical Services
3. Public Works
4. Education

ABILITY TO PAY

The selected towns in these tables are meant to reflect communities similar to Mansfield in population when all of our residents living in dormitories are included.

What this study will show is that while Mansfield has the crime, traffic, emergency service calls and auto accidents of much larger communities, it does not have the tax base that goes along with those communities. Table 1 is the equalized net grand list (ENGL) for Mansfield and our comparison communities. What is clearly evident is that Mansfield's ENGL is approximately one third of the other communities. Another measure of our ability to pay is our median family income, which is 141st in the state. Our next closest comparison community is Southbury at 79th and then South Windsor at 37th. In Table 2 we have added Intergovernmental Revenues (primarily state grants) to the Tax Levy and removed what is spent on education to see what is available to finance all the other functions of municipal government. Mansfield's ability to pay for police, fire, emergency response, and public works

ranges from a low of 35% of South Windsor's ability to a high of 72% in comparison with Monroe.

Because Section 10-261(7) of the Connecticut General Statutes actually causes Mansfield's state grant revenues to decrease as students at the University of Connecticut increase, the town finds itself in the unenviable position of having its costs go up while its revenues go down.

Town	Population	2005 Equalized Net Grand List	2005 Total Property Taxes
Mansfield	24,558	\$1,192,413,029	\$18,325,498
South Windsor	25,985	\$3,274,707,719	\$61,262,523
Simsbury	23,656	\$3,346,109,612	\$66,306,205
Monroe	19,650	\$2,882,295,437	\$46,258,850
Southbury	19,677	\$3,302,064,453	\$44,621,819

Municipal Fiscal Indicators, November 2006

(2005)	South Windsor	Simsbury	Mansfield	Monroe
Revenue: Taxes	\$61,262,523	\$66,306,205	\$18,325,498	\$46,258,850
Revenue: Intergovernmental	\$13,423,560	\$4,658,404	\$15,580,254	\$7,903,684
Education Expenditures	\$74,686,083	\$70,964,609	\$33,905,752	\$54,162,534
Other Expenditures	\$49,919,405	\$51,756,275	\$25,077,649	\$41,845,171
	\$24,766,678	\$19,208,334	\$8,828,103	\$12,317,363

Municipal Fiscal Indicators, November 2006

POLICE SERVICES

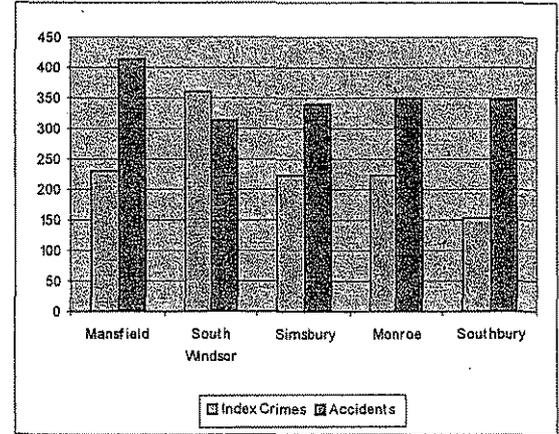
According to the State Department of Public Safety in their most recent publication of Uniform Crime Statistics for 2004, 229 index offenses occurred within the Town of Mansfield (excluding the UConn campus) in that calendar year. These crime statistics are federally mandated and are consistent in the manner in which they are recorded throughout all towns in Connecticut. Additionally, the State Department of Transportation collects traffic accident data for all towns in Connecticut. Results from their most recent report in 2004 are also presented in Table 3. Similar data has been collected for towns comparable in size and composition to Mansfield.

As is evident from Table 3 index crimes in the Town of Mansfield with the exception of South Windsor are generally equal to or greater than towns of similar size. However, accidents are significantly higher. This undoubtedly can be attributed to the heavy daytime population produced from the university and correctional facility. We estimate that the average daytime population for Mansfield is nearly 35,000. This figure includes the UConn population of 26,910 (students and employees), the Bergin population of 1,302 (inmates and employees), and the non-student population of 12,500. From these numbers it is clear that the daily traffic observed within Mansfield is comparable to a small city.

Table 3: Comparison of Crimes & Accidents

Towns 2006	Population 2006	Index Crimes 2003/2004	Accidents 2004
Mansfield w/students	24,558	229	412
South Windsor	25,985	361	315
Simsbury	23,656	223	341
Monroe	19,650	224	349
Southbury	19,677	155	346

Chart 1

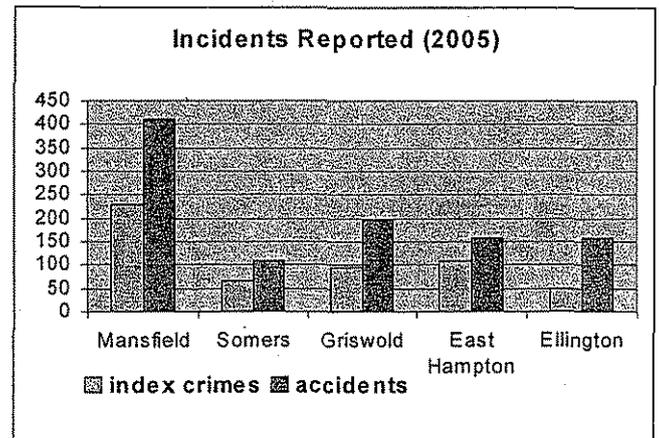


When individuals who reside in group housing, such as dormitories, are not counted as being part of Mansfield's population, the impact of the university and correctional facility are all the more evident. Table 4 and Chart 2 below present data from towns comparable in size and composition to Mansfield when those living in group housing were not counted as being residents.

Table 4: Comparison of Crimes & Accidents

Towns 2006	Population 2006	Index Crimes 2004	Accidents 2004
Mansfield not including students	12,500	229	412
Somers	10,877	65	107
Griswold	11,254	94	196
East Hampton	12,194	107	157
Ellington	14,217	48	155

Chart 2



The presence of UConn and Bergin Correctional has a clear impact on the number of index crimes and accidents in the Town of Mansfield. The data in Table 4 indicates that index crimes are more than double those found in comparable towns. Accidents are more than triple. It is also important to note that the index crimes do not capture all crimes. For example, an arrest for an open container of alcohol in a public space, simple assaults and vandalism, which are common infractions found in college towns, are not included in these statistics. If they were, one could expect these disparities to widen further.

What has not been included in any of Mansfield's crime statistics are index crimes that take place on the UConn campus itself. It is reported that 360 index crimes occurred on the Storrs campus in the year 2003. Adding this to Mansfield's 229 crimes for the same year results in a total of 589 index crimes. Glastonbury with a population of 32,604 had only 408 reported index crimes. South Windsor with a population of 24,970 had 361 index crimes. These figures demonstrate the significance of the university's impact.

It is evident from the data presented above that both institutions place a significant burden on police services in the Town of Mansfield. This is also evident when one compares expenditures for emergency medical services between towns.

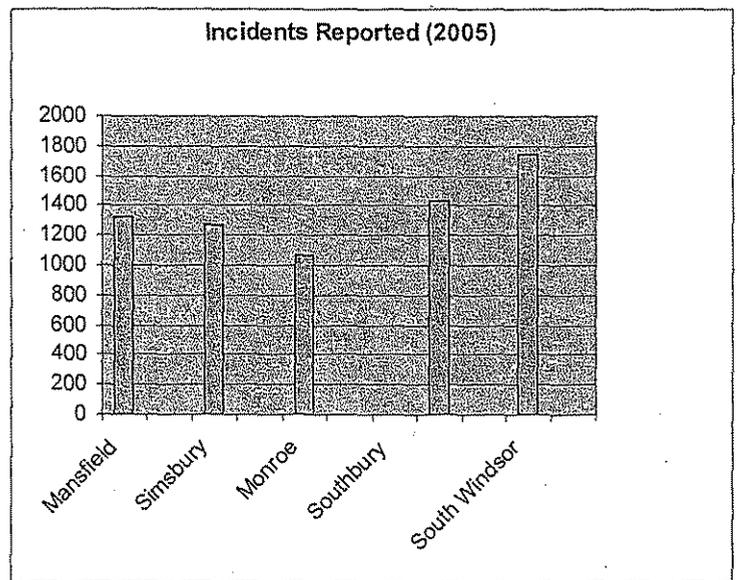
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (Ambulance)

Data has been collected on ambulance responses from the State Department of Public Health for Mansfield and other towns comparable in size and composition to that of Mansfield. The response statistics are consistent in the manner that they are recorded throughout all towns in the state.

Table 5: Comparison of Emergency Responses

Towns 2006	Population 2006	Ambulance Responses 2006
Mansfield w/students	24,558	1321
Simsbury	23,656	1277
Monroe	19,650	1063
Southbury	19,677	1435
South Windsor	25,985	1745

Chart 3



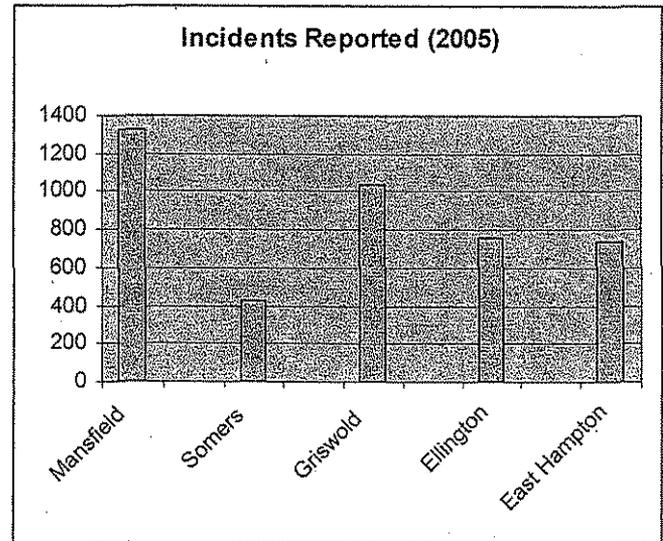
As is evident from the table and graph, ambulance responses in the Town of Mansfield are equal to towns with populations that compare to that of Mansfield.

Even more dramatic is when the population of individuals residing in group homes is not counted as being part of Mansfield's population. Then the impact of the university and correctional facility are all the more evident. Table 6 presents data from towns comparable in size and composition to Mansfield when not counting those living in group housing.

Table 6: Comparison of Emergency Responses

Towns 2006	Population 2006	Ambulance Responses 2006
Mansfield w/o students	12,500	1321
Somers	10,877	432
Griswold	11,254	1041
Ellington	14,217	757
East Hampton	12,194	742

Chart 4



PUBLIC WORKS

The infrastructure of municipal roadways is bearing the brunt of aforementioned vehicular traffic. The main state highways approaching the correctional facility and the university campuses are two-lane roads. As traffic gets congested with the amount of normal daily traffic patterns, both automobile and truck traffic spill onto local roads finding back ways through residential neighborhoods.

The Town of Mansfield has been proactive on the issue of building bikeways. These bikeways are also considered walkways for student pedestrian traffic from off-campus housing. This is a public safety issue as there are concerns over pedestrian competition with vehicular traffic. The town has appropriated \$475,000 for the Hunting Lodge Road Bikeway and another \$600,000 for the Separatist Road Bikeway. These projects are important for both the viability of the off-campus housing and the safety of the students. Because of the loss of the Pequot / Mohegan grant the Town will not be able to sustain this effort.

In addition to the influx of automotive traffic on a daily basis, it should be noted that there are twenty to twenty-five collegiate basketball events annually at Gampel Pavilion. While Storrs was crowned "College Basketball Capitol of the World" in 2004, it has averaged nearly 20 sold out events each season this decade at the 10,027-seat arena. Eighteen other varsity sports play their home competitions on the Storrs campus. Popular amongst these include the nationally ranked men's and women's soccer teams at the 7,700 seat Morrone Stadium hosting twenty-five games this season, as well as the men's and women's ice hockey teams which will play thirty-six times this winter at the 1,669-seat Frietas Ice Forum. Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts seats 2,630 for cultural events, shows, and concerts throughout the year.

Mansfield has also partnered with the Windham Regional Transit District paying close to \$14,000 in prepaid fares in the current fiscal year and also budgets another share of approximately \$30,000 to keep the bus line sustainable. Statistics from 2006-07 reveal that 78% of riders are associated with the university, while Mansfield residents make up only a partial share of the 22% attributed to "other riders" utilizing the bus line along Route 195.

EDUCATION

In 2005, according to the State Department of Education, the Town of Mansfield's per pupil expenditure was \$12,731.¹ Currently, there are approximately 10 children enrolled in the Mansfield school system, grades K-8, and Region 19: grades 9-12, whose parents or guardians reside on the University of Connecticut property. This fact is important in that individuals residing on university property are exempt for paying property taxes. Given that property taxes are the primary revenue source for funding public education in the town, UConn places a significant burden on Mansfield in terms of financing educational services. The town is subsidizing the education of the 10 children enrolled in grades K-12 for a total of approximately \$127,000.

CONCLUSION

The Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut have worked closely together for many years, with enumerable partnerships. In the fall of 2007, Mansfield began undertaking a strategic planning initiative which has highlighted the various inter-relationships the town has with the university. The strategic plan, Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision, demonstrates that the university is a stakeholder in the future of the Town of Mansfield and there exists a symbiotic and collaborative relationship between town and gown.

For budgetary purposes, Mansfield is heavily dependent on state intergovernmental revenue. With a significant portion of the area of Mansfield covered by the Main Campus of the University of Connecticut, the Depot Campus of UConn, the Bergin Correctional Facility and Mansfield Hollow State Park, the state has been largest provider of revenue for the municipal budget. Reduction of state grants through complicated formulas applied indiscriminately across all municipalities without taking into account circumstances can cause significant hardship to a community dependent upon its revenue streams. Over the past few years, Mansfield has seen a steady reduction in its share of Pequot-Mohegan grant monies from a high in 2003 of \$3,000,000 to this current year (08/09) of a little more than \$300,000. This reduction significantly exacerbates the budgetary pressures currently borne by the town, and undermines our ability to provide police, fire and ambulance services to the thousands of University students moving throughout the community.

The state has invested more than \$1 billion into the University of Connecticut to build a world-class research and teaching institution. It is counter productive to the goals of the state, and the state's investment is eroded, when the host community cannot provide essential services such as education, public safety, public works, and recreation, which in part help to recruit prospective students, faculty and administration to the state's flagship university.

Revised: November 2008

¹ *Mansfield School District Strategic School Profile 2005-06*, Connecticut State Department of Education, pg 5.
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Item #8

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

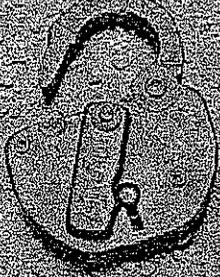
To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Cherie Trahan Controller/Treasurer; Irene LaPointe, Assessor
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Presentation – Programs in Mansfield for Eligible Taxpayers

Subject Matter/Background

As requested by Council, Irene LaPointe, Assessor, will be giving a short presentation on the programs offered for qualified Mansfield taxpayers.

Attached

1) Programs for Qualified Mansfield Taxpayers



Programs for Qualified Mansfield Taxpayers

Veterans Exemptions

Per CGS 12-81(19-26)

Not Reimbursed: / Additional Veterans
/ Low Income (Reimbursed)

◆ Standard deduction - \$ 3,000	/	\$ 4,000
◆ 10-25% Disabled - \$ 4,500	/	\$ 6,000
◆ 26-50% Disabled - \$ 6,000	/	\$ 8,000
◆ 51-75% Disabled - \$ 7,500	/	\$ 10,000
◆ 76-100% Disabled - \$ 9,000	/	\$ 12,000



Veterans Benefits – con't.

- ◆ Disabled +65 Yrs - \$ 9,000 / \$12,000
- ◆ Severely Disabled - \$30,000 / \$40,000
- ◆ Amputee - \$10,000 / \$20,000
- ◆ Surviving Spouse - \$ 3,000 / \$ 4,000
- ◆ S.S. of Vet Killed While
Active Duty- \$ 9,000 / \$12,000
- ◆ S.S. W/Federal VA
Benefits - \$ 3,000 / \$ 4,000
- ◆ S.S. of Vet who Died
While Active Duty - \$ 9,000 / \$12,000
- ◆ Surv. Parent - \$ 3,000 / \$ 4,000



Veterans Benefits – con't.

Local Options (Not Reimbursed):

- ◆ Low Income Veterans \$2,000
- ◆ Veterans w/Title 38 Housing 100%

Active Duty Military:

- ◆ One Out of State Vehicle of Serviceman – must be with him/her 100%
- ◆ Soldiers, Sailors & Marines - Federal 100%
- ◆ In-State vehicles \$3,000



Blind Exemptions – Not Reimbursed

- ◆ State Exemption \$3,000 / Low Income Local Option \$2,000

Totally Disabled Exemptions

- ◆ Social Security Regular Totally Disabled (Reimbursed) \$1,000
- ◆ Low Income Local Option (Not Reimbursed) \$1,000
- ◆ Ambulatory Type Vehicle 100%



Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowner's Programs

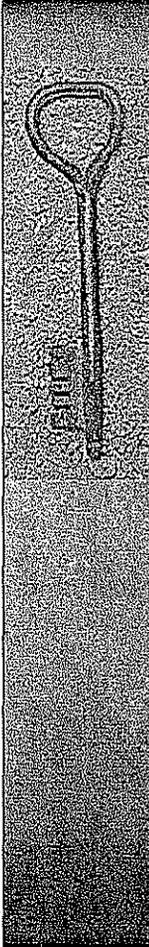
Reimbursed by the State

Requirements:

- ◆ Must be 65 or older or Surviving Spouse 50-65 OR
- ◆ 100% Totally Disabled per Social Security
- ◆ Low Income (Ex. \$29,800 Single; \$36,500 Married for year 2007)

Tax Credit Percentage Based Upon Income Sliding Scale:

- ◆ 10-40% for Single (Minimum & Maximum Limits Apply)
- ◆ 10-50% for Married (Minimum & Maximum Limits Apply)



Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowner's Programs con't.

Two Local Options: Elderly Homeowner Age 65+
Elderly Homeowner Age 70+ Freeze

Requirements:

- ◆ Same Income Guidelines
- ◆ Surviving spouse ages 62-70
- ◆ Must occupy property as his or her home and either spouse must have resided in CT for at least one year before filing the claim
- ◆ Qualifying income includes taxable and non-taxable income
- ◆ Property is liened annually for the benefit amount at 5% simple interest
- ◆ Liens must be repaid at time of sale or transfer



Farm Machinery – Section 12-91

- ◆ Farm machinery (except a motor vehicle defined in Sec. 14-1) may be exempt up to \$100,000 of assessed value. (Exempts horses & ponies used exclusively in farming.)
- ◆ Criteria – Farmer must make annual application to the assessor on Form M-28 (“Application TO The Assessor For Exemption On Poultry, Livestock And Farm Machinery”).
- ◆ Requires a notarized statement of income showing gross sales or expenditures of at least \$15,000 for the preceding year.
- ◆ Application to be made on or before October 31st. Failure to file on time constitutes a waiver of the right to the exemption.



PA490 – Farm and Forest Lands

- ◆ Farm & Forest are mandated by the State and are “Use Assessments”.
- ◆ No minimum acreage requirement for Farm land, but certain criteria have to be met. Applications must be filed between September 1st and October 31st, except in a revaluation year, which allows an extension to December 30th. Additional information and application forms are in the Assessor’s Office.
- ◆ Forest land classification is a two-step process. Commencing on July 1, 2004, landowners seeking classification must have the property examined by a Certified Forester in order to determine if it qualifies as forest land.



PA490 – con't.

- ◆ The Forester will then issue a report to the landowner.
- ◆ The landowner must then apply to the Assessor to have the land classified for property tax purposes. Application deadline is October 1st.



Renewable Energy Systems

- ◆ Subdivision (57) of s.s.12-81 mandates an exemption for certain renewable energy systems installed on or after October 1, 2007.
- ◆ Class I Renewable Energy Source
- ◆ Hydropower Facilities
- ◆ Passive or Active Solar Water or Space Heating System
- ◆ Or Geothermal Energy Resource

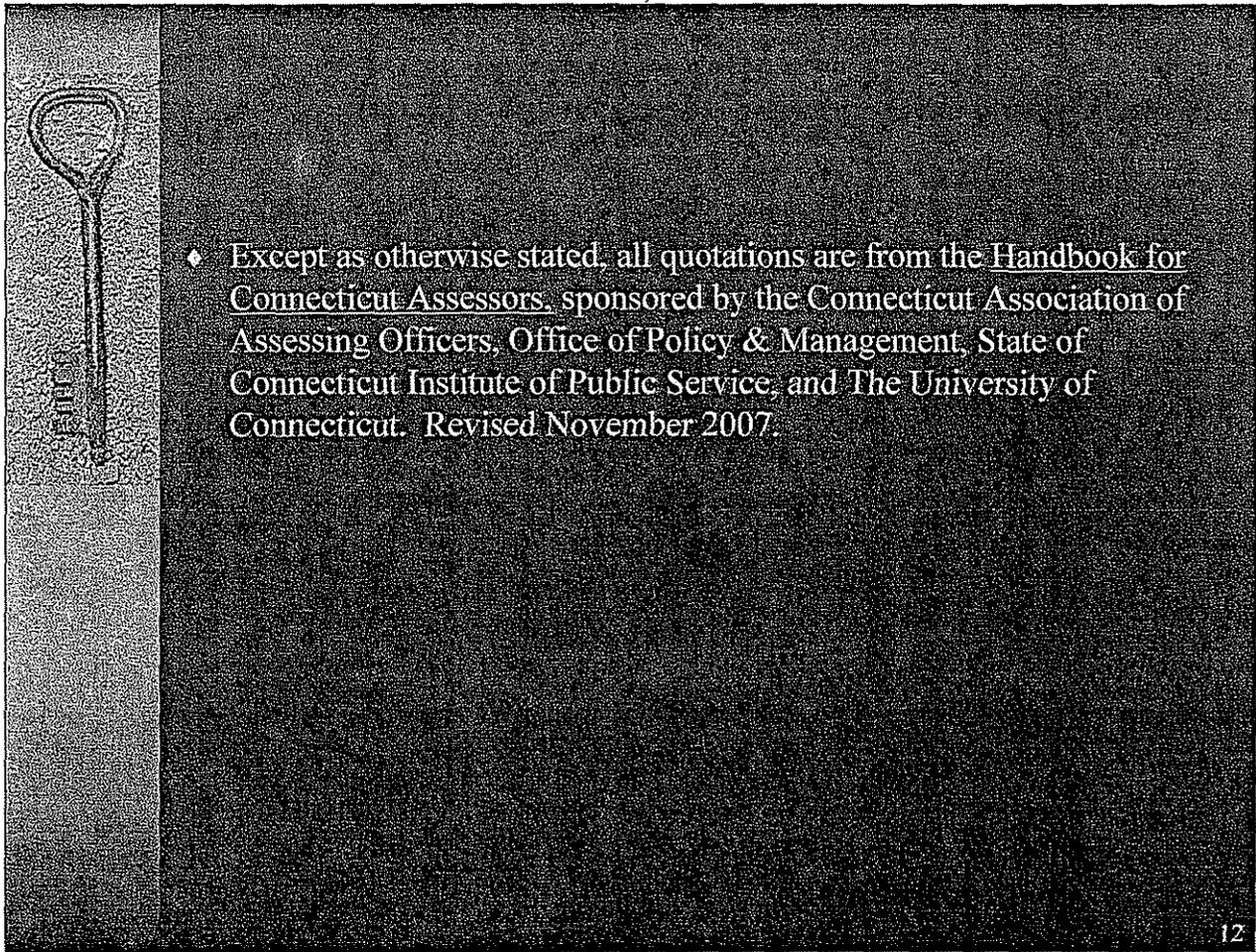
Requirements:

- ◆ Property owner must file an exemption application with the Assessor on or before November 1st of the assessment year that the exemption is first claimed.
- ◆ Once approved, the property owner does not have to file another application, unless the equipment is altered in such a manner that it requires a building permit.



Renewable Energy Systems - con't.

- ◆ Exemption amount is “the difference between the building’s assessment as equipped with an eligible system, and the building’s assessment if it was equipped with a conventional heating or cooling system.”



- ◆ Except as otherwise stated, all quotations are from the Handbook for Connecticut Assessors, sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, Office of Policy & Management, State of Connecticut Institute of Public Service, and The University of Connecticut. Revised November 2007.

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**Town of Mansfield
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To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Cherie Trahan Controller/Treasurer
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2008

Subject Matter/Background

The Finance Committee met on November 25th to review the Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2008.

Recommendation

If the Finance Committee wishes to recommend the acceptance of the quarterly financial statements, the following motion would be in order:

Move, December 8, 2008, to accept the Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2008, as prepared by town staff and endorsed by the Finance Committee.

Attached

1) Financial Statements Dated September 30, 2008

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Town of Mansfield**Memorandum**

*To: Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield Board of Education*
From: Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance
Date: November 25, 2008
Subject: September 30, 2008 Quarterly Report

Attached please find the first quarter financial report for the quarter ending September 30, 2008.

Attachment

OVERVIEW

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

REVENUES:

Tax Collections

The total collection rate through September 30, 2008 is 96.1% compared to 96.8% at September 30, 2007. Real estate collections, which account for approximately 85% of the levy, are 97.9% as compared to 98.2% for the same period last year. Collections in motor vehicles are at 85.8% as compared to 88.5% at September 30, 2007. We are running slightly behind last year's collections. We will monitor this carefully as we move through the fiscal year.

Licenses and Permits

Conveyance taxes received for the 1st quarter were \$34,223 or 22.8% of the annual budget. Building permits received were \$46,291 or 22% of the annual budget.

Federal Support for General Government

No change from the budget.

State Support for Education

There has been no change in the ECS grant estimate from the State at this point. The current budget is \$10,070,680. The Transportation Grant is budgeted at \$283,060 and the current State estimate is \$282,877 or \$183 less than budgeted.

State Support for General Government

The pilot grant is by far the largest single grant within this category. The grant payment by the State was \$8,396,689 or \$28,219 more than the budget of \$8,368,470.

Charges for Services

Charges for services are primarily fixed by contract and will be received during the year. The primary exceptions are: Recording, where we have received \$15,236 to date or 30% of budget, and Police Services which are based on expenditures.

Fines and Forfeitures

No major change expected from budget.

Miscellaneous

* This area is primarily interest income and the telecommunications service payment. Total interest income through September 30, 2008 is \$52,615 as compared to \$145,830 for the same period last year. STIF interest rate for September 2008 is 2.26% as compared to 2.30% in September, 2007. However, interest rates have continued to fall to a current rate of 1.8%. Current estimates show that we could be short of budget by as much as \$400,000. We have planned reductions for \$250,000, leaving a current potential shortage of \$150,000. The amount of the telecommunications payment is not known yet.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET - EXPENDITURES

Town Expenditures

In light of the anticipated revenue shortage, Town expenditures will need to be contained wherever possible. A prorated share reduction between the Town & Board would mean an additional \$56,400 cut in expenditures for the Town.

Board Expenditures

The Board of Education budget currently reflects a savings in their salary accounts of approximately \$132,490, which more than covers their share of the revenue loss (93,600). Special Education costs are currently projected to be under budget by \$185,000, however it is still very early in the school year to know how we will end the year.

DAY CARE FUND

The Day Care Fund ended the period with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$62,600. Fund balance at July 1, 2008 of \$327,718 increased to \$390,318 at September 30, 2008.

CAFETERIA FUND

Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$934 for the period. Fund balance at July 1, 2008 increased from \$122,483 to \$123,417 at September 30, 2008. A \$20,000 transfer from the Board of Education is included.

• Need to replace cash collection system

RECREATION PROGRAM FUND

The Recreation Program Fund ended the period with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$166,762. Fund Balance increased from (\$13,848) to \$152,914. This includes the Town

subsidy for Bicentennial Pond of \$25,000, the Teen Center of \$25,000, and overall community services of \$75,000. Fund balance will be drawn down as utilities and other seasonal expenditures are paid.

CAPITAL NONRECURRING FUND

The Pequot/Mohegan Grant was budgeted at \$385,000. Current estimates is \$352,485 however this is still subject to change. Discussions continue with our State Representative with the hope of changes to the grant formula.

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Fund Balance increased from (20,229) on July 1, 2008 to 129,771 at September 30, 2008. This will be drawn down as debt service payments are made in December & June. Based upon our current debt plan, debt service contributions from the General Fund will rise to \$740,000 in FY 2012/2013 and the CNR Fund will contribute another \$400,000 through FY 2011/2012. The plan does not take into consideration any additional debt offerings. Because of the dramatic decreases in Pequot funding, the additional funds for debt service from the CNR Fund should be revisited.

ENTERPRISE/INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Solid Waste Fund

Retained Earnings increased from \$149,859 at July 1, 2008 to \$170,381 at September 30, 2008.

Health Insurance Fund

Expenditures were less than revenues for the period by \$74,885. Retained Earnings increased from \$281,735 at July 1, 2008 to \$356,620 at September 30, 2008. Our claim's experience for the past three months is an average of \$499,872 per month, as compared to \$471,953 over the same period last year. Claims for calendar year 2008 are running 3.2% over 2007.

Worker's Compensation Fund

Operating revenues exceeded expenditures by \$378,050 through the first quarter. Retained Earnings increased from \$33,914 to \$411,964 at September 30, 2008. This will be drawn down as current year premiums and audit adjustments for fiscal year 06/07 are paid. Additional funding may be necessary in 09/10 for 07/08 audit adjustments.

* discuss self insurance

Management Services Fund

Management Services Fund revenues through September 30, 2008 exceeded expenditures by \$2,192,960. Fund Balance increased from \$1,092,842 at July 1, 2008 to \$3,285,802 at September 30, 2008. However it is important to note that this balance will be drawn down as energy payments are made during the year. The remaining fund balance is invested in fixed assets.

CEMETERY FUND

Retained earnings in the Cemetery Fund increased from \$366,677 at July 1, 2008 to \$376,871 at September 30, 2008. The major costs for this fund are mowing and cemetery maintenance.

LONG TERM INVESTMENT POOL

The pool experienced an \$11,378 decrease in the market value of its portfolio for the period July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008. Fidelity investments accounted for a loss of \$14,083 and was offset by earnings in other investments.

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT

Operating revenues exceeded expenditures by \$144,673 and Fund Balance increased from \$210,703 to \$355,376 due to receipt of the State per Capita grant. However, other service revenues are projected by Health Director to be short of budget by as much as \$75,330. Expenditure reductions will be implemented to offset the loss in revenue.

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Operating revenues exceeded expenditures by \$87,015 through September 30, 2008, and Fund Balance increased from \$98,059 to \$185,074. Fund balance is expected to decrease as expenses are met.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
 TRIAL BALANCE - GAAP BASIS
 September 30, 2008

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Cash Equivalent Investments	\$ 8,631,839	
Working Cash Fund	4,150	
Accounts Receivable	11,678	
Taxes Receivable - Current	10,754,656	
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	486,700	
Due from Other Funds	24,790	
Accounts and Other Payables		114,975
Refundable Deposits		332,760
Due to Other Funds		266,707
Deferred Revenue - Taxes		11,112,259
Taxes Collected in Advance/Overcollected		-
Encumbrances Payable - Prior Year		157,377
Liquidation - Prior Year Encumbrances	57,510	
Fund Balance - Undesignated		1,830,203
Actual Expenditures	6,718,634	
Actual Revenues		12,875,676
	\$ 26,689,957	\$ 26,689,957

DAYCARE COMBINED PROGRAM
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	BUDGET 2008/09	September 30,	
		2008	2007
REVENUES:			
Intergovernmental - Nat'l. School Lunch	\$ 27,000	\$ 11,787	\$ 10,026
Intergovernmental - Day Care Grant	319,120	82,021	28,961
School Readiness Program	59,700	8,100	9,950
UConn	78,500	78,750	
Fees	740,750	175,443	157,513
Subsidies	22,000	6,894	9,603
Total Revenues	1,247,070	362,995	216,053
EXPENDITURES:			
Administrative	229,030	51,610	51,814
Direct Program	895,770	202,349	190,588
Purchased Property Services	16,250	97	10,390
Repairs & Maintenance	6,500	498	552
Insurance	5,200	932	(3,093)
Other Purchased Services	10,000	593	7,115
Food Service Supplies	32,900	8,650	7,932
Energy	28,500	28,500	
Supplies & Miscellaneous	19,850	6,615	3,318
Equipment	1,000	551	
Total Expenditures	1,245,000	300,395	268,616
EXCESS/(DEFICIENCY)	2,070	62,600	(52,563)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1		327,718	279,986
FUND BALANCE, END OF PERIOD	\$ 2,070	\$ 390,318	\$ 227,423

MANSFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAFETERIA FUND
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash	\$ 99,234	\$ 47,981
Inventory	32,872	13,572
Total Assets	\$ 132,106	\$ 61,553
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to Other Funds	\$ 8,689	\$ 8,271
Total Liabilities	8,689	8,271
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance:		
Unreserved, undesignated	123,417	53,282
Total Fund Balance	123,417	53,282
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 132,106	\$ 61,553

MANSFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAFETERIA FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Operating Revenues:		
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -
Sales of Food	107,576	94,912
Other	5,157	100
Total Operating Revenues	112,733	95,012
Other Financing:		
Transfers In - General Fund Board	20,000	20,000
Total Revenues & Other Financing	132,733	115,012
Operating Expenditures:		
Salaries & Benefits	93,986	102,469
Food & Supplies	35,043	35,966
Professional and Technical	2,500	2,500
Equipment Repairs & Contracts	270	1,011
Total Operating Expenditures	131,799	141,946
Excess/(Deficiency)	934	(26,934)
Fund Balance, July 1	122,483	80,216
Fund Balance, End of Period	\$ 123,417	\$ 53,282

Mansfield Parks and Recreation
 Balance Sheet
 As of September 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash	\$ 159,597	\$ (104,892)
Accounts Receivable	-	21,500
Total Assets	<u>\$ 159,597</u>	<u>\$ (83,392)</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 6,683	\$ 6,683
Total Liabilities	<u>6,683</u>	<u>6,683</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance:		
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>152,914</u>	<u>(90,075)</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>152,914</u>	<u>(90,075)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 159,597</u>	<u>\$ (83,392)</u>

Mansfield Parks and Recreation
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Actual as of September 30, 2008

Description	Revenues			Expenditures (Incl. Encumbrances)			Net Income (Loss)
	Revenues	Indirect/Swim Allocation	Total Revenues	Expend.	Indirect/Swim Allocation	Total Expenditures	
Overall Indirect	65,747	(65,747)	-	205,664	(205,664)	-	-
Member Services:							
Indirect (Alloc @ 50.707%)	189,359	33,338	222,697	46,093	104,286	150,379	72,318
Child Care	2,792		2,792	9,176		9,176	(6,384)
Fitness	33,517		33,517	38,786		38,786	(5,269)
Personal Training	12,299		12,299	5,761		5,761	6,538
Member Swim @ 59.09%					44,094	44,094	(44,094)
Member Events			-	3,627		3,627	(3,627)
Sub-total Member Services	237,967	33,338	271,305	103,443	148,380	251,823	19,482
Community Services:							
Indirect (Alloc @ 49.293%)	75,000	32,409	107,409		101,378	101,378	6,031
Aquatics	59,174		59,174	74,622	(44,094)	30,528	28,646
Youth Programs	9,674		9,674	5,060		5,060	4,614
Nutcracker	9,099		9,099	62		62	9,037
Teen Center	25,000		25,000	1,742		1,742	23,258
Youth Sports	7,938		7,938			-	7,938
Day Camp/Vacation Camp	139,155		139,155	88,925		88,925	50,230
Sport & Specialty Camp	35,598		35,598	21,018		21,018	14,580
Trips	2,769		2,769	312		312	2,457
Special Events	2,829		2,829	3,360		3,360	(531)
Adult Programs	12,105		12,105	11,085		11,085	1,020
Sub-total Community Services	378,341	32,409	410,750	206,186	57,284	263,470	147,280
Total Parks & Recreation	682,055	-	682,055	515,293	-	515,293	166,762

Local support included in revenues above:		Budget	YTD 09/30
Overall Indirect - Administrative	Gen. Fund	\$ 259,660	64,915
Community Services:			
Overall Support	Gen. Fund	75,000	75,000
Teen Center	CNR Fund	25,000	25,000
Aquatics (Bi-Cent. Pond)	CNR Fund	25,000	25,000
Total Local Support		\$ 384,660	\$ 189,915

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING RESERVE FUND BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2008/09

	Actual 98/99	Actual 99/00	Actual 00/01 *	Actual 01/02	Actual 02/03	Adopted Budget 03/04	Actual 03/04	Actual 04/05	Actual 05/06	Actual 06/07	Actual 07/08	Budget 08/09	Estimated 08/09	Projected 09/10	Projected 10/11	Projected 11/12	Projected 12/13
SOURCES:																	
Revenues:																	
General Fund Contribution										100,000	644,000	25,000	25,000				
Property Tax Relief										359,404							
Energy Assistance Program																	
State Revenue Sharing				5472,523													
State Dept. of Education - MMS IRC/MMS Drainage					120,729		24,679										
Rural Development Grant - Downtown Revitalization							35,000										
Ambulance User Fees					253,312	235,000	178,317	216,712	222,724	187,045	289,864	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Landfill Closing Grant - Inkind Reimbursement								109,470									
Insurance Settlement			100,524														
Interest Income	237,050	286,043	398,171					100,000	100,000	100,000		20,000	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Other				23,486			380				5,949						
Sever Assessments	2,800	3,600	4,000	8,059	4,286	3,000	4,000	4,400	9,600		14,400	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pequot Funds	2,809,905	2,929,286	2,950,637	3,075,000	2,128,664	1,361,183	1,714,079	1,339,206	1,435,767	612,032	389,462	385,000	352,485	385,000	385,000	385,000	385,000
Total Sources	3,049,755	3,218,929	3,453,332	3,579,078	2,507,001	1,599,183	1,957,455	1,769,788	1,768,091	1,364,430	1,337,746	658,000	605,485	633,000	633,000	633,000	633,000
USES:																	
Operating Transfers Out:																	
General Fund - One Time Costs/Fund Balance Plan			61,100	47,500	400,000	350,000	360,000	250,000	150,000								
General Fund - State Revenue Sharing					472,520												
Community Events					12,500												
Management Services Fund	205,000	160,000	200,000	200,000	206,000	212,000	212,000	200,000	225,000	200,000	200,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Debt Service Sinking Fund	180,000		500,000	355,000	250,000	235,000	235,000	295,000	250,000	215,000	200,000	75,000	75,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	
Retire Debt for Fire Truck								70,000	70,000					80,000	80,000		
New Financial Reporting Model (Statement 34)				25,000	25,000												
Property Tax Revaluation Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000			25,000	25,000		25,000		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Capital Fund	3,991,529	3,289,200	2,572,660	3,161,682	1,488,916	560,650	618,034	762,137	1,046,109	1,058,534	458,300	273,085	275,026	1,676,800	2,879,900	2,391,800	1,685,300
Day Care Pension					20,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	5,000								
Town Manager Search										21,171							
Emergency Services Administration					25,070	75,000	75,000										
Community Center Operating Subsidy					65,000	119,125	119,130	80,000	40,000								
Parks & Recreation Operating Subsidy										40,000	251,538	50,000	50,000				
Health Insurance Fund								200,000									
Retiree Medical Insurance Fund											50,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Compensated Absences Fund											50,000	40,000	40,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Downtown Partnership											63,000						
Shared Projects with UConn	83,500	100,000	25,000														
Total Uses	4,085,029	3,574,200	3,383,760	3,789,182	2,855,006	1,591,775	1,649,164	1,867,137	1,811,109	1,534,705	1,367,838	663,085	665,026	2,331,800	3,534,900	2,916,800	2,110,300
Excess/(Deficiency)	(1,035,274)	(355,271)	69,572	(210,104)	(458,005)	7,408	308,291	(97,349)	(43,018)	(170,275)	(30,092)	(5,085)	(59,541)	(1,698,800)	(2,901,900)	(2,283,800)	(1,477,300)
Fund Balance/(Deficit) July 1	1,985,816	950,342	595,071	664,643	454,539		(3,465)	304,825	207,476	164,458	(6,817)	(35,909)	(35,909)	(95,450)	(1,794,250)	(4,696,150)	(6,979,950)
Fund Balance, June 30	\$950,342	\$595,071	\$664,643	\$454,539	(\$3,465)	\$7,408	\$304,825	\$207,476	\$164,458	(\$5,817)	(\$35,909)	(\$40,994)	(\$95,450)	(\$1,794,250)	(\$4,696,150)	(\$6,979,950)	(\$6,457,250)

* Compensated Absences needs to be funded for approximately \$420,000

DEBT SERVICE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 129,771	\$ 600,059
Total Assets	\$ 129,771	\$ 600,059
 Fund Balance:		
Unreserved:		
Undesignated	\$ 129,771	\$ 600,059
Total Fund Balance	\$ 129,771	\$ 600,059

DEBT SERVICE FUND
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Revenues:		
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-
Other Financing		
Operating Transfers In:		
CNR Fund	75,000	200,000
Management Services Fund	75,000	400,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	150,000	600,000
Expenditures:		
Principal Payments	-	-
Interest Payments	-	-
Financial Services	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	150,000	600,000
Fund balance, July 1	(20,229)	59
Fund balance, End of Period	\$ 129,771	\$ 600,059

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
DEBT SERVICE FUND
ESTIMATED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	00/01 ACTUAL	01/02 ACTUAL	02/03 ACTUAL	03/04 ACTUAL	04/05 ACTUAL	05/06 ACTUAL	06/07 ACTUAL	07/08 ACTUAL	08/09 PROJECTED	09/10 PROJECTED	10/11 PROJECTED
REVENUES:											
Intergovernmental	\$460,924	\$440,668	\$420,364	\$385,697	\$366,387	\$330,378	\$295,462	\$180,794	\$105,218		
State Revenue Sharing	472,523										
Interest on Unspent Balance											
Other	9,402	37		87,850							
TOTAL REVENUES	942,849	440,705	420,364	473,547	366,387	330,378	295,462	180,794	105,218		
Operating Transfers In - General Fund	797,000	500,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	380,000	400,000	415,000	550,000	590,000
Operating Transfers In - CNR Fund	500,000	355,000	250,000	235,000	295,000	250,000	235,000	200,000	75,000	150,000	150,000
Operating Transfers In - MS Fund									75,000		
TOTAL REVENUES AND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	2,239,849	1,295,705	1,070,364	1,108,547	1,061,387	980,378	910,462	780,794	670,218	700,000	740,000
EXPENDITURES:											
Principal Retirement	880,689	865,000	950,000	1,065,000	980,000	830,000	805,000	660,000	530,000	455,000	495,000
Interest	392,723	447,352	398,975	284,440	261,506	216,239	176,482	136,082	104,202	107,553	141,014
Lease Purchase - Pool Covers/Co-Gen									78,142	78,142	78,142
Financial	26,475	15,428		8,000				5,000			
Professional/Technical	19,282	311		79,497	4,800						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,319,169	1,328,091	1,348,975	1,436,937	1,246,306	1,046,239	981,482	801,082	712,344	640,695	714,156
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	920,680	(32,386)	(278,611)	(328,390)	(184,919)	(65,861)	(71,020)	(20,288)	(42,126)	59,305	25,844
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	40,566	961,246	928,860	650,249	321,859	136,940	71,079	59	(20,229)	(62,355)	(3,050)
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$961,246	\$928,860	\$650,249	\$321,859	\$136,940	\$71,079	\$59	(\$20,229)	(\$62,355)	(\$3,050)	\$22,794

Note: Includes estimated debt service payments on the approved, but unissued MMS Heating Upgrade and Open Space bond issues.
Does not include 2008/09 proposed bonding or lease purchases.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
DEBT SERVICE FUND
ESTIMATED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	11/12 PROJECTED	12/13 PROJECTED	13/14 PROJECTED	14/15 PROJECTED	15/16 PROJECTED	14/15 PROJECTED	15/16 PROJECTED	16/17 PROJECTED	17/18 PROJECTED	18/19 PROJECTED	19/20 PROJECTED	20/21 PROJECTED
REVENUES:												
Intergovernmental												
State Revenue Sharing												
Interest on Unspent Balance												
Other												
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TOTAL REVENUES												
Operating Transfers In - General Fund	640,000	740,000	330,000	240,563	104,875	190,000	185,000	180,000	175,000	170,000	170,000	165,000
Operating Transfers In - CNR Fund	100,000											
Operating Transfers In - MS Fund												
TOTAL REVENUES AND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	740,000	740,000	330,000	240,563	104,875	190,000	185,000	180,000	175,000	170,000	170,000	165,000
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EXPENDITURES:												
Principal Retirement	540,000	540,000	225,000	225,000	100,000	100,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	115,000
Interest	144,906	121,150	96,470	15,563	4,875	87,250	82,250	77,000	71,750	66,500	61,250	56,000
Lease Purchase - Pool Covers/Co-Gen	78,142	78,142										
Financial												
Professional/Technical												
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	763,048	739,292	321,470	240,563	104,875	187,250	187,250	182,000	176,750	171,500	166,250	171,000
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REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(23,048)	708	8,530	-	-	2,750	(2,250)	(2,000)	(1,750)	(1,500)	3,750	(6,000)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	22,794	(254)	454	8,984	8,984	8,984	11,734	9,484	7,484	5,734	4,234	7,984
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	(\$254)	\$454	\$8,984	\$ 8,984	\$ 8,984	\$11,734	\$9,484	\$7,484	\$5,734	\$4,234	\$7,984	\$1,984

Note: Includes estimated debt service payr
Does not include 2008/09 proposed l

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
DEBT SERVICE FUND
ESTIMATED REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30
	PROJECTED								
REVENUES:									
Intergovernmental									
State Revenue Sharing									
Interest on Unspent Balance									
Other									
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TOTAL REVENUES									
Operating Transfers In - General Fund	165,000	160,000	155,000	150,000	150,000	140,000	135,000	130,000	60,000
Operating Transfers In - CNR Fund									
Operating Transfers In - MS Fund									
TOTAL REVENUES AND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	165,000	160,000	155,000	150,000	150,000	140,000	135,000	130,000	60,000
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EXPENDITURES:									
Principal Retirement	115,000	115,000	115,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	60,000
Interest	50,250	44,500	38,750	33,000	27,000	21,000	15,000	9,000	3,000
Lease Purchase - Pool Covers/Co-Gen									
Financial									
Professional/Technical									
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	165,250	159,500	153,750	153,000	147,000	141,000	135,000	129,000	63,000
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REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER/ (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(250)	500	1,250	(3,000)	3,000	(1,000)		1,000	(3,000)
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FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	1,984	1,734	2,234	3,484	484	3,484	2,484	2,484	3,484
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FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$1,734	\$2,234	\$3,484	\$484	\$3,484	\$2,484	\$2,484	\$3,484	\$484

Note: Includes estimated debt service payr
Does not include 2008/09 proposed t

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 234,933	\$ 83,228
Accounts Receivable (net of allow. for uncollectable accts)	34,601	33,560
Total Current Assets	269,534	116,788
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Land	8,500	8,500
Buildings & Equipment	540,857	540,857
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(436,872)	(413,491)
Total Fixed Assets	112,485	135,866
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 382,019	\$ 252,654
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 72,016	\$ 43,890
Accrued Compensated Absences	17,261	12,924
Refundable Deposits	14,361	13,125
Total Current Liabilities	103,638	69,939
<u>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</u>		
Landfill Postclosure Costs	108,000	116,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	108,000	116,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	211,638	185,939
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>		
Retained Earnings	170,381	66,715
Total Fund Equity	170,381	66,715
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 382,019	\$ 252,654

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FUND
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Operating Revenues:		
Tipping Fees	\$ -	\$ 4,583
Transfer Station Fees	24,442	23,592
Garbage Collection Fees	209,631	199,751
Sale of Recyclables	21,585	11,415
Other Revenues	745	808
Total Operating Revenues	256,403	240,149
Operating Expenses:		
Hauler's Tipping Fees	41,136	46,145
Mansfield Tipping Fees	15,310	14,560
Wage & Fringe Benefits	55,547	57,190
Computer Software	360	3,360
Trucking Fee	6,481	3,548
Recycling Cost	18,911	21,679
Contract Pickup	77,164	78,241
Supplies and Services	2,461	6,420
Depreciation Expense	8,000	8,000
Equipment Parts/Other	511	875
LAN/WAN Expenditures	10,000	10,000
Total Operating Expenses	235,881	250,018
NET INCOME (LOSS)	20,522	(9,869)
Retained Earnings, July 1	149,859	76,584
Retained Earnings, End of Period	\$ 170,381	\$ 66,715

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND
BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 478,954	\$ 936,573
Accounts Receivable	142,950	141,606
Due from Other Funds	285,797	281,760
Total Assets	\$ 907,700	\$ 1,359,939
<u>Liability and Fund Balance</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accrued Medical Claims	\$ 526,290	\$ 480,000
Due to General Fund	24,790	338,436
Total Liabilities	551,080	818,436
Retained Earnings:		
Net Contributed Capital	400,000	400,000
Retained Earnings	(43,380)	141,503
Total Retained Earnings	356,620	541,503
Total Liabilities and Retained Earnings	\$ 907,700	\$ 1,359,939

* Reserve for maximum claim liability corridor is estimated to be \$500,000.

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

September 30, 2008

(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Revenues:		
Premium income	\$ 1,744,950	\$ 1,451,278
Interest income	3,722	6,109
Total Revenues	1,748,672	1,457,387
Expenditures:		
Payroll	47,675	16,409
Administrative expenses	131,471	110,717
Medical claims	1,456,189	1,434,117
Employee Wellness Program	6,668	4,364
Medical Supplies	31,783	28,217
LAN/WAN Expenditures		10,000
Total Expenditures	1,673,787	1,603,824
Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over/ (Under) Expenditures	74,885	(146,437)
Contributed Capital	400,000	400,000
Retained Earnings, July 1	(118,265)	287,940
Retained Earnings, End of Period	\$ 356,620	\$ 541,503

**ANTHEM BLUE CROSS MONTHLY CLAIMS
FISCAL YEAR BASIS**

MONTH	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	FY 01/02	FY 02/03	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08	FY08/09
JULY	181,392	186,650	170,906	216,792	216,195	231,239	353,025	332,653	368,941	409,635	430,780	493,991
AUGUST	153,700	179,486	146,139	215,571	247,118	247,238	296,808	327,584	323,401	499,754	554,171	567,129
SEPTEMBER	230,426	148,168	140,741	264,603	230,526	257,491	323,667	302,399	298,440	415,053	430,908	438,495
OCTOBER	209,526	161,036	108,729	180,875	240,996	262,401	312,245	275,610	351,888	370,945	384,033	
NOVEMBER	108,576	150,824	125,629	203,813	208,715	217,831	342,691	448,834	299,882	370,405	489,535	
DECEMBER	150,578	174,472	181,592	185,278	256,252	190,532	415,554	358,577	343,209	427,447	436,589	
JANUARY	171,963	209,640	204,232	200,762	251,986	333,923	342,476	358,256	356,891	364,331	508,001	
FEBRUARY	277,147	233,203	194,411	180,679	267,614	331,286	340,298	305,259	492,485	527,867	629,924	
MARCH	145,687	234,516	211,199	200,818	237,003	358,881	386,649	409,245	392,138	482,188	399,055	
APRIL	138,179	175,326	181,703	206,143	342,562	259,835	402,093	443,382	321,969	484,465	476,056	
MAY	112,941	134,607	215,754	244,270	276,117	387,515	391,287	387,104	383,505	562,876	516,518	
JUNE	172,776	198,927	193,549	251,842	251,747	347,060	357,517	399,827	386,641	606,023	425,253	
ANNUAL TOTAL	2,052,891	2,186,855	2,074,584	2,551,446	3,026,831	3,425,231	4,264,309	4,348,731	4,319,389	5,520,987	5,680,824	1,499,616
MONTHLY AVG	171,074	182,238	172,882	212,620	252,236	285,436	355,359	362,394	359,949	460,082	473,402	499,872
% OF INCREASE	8.2%	6.5%	-5.1%	23.0%	18.6%	13.2%	24.5%	2.0%	-0.7%	27.8%	2.9%	5.6%

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**NETWORK ACCESS FEE
ANNUAL BASIS
2008**

MONTH	NETWORK DISCOUNT	ACCESS FEE	SAVINGS
JANUARY	298,609	59,746	238,863
FEBRUARY	405,425	68,135	337,290
MARCH	257,065	34,395	222,670
APRIL	368,268	-	368,268
MAY	401,654	-	401,654
JUNE	312,739	-	312,739
JULY	406,270	-	406,270
AUGUST	350,064	-	350,064
SEPTEMBER	198,624	-	198,624
OCTOBER	-	-	-
NOVEMBER	-	-	-
DECEMBER	-	-	-
ANNUAL TOTAL	2,998,719	162,276	2,836,442
MONTHLY AVERAGE	333,191	13,523	236,370

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND
BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 411,964	\$ 325,689
Total Assets	\$ 411,964	\$ 325,689
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE</u>		
Liabilities:		
Due to General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,596
Total Liabilities	-	1,596
Equity:		
Retained Earnings	411,964	324,093
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 411,964	\$ 325,689

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
Premium Income	\$ 491,500	\$ 421,310
Total Revenues	491,500	421,310
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>		
Workers' Compensation Insurance	113,450	95,621
Total Operating Expenses	113,450	95,621
NET INCOME (LOSS)	378,050	325,689
Fund Balance, July 1	33,914	(1,596)
Fund Balance, End of Period	\$ 411,964	\$ 324,093

MANAGEMENT SERVICES FUND
ESTIMATED BALANCE SHEET
AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

	<u>Actual</u> June 30, 2008	<u>Actual</u> Sept. 30, 2008
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ 2,138,392
Accounts Receivable	8,195	6,773
Inventory	30,400	30,400
Total Current Assets	38,595	2,175,565
Fixed Assets:		
Construction in Progress		
Land	145,649	145,649
Buildings	178,016	178,016
Office Equipment	2,864,268	2,864,268
Accum. Depreciation	(1,769,071)	(1,769,071)
Net Fixed Assets	1,418,862	1,418,862
Total Assets	\$ 1,457,457	\$ 3,594,427
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 178,307	\$ 306,712
Due to the General Fund	184,395	-
Due to Internal Service Fund	1,913	1,913
Total Liabilities	364,615	308,625
Equity:		
Contributed Capital	146,000	146,000
Retained Earnings	946,842	3,139,802
Total Equity	1,092,842	3,285,802
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,457,457	\$ 3,594,427

MANAGEMENT SERVICES FUND
ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

	<u>Actual</u> June 30, 2008	<u>Actual</u> Sept. 30, 2008
CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating income	\$ (440,876)	\$ 2,192,960
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Depreciation Expense	184,908	-
(Increase) decrease in:		
Other Receivables	(2,333)	1,422
Inventory	(839)	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	138,604	128,405
Due to other funds	184,395	(184,395)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	63,859	2,138,392
CASH FLOWS USED IN CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of fixed assets	(363,216)	-
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(299,357)	2,138,392
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JULY 1	299,357	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - End of Period	\$ -	\$ 2,138,392

MANAGEMENT SERVICES FUND
ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

	TOTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES FUND		
	Budget 2008/09	Actual 2008/09	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Mansfield Board of Education	\$ 97,230	\$ 97,230	\$ -
Region 19	92,360	92,360	
Town of Mansfield	64,700	64,700	
Communication Service Fees	214,630	214,630	
Copier Service Fees	225,740	221,881	(3,859)
Energy Service Fees	2,068,430	1,976,810	(91,620)
Rent	74,620	24,150	(50,470)
Rent - Telecom Tower	108,000	32,029	(75,971)
Sale of Supplies	36,050		(36,050)
CNR Fund	150,000	150,000	
Health Insurance Fund	10,000	10,000	
Solid Waste Fund	10,000	10,000	
Sewer Operating Fund	3,000	3,000	
Local Support	6,000	906	(5,094)
Postal Charges	87,570	89,820	2,250
Universal Services Fund	29,170		(29,170)
Total Revenues	<u>3,277,500</u>	<u>2,987,516</u>	<u>(289,984)</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Salaries & Benefits	375,278	76,465	298,813
Training	5,800	478	5,322
Repairs & Maintenance	16,200	8,972	7,228
Professional & Technical	135,720	31,361	104,359
System Support	116,680	147,532	(30,852)
Copier Maintenance Fees	84,000	9,524	74,476
Communications	192,362	100,963	91,399
Supplies and Software Licensing	37,000	10,547	26,453
Equipment	170,000	48,175	121,825
Postage	88,800	50,206	38,594
Energy	1,986,460	299,251	1,687,209
Equipment Rental/Cost of Sales	45,450	11,082	34,368
Siemen's Project			
Total Expenditures	<u>3,253,750</u>	<u>794,556</u>	<u>2,459,194</u>
Add:			
Depreciation	209,860		209,860
Less:			
Equipment Capitalized	(170,000)		(170,000)
Operating Expenditures	<u>3,293,610</u>	<u>794,556</u>	<u>2,499,054</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(16,110)	2,192,960	2,209,070
Total Equity & Contributed Capital, July 1	<u>1,092,842</u>	<u>1,092,842</u>	
Total Equity & Contributed Capital, End of Period	<u>\$ 1,076,732</u>	<u>\$ 3,285,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,209,070</u>

CEMETERY FUND
BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,452	\$ 14,081
Investments	352,419	329,700
Total Assets	\$ 376,871	\$ 343,781
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance		
Reserved for perpetual care	\$ 477,424	\$ 459,732
Reserved for nonexpendable trust	1,200	1,200
Unreserved, undesignated	(101,753)	(117,151)
Total Fund Balance	\$ 376,871	\$ 343,781

CEMETERY FUND
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Operating Revenues:		
Contributions	\$ 17,718	\$ -
Sale of Plots	900	2,700
Total Operating Revenues	18,618	2,700
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries	577	577
Mowing Service	7,847	4,034
Total Operating Expenses	8,424	4,611
Operating Income/(Loss)	10,194	(1,911)
Retained Earnings, July 1	366,677	345,692
Retained Earnings, End of Period	\$ 376,871	\$ 343,781

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
INVESTMENT POOL
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

	MARKET VALUE JUL 01, 2008	MARKET VALUE SEP 30, 2008	FISCAL 08/09 CHANGE IN VALUE
<u>STOCK FUNDS:</u>			
<u>FIDELITY INVESTMENTS:</u>			
SELECT UTILITIES GROWTH	53,866.10	39,782.84	(14,083.26)
 <u>BANK OF AMERICA</u>			
COLUMBIA LG CAP INDEX FUND	14,512.71	13,294.09	(1,218.62)
COLUMBIA MULTI-ADVISOR INTL EQUIT	3,616.58	2,903.35	(713.23)
COLUMBIA MID CAP INDEX FUND	1,808.49	1,611.52	(196.97)
COLUMBIA SMALL CAP INDEX FUND	617.89	612.59	(5.30)
SUB-TOTAL BANK OF AMERICA	20,555.67	18,421.55	(2,134.12)
TOTAL STOCK FUNDS	74,421.77	58,204.39	(16,217.38)
 <u>BOND FUNDS:</u>			
<u>WELLS FARGO ADVANTAGE</u>			
WELLS FARGO INCOME PLUS-INV	50,836.58	50,302.50	(534.08)
 <u>T. ROWE PRICE</u>			
U.S. TREASURY LONG	55,529.25	56,852.99	1,323.74
 <u>U.S. SECURITIES</u>			
U.S. TREASURY NOTES	66,499.59	66,584.60	85.01
 <u>BANK OF AMERICA</u>			
COLUMBIA INTERM CORE BOND FUND	6,737.69	6,566.79	(170.90)
COLUMBIA INTERM BOND FUND	11,562.76	10,804.54	(758.22)
SUB-TOTAL BANK OF AMERICA	18,300.45	17,371.33	(929.12)
 <u>VANGUARD INVESTMENTS</u>			
GNMA FUND	269,255.22	273,855.58	4,600.36
TOTAL BOND FUNDS	460,421.09	464,967.00	4,545.91
 <u>CASH:</u>			
<u>BANK OF AMERICA</u>			
COLUMBIA MONEY MARKET FUND	8,610.66	8,904.31	293.65
TOTAL CASH	8,610.66	8,904.31	293.65
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	543,453.52	532,075.70	(11,377.82)

Town of Mansfield
Investment Pool
As of September 30, 2008

	Equity Percentage	Equity In Investments	Equity In Cash Equiv.	Total Equity
Cemetery Fund	65.050%	340,322.99	5,792.25	346,115.24
School Non-Expendable Trust Fund	0.092%	481.32	8.19	489.51
Compensated Absences Fund	34.858%	182,367.08	3,103.86	185,470.95
Total Equity by Fund	100.000%	523,171.39	8,904.31	532,075.70

Investments	Market Value
<u>Stock Funds:</u>	
Fidelity - Select Utilities Growth	39,782.84
Bank of America - Colombia Lg Cap Index	13,294.09
Bank of America - Columbia Multi-Adv Intl	2,903.35
Bank of America - Columbia Mid Cap Index	1,611.52
Bank of America - Columbia Small Cap Index	612.59
Sub-Total Stock Funds	<u>58,204.39</u>
<u>Bond Funds:</u>	
Wells Fargo Advantage Funds-Corp Bond Inv	50,302.50
T. Rowe Price - U. S. Treasury Long-Term	56,852.99
People's Securities, Inc. - U.S. Treasury Notes	66,584.60
Bank of America-Columbia Interim Core Bond	6,566.79
Bank of America-Columbia Interim Bond	10,804.54
Vanguard - GNMA Fund	273,855.58
Sub-Total Bond Funds	<u>464,967.00</u>
<u>Cash Equivalents:</u>	
Columbia Money Market Fund - Trust	<u>8,904.31</u>
Total Investments	<u><u>532,075.70</u></u>

Allocation	Amount	Percentage
Stocks	58,204.39	10.94%
Bonds	464,967.00	87.39%
Cash Equivalents	8,904.31	1.67%
Total Investments	<u><u>532,075.70</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

<u>Assets</u>	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 363,916	\$ 427,614
 Total Assets	<u>\$ 363,916</u>	<u>\$ 427,614</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,390	\$ 6,553
 Total Liabilities	<u>8,390</u>	<u>6,553</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Prior Year Encumbrances	150	150
Unreserved, undesignated	355,376	420,911
 Total Fund Balance	<u>355,526</u>	<u>421,061</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 363,916</u>	<u>\$ 427,614</u>

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	Adopted	September 30,	
	Budget 2008/09	2008	2007
Operating Revenues:			
Member Town Contributions	\$ 362,240	\$ 90,612	\$ 91,169
State Grants	171,230	171,188	172,905
Septic Permits	48,520	8,160	11,325
Well Permits	27,190	4,565	7,010
Soil Testing Service	58,480	9,125	12,755
Food Protection Service	38,780	3,195	803
B100a Reviews	27,760	8,245	6,760
Septic Plan Review	39,270	6,455	6,390
Other Health Services	17,840	1,150	7,552
Total Operating Revenues	791,310	302,695	316,669
Operating Expenditures:			
Salaries & Wages	536,470	107,244	108,790
Benefits	177,000	42,042	39,293
Miscellaneous Benefits	5,240	1,641	1,004
Insurance	14,900	3,809	6,898
Professional & Technical Services	18,100	1,500	3,280
Other Purchased Services	27,640	789	5,600
Other Supplies	8,500	413	687
Equipment - Minor	2,460	584	300
Total Operating Expenditures	790,310	158,022	165,852
Transfers Out:			
Transfers to CNR	1,000	-	2,000
Total Operating Expenditures & Transfers Out	791,310	158,022	167,852
Operating Income/(Loss)	-	144,673	148,817
Fund Balance, July 1	210,703	210,703	272,094
Fund Balance, End of Period	\$ 210,703	\$ 355,376	\$ 420,911

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT
 CAPITAL NONRECURRING FUND BALANCE SHEET
 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 95,688	\$ 78,218
Total Assets	\$ 95,688	\$ 78,218
<u>Fund Balance</u>		
Fund Balance:		
Unreserved, undesignated	\$ 95,688	\$ 78,218
Total Fund Balance	\$ 95,688	\$ 78,218

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT
 CAPITAL NONRECURRING FUND
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
 (with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
Operating Revenues:		
State Grants		
Transfers In-G/F	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Total Operating Revenues	-	2,000
Operating Expenditures:		
Computer Equipment		2,280
Total Operating Expenditures	-	2,280
Operating Income/(Loss)	-	(280)
Fund Balance, July 1	95,688	78,498
Fund Balance, End of Period	\$ 95,688	\$ 78,218

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008
(with comparative totals for September 30, 2007)**

	September 30,	
	2008	2007
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 184,553	\$ 105,071
Accounts Receivable	900	900
 Total Assets	<u>\$ 185,453</u>	<u>\$ 105,971</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 379	\$ 353
 Total Liabilities	<u>379</u>	<u>353</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>		
Fund Balance, Unreserved	185,074	105,618
 Total Fund Balance	<u>185,074</u>	<u>105,618</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 185,453</u>	<u>\$ 105,971</u>

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

	Actual 2000/01	Actual 2001/02	Actual 2002/03	Actual 2003/04	Actual 2004/05	Actual 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Actual 2007/08	Amended 2008/09	Actual Sept. 30
Revenues:										
Intergovernmental:										
Mansfield General Fund/CNR	\$32,500	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$41,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Uconn		32,500	45,000	46,500	60,000	62,000	62,000	125,000	125,000	-
Mansfield Capital Projects *						60,000				
Leyland Share - Relocation								30,210		
Membership Fees			10,040	13,085	17,355	20,282	19,215	21,820	19,000	1,220
Local Support				1,500	1,500					
State Support						4,993				
Contributions/Other					200	2,165	(165)			50
Total Revenues	32,500	52,500	85,040	102,585	129,055	211,440	143,050	302,030	269,000	126,270
Operating Expenditures:										
Salaries and Benefits		15,531	71,378	73,007	83,974	92,800	107,140	121,544	136,430	28,566
Professional & Technical	930	9,519	7,386	5,406	8,397	63,068	44,967	31,817	135,000	3,067
Relocation Costs							20,000	40,420		
Office Rental		3,600	11,000	11,800	13,181	13,775	16,451	17,565	18,400	6,189
Insurance			1,650	1,760	1,764	1,772	1,702	1,704	2,060	558
Purchased Services			8,029	5,005	6,092	9,065	7,092	7,003	6,950	333
Supplies & Services		3,980	4,704	2,837	2,463	4,075	2,055	2,733	2,950	542
Contingency									25,000	-
Total Operating Expenditures	930	32,630	104,147	99,815	115,871	184,555	199,407	222,786	326,790	39,255
Operating Income/(Loss)	31,570	19,870	(19,107)	2,770	13,184	26,885	(56,357)	79,244	(57,790)	87,015
Fund Balance, July 1		31,570	51,440	32,333	35,103	48,287	75,172	18,815	98,059	98,059
Fund Balance, End of Period	\$31,570	\$51,440	\$32,333	\$35,103	\$ 48,287	\$ 75,172	\$ 18,815	\$ 98,059	\$ 40,269	\$185,074
Contribution Recap:										
	Actual 2000/01	Actual 2001/02	Actual 2002/03	Actual 2003/04	Actual 2004/05	Actual 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Actual 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	
Mansfield	\$32,500	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$41,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	
Mansfield Capital Projects						60,000				
UCONN		32,500	45,000	46,500	60,000	62,000	62,000	125,000	125,000	
Total Contributions	\$32,500	\$52,500	\$75,000	\$88,000	\$110,000	\$184,000	\$124,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION & ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

	Project Length	
	Budget	Actual
Operating Revenues:		
Intergovernmental Revenues -		
USDA Rural Development Grant	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000
DECD STEAP Grant	1,000,000	489,232
Urban Action Grant	2,500,000	
Leyland Share-MDP Design		9,000
Total Operating Revenues	3,640,000	638,232
Operating Expenditures:		
Downtown Revitalization & Enhancement:		
Legal Services	179,729	177,045
Legal Services - DECD Contract	12,442	2,441
Architects & Engineers	338,000	229,916
Construction Costs	495,000	
Construction - Storrs Road	2,392,558	
Construction - Walkway	222,271	222,271
Total Operating Expenditures	3,640,000	631,673
Operating Income/(Loss)		6,559
Fund Balance, July 1		
Fund Balance, End of Period	\$ -	\$ 6,559

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION & ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY GRANT

USDA Grant #1	\$ 90,000	- Complete
USDA Grant #2	50,000	- Complete
STEAP Grant #1	500,000	
STEAP Grant #2	500,000	
Urban Action	2,500,000	
Total Funding	<u>\$ 3,640,000</u>	

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<u>Expenditure Budget Item</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>					<u>Total Budget</u>
	<u>USDA #1</u>	<u>USDA #2</u>	<u>STEAP #1</u>	<u>STEAP #2</u>	<u>Urban Action*</u>	
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,729	\$ -		\$ 179,729
Legal - Reserved for DECD			5,000	5,000	2,442	12,442
Salaries (Town Staff)					-	-
Architects	90,000	50,000	93,000		105,000	338,000
Construction Costs				495,000		495,000
Construction - Storrs Road					2,392,558	2,392,558
Construction - Walkway			222,271			222,271
Total	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,640,000</u>

* Improvements to Storrs Road 03/30/07 - 12/31/2009

Mansfield Downtown Revitalization Project
Project Descriptions

Project #	Description	Amount	Status
84120	Mansfield Downtown Revitalization & Enhancement		
	USDA Rural Development (Munic. Development Proj Plan)	\$ 90,000	Complete
	USDA Rural Development (Munic. Development Proj Plan)	50,000	Complete
	DECD STEAP # 1	500,000	Substantially complete
	DECD STEAP # 2	500,000	Project Open
	Project Budget	<u>1,140,000</u>	
84121	USDA Rural Development (Storrs Ctr Economic Study)	35,000	Complete
84122	Improvements to Storrs Road (DECD/Urban Action)	2,500,000	Project Open
84123	Improvements to Storrs Road (DOT/"Coventry \$")	2,500,000	
84124	Improvements to Storrs Road (DOT/Lieberman)	2,500,000	
84125	Parking Garage (DOT)	490,000	
84126	Parking Garage (DECD/Urban Action/Gov. Rell)	10,000,000	
	Total Budgets	<u>\$ 19,165,000</u>	

SCHOOLS AND TOWN
September 30, 2008

	Schools	Town	Total
Balance at July 1, 2008	\$655,000	\$1,850,000	\$2,505,000
Issued During Period			
Retired During Period			
Balance at 9/30/08	<u>\$655,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>	<u>\$2,505,000</u>

CHANGES IN BOND AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

	Serial Bonds	BAN's	Promissory Note	Total
Balance at July 1, 2008	\$2,505,000			\$2,505,000
Debt Issued				
Debt Retired				
Balance at 9/30/08	<u>\$2,505,000</u>			<u>\$2,505,000</u>

Description	Original Amount	Payment Date P & I		Bonds	BAN's	Promissory Note	Total
1989 General Obligation	5,000,000	6/15	12/15	50,000			50,000
1990 General Obligation	2,525,000	6/15	12/15	100,000			100,000
2004 Town Taxable Gen. Obligation Bond	2,590,000	6/01	12/01	1,455,000			1,455,000
2004 School General Obligation Bond	940,000	6/01	12/01	505,000			505,000
2004 Town General Obligation Bond	725,000	6/01	12/01	395,000			395,000
	<u>\$11,780,000</u>			<u>\$2,505,000</u>			<u>\$2,505,000</u>

DETAIL OF DEBT OUTSTANDING
SCHOOLS AND TOWNS
September 30, 2008

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Balance 9/30/08</u>
Schools		
Consists of -		
1989 General Obligation Bonds:		
Window Project/Sheds	250,000	
Asbestos Removal	666,000	12,312
Code Compliance	729,000	14,845
Expansion & Renovation	3,130,000	22,843
1990 General Obligation Bonds:		
Schools Expansion	2,525,000	100,000
2004 General Obligation Bonds:		
MMS IRC	940,000	505,000
	<u>\$8,240,000</u>	<u>\$655,000</u>
Town		
Consists of -		
1989 General Obligation Bonds:		
Route 275 Sidewalk	\$225,000	
2004 Taxable GOB - Community Center	2,590,000	1,455,000
2004 General Obligation - Library	725,000	395,000
	<u>\$3,540,000</u>	<u>\$1,850,000</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	<u>\$11,780,000</u>	<u>\$2,505,000</u>

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2008

ALL OTHER FUNDS:

Institution	Principal	Rate of Interest	Date of Purchase	Date of Maturity	Accrued Interest @ 9/30/08
State Treasurer	9,418,700	2.265	Various	Various	
Total Accrued Interest @ 9/30/08					<u>52,615</u>
Interest Received 7/1/08 - 9/30/08					
Total Interest, General Fund, 9/30/08					<u><u>52,615</u></u>

CAPITAL FUND:

Institution	Principal	Rate of Interest	Date of Purchase	Date of Maturity	Accrued Interest @ 9/30/08
State Treasurer	140,020	2.265	Various	Various	
Total Accrued Interest @ 9/30/08					
Interest Received 7/1/08 - 9/30/08					<u> </u>
Total Interest, Capital Fund @ 9/30/08					<u><u> </u></u>

HEALTH INSURANCE FUND:

Institution	Principal	Rate of Interest	Date of Purchase	Date of Maturity	Accrued Interest @ 9/30/08
MBIA - Class	1,058,408	██████████	Various	Various	
State Treasurer	128,624	2.265	Various	Various	
Total Accrued Interest @ 9/30/08					
Interest Received 7/1/08 - 9/30/08					<u>3,722</u>
Total Interest, Health Insurance Fund @ 9/30/08					<u><u>3,722</u></u>

Town of Mansfield
Memo

DATE: October 3, 2008
 To: Matt Hart, Town Manager
 Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance
 From: Christine Gamache, Collector of Revenue
 Subject: Amounts and % of Collections for 7/1/08 to 9/30/08 comparable to 7/1/07 to 9/30/07

	GRAND LST 2007	ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED LIST	PAID	% PAID	DELINQUENT BALANCE	% DEL
RE 1st	10,296,106	(2,430)	10,293,676	10,073,166	97.9%	220,511	2.1%
PER 1st	443,771	(1,832)	441,940	419,170	94.8%	22,770	5.2%
MV	1,741,906	(33,530)	1,708,376	1,466,243	85.8%	242,133	14.2%
Due 7/1/08	12,481,784	(37,792)	12,443,992	11,958,578	96.1%	485,414	3.9%
RE 2nd	10,293,840	18,501	10,312,341	354,619	3.4%	9,957,722	96.6%
PER 2nd	439,045	(4,743)	434,303	122,783	28.3%	311,520	71.7%
Due 1/1/09	10,732,885	13,759	10,746,644	477,402	4.4%	10,269,242	95.6%
TOTAL	23,214,669	(24,033)	23,190,636	12,435,980	53.6%	10,754,656	46.4%

PRIOR YEARS COLLECTION

July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008

Suspense Collections	38,426.56	Suspense Interest Less Fees	62,500.94
Prior Years Taxes	81,123.45	Interest and Lien Fees	60,378.75
	<u>119,550.01</u>		<u>122,879.69</u>

	GRAND LST 2006	ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED LIST	PAID	% PAID	DELINQUENT BALANCE	% DEL
RE 1st	9,564,196	24,740	9,588,936	9,413,945	98.2%	174,991	1.8%
PER 1st	403,041	(1,070)	401,972	392,480	97.6%	9,491	2.4%
MV	1,656,385	(36,711)	1,619,674	1,433,801	88.5%	185,873	11.5%
Due 7/1/07	11,623,622	(13,040)	11,610,582	11,240,227	96.8%	370,355	3.2%
RE 2nd	9,561,280	22,744	9,584,024	342,432	3.6%	9,241,592	96.4%
PER 2nd	398,049	(1,004)	397,044	92,470	23.3%	304,574	76.7%
Due 1/1/08	9,959,328	21,740	9,981,068	434,902	4.4%	9,546,166	95.6%
TOTAL	21,582,950	8,700	21,591,650	11,675,129	54.1%	9,916,521	45.9%

PRIOR YEARS COLLECTION

July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007

Suspense Collections	4,731.12	Suspense Interest Less Fees	3,458.19
Prior Years Taxes	120,147.35	Interest and Lien Fees	42,467.92
	<u>124,878.47</u>		<u>45,926.11</u>

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECAP OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

As of September 30, 2008

REVENUE:

TUITION REVENUE:

RECEIVED TO DATE	18,890.50
OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLE	42,153.50
TOTAL TUITION REVENUE	61,044.00

EXCESS COST & STATE AGENCY GRANT	0.00
SERVICES FOR THE BLIND	0.00
MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM	2,131.25

TOTAL REVENUES	63,175.25
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EXPENDITURES:

TUITION PAYMENTS (BALANCE):

PUBLIC	125,000.00
PRIVATE	(142,746.96)
STATE AGENCY/PUBLIC	40,000.00
STATE AGENCY/PRIVATE	50,000.00

TOTAL TUITION PAYMENTS UNDER (OVER) BUDGET	72,253.04
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TUITION COST OF REGULAR EDUCATION STUDENT PLACED BY THE STATE (none at this time)	0.00
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OCCUPATIONAL & PHYS THERAPY - UNDER (OVER) BUDGET (A/C 112-62104-XXXXX-52)	6,479.13
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TRANSPORTATION UNDER (OVER) BUDGET	43,292.86
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES BALANCE - UNDER (OVER)	122,025.03
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TOTAL BALANCE UNDER (OVER) BUDGET	185,200.28
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CAPITAL PROJECTS - OPEN SPACE
STATUS REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

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Acreage	Total Budget	Expended Thru 6/30/2008	Current Year Expenditures	Estimated Unexpended Balance	Anticipated Grants
	\$4,256,855				
Expenditures Prior to 9/2/93		130,790			
UNALLOCATED COSTS:					
Appraisal Fees - Various		17,766			
Financial Fees		8,975			
Legal Fees		10,710			
Survey & Inspections		6,475			
Outdoor Maintenance		8,240	(12)		
Major Additions - Improvements		3,000			
Miscellaneous Costs		2,927			
Forest Stewardship-50' Cliff Preserve		3,652			
Parks Coordinator		103,604			
PROPERTY PURCHASES:					
Bassetts Bridge Rd Lots 1,2,3	8.23	128,439			
Baxter Property	25.80	163,330			
Bodwell Property	6.50	42,703			
Boettiger, Orr, Parish Property	108.00	101,579			
Dorwart Property		6,750	500		
Dunnack Property	32.00	35,161			
Eaton Property	8.60	162,236			
Ferguson Property	1.19	31,492			
Fesik Property	7.40	7,636			
Hatch/Skinner Property	35.33	291,780			
Holinko Property	18.60	62,578			
Larkin Property	11.70	24,202			
McGregor Property	2.10	8,804			
McShea Property		1,500			
* Marrow Meadow Park Develop.	15.00				
Morneau Property		4,310			
Mullane Property (Joshua's Trust)	17.00	10,000			
Olsen Property	59.75	104,133			
Porter Property	6.70	135,466			
Reed Property	23.70	69,527			
Rich Property	102.00	283,322			
Sibley Property	50.57	90,734			
Swanson Property (Browns Rd)	29.00	64,423			
Thompson/Swaney Prop. (Bone Mill)		1,500			
Torrey Property	29.50	91,792			
Vernon Property	3.00	31,732			
Estate of Vernon - Property	68.41	257,996			
Warren Property	6.80	24,638			
Watts Property	23.50	92,456			
	664.35	\$4,256,855	\$2,626,556	\$488	\$1,629,811
					\$0

Project Name	Amount	Breakdown of Expenditures of Prior to 9/2/93	Amount
85105 - Local Funds 94/95	\$250,000	White Cedar Swamp - Purchase	\$50,000
85105 - Local Funds 90/91	227,855	Appraisal Fees	250
85105 - Local Funds 97/98	250,000	Financial Fees	5,457
85105 - Local Funds 98/99	250,000	Miscellaneous Costs	605
85105 - Local Funds 99/00	250,000	Unidentifiable (Prior 89/90)	74,476
85105 - Local Funds 00/01	250,000		
85105 - Local Support June 15, 2001	5,000		
			\$130,790
85105 - Local Funds 01/02	250,000		
85105 - Local Funds 02/03	75,000		
85105 - Local Funds 03/04	100,000		
85105 - State Support - Rich Property	60,000		
85105 - State Support - Hatch/Skinner Property	126,000		
85105 - State Support - Olsen Property	50,000		
85105 - State Support - Vernon Property	113,000		
85105 - Authorized (Unissued) Bonding - 06/07	1,000,000		
85114 - Bonded Funds	1,000,000		
	\$4,256,855		

*The Marrow Meadow Park property was donated to us. Funds were expended to improve the property, supported partially by a State grant in the amount of \$63,600.

cc: M. Hart
J. Smith
C. Vincente

G. Padick
J. Kaufman

Deferred Maintenance Project #84260

Date	Project Description	Status	Estimated Cost	Paid/EnC.	Actual Balance
6/30/2008	Ending Balance				\$ 4,966
07/08	Year-end Board Funding				110,000
07/08	Capital Funding				30,000
08/09	Budget Appropriations				25,000
07/01/08	Beginning Balance				169,966
1	Chain Link Fence-Station 307 (Arrow Fence)	Completed	2,500		169,966
2	Repair vent system - MCC (Trane)	Completed	6,700	6,809	163,157
3	Radon Testing at MCC (Brooks Environmental)	Completed 8/07		125	163,032
4	Maintenance Truck (Northwest Hills Dealership-10212)	Completed 12/07	24,120	23,119	139,913
5	Bonner Electric - Emergency Service at Town Hall	Completed 10/07	4,500	2,857	137,056
6	Community Center - Co-gen Project (Fuss & O'Neill)		7,500	6,300	130,756
END OF FIRST QUARTER					
7	Control Communicator: Devices and Install, 3 Fire Stations (Sonitrol)	Completed		5,025	125,731
8	Install of Alarm at Dog Pound (Sonitrol)	Completed		1,014	124,717
9	Stockade Fence for Compactor, Goodwin School (Arrow Fence)	Completed 12/07	2,500	2,790	121,927
10	Booster Heater, Kitchen at MMS (Major Electric)	Completed	3,500	3,200	118,728
11	Repair folding partitions at MMS (CRF, Inc.)	Correct Coding	712		118,728
					400-86274-55204:00
12	Renovate I.T. Offices - Town Hall (T. Ward Builders)	Completed 11/07		2,634	116,094
13	Cleaning of Oil Tank, Goodwin School (Kropp Environmental)	Completed 11/07		1,347	114,747
14	Install Radon Gas Exhaust System; 1 room at MMS (Atlantic Ventilating)	Completed		1,495	113,252
15	Plow for Maintenance Truck (W.H. Rose)	Completed	4,300	4,243	109,009
16	Stockade fence for Generator Screen at Southeast School (Arrow Fence)	Completed	2,229		109,009

Deferred Maintenance Project #84260

Date	Project Description	Status	Estimated Cost	Paid/EnC.	Actual Balance
17	Project Alterations to Town Hall - Prof. Services (Lawrence Associates)	Completed		10,085	98,924
18	Charge Def. Maint. A/C (Parking Lot Lighting - Community Center)	Completed		6,435	92,489
END OF SECOND QUARTER					
19	Cap for Truck (JP Morgan)	Completed 2/08		1,224	91,265
20	Trailer for Emergency Generator (WH Rose - 10423)	Completed 3/08	1,955	1,955	89,310
21	New Transmission for Kubota Tractor (Kahn Tractor Sales)	Completed 2/08		1,823	87,487
22	Rebuild Emergency Generator (Bigelow Electric - 10560)	Completed 3/08		4,372	83,114
23	Man Lift for Lights (Repairs) (Rosal's Rentals - 10561)	Completed 6/08		517	82,597
24	Heating System at Community Center (Trane)	Completed 6/08	5,000	5,000	77,597
25	A/C for IT office at Town Hall (Johnstone Supply - 10424)	Completed 6/08	4,957	4,957	72,640
26	IT office Work Stations (Wyndham Interiors - 7471)	Completed 6/08		968	71,672
27	Sonitrol Communications	Completed 1/08		1,014	70,658
28	Parts for A/C Repair (JP Morgan)	Completed 2/08		1,061	69,598
29	Parts for Maintenance Repairs (JP Morgan)			404	69,193
30	Control Board for Community Center (Trane & Johnstone Supply)	Completed 3/08		1,315	67,878
END OF THIRD QUARTER					
31	Repair on Maintenance Truck (Chris' Automotive)	Completed 4/08		1,461	66,417
32	Fuss & O'Neill Project			5,010	61,407
33	Fuss & O'Neill Project			3,429	62,988
34	Watt Meters for measuring (Major Electric)	Completed 6/08		770	65,647
35	New Panel at Southeast School (Sonitrol Communications)	Completed 6/08		1,229	64,419
36	Safety Shirts (4imprint - 67111)	Completed 6/08		647	63,772
37	Permit Fees - MMS Heating Project (State Educational Fees)	Applied 6/08		608	63,164
38	Fire Alarm Parts (JP Morgan)	Completed 6/08		1,130	62,033
39	Emergency Generator Parts (Major Electric)	Completed 6/08		475	61,558

Deferred Maintenance Project #84260

Date	Project Description	Status	Estimated Cost	Paid/EnC.	Actual Balance
40	Evaluation of Siemen's Project (Fuss & O'Neill - 7464)	Completed 9/08		1,200	60,358
41	Fire Alarm Parts - Town Buildings and Schools (Johnstone Supply - 10424)	Completed 9/08		769	59,589
42	Variable Speed Drive for MCC Heat (Trane - 10564)	Completed 9/08		3,727	55,862
43	Heating at MCC (Major Electric - 10840)	Completed 9/08		295	55,567
44	Parts for MCC Repairs (Allston Supoply - 108110)	Completed 9/08		313	55,254
45	Maintenance Equipment (Allston Supply - 108111)	Completed 10/08		1,112	54,142
46	A/C at Town Hall (Johnstone - 10573)	Completed 9/08	7,200	7,069	47,073
47	MCC Heating System (Automated Building Systems)	Completed 9/08		1,102	45,971
48	Public Works Garage Door Repair (NE Overhead Door - 10635)	Completed 5/08		2,721	43,250
49	Compost Bins Pads - Schools (OL Williard)	Completed 10/08		373	42,877
50	Compost Bins Pads - Schools (Mansfield Supply)	Completed 10/08		112	42,765
51	A/C at Town Hall Server Room (JP Morgan)	Completed 10/08		348	42,417
52	Industrial Construction			2,742	39,675
53	Parts for New Greenhouses - Elementary Schools (WH Milikowski - 108101)	Completed 10/08		1,158	38,517
54	Furnace at Fire Station #207 (Johnstone Supply - 108114)	Completed 10/08		3,000	35,517
55	Computer Monitors - Facilities Management Dept. (CDW Government - 108100)	Completed 10/08		640	34,877
56	Door Lock Repaor for Security Systems (Professional Lock)	Completed 10/08		1,972	32,905
57	Fence for Compactor at Southeast (Arrow Fence)	Completed 10/08		7,475	25,429
58	Doors at MMS (NE Door Closer)	Completed 10/08		1,637	23,792
59	Concrete Pads for Southeast Compactor (JJ Mottes Co.)	Completed 10/08		911	22,881
60	Bollards for Senior Center Parking (Arrow Fence - 108113)	Completed 10/08		3,520	19,361
61	Parts for Pad at Southeast (OL Willard)	Completed 10/08		301	19,060

AWARD OF CONTRACTS BY OTHER THAN
 FORMAL COMPETITIVE BID
 FISCAL YEAR 08/09

Contractor	Project	Contract Date	Contract Amount	Other Solicited Vendors	Reason for not using Formal Bid Procedure
Beta Group, Inc.	Gurleyville Road Bridge Eng. Svcs	8/26/2008	29,800.00	9 Proposals	RFP
W h Preuss & Sons	Mower w/Diesel Engine	9/23/2008	12,879.00	N/A	State Bid

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Town of Mansfield
 Monthly Revenue Summary by Source
 Fiscal Year: 2009 for the Periods from 07312008 to 09302008

Account Description	Estimated Revenues	08312008 Revenue	Current Debits	Current Credits	Remaining Balance
111 General Fund - Town					
Taxes and Related Items					
40101 Current Year Levy	22,888,695.00	12,220,865.49	5,182.75	216,452.44	10,456,559.82
40102 Prior Year Levy	200,000.00	97,368.20	1,455.53	41,902.70	62,184.63
40103 Interest & Lien Fees	125,000.00	31,559.08	1,136.12	17,304.09	77,272.95
40104 Motor Vehicle Supplement	175,000.00	107.46	107.46	.00	175,000.00
40105 Susp. Coll. Taxes - Trnsc.	6,000.00	11,791.70	.00	2,280.86	-8,072.56
40106 Susp. Coll. Int. - Trnsc.	4,000.00	16,520.43	.00	3,510.57	-16,031.00
40108 Motor Vehicle Penalty	.00	197.58	.00	30.00	-227.58
Total Taxes and Related Items	23,398,695.00	12,378,409.94	7,881.86	281,480.66	10,746,686.26
Licenses and Permits					
40201 Misc Licenses & Permits	2,100.00	479.00	.00	212.00	1,409.00
40202 Sport Licenses	700.00	30.50	.00	19.00	650.50
40203 Dog Licenses	7,500.00	2,648.00	.00	407.60	4,444.40
40204 Conveyance Tax	150,000.00	28,969.89	.00	5,253.50	115,776.61
40210 Trailer & Subdivision Permits	8,000.00	.00	.00	.00	8,000.00
40211 Zoning Permits	20,000.00	5,360.00	.00	600.00	14,040.00
40212 Zba Applications	2,000.00	1,600.00	.00	.00	400.00
40214 Iwa Permits	5,000.00	1,725.00	.00	250.00	3,025.00
40223 Sewer Permits	50.00	.00	.00	.00	50.00
40224 Road Permits	1,500.00	450.00	.00	50.00	1,000.00
40230 Building Permits	210,000.00	33,316.00	.00	12,975.00	163,709.00
40231 Adm Cost Reimb-permits	100.00	62.00	.00	2.00	36.00
40232 Housing Code Permits	84,900.00	16,500.00	.00	4,530.00	63,870.00
40233 Housing Code Penalties	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00
40234 Landlord Registrations	1,000.00	150.00	.00	75.00	775.00
Total Licenses and Permits	492,950.00	91,290.39	.00	24,374.10	377,285.51
Fed. Support Gov					
40352 Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	1,850.00	.00	.00	.00	1,850.00
40357 Social Serv Block Grant	3,650.00	.00	.00	.00	3,650.00
Total Fed. Support Gov	5,500.00	.00	.00	.00	5,500.00
State Support Education					
40401 Education Assistance	10,070,680.00	.00	.00	.00	10,070,680.00
40402 School Transportation	283,060.00	.00	.00	.00	283,060.00
Total State Support Education	10,353,740.00	.00	.00	.00	10,353,740.00
State Support Gov					
40451 Pilot - State Property	8,368,470.00	.00	.00	.00	8,368,470.00
40454 Circuit Crt-parking Fines	.00	1,140.00	.00	.00	-1,140.00
40455 Circuit Breaker	38,800.00	.00	.00	.00	38,800.00
40456 Tax Relief For Elderly	2,000.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00
40457 Library - Connecticutcard/ill	14,000.00	.00	.00	.00	14,000.00
40458 Library - Basic Grant	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00

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Account Description	Estimated Revenues	08312008 Revenue	Current Debits	Current Credits	Remaining Balance
40459 Tax Credit New Mfg Equipment	3,900.00	.00	.00	.00	3,900.00
40460 Boat Reimbursement	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00
40462 Disability Exempt Reimb	800.00	.00	.00	.00	800.00
40465 Emerg Mgmt Performance Grant	7,000.00	.00	.00	7,658.66	-658.66
40469 Veterans Reimb	6,900.00	.00	.00	.00	6,900.00
40494 Judicial Revenue Distribution	3,000.00	2,040.00	.00	.00	960.00
40496 Pilot-holinko Estates	13,500.00	.00	.00	.00	13,500.00
Total State Support Gov	8,463,370.00	3,180.00	.00	9,658.66	8,450,531.34
Charge for Services					
40604 Data Process Serv-reg 19	10,700.00	.00	.00	.00	10,700.00
40605 Region 19 Financial Serv	75,110.00	.00	.00	.00	75,110.00
40606 Health District Services	14,860.00	.00	.00	.00	14,860.00
40610 Recording	50,000.00	11,739.00	.00	3,497.00	34,764.00
40611 Copies Of Records	18,450.00	1,945.40	.00	681.90	15,822.70
40612 Vital Statistics	5,000.00	1,212.00	.00	584.00	3,204.00
40613 Sale Of Maps/regs	100.00	4.00	.00	.00	96.00
40620 Police Service	25,000.00	-699.00	.00	2,840.00	22,859.00
40622 Redemption/Release Fees	3,000.00	736.00	.00	361.00	1,903.00
40625 Animal Adoption Fees	1,600.00	155.00	.00	75.00	1,370.00
40628 Redemption Fees-Hampton/Scot	400.00	.00	.00	.00	400.00
40629 Adoption Fees-Hampton Scotland	20.00	.00	.00	.00	20.00
40641 Postage On Overdue Books	17,000.00	2,937.65	.00	1,233.30	12,829.05
40650 Blue Prints	100.00	9.00	.00	.00	91.00
40656 Reg Dist 19 Grnds Mntnce	75,830.00	.00	.00	.00	75,830.00
40663 Zoning Regulations	250.00	30.00	.00	.00	220.00
40671 Day Care Grounds Maintenance	10,700.00	.00	.00	.00	10,700.00
40674 Charge for Services	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00
40678 Celeron Sq Assoc Bikepath Main	2,700.00	.00	.00	2,700.00	.00
Total Charge for Services	312,820.00	18,069.05	.00	11,972.20	282,778.75
Fines and Forfeitures					
40702 Parking Tickets - Town	4,500.00	240.00	.00	320.00	3,940.00
40710 Building Fines	250.00	30.00	.00	50.00	170.00
40711 Landlord Registration Penalty	90.00	.00	.00	.00	90.00
Total Fines and Forfeitures	4,840.00	270.00	.00	370.00	4,200.00
Miscellaneous					
40801 Rent	5,590.00	1,482.00	.00	.00	4,108.00
40804 Rent - Historical Soc	2,000.00	950.00	.00	350.00	700.00
40807 Rent - Town Hall	500.00	.00	.00	100.00	400.00
40808 Rent - Senior Center	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00
40813 General Assistance - Individ.	.00	3,121.49	.00	274.54	-3,396.03
40817 Telecom Services Payment	100,000.00	.00	.00	.00	100,000.00
40820 Interest Income	550,000.00	31,324.84	.00	21,290.17	497,384.99
40825 Rent - R19 Maintenance	2,790.00	.00	.00	.00	2,790.00
40890 Other	2,750.00	30.30	.00	5,559.59	-2,839.89

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Account Description	Estimated Revenues	08312008 Revenue	Current Debits	Current Credits	Remaining Balance
Total Miscellaneous	663,730.00	36,908.63	.00	27,574.30	599,247.07
Operating Transfers In 40928 School Cafeteria	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00
Total Operating Transfers In	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00
Total 111 General Fund - Town	43,698,145.00	12,528,128.01	7,881.86	355,429.92	30,822,468.93
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	43,698,145.00	12,528,128.01	7,881.86	355,429.92	30,822,468.93

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 Account Type: R
 Fund: 111 TO 111

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 Monthly Expenditure Summary by Activity
 Fiscal Year: 2009 for the Periods from 07312008 to 09302008

Account Description	Appropriated	Balance	Current Pre-Encum	Current Encumbrance	Current Expenses	Remaining Balance
111 General Fund - Town						
General Government						
11100 Legislative	74,235.00	18,506.46	.00	.00	55,432.66	18,802.34
12100 Municipal Management	185,720.00	30,578.21	.00	.00	44,592.57	141,127.43
12200 Human Resources	96,420.00	5,725.34	.00	.00	14,200.60	82,219.40
13100 Town Attorney	20,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	20,000.00
13200 Probate	2,120.00	.00	.00	.00	8.97	2,111.03
14200 Registrars	62,560.00	2,322.33	.00	.00	6,446.35	56,113.65
15100 Town Clerk	182,440.00	33,642.40	5,255.16	.00	41,733.04	135,451.80
15200 General Elections	17,550.00	1,420.15	.00	.00	1,468.59	16,081.41
16100 Finance Administration	71,160.00	15,182.48	.00	.00	22,070.50	49,089.50
16200 Accounting & Disbursements	261,050.00	51,821.00	.00	.00	74,474.76	186,575.24
16300 Revenue Collections	149,820.00	35,648.75	324.52	.00	34,237.06	115,258.42
16402 Property Assessment	198,510.00	29,223.40	247.24	.00	42,982.35	155,280.41
16510 Central Copying	39,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	39,000.00
16511 Central Services	33,500.00	1,716.22	227.26	.00	3,008.01	30,264.73
16600 Information Technology	64,700.00	4,015.86	.00	.00	4,015.86	60,684.14
30900 Facilities Management	839,370.00	77,272.05	22,290.06	.00	86,107.61	730,972.33
Total General Government	2,298,155.00	307,074.65	28,344.24	.00	430,778.93	1,839,031.83
Public Safety						
21200 Police Services	930,790.00	45,123.07	1,080.60	.00	59,606.59	870,102.81
21300 Animal Control	85,740.00	13,660.33	.00	.00	21,068.32	64,671.68
22101 Fire Marshal	119,870.00	32,279.06	11,854.11	.00	30,930.97	77,084.92
22155 Fire & Emerg Services Admin	205,970.00	20,476.01	.00	.00	32,002.40	173,967.60
22160 Fire & Emergency Services	1,354,330.00	311,868.86	53,701.38	.00	376,338.63	924,289.99
23100 Emergency Management	35,140.00	6,503.01	.00	.00	9,069.43	26,070.57
Total Public Safety	2,731,840.00	429,910.34	66,636.09	.00	529,016.34	2,136,187.57
Public Works						
30100 Public Works Administration	28,080.00	29,202.21	.00	.00	40,333.34	-12,253.34
30200 Supervision & Operations	87,080.00	16,100.24	661.00	.00	22,380.37	64,038.63
30300 Road Services	755,070.00	130,031.69	.00	.00	180,313.68	574,756.32
30400 Grounds Maintenance	329,730.00	57,655.37	.00	.00	86,076.94	243,653.06
30600 Equipment Maintenance	544,110.00	38,955.57	330.17	.00	72,392.94	471,386.89
30700 Engineering	183,400.00	32,937.96	293.80	.00	45,851.76	137,254.44
Total Public Works	1,927,470.00	304,883.04	1,284.97	.00	447,349.03	1,478,836.00
Community Services						
42100 Human Services Administration	277,430.00	31,095.69	.00	.00	45,309.29	232,120.71
42202 Mansfield Challenge - Winter	2,650.00	60.73	.00	.00	67.62	2,582.38
42204 Youth Employment - Middle Sch	4,000.00	-600.00	.00	.00	-600.00	4,600.00
42210 Youth Services	125,870.00	22,278.25	.00	.00	32,484.05	93,385.95
42300 Senior Services	217,000.00	35,886.35	.00	.00	52,394.86	164,605.14
43100 Library Services Admin	598,220.00	103,750.43	7,975.58	.00	147,744.94	442,499.48
45000 Contributions To Area Agency	315,780.00	172,280.87	108,800.00	.00	63,480.87	143,499.13

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Account Description	Appropriated	Balance	Current Pre-Encum	Current Encumbrance	Current Expenses	Remaining Balance
Total Community Services	1,540,950.00	364,752.32	116,775.58	.00	340,881.63	1,083,292.79
Community Development						
30800 Building Inspection	160,490.00	21,932.22	.00	.00	31,239.08	129,250.92
30810 Housing Inspection	127,610.00	21,378.41	.00	.00	31,713.85	95,896.15
51100 Planning Administration	230,160.00	36,283.95	.00	.00	53,974.89	176,185.11
52100 Planning/Zoning Inland/Wetlnd	24,050.00	594.58	.00	.00	1,195.78	22,854.22
58000 Boards and Commissions	6,500.00	90.00	165.08	.00	374.57	5,960.35
Total Community Development	548,810.00	80,279.16	165.08	.00	118,498.17	430,146.75
Town-Wide Expenditures						
71000 Employee Benefits	2,385,750.00	387,542.81	.00	.00	563,480.96	1,822,269.04
72000 Insurance	118,330.00	113,230.20	81,087.00	.00	32,943.20	4,299.80
73000 Contingency	143,675.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	143,675.00
Total Town-Wide Expenditures	2,647,755.00	500,773.01	81,087.00	.00	596,424.16	1,970,243.84
Other Financing						
92000 Other Financing Uses	954,660.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	954,660.00
Total Other Financing	954,660.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	954,660.00
Total 111 General Fund - Town	12,649,640.00	1,987,672.52	294,292.96	.00	2,462,948.26	9,892,398.78
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	12,649,640.00	1,987,672.52	.00	294,292.96	2,462,948.26	9,892,398.78

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 Account Type: E
 Fund: 111 TO 111

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Mansfield Board of Education
 Monthly Expenditure Summary by Activity
 Fiscal Year: 2009 for the Periods from 07312008 to 09302008

Account Description	Appropriated	Balance	Current Pre-Encum	Current Encumbrance	Current Expenses	Remaining Balance
112 General Fund - Board						
61101 Regular Instruction	7,247,820.00	331,412.83	.00	.00	921,952.31	6,325,867.69
61102 English	54,160.00	17,645.58	3,103.78	.00	18,885.89	32,170.33
61104 World Languages	10,740.00	1,511.60	816.38	.00	1,260.12	8,663.50
61105 Health & Safety	8,870.00	1,069.48	84.00	.00	1,310.32	7,475.68
61106 Physical Education	14,750.00	9,460.48	5,411.66	.00	5,585.98	3,752.36
61107 Art	15,130.00	9,123.73	4,851.17	.00	3,862.63	6,416.20
61108 Mathematics	30,200.00	8,708.70	2,835.74	.00	8,224.16	19,140.10
61109 Music	19,800.00	6,359.81	1,311.22	.00	7,196.82	11,291.96
61110 Science	31,280.00	10,323.60	2,438.06	.00	8,588.73	20,253.21
61111 Social Studies	24,210.00	5,552.00	1,521.48	.00	4,611.24	18,077.28
61115 Information Technology	286,000.00	173,957.97	29,555.42	.00	155,807.34	100,637.24
61122 Family & Consumer Science	10,170.00	6,584.05	6,298.97	.00	959.93	2,911.10
61123 Technology Education	11,580.00	3,355.86	304.57	.00	3,732.37	7,543.06
61201 Special Ed Instruction	1,438,950.00	55,291.73	1,772.50	.00	184,854.89	1,252,322.61
61202 Enrichment	399,380.00	17,617.03	3,450.30	.00	45,323.72	350,605.98
61204 Preschool	305,900.00	15,048.15	508.74	.00	40,889.38	264,501.88
61310 Remedial Education	363,290.00	20,721.30	199.10	.00	55,572.88	307,518.02
61400 Summer School	36,000.00	39,905.97	.00	.00	39,989.13	-3,989.13
61600 Tuition Payments	310,000.00	8,300.00	95,370.00	.00	14,215.00	200,415.00
61900 Central Service-Instr Suppl.	245,440.00	94,395.63	5,861.30	.00	97,728.77	141,849.93
62102 Guidance Services	124,460.00	9,626.75	563.03	.00	17,597.80	106,299.17
62103 Health Services	198,340.00	13,582.16	192.51	.00	32,921.74	165,225.75
62104 Occupational & Phys. Therapy	211,000.00	20,240.00	81,689.00	.00	13,054.32	116,256.68
62105 Speech And Hearing Services	170,530.00	13,427.91	367.15	.00	38,199.01	131,963.84
62106 Pupil Services - Testing	11,570.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	11,570.00
62108 Psychological Services	328,400.00	12,369.81	626.87	.00	33,454.73	294,318.40
62201 Curriculum Development	273,590.00	48,775.65	2,441.26	.00	56,457.18	214,691.56
62202 Professional Development	38,930.00	1,700.79	4,629.00	.00	4,562.56	29,738.44
62302 Media Services	63,550.00	22,685.95	15,069.24	.00	12,679.22	35,801.54
62310 Library	274,090.00	14,749.48	2,055.33	.00	45,709.04	226,325.63
62401 Board Of Education	431,240.00	193,630.01	891.95	.00	204,153.45	226,194.60
62402 Superintendent's Office	363,060.00	42,797.99	670.00	.00	66,026.43	296,363.57
62404 Special Education Admin	263,630.00	46,645.46	.00	.00	67,105.06	196,524.94
62520 Principals' Office Services	922,180.00	167,455.45	2,548.73	.00	234,111.19	685,520.08
62521 Support Services - Central	32,620.00	5,307.18	740.77	.00	5,241.45	26,637.78
62523 Field Studies	13,500.00	.00	.00	.00	700.00	12,800.00
62601 Business Management	331,190.00	79,305.46	43,662.00	.00	44,778.03	242,749.97
62710 Plant Operations - Building	1,786,410.00	192,131.44	23,315.99	.00	248,487.36	1,514,606.65
62801 Regular Transportation	720,800.00	8,527.53	879,210.67	.00	6,337.60	-164,748.27
62802 Spec Ed Transportation	162,000.00	15,170.40	77,859.18	.00	20,570.40	63,570.42
63430 After School Program	40,330.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	40,330.00
63440 Athletic Program	32,120.00	-894.36	2,608.48	.00	-894.36	30,405.88
68000 Employee Benefits	3,212,740.00	510,067.23	.00	.00	760,398.83	2,452,341.17
69000 Transfers Out To Other Funds	60,850.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	60,850.00
Total 112 General Fund - Board	20,930,800.0	2,253,647.79	1,304,835.5	.00	3,532,202.65	16,093,761.8



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Registrar and Deputy Registrar Compensation

Subject Matter/Background

Currently the Town of Mansfield has two Registrars. Registrars are elected by the public and serve for two-year terms. Mansfield's upcoming Registrars' term begins January 1, 2009 and expires December 31, 2010. Mansfield also has two Deputy Registrars whom are appointed by and serve at the will of the Registrars.

Registrars and Deputy Registrars work part-time and hours fluctuate based on elections, primaries, and referendums. The current hourly rate of pay for the Registrars is \$20.02/hour and the Deputy Registrars current hourly rate of pay is \$15.02/hour. It is important to note that the Registrars do not receive any benefits or compensation outside of their hourly rate.

At the December 3, 2008 meeting, the Personnel Committee reviewed and discussed options regarding the compensation for Registrars and Deputy Registrars. The Committee endorsed a two-percent increase for the 2009-2010 term, which would result in a wage of \$20.42/hour for the Registrars and \$15.32/hour for Deputy Registrars. Because by law the Registrars cannot receive a wage adjustment mid-term, the proposed adjustment would be a one time increase effective January 1, 2009.

Financial Impact

In non-presidential election years, total hours worked for Registrars has often been equivalent to 15-20 hours worked per week per Registrar. At fifteen hours per week for both Registrars, the impact on calendar year 2009 would be an additional \$626; at twenty hours per week, the impact on calendar year 2009 would be an additional \$835. Since Registrars cannot receive an increase in compensation mid-term, there would be no increase for calendar year 2010. Based on the budgeted amount of salaries for Deputy Registrars, their hourly rate increase would be expected to have less than a \$25 impact on the budget.

Legal Review

An opinion from former Town Attorney Daniel Lamont provides that the Registrars, as elected officials, cannot receive raise(s) mid-term pursuant to the State Constitution, Article XIX. As a result, if Mansfield's Registrars are to receive a wage increase for the current term, now would be an appropriate time to act on this matter.

Recommendation

The Personnel Committee recommends that the Town Council establish a wage of \$20.42 per hour for the Registrars, and a wage of \$15.32 per hour for the Deputy Registrars.

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

Move, effective January 1, 2009, to set the pay rate for the Registrars at \$20.42 per hour, and the pay rate for Deputy Registrars at \$15.32 per hour.



Item #11

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Mansfield Department Heads
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Town Manager's Goals and Objectives for FY 2008/09

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find my suggested goals for the current rating period. I reviewed a draft set of goals with the Personnel Committee, and have made revisions based upon the committee's suggestions.

I wish to emphasize a few key points. One, I have intentionally linked the goals and objectives to *Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision*, in order to emphasize the importance of the plan as a policy document. The only exception to this rule is the section on General Government and Finance; this section is largely compatible with the vision point on sustainability. Second, please note that many of the goals and objectives are longer term in nature, extending over a period of years.

Recommendation

I wish to solicit any comments or questions that the Town Council may have regarding the recommended goals and objectives, and would appreciate your endorsement of the same.

If the Town Council supports this request, the following motion would be in order:

Move, effective December 8, 2008, to endorse the Town Manager's Goals and Objectives for FY 2008/09.

Attachments

1) Town Manager's Goals and Objectives for FY 2008/09

Town of Mansfield
Town Manager's Goals
FY 2008/09

Vision Point: General Government and Finance

<i>Action item: General Government and Finance - Engage and lead Mansfield's management team to ensure that Town staffing, organizational and financial structure is appropriate to meet present and future challenges, and take advantage of opportunities presented by digital technology. Serve as effective and responsible steward of municipal finances and assets. Promote public participation and efficiency in town government and the public education of town residents.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
1	Collective Bargaining	Negotiate successor agreements with firefighter/EMT, professional & technical, and public works unions	M. Capriola /Labor Counsel	Negotiation and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
2	FY 2009/10 Operating Budget and CIP	Prepare and submit proposed FY 2009/10 Budget and Capital Improvement Program to Town Council and the community. Enhance policy focus and discussion as part of the preparation of these important financial plans.	Budget Team	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
3	FY 2007/08 CAFR	Prepare and submit FY 2007/08 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to Town Council	J. Smith/C. Trahan	Oversight
4	Human Resource Management Practices and Policies	Prepare proposed ordinance concerning various human resource management practices and policies	M. Capriola	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
5	Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision	Present plan to Town Council at 9/8/08 meeting. Assist Town Council with review and prioritization of strategic plan. Make plan widely available, particularly through web applications.	Strategic planning team	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
6	Mansfield 2020 - Government vision point	Develop vision point and action plan focused on governmental organization, with a particular focus on promoting sustainability; leadership; personal and professional accountability; citizen communications and service; and successor planning and professional development for staff. Include components in the plan to develop performance measures and a system of program evaluation that is suitable for an organization of Mansfield's size and resources. Also include steps in the action plan to promote additional efficiencies and service delivery partnerships.	Leadership team	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
7	Personnel Rules	Complete revision to Personnel Rules	M. Capriola	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
8	Professional Development	Continue professional development activities		Professional reading; attend seminars and conferences
9	Town Council Media Project	Seek grant funding for Town Council media project	J. Russell	Oversight
10	Town Manager's report	Enhance organization and content of report	SA Chaine	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting
11	Website Upgrade	Initiate website update project	J. Russell	Oversight

Town of Mansfield
Town Manager's Goals
FY 2008/09

Vision Point: Sustainability and Planning

<i>Action item: Economic Development - Create and implement policies and programs for economic development that are consistent with Mansfield's plan of conservation and development and</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
12	Mansfield Downtown Partnership - Storrs Center	Complete review of financials related to Storrs Center project; assist Town Council with negotiation of potential development agreement with LeylandAlliance, or any related agreement	J. Smith/ERA	Negotiation and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations

<i>Action item: Environmental - Incorporate principles of sustainability into Mansfield's identity by creating and implementing policies, practices and programs.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
13	Four Schools Renovations Project	Work to ensure application of alternate and clean energy sources as part of Four Schools project	School Building Committee	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
14	Mansfield Community Center Cogeneration Unit	Complete installation of cogeneration unit at Mansfield Community Center	J. Smith/W. Hammon	Oversight
15	Mansfield Middle School Fuel Conversion Project	Bid fuel conversion project; seek state funding for gas line; initiate construction	J. Smith/W. Hammon	Oversight and coordination; analysis
16	Purchasing procedures and Financial Policies	Assist Finance Committee and Town Council with review of purchasing procedures and related financial policies; prepare proposed ordinance as appropriate	J. Smith	Oversight and coordination; analysis
17	Sustainability Audit	Conduct sustainability audit of municipal operations, practices and programs	Staff Sustainability Committee	Oversight and coordination; analysis

<i>Action item: Sewer/Water - Establish and implement a comprehensive policy for sustainable water and sewer service that address Mansfield's short term and long term needs.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
18	Four Corners Sewer project	Work with advisory committee and staff to develop proposed financing plan for Four Corners sewer project	L. Hultgren/Four Corners Sewer Advisory Committee	Oversight and coordination; analysis

<i>Action item: Transportation - Create/implement sustainable transportation systems.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
19	Hunting Lodge Road Sidewalk/Bikeway	Initiate and make substantial progress on construction of sidewalk/bikeway	L. Hultgren	Oversight

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Vision Point: Historic and Rural Character, Open Space and Working Farms

<i>Action item: Preservation - Preserve existing farms and open space in Mansfield while increasing the number of farms and farming opportunities.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
20	Farmland and Open Space Preservation	Continue to pursue acquisition of key farmland and open space parcels, in furtherance of plan of conservation and development	J. Kaufman/Open Space Preservation Committee	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations

Vision Point: Housing

<i>Action item: Promoting neighborhood cohesion; preventing blight problems; and reduction in property maintenance problems.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
21	Committee on Community Quality of Life	Support and facilitate work of committee to review potential enhancements to the Mansfield Housing Code and existing public safety and nuisance abatement ordinances; consider the adoption of additional ordinances and regulations designed to promote and protect community quality of life, and assist with other aspects of committee's charge.	M. Ninteau/G. Padick	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations
22	Mansfield Housing Authority	Participate in housing authority study of additional affordable and workforce housing opportunities	K. Grunwald	Coordination

Vision Point: K-12 Education and Early Childhood

<i>Action item: Infrastructure - Maintain and enhance infrastructure designed to promote sustainability and holistic education.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
23	Four Schools Renovation Project	As member of school building committee, develop proposed school renovation project for submission to Town Council and Board of Education	J. Smith/W. Hammon/School Building Committee	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations

Vision Point: Public Safety

<i>Action item: Police - Ensure efficient and effective deployment of resources to meet community demands and needs.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
24	Police Service Delivery Analysis	Review and analyze police service delivery system, with respect to present and future needs, resource allocation and potential partnerships.	M. Capriola	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations

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Vision Point: Recreation, Health and Wellness

<i>Action item: Community Center - Ensure the development and maintenance of activities, programs and facilities designed to foster healthy recreational activity.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
25	Aquatics	Study feasibility of extending aquatics services and programs to non-member residents	C. Vincente	Oversight and coordination; analysis
26	Mansfield Community Center	Implement various recommendations from Community Center Management Study; examine other means to enhance revenues and control expenditures.	MCC Mgmt Team	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations

Vision Point: Regionalism

<i>Action item: Economic Development - Create a structure to support regional development efforts.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
27	WINCOG Regional Economic Development Program	Establish economic development program working in partnership with Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Windham Region Council of Governments	WINCOG/MDP	Oversight and coordination; analysis
28	Natchaug River Basin Community Action Planning	Participate as key stakeholder in community action planning process	G. Padick/M. Capriola	Coordination

Vision Point: Senior Services

<i>Action item: Assisted/Independent Living Project - Promote the development of an assisted/independent living facility to meet the needs of Mansfield seniors.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
29	Assisted/Independent Living Project	Provide consultation and advice to Council's preferred developer	K. Grunwald	Oversight and coordination; analysis
30	Senior Center Architectural Study	Present architectural study to Town Council and discuss options and potential grant opportunities	K. Grunwald	Oversight and coordination; analysis

Vision Point: Town/University Relations

<i>Action item: Community/Campus Relations - Improve relations between students and town residents.</i>				
No.	Task	Objective	Assigned Staff/Other	Manager's Role
31	Spring Weekend	Participate in university review of spring weekend planning, coordination and problem solving	J. Jackman/D. Dagon/J. Kodzis	Oversight and coordination; analysis, editing and drafting; public presentations

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Item #12

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Mansfield Department Heads
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: Cancellation of December 22, 2008 Town Council Meeting

Subject Matter/Background

With the holiday season, the Town Council has customarily cancelled its second regular meeting in December.

Recommendation

If the Town Council wishes to cancel the December 22nd meeting, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective December 8, 2008, to cancel the December 22, 2008 regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council.

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MINUTES
MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
 Wednesday, November 5, 2008
 6:30-8:30 PM
 Council Chambers- Town Hall

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Baxter (staff), A. Bladen (Chair), N. Hovorka, Amy Lapsis (guest), J. Higham, J. Goldman, J. Stoughton (staff), R. Leclerc (staff), S. Daley, MJ Newman, C. Guerreri
REGRETS: D. McLaughlin, B. Lehmann

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Open	<p>-Welcome: members introduced themselves to new potential member, Amy Lapsis.</p> <p>-Vote to adopt 10/01/08 MAC Minutes: note that Kim Russo was in attendance.</p> <p>-Announcements: new calendar distributed; first Wed. of each month through June 2009; second Wed. starting in Sept. 2009. Still have 2 full-time school readiness slots open at Willow House. Mobile Dental Clinic: MJ Newman not present for discussion.</p> <p>-Update from Leadership Work Group: S. Baxter reported on the Results Statement that has been developed: "All Mansfield children birth-8 are healthy, successful learners, and connected to the community." The group has begun to identify indicators for each of these results. How do we affect the indicators in a positive way? At the next meeting experts in each of these areas will be invited to provide feedback on the indicators. The group is working on communication, and needs to identify how to best get feedback on the work out to the community at large as it progresses.</p> <p>-Update from Parent Committee on 1-1 Interviews: J. Higham reports that the group is still at 27 interviews. The group looked at how</p>	<p>Minutes approved with that correction.</p> <p>R. Leclerc will identify contact information for the clinic. Contact is: chanel@mobiledentists.com Sandy will email the statement and the indicators that have been developed. Please email feedback/questions to Sandy on the Results Statement and indicators that have been developed.</p>

	<p>Vernon and Torrington presented the information from their interviews. J. Higham is in the process of developing a presentation of the results. The group would like to partner with the Leadership Work Group in formal presentations to community groups (Town Council, Board of Ed, etc.). J. Goldman pointed out that it is important to go back to the interviewees to get feedback on how the information they presented has been reported. This is a way to validate the information that has been collected before presenting it to the full community.</p>	<p>Finalize presentation and explore partnering with LWG to do community presentations at their meeting on Nov. 12. The group will report back at our next meeting.</p>
Small Groups	<p>Individuals split up into small groups: Infant/Toddler group, MAC Parents group and New Member Recruitment group</p>	
Report Out	<p>Report out from each group and review next steps: <u>Parents committee:</u> J. Higham reported that they learned about Parent Voices and Action framework from C. Guerreri. The recommendation is to get parents to each take one of the 6 cells in the honeycomb framework and identify strategies or next steps to accomplish those tasks.</p> <p><u>Infant/Toddler ad hoc committee:</u> MJ Newman reported that the task of the group is to come up with a Scope Statement for a feasibility study. The group identified questions that need to be answered to complete this assignment. The group designed a Web of actions for their process. This is a framework often used to identify ways to approach children's learning.</p>	<p>Use the Parent Voice and Action Framework resource guide to collect feedback from parents. The Parent Committee will be taking on the task of compiling the Family Information Packet in the future. Formerly this task was ably led by Becky Lehmann. Thank you Becky! They will also be looking at developing a resource guide for parents and what form that will take.</p> <p>I/T Group will be meeting on Nov. 20 to finalize the Scope Statement. They will contact Coventry to</p>

	<p><u>New Members committee:</u> N. Hovorka reported that this group is working on packets for potential members and also for individuals who are more interested. This will include a timeline, MAC organizational chart, accomplishments, checklist for interest areas, and glossary of terms. The group is still looking for input from members. J. Higham asked that the list include pictures and background information on members; suggestion for name cards/tags.</p>	<p>find out about a Scope Statement and feasibility study that were developed there.</p> <p>Please respond to D. McLaughlin's email to provide information.</p>
Presentation and Discussion	"Parent Voices and Action" Presentation and Discussion	Completed in the MAC Parents small group with Cindy Guerreri.
Next Agenda	Topics for Next Meeting	Continue small group format and provide updates to the larger group re: the work that is being done.
Adjournment/ Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM; next meeting Dec. 3, 2008 Town Hall, Council Chambers	

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

APPROVED MINUTES

Communications Advisory Committee

Minutes for November 3rd, 2008, 7:00 pm

Audrey Beck Building, Conference Room B

I. Call to order;

Attending: Toni Moran, Leila Fecho, Aline Booth, Richard Pelegrine, Patrick McGlamery (recording).

Absent: Bill Powers, Joyce Crepeau

II. Approval of Minutes of October 20th:

Leila Fecho asked that clarifications or item changes be reflected in amended minutes.

Aline Booth asked for clarification of "Regular" and "Special Meeting".

Chair Moran suggested that all meetings are "regular" unless stated otherwise.

Aline Booth asked that annual listing of meetings be labeled "Regular".

Chair Moran reminded the Committee that all auxiliary materials should be appended to the Minutes by Recorder.

Aline Booth moved Minutes be accepted. So moved.

III. Public Comment:

No Public in attendance.

IV. Old Business:

A. Mission

Leila Fecho presented the Mission Statement.

Richard Pelegrine moved to adopt Mission Statement; so moved.

Leila Fecho presented Values Statement. After brief discussion, sequence of values was determined.

Richard Pelegrine moved to adopt Values; so moved.

Aline Booth will bring Town and Region #19 Budget calendars for next meeting.

Leila Fecho will reformat Goals for next meeting.

B. Comparable towns and programs

Mike Johnson of the Council of Municipal Governments will provide Chair Moran with information on software some towns in Connecticut are using for communication.

Richard Pelegrine provided copy of letter he sent out to various towns. No responses yet.

V. New Business:
No New Business

VI. Reports:
No Reports/

VII. Communications

VIII. Adjournment:
Richard Pelegrine moved to adjourn, so moved at 8:53

Respectfully submitted; Patrick McGlamery

APPROVED MINUTES

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2008
CONFERENCE ROOM C

Members present: Aline Booth, Leila Fecho, Toni Moran, Richard Pellegrine
Staff present: Jamie Russell
Members absent: Joyce Crepeau, Patrick McGlamery and Bill Powers

Approval of minutes: Minutes of November 3 meeting were not available to be approved.

Public comment: No public, no comment

Chairmen's report: The chair informed the committee that she had conversations with Joyce Crepeau and that Joyce had been ill and thus could not attend the Nov. 3 meeting. She also indicated that she would be attending the Nov. 17 meeting between the Council and Board of Education. She would bring a report to the next Communications committee meeting about her experience at the joint meeting. The Chair also reported that she would be having conversations with Bill Powers.

Comparable towns: The Chair had a response from Windsor, CT. It was reported that Windsor has a full time Communications Director and their program costs are about \$240,000. They have a full time television function in that town that not only broadcasts meetings, but also hosts a call-in program, highlights special events, etc. The original installation of this program was about \$20,000. The Windsor director will be sending materials to the committee to look over. Windsor's top town officials compose their communications committee, and they are able to coordinate town programs with the view of establishing priorities for their town. The Windsor program director also reported that there was good cooperation between the business community and local government. A highlight of the Windsor program was their "Citizen's Academy" which invites community members to attend to learn information about their town.

Old Business: Aline Booth brought copies of the Town council's Budget Calendar from last year. It was discovered that there are many steps in the budget process that starts with retreats held by the Council, a presentation of the Town Manager's budget, and numerous committee hearings with town agencies. Communications will have an opportunity in the coming meetings to suggest ways to make the process, either in segments or as a whole, more accessible to the public. At its December meeting our Town Manager will be present to discuss the budget.

New Business: Jamie Russell presented a proposed meeting calendar for next year. It will be an agenda item at our next meeting.

It was decided to set the agenda for the next meeting at the end of each meeting. The proposed agenda for our December meeting is:

Call to Order

Approval of minutes (Two sets)

Public Comment

Old Business:

Town Manager

Calendar for 2009

New Business

Discussion of Windsor material

Agenda for Next Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pellegrine, Secretary pro tem

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
October 15, 2008
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Long, Chairperson; Mr. Simonsen, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Eddy, Secretary and Treasurer; Ms Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Ms Christison-Lagay Commissioner; and Ms Fields, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by the Chairperson.

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A motion was made by Ms Hall and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2008, Annual Meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to accept the September 2008 Bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports –A (General)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Hall to accept the August 2008 Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the August 2008 Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Eddy suggested and it was agreed that the mailboxes that are going to be replaced be sold at a tag sale to benefit Wright's Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report of the Financial Advisory Committee

The visit from Jack Sullivan, the MHA's accountant, was informative and productive. A method of cash accounting was agreed upon for the purpose of improving the accuracy of the monthly variance reports. Ms Fields and Ms Piette will prepare a 12 month spreadsheet of estimated cash expenditures to be used by the accountant with the 2009 budget. Mr. Sullivan will also begin to provide monthly balance sheets for MHA staff and Board to review.

Outside Lighting at Wright's Village

Ms Fields contacted three solar providers, SolarWrights, Inc., Solar Works, Inc., and Sunlight Solar Energy, Inc. Ms Fields is waiting for a proposal from Sunlight Solar Energy. An approximately cost of \$106,000 with a cost to the Housing Authority after rebate of \$53,200. Ms Fields will contact the other two companies and inquire about solar panels tied directly into the exterior lighting meter rather than on each light.

Ms. Fields will contact Maria Capriola regarding the possibility of receiving any small cities grant monies to help defray the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Act No. 08-167 – New Policy

Ms Fields informed the Board that a new policy would have to be created to address Public Act 08-167 which requires securing the privacy of social security numbers. In response, new locks have been placed on all file cabinets that contain personal information. Ms Fields suggested the Board review all policies at this time. Ms Fields will create a schedule of policies for review over the next few months.

Liberty Bank – Qualified Public Depository

Ms Fields will investigate splitting the monies invested by the Housing Authority into separate banks to better protect the assets. Liberty Bank is currently a five star superior rated bank.

Final HUD 2009 Payment Standard

HUD released the final payment standards which did not change from the proposed payment standards. The payment standards were increased between 3.6 and 3.8 percent over last year's payment standards. They became effective on October 1, 2008. The Housing Authority continues to use 110% of the payment standard to allow participants to lease up in our jurisdiction.

Opening Section 8 Waiting List

The section 8 waiting list will be advertised beginning on October 20, 2008 and applications will be accepted with postmarks between November 3, 2008 and November 5, 2008.

OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes to Board Meetings

A letter was received from the Town Clerk stating minutes to the board meetings must be received and posted on the Town website no later than seven (7) days after the meeting. Draft meeting minutes are acceptable until final minutes are accepted by the Board. The Board agreed to comply with this request.

2009 PHA Plan

Ms Fields filed the PHA Plan with HUD on October 1, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

Sara-Ann Chainé

From: webmaster@mansfieldct.org
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 9:02 AM
To: Sara-Ann Chainé
Subject: 11-3-08 IWA approved minutes

MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2008

Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner (7:10), J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, B. Pociask, B. Ryan

Members absent: P. Kochenburger, P. Plante

Alternates present: G. Lewis

Alternates absent: M. Beal, L. Lombard

Staff present: G. Meitzler (Wetlands Agent)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Alternate Lewis was appointed to act.

Minutes:

10-6-08 Regular Meeting - Hall MOVED, Pociask seconded, to approve the 10-06-08 regular meeting minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Favretti noted that he listened to the tapes.

10-15-08 Field Trip - Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 10-15-08 field trip minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Favretti, Hall, Ryan and Holt in favor, and all others disqualified.

Communications:

The Wetland Agent's Monthly Business report and the minutes of the 10-15-08 Conservation Commission meeting were both noted.

Outstanding Enforcement Action:

W1400 - Glode - Stafford Rd near Mansfield City Rd

Wetland Agent Meitzler noted that the Town Attorney is communicating with the property owner regarding the violation.

Old Business:

W1415 - Madrid Corporation - Crane Hill Rd - 1 lot resubdivision

Hall disqualified himself. Mark Peterson, of Gardner & Peterson Associates, represented the applicant and submitted neighborhood notification receipts for the record. Peterson reviewed the 10-07-08 revised plans, highlighting the significant changes. Favretti noted no further questions or comments from the applicant, public or the Commission.

Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Madrid Corporation (file no. W1415), for approval of a building lot for a single-family house on property owned by the applicant, located on Crane Hill Road, as shown on a map dated 8/8/2008 revised through 10/7/2008, and as described in other application submissions. This action is based on a finding of no anticipated impact on the wetlands, and is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

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

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until November 3, 2013), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED with all in favor, except Hall who disqualified himself.

W1417 - Popeleski - Bassetts Bridge & S. Bedlam Rd - 3 Lot subdivision

Favretti read a letter submitted this evening by the applicant requesting a 65-day extension. Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded, to approve the 65-day extension requested by the applicant. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business:

W1418 - Town of Mansfield - gas main for Middle School fuel conversion

Goodwin MOVED, Holt seconded, to receive the application submitted by the Town of Mansfield (File W1418) under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a fuel conversion project at Mansfield Middle School and a gas line on Maple, Davis and Spring Hill Roads, on property owned by the applicant, as shown on a map dated 11/3/08, 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.

Mr. Laufer, 57 Davis Road, questioned why he was mailed information for tonight's meeting when no discussion was going to take place. Padick explained the notification process and asked Mr. Laufer if he would like to express his questions/concerns on tonight's record. Mr. Laufer asked about the time frame for the project, if there will be any traffic obstruction on Davis Road, and will residents nearby be able to connect to the gas line. He also had safety concerns.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

None noted.

Other Communications and Bills:

Noted.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary

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MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday October 28, 2008

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

- I. Recording Attendance: K. Grunwald (staff), W. Gibbs, J. Blanshard, K.A. Easley (staff), Curt Vincente (guest), C. Colon-Semenza, J. Sidney, J. Tanner, J. Kelleher.

- II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting, September 23, 2008: J. Sidney suggested changing the term "handicap" to accessible in reference to parking. Also, correct the spelling of "Clemenza". Minutes accepted with those corrections.

- III. New Business (other added by majority vote)
 - a. Welcome new member: Jacqui Kelleher introduced herself to committee members and stated that she is excited to be a part of this committee.
 - b. Welcome Sgt. James Kodzis, Resident State Trooper: not present

- c. Discussion re: accessible parking violators: K. Grunwald shared Sgt. Kodzis' concerns about citizen enforcement. There was a discussion regarding strategies to address the issue of violators, including posting fines on signs. A question was raised regarding changing signage to include the fines; who would assume the cost? C. Vincente suggested checking w/Planning and Zoning re: signage requirements. A question was also raised about why accessible spaces are not closest to the Community Center: C. Vincente explained that this was a Planning and Zoning decision. K. Grunwald will contact Greg Padick on behalf of this committee re: the possibility of changing the location of those spaces. He will be invited to the next meeting along with someone from Planning & Zoning Commission.
- d. Post Office accessibility issues (J. Tanner): both Storrs and Mansfield Center Post Offices have multiple doors and obstacles to accessibility. Some questions were raised about ADA requirements. J. Kelleher indicated that there are funds available to improve access to public buildings. She also indicated that if a complaint is filed they would have to pursue this. The complaint goes to Boston as a civil rights complaint; also the Office of Protection and Advocacy. She will provide more information about this process.
- e. Medical office accessibility issues (J. Sidney): she was surprised when she saw someone at a medical office at Ledgebrook Drive and discovered that she could not get upstairs for her appointment. She also finds that some of the

accessible parking in that complex is not van accessible. Agreement that we should start with Planning and Zoning to determine what role they are playing.

- f. "Other": request Bill Hammon will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss placement of the emergency pull cord in the Community Center bathroom.

IV. Old Business

- a. Election of Committee Chair: J. Sidney and J. Blanshard have been suggested as Co-Chairs of this committee; they declined. Wade Gibbs was nominated and seconded as Chair; voted in unanimously.
- b. Discussion re: a web page for this committee (W. Gibbs): W. Gibbs has contacted Jaime Russell re: ideas for the page. He and K. Grunwald will pursue this with the IT Department.
- c. Status of issues raised at the last meeting:
- Kayaks: They are currently stored at the Community Center. The Health District is looking into purchasing a two-person kayak. Parks and Rec. staff are looking at having one or two events a year where the kayaks would be transported.
 - Criteria for admission to the pre-school program: K. Grunwald discussed this with Rachel Leclerc, who explained that the program is for children with a diagnosed learning disability. J. Kelleher indicated that there may be regulations that address eligibility for children with other disabilities. She will follow-up with Christine.

- Parking at River Park: C. Vincente stated that the location of the accessible spaces was mandated by Planning and Zoning. He has added increased marking for the spots.
 - Use of the accessible dressing room at the Community Center: C. Vincente explained that keying the dressing room raises logistical issues around return of the key, staffing, etc. We have been looking for grant opportunities to improve another dressing room. The Community Center will put signage in the dressing room as well. This committee will have an article in the next newsletter on accessibility issues at the Community Center.
- d. Funding opportunities for accessibility improvements: no new information on this; M. Capriola is pursuing this.
 - e. Status of accessibility issues previously identified: no discussion.

V. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grunwald

Sara-Ann Chainé

From: webmaster@mansfieldct.org
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2008 9:01 AM
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Subject: 11-17-08 PZC approved minutes

MINUTES

MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 17, 2008

Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, P. Plante, B. Pociask, B. Ryan

Alternates present: M. Beal, G. Lewis, L. Lombard

Staff present: G. Padick, Director of Planning and C. Hirsch, Zoning Agent

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. If needed, alternates will be appointed to act in the following order: Lombard, Beal and Lewis.

Minutes:

11/3/08- Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to approve the 11/3/08 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Kochenburger, Beal and Plante who disqualified themselves. Lombard noted that he listened to the tapes.

Zoning Agent's Report:

Items A-C were noted.

- Hirsch stated that Edward Hall called in regards to the enforcement letter. A response letter from Hall is expected this week.
- Chairman Favretti and Hirsch signed off on a modification application at Mansfield Family Practice for solar panels.

Old Business:

1. Subdivision Application, Malek Manor, Lot 4, Crane Hill, File # 548-2

Hall disqualified himself and Favretti appointed Lombard to act.

Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, to approve with conditions the subdivision application (File #548-2), of Madrid Corporation, for Malek Manor-Lot 4, on property owned by the applicant, located on Crane Hill Road, in a RAR-90 zone, as submitted to the Commission and shown on plans dated August 8, 2008 as revised to October 7, 2008.

This approval is granted because the application, as hereby approved, is considered to be in compliance with the Mansfield Subdivision Regulations. Approval is granted with the following conditions:

1. Final plans shall be signed and sealed by the responsible surveyor, engineer, and soil scientist.
 2. Pursuant to subdivision regulations, particularly Sections 7.5 and 7.6, this action specifically approves the depicted Building Area and Development Area Envelopes. Unless the Commission specifically authorizes revisions, the approved envelopes shall serve as the setback lines for all future structures and site improvements, pursuant to Article VIII of the Zoning Regulations. This condition shall be specifically noticed on the Land Records and the deed for the subject property.
 3. This approval accepts the applicant's proposed conservation easement. Subject to placing Town Open Space markers every 50 to 100 feet along the southwestern property line that abuts the Nipmuck Trail property, this dedication addresses the open space requirements of Section 13 for the subject subdivision. A conservation easement document shall be approved by the Director of Planning and Town Attorney and filed on the Land Records in association with final plans. The easement shall utilize the Town's model format.
 4. The approved plans include specific notes regarding stone wall preservation and, pursuant to Section 7.7, no existing stone walls shall be altered except for site work depicted on the approved plans. No stones from existing walls shall be removed from the site. Except for the approved driveway work, all specimen trees along Crane Hill Road shall remain undisturbed. In conjunction with the filing of final maps, notice of this condition shall be filed on the Land Records and referenced in the deed of the subject lot.
 5. At the request of the applicant and pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.5.b, this approval waives the requirement to tie the survey to the Connecticut Plane Coordinate System. The waiver is authorized because adjacent properties, including earlier lots in the Malek Manor Subdivision, are not tied into this system and there are no nearby control points.
 6. The Commission, for good cause, shall have the right to declare this approval null and void if the following deadlines are not met (unless a ninety (90) or one hundred and eighty (180) day filing extension has been granted):
 - A. All final maps, including submittal in digital format, a right-of-way deed along Crane Hill Road, a conservation easement and a Notice on the Land Records to address conditions 2 and 4 (with any associated mortgage releases) shall be submitted to the Planning Office no later than fifteen days after the appeal period provided for in Section 8-8 of the State Statutes, or, in the case of an appeal, no later than fifteen days of any judgment in favor of the applicant;
 - B. All monumentation (including delineation of the conservation easement and the southwesterly property line that abuts the Nipmuck trail parcel with iron pins and Town's official markers every 50-100 feet on perimeter trees or on cedar posts), with Surveyor's Certificate, shall be completed or bonded pursuant to the Commission's approval action and Section 14 or the Subdivision Regulations no later than fifteen days after the appeal period provided for in Section 8-8 of the State Statutes, or, in the case of an appeal, no later than fifteen days, of any judgment in favor of the applicant.
- MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Special Permit Application, Conversion of 1-Family to 2-Family Residence, 1620 Storrs Rd., Y. Ghiaei, o/a File #1276

Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to deny the special permit application (file #1276) of Y. Ghiaei for converting a single-family home to a 2-family dwelling at 1620 Storrs Road, in a RAR-90 zone, as shown on submitted plans and described in other application submissions and as presented at Public

Hearings on 10/6/08, 10/20/08 and 11/3/08. This denial action is taken for the following reasons:

1. Conversions to 2-family dwellings are not permitted by right and require Special Permit approval (see Article VII, Section G.17 and Article X, Section J). Accordingly, to approve this application, the Commission must determine that all applicable regulations have been met for this intended occupancy.

After considering all applicant submissions and testimony, staff reports and Public Hearing testimony, the Commission has determined that many provisions of Mansfield's Zoning Regulations have not been met and that the proposal would result in health, safety, and welfare problems. The proposal does not comply with many provisions of Article X, Section J, the special permit approval criteria of Article V, Sections A.5 and B.5 and many provisions of Article I.

2. Article X, Sections J.7 and J.9 establish, as prerequisites for potential conversions, specific setbacks from front and side property lines. These setbacks were designed to protect the public's health, welfare and safety. Although the regulations authorize the PZC to reduce these setbacks, due to the significant degree of waiver required (see reports from Director of Planning) and the lack of an adequate year round buffer, the PZC does not authorize the necessary waiver of these important prerequisite setbacks.

3. Zoning Regulations necessitate that an applicant make adequate provisions for parking in order to address vehicular and pedestrian safety and neighborhood impact approval criteria. Acceptable parking spaces must be adequately sized and appropriately located. In the subject situation, the Commission has determined that the proposed seven spaces (including one garage space) are not adequate to address approval requirements. No specific provisions have been proposed to delineate individual spaces and it is anticipated that spaces will not be used as depicted and that individuals will park in unauthorized areas resulting in unsafe backing up movements. Furthermore, based on existing and anticipated student occupancy, the number of spaces is considered inadequate for all residents and guests. The proposal is not considered to be in compliance with Article I, Section B.5, Article V, Section A.5.b, e and f, or Article X, Section J.6 and other sections of the Zoning Regulations related to parking and vehicular and pedestrian safety.

4. The subject site is located along a very busy segment of Storrs Road and is in close proximity to a number of single family homes. The proposed use is expected to result in inappropriate noise, nuisance, lighting and traffic-safety problems for neighboring single family residences. The proposal is not considered to be in compliance with Article V, Sections B.5.b, c or d, or with Article V, Sections A.5.e, f, g or k.

5. Article X, Section J.4 requires owner occupancy of one of the units in a conversion situation. In the submitted Statement of Use, it was represented that "The owner is living at the second unit." However, in the Fire Marshal's 11/3/08 report to the PZC, it is recorded that the applicant gave 286 Hanks Hill Road as his place of residence. Furthermore, during the application review process, the applicant represented that four students were residing in the larger unit. Yet, the Fire Marshal's report noted that eight individuals resided on the site at the time of a 10/30/08 fire event. Based on conflicting information received, the PZC cannot make the judgment that the provisions of Article X, Section J.4 have or will be met or that zoning occupancy requirements have or will be met. It also is noted that the subject dwelling units already exist in violation of zoning requirements which also indicates a credibility issue.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Verbal Update from Director of Planning Re: Proposed Environmental Review Team Study of Ponde Place project

Padick updated the Commission and the public that the application for an Environmental Review Team study has been submitted and approved by the Eastern CT Review District. Padick is awaiting a meeting with the District Coordinator adding that a tentative field trip to the site with the ERT, property owners and staff is scheduled for either December 15th or 18th.

New Business:

3. Proposed Karate School, Uriel Lodge 24, 1534 Stafford Road

Scott Bates, applicant, stated that the proposal is to hold karate classes at the hall during weekdays from 4:30 p.m. to 8:45 pm and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Bates stated that the hall capacity is 212 people and there are 2 parking lots on either side of the building with 2 overhead lights. He estimated that the 50-60 parking spaces will make ample parking. Karate instructor Dan stated that there will be 15 minutes between classes, and class sizes are 10-15 students, and no student is allowed to leave the building without an adult. Hall volunteered to work with staff to draft a motion for the next meeting.

Old Business, continued:

3. 3-Lot Subdivision Application, Bassetts Bridge & South Bedlam Rds, Mansfield Hollow Estates.

File # 1278

Tabled-awaiting revised plans.

4. Request to Review Property on South Bedlam Road and the Existing Policy that Considers a Town Line to be a Lot Line

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission revise its April 3, 2006 action regarding a parcel of land on S. Bedlam Road, owned by Ross L, J and G, LLC., that is situated in both Chaplin and Mansfield as follows:

A. Based on current Connecticut Case law and Mansfield's definition of "Lot", and subject to the Town Attorney's agreement that additional subdivision approval is not required, the subject 2.07 acre merged parcel may be considered a Mansfield lot and the Mansfield portion of the property can be used for residential structures and accessory uses subject to obtaining Zoning Permit approval.

A. The subject property shall not be altered in area or frontage without subsequent approval by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission.

B. Prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit, a new map and deed that documents these revisions shall be filed on the Land Records as replacements for previously recorded documents. The subject deed and map shall be reviewed and found acceptable by the Director of Planning and Town Attorney prior to filing.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Proposed CL&P "Interstate Reliability Project"

Padick briefed the Commission on the Special Meeting with the Town Council, adding that the Town Council is prepared to send a letter to the CL&P and the Connecticut Siting Council stating that Mansfield does not support the CL&P's proposal. The consensus of the Commission was that the PZC Chairman, with staff assistance, should draft a letter, to be sent to the Siting Council with a copy to the Town Council, supporting the decision of the Town Council and also addressing specific land use issues.

6. Discussion regarding Zoning of Land on Pleasant Valley Road and Mansfield Avenue.

Tabled, meeting with B. & F. Hussey scheduled for 12/15/08.

New Business, continued:

1. Town Council Referral: Proposed Sustainability Committee

Padick briefed the commission and is expecting more information for the next meeting.

2. Discussion Re: Potential Zoning and Regulation Revisions and Regulatory Review Committee Referrals

It was agreed that a Regulatory Review Committee meeting should be scheduled. Gardner, Holt, Hall, Plante, Favretti, Beal and Lombard agreed to attend. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 24h at 1:00 p.m.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

None noted.

Communications and Bills:

None noted.

Adjournment:

Favretti declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary

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Council to review progress

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The town council will conduct a work session Monday to discuss recent progress made on the Storrs Center project, including estimates that the \$220 million development could generate \$2.6 million in net new taxes.

The special meeting of the town council will start at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

Town consultants from Economics Research Associates of New York reviewed an analysis of the project's fiscal impact prepared by the developer, Leyland Alliance of Tuxedo, N.Y., to determine what kind of public investment in the project would be prudent.

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In a report issued last week, ERA confirmed the estimate by the developer that the project would generate about \$4.3 million in new taxes and \$1.7 million in new costs to the town.

Town officials plan to use the analysis to negotiate an agreement with Leyland Alliance potentially to fund the construction of the project's second parking garage.

According to town officials, these negotiations are nearing completion.

The ERA report did point out the estimates could fall apart if real estate values are lower than anticipated or if the number of school children per home turn out to be higher than estimated.

The council will also discuss the progress made on other aspects of

the project.

The state Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers recently granted the wetland permits necessary for the project to proceed.

The partnership still awaits approvals from the State Traffic Commission for the improvements to Storrs Road (Route 195) related to the project. Leyland also announced that Cushman & Wakefield would market properties in the new development.

Leyland Executive Vice President Howard Kaufman said the company has modified its plans for the first parking garage in order to pay for it with the \$10.5 million in federal and state funds currently available. Previously, Leyland had indicated its desire for town support to complete the

garage for \$14 million, as originally planned.

The new plan also calls for surface parking north of Dog Lane to compensate for the smaller garage.

Kaufman said the plans for a building dedicated to displaced tenants of existing University of Connecticut buildings, often called Dog Lane 1, have also changed.

The new plan, he said, is to move the tenants into part of a much larger building to make the rents more affordable for them.

According to Kaufman, construction is scheduled to begin in aall 2009 on the north side of Dog Lane. Once completed, he said, tenants on the south side could relocate and demolition would begin.

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Council updated on Storrs Center plan

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The developer of the proposed \$220 million Storrs Center project presented new details to the town council Monday, including a construction timeline and the name of at least one potential financing partner.

Representatives of Leyland Alliance, based in Tuxedo, N.Y., said construction of the first part of the first phase, located north of Dog Lane along Storrs Road, could begin by the end of 2009.

Improvements to Storrs Road (Route 195), funded with state and federal grants, could begin by mid-year.

After receiving the final environmental permits in the past month, the project is only awaiting approval from the state traffic commission, expected in early 2009.

Leyland Executive Vice President Howard Kaufman said Citizens Bank, headquartered in Providence, R.I., is interested in financing construction of the first phase.

Kaufman said the current financial crisis factors into the project's planning, but it has primarily hurt large banks that dealt in more exotic financial products.

"The regional banks and the local banks are actually doing quite well," he explained.

Kaufman said phase 1A, as its first part is called, would include about 115 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space.

He said Leyland would rent the residential units rather than sell them as condos because of weakness in the for-sale market.

Leyland has "dozens" of conversations with potential tenants ongoing, according to Kaufman, but could finance the phase without a retail lease signed based on the strength of the rental market.

The town is negotiating an agreement with Leyland that will outline:

- Financing for the second parking garage, slated for construction in a few years, including a potential town contribution from the net tax revenue generated by earlier stages of the project. Town consultants have estimated a \$2.6 million annual tax benefit from the completed project.

- The management and maintenance of the garages — most likely by the town — using parking revenue to fund operations.

- Additional details about funding relocation costs for displaced businesses. Leyland and town officials have already agreed to split the costs evenly, estimated at \$350,000 each for a total cost of \$700,000.

- The division of responsibilities for the town green, market square, sidewalks and other public infrastructure within the project after construction.

Town Manager Matthew Hart said Leyland had sought an additional \$4 million from the town for the first garage and \$4 million from the town to subsidize the so-called Dog Lane 1 building for dislocated tenants.

Hart said the town was "polite, but firm" about its capabilities.

He said the town worked with Leyland, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the University of Connecticut to develop alternatives that eliminated the need for that money.

Now Leyland is looking to build a smaller first garage, eliminating an entire deck, to complete it with the \$10.5 million already available in grant funding.

The revised concept includes additional surface parking, including temporary spaces until the second garage is built, to compensate.

To eliminate the need for subsidized rents for relocated tenants, Leyland has redesigned its building as part of a larger development to increase efficiencies and add more potential sites for tenants.

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We offer these threads, needles

Threads to the Town of Mansfield and University of Connecticut for allowing local residents and students to ride the Windham Region Transit District's city bus. The town and university have supported the \$34,000 price tag in recent years as a way of limiting cars on the road and providing access to East Brook Mall and Willimantic to those without a means of transportation. Some day, we hope the Town of Windham will be able to offer its citizens a similar free service.

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Mansfield eyes buying \$450,000 in open space

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI 11/29
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The town council is considering three open space purchases totaling almost 200 acres for \$450,000.

The aim is to improve access to other open space properties and ensure the permanent preservation of a stretch of the Nipmuck Trail.

On Monday, the council referred the three proposed purchases to the planning and zoning commission for approval.

The council also scheduled a public hearing for the Dec. 8 council meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

The town has approximately \$630,000 in its open space acquisition fund, enough to cover all three purchases.

Council member Gene Nesbitt asked staff to provide estimates for the cost of maintenance and upgrades to each of the properties at the next council meeting.

Nesbitt said he was concerned the town is already putting pressure on public works to increase efficiency and any work needed from them to maintain the new properties would add to that pressure.

Mayor Elizabeth "Betsy" Paterson said the town often only has one opportunity to purchase open space properties.

The Connecticut Forest and Parks Association is offering the 135-acre Albert E. Moss Forest, Wildflower and Wildlife Sanctuary to the town for \$100,000.

CFPA is organizing a group of land transactions to permanently preserve 253 acres in Mansfield and Willington, as well as 3 miles of the Nipmuck Trail.

CFPA also plans to preserve 300 additional acres for 50 years.

The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees created the Moss Forest Sanctuary in 1989, but there are no restrictions on the deed that would prevent future development on the property.

The Mansfield assessor values the Albert E. Moss sanctuary at \$3,000 per acre, or \$405,000.

The property will require some upkeep, which town officials expect volunteers to complete — except for an estimated \$218,600 to repair the 19th century stone dam on the property.

Town officials plan to apply for a state Department of Environmental Protection grant to cover two-thirds of the cost and to fund the rest with funds remain-

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ing in the open space acquisition fund.

The most expensive proposed purchase — known as the Dorwart property — would cost the town \$325,000 for 55.2 acres.

The Dorwart site is bordered by four other preserved properties, the town-leased Mansfield Lions Club Memorial Park, Mansfield Hollow State Park, Mansfield's Fifty-foot Cliff Preserve and Coney Rock Preserve, owned by the town and Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust.

The town has a DEP grant for \$112,500 of the Dorwart property's cost.

Joshua's Trust is also asking the town to pay half the cost for it to acquire the 5.9-acre Luce property, for a total cost of \$25,000. The town's share would be \$12,500.

The town and Joshua's Trust have a history of collaborating on open space purchases, including a trust contribution to the town's purchase of Coney Rock Preserve in 2001 and a town contribution to the trust's purchase of Proposal Rock.

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Ponde Place plan to go ^{11/21} for environmental review

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The proposed site for the Ponde Place development — designed to house more than 600 students — will undergo a third party review of the intended site to determine its environmental suitability.

The Keystone Companies of Avon submitted an application for a zone change and wetlands license in August 2007, but withdrew the application the next month to address concerns raised by nearby residents.

According to Mansfield Director of Planning Gregory Padick, Keystone officials have indicated they plan to resubmit their application with an onsite community water system instead of tapping into the University of Connecticut water supply.

UConn officials offered a hook-up prior to Keystone's first application, but hesitated to confirm that recommendation.

Instead, a university oversight committee said it wouldn't make a decision either way until completion of the Willimantic River Study — not expected for at least another year.

However, before Keystone submits an application based on its revised plan, a group of experts drawn from a number of state and federal agencies will review the site for the benefit of the town and the company.

The state's two "Resource Conservation and Development Areas" run the Environmental Review Team program to help municipalities make good land-use decisions.

Padick said Mansfield has not used the ERT in the past decade, but has had success with the process.

Planning and zoning commission chairman Rudy Favretti said he served on the teams when he was a UConn professor.

According to Padick, the process will include a meeting between town officials, the developer and the review team, followed by a site visit.

He said he hoped the team would issue a report early in 2009.

"It's a nice neutral starting point," Padick explained.

Keystone Managing Director P. Anthony Giorgio sent a letter to Padick last month consenting to the process.

"We are excited at the prospect of having such a well-regarded and thorough independent review of our project for its potential impact on the neighborhood," Giorgio said in his letter. "Additionally, we ask that you join us in requesting that the ERT continue to monitor the project, after it is approved, to further show how an environmentally conscious, low-water usage student housing project like Ponde Place can work effectively and be a model for future projects."

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Trustees seek to calm down Spring Weekend

By ZACHARY JANOWSKI 11/20
Chronicle Staff Writer

STORRS — University of Connecticut officials are continuing to brainstorm ways to change Spring Weekend from a "drunken orgy" to a celebration of academic achievement and university tradition.

The UConn Board of Trustees has charged its Student Life Committee to lead the way.

"Here she is, Louise Bailey, the woman who is going to fix Spring Weekend," said board chairman John Rowe, introducing the chairman of the committee at Tuesday's trustee meeting.

The committee, which includes student trustees Ross Gionfriddo and Richard Colon Jr., has heard more than 12 hours of testimony on Spring Weekend from a variety of perspectives.

Bailey said she was surprised to learn many stu-

dents consider Spring Weekend to be a tradition and an opportunity to relax. "I consider it a drunken orgy," she said.

Gionfriddo said the "average Joe Student" thinks the university wants to end Spring Weekend.

"The administration is trying to get involved. They must want to shut it down," he said, paraphrasing what he hears from the student body.

Colon said the problem with Spring Weekend stems from the "drinking culture" on campus. He said many students believe there isn't anything else to do.

He added students who have that belief come to the conclusion "Spring Weekend is the one time you would want to come to UConn because there's actually something going on."

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Trustees seek to calm Spring Weekend

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Trustee Michael Martinez and others agreed the committee should explain itself to students.

"We're not doing it because we want to be SOBs," Martinez said.

He added UConn should maintain the weekend as a tradition, but keep high school students and other guests out.

"We're not trying to change it. We're trying to improve it," Bailey said.

Trustee Philip Barry said students should give up the ability to have guests, professors should offer classes and give exams on Fridays, the Town of Mansfield should provide support services for events in the town's

jurisdiction, the police should secure UConn parking lots to "keep outside people out" and trustees should attend at least one night of Spring Weekend each year.

Barry said police and volunteers could watch over the lots and the university could have tow trucks present.

"One thing about kids, you have to prove it," Trustee Linda Gatling said. "If you go back to X Lot and have no car, they would think 'I'm not going next year.'"

"I like the towing idea," said Dean of Students Lee Williams.

She said the "image of tow trucks driving up (Interstate) 84" would be a deterrent.

"Especially if they borrow their parent's car,"

Gatling added.

Gatling said parents should not let high school students leave the house that weekend and suggested a television commercial to warn parents about Spring Weekend.

UConn Vice President for Student Affairs John Saddlemire said the board of trustees could increase the penalties for high school students who attend Spring Weekend.

Currently, high school students who are arrested are automatically denied admission to the university.

Saddlemire said the university could expand it so any high school students identified at Spring Weekend would not be admitted.

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November 25, 2008

TO: CCM-member Mayors, First Selectmen & Town/City Managers
FROM: Jim Finley, Executive Director and CEO *df*
RE: **CCM efforts sustain critical local revenues,
avoid cost of major mandate for FY 2008-09 & FY 2009-10**

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cc: Local Legislators
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November 19, 2008

TO: CCM-Member Mayors, First Selectmen & Town/City Managers
From: James J. Finley, Jr, CCM Executive Director and CEO
RE: CCM member dues for FY 2009-10

There will be no increase in your CCM dues for next fiscal year. For budgetary purposes, you can plug it in right now – a zero percent increase.

CCM's Board of Directors approved my recommendation today for a freeze in member dues for next year. CCM understands the fiscal stress faced by its member municipalities during these difficult economic times. We know everyone is being called on to do more with less, including us.

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In this tough economy, it is even more important *that every town and city* stick together to advance the common interests of municipal governments. As Benjamin Franklin said, "We must all hang together or surely we will all hang separately."

Thank you for your continued membership in CCM. CCM exists because of you and our exclusive mission is to serve our member towns and cities in the best way possible. Please contact me at (203) 498-3020 or jfinley@ccm-ct.org at any time with questions, suggestions or concerns.

CC: Finance Directors
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December 1, 2008

Anthony P. Mele
Northeast Utilities - Transmission Project Manager
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RE: *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project*

Dear Mr. Mele:

Mansfield's Town Council and staff greatly appreciate the significant effort that has been made by CL&P to provide information and to address questions raised about the proposed Interstate Reliability Project. CL&P's pre-application process, including the open house in Mansfield, attendance at a Town Council special meeting and direct contacts with neighboring property owners, has promoted public understanding and participation and a beneficial discussion regarding the proposed project and Connecticut's future energy policies. As part of this on-going process it is respectfully requested that the comments and recommendations presented in this letter be carefully considered and incorporated into your planned Connecticut Siting Council submission.

- 1) After reviewing information and comments presented to the Town Council regarding CL&P's proposed Interstate Reliability Project, Mansfield's Town Council has determined that the need for this project has not been demonstrated and therefore, the Town Council does not support the proposed construction of additional transmission lines through eastern Connecticut.

Mansfield's Town Council recommends that CL&P and the Connecticut Siting Council focus their collective efforts to:

- A. Promote energy conservation & a reduction of existing and future energy demand;
- B. Promote energy storage within the generation/transmission system and at individual consumption sites in order to reduce peak demand impacts;
- C. Promote alternative sources of energy generation that do not necessitate increasing transmission line capacity;

- D. Encourage economic development and new energy demands in areas that have existing energy capacity and infrastructure.
- 2) A majority of the proposed Eastern Connecticut route passes through areas that are classified as "Preservation Area", "Conservation Area" or "Rural Lands" in Connecticut's 2005-2010 Policies Plan for Conservation and Development. Many area Towns and public agencies are working to preserve the rural and historic character of eastern Connecticut and a need for more transmission capacity is not anticipated in this area. This proposed route is not consistent with the State's overall land use plan and if the need for transmission capacity increases can be justified, alternative routes consistent with the State plan should be considered to effectively link areas of existing and proposed development. This project has regional significance and comments from all regional organizations, including the Windham Region Council of Governments, should be obtained.
 - 3) The Mansfield portion of the proposed transmission line project will detrimentally impact a number of statutorily identified facilities including three schools or child-care centers, a park/playground (Mansfield Hollow State Park) and residential houses, particularly on Bassetts Bridge Road, Highland Road, Stone Ridge Lane and Hawthorne Lane. Section 16-50 p (i) specifies that "there shall be a presumption" than any overhead transmission lines adjacent to statutory facilities "is inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter" and should only be authorized if it is demonstrated "that it will be technologically infeasible to bury the facility." CL&P has not submitted documentation adequate to support overhead lines adjacent to statutory facilities in Mansfield. If the Connecticut Siting Council determines that there is a need for additional transmission lines in eastern Connecticut, underground lines should be strongly considered for not only statutory facilities but the entire route through rural eastern Connecticut.
 - 4) In addition to affecting statutory facilities, the proposed route includes or abuts existing farmland, interior forest areas and prime-farmland soils which would be impacted. In the event the Connecticut Siting Council determines adequate need for more transmission lines, alternative routes that will not impact Mansfield and other rural eastern Connecticut Towns should be comprehensively considered. In particular, routes "C-1 and C-2", which would utilize existing transportation corridors, should be thoroughly studied. The attached report from Mansfield's Conservation Commission provides more information on alternative routes that need further review.
 - 5) In the event a transmission line expansion through Mansfield is determined to be necessary by the Connecticut Siting Council, it is respectfully requested that CL&P representatives continue to work with affected property owners and Mansfield officials to mitigate impacts. Mitigation measures that should be considered include: the purchase of adjacent school properties, installation of underground lines, relocation of existing and proposed structures, use of alternative structures that would support existing and proposed transmission lines and reduce vegetative clearing, creation of new visual buffers and compensation for lost agricultural use. Shorter term construction impacts also would need to be addressed (see attached letters from Mansfield property owners and interested organizations).

Thank you for affording Mansfield representatives an opportunity to comment prior to CL&P's submission of a Siting Council application. Please contact Mansfield's Town Manager, Matthew Hart (860-429-3336) or Mansfield's Director of Planning, Gregory J. Padick (860-429-3330) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Paterson

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Town of Mansfield

cc: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director, Connecticut Siting Council
State Senator Donald Williams
State Representative Denise Merrill
United States Representative Joseph Courtney
Mark Paquette, Executive Director, Windham Region Council of Governments

58 TO: MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: MANSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SUBJECT: NEWS/CL&P MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION FILING
CC: GREG PADICK
DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2008, REVISED OCTOBER 23, 2008

The Mansfield Conservation Commission has reviewed the NEWS/CL&P Municipal Consultation Filing Concerning the Connecticut Portion of the Interstate Reliability Project, Volumes 1-5, dated August, 2008. We recommend that the Town of Mansfield support either Option C-1 or C-2, as opposed to the Option A, which would pass through the Town of Mansfield. If appropriate, we suggest that the Town of Mansfield apply for intervenor status on this CL&P application. Our reasons are as follows:

1. The project appears to hold little benefit for Mansfield or NE Connecticut, much of Mansfield's power originates from the Millstone Point plants to the south of Mansfield. A second line might increase the reliability of the service in northeast (NE) CT; however, the additional capacity the proposed new lines will provide is mostly destined for areas west of Mansfield, including Fairfield County.
2. The CL&P presentations for NE CT show in great and extensive detail the route chosen by the utilities in 2006. As the title of the document suggests, the "Connecticut Portion" is heavily emphasized. It is only when you get to the 25th document in Volume 4 (Supplemental Documents by Other Agencies), SD.25, "Solution Report for the Interstate Reliability Project," that Option A, passing through Mansfield, had significant competition. One, apparently paralleling the Mass. Pike before heading in the southerly direction (Option C-2) is equivalent, or better, in many respects. One has to sort through approximately 18 inches of paper to discover this.
3. The two alternate routes, C-1 and C-2, would avoid Mansfield and the resulting damage to our residential and public recreation areas, forests, and farmlands. The initial costs for these C-routes are comparable to Option A, through Mansfield. In the long term, they might be less expensive for CL&P: their proximity to interstate highways might provide for easier, and less damaging access to the lines for maintenance after the lines are in place. The report does describe CT and MA DOT policies that discourage the placement of lines along interstate highways; however, no mention is made of any serious efforts the utilities might have made toward the accommodation of the utilities needs with the DOTs. The CC suspects that it is simply easier for them to do their construction through the largely unprotected "Quiet Corner" of Connecticut.
4. Besides the apparent targeting of Option A, the analogous criticism may be made of the overall presentation: the five NE CT options are considered without describing the full integration of this project with neighboring projects. There are broad brush presentations of NY- New England needs, but no analysis of how the efficiencies and costs of these other projects might affect the costs and efficiencies of options presented in the report. Specifically, the benefits and costs of the proposed Springfield reliability project and how it might benefit from the C-2 Option are not detailed. It would appear that the C-2 option, tentatively rejected by the report, would bring additional power toward central Massachusetts before routing it towards Connecticut's Fairfield County. This might significantly improve the reliability and lower the combined costs of both the C-2 Option and the pending Springfield project.

The Mansfield Conservation Commission would like make the following comments on the report. This is followed by a listing of comments and concerns presented during the "Opportunity for Public Comment" at a recent CC meeting:

- A. The estimated initial costs of Options A, C-1 and C-2, respectively, are \$400M, \$400M, and \$450M (Fig. 2-1 in the solutions Report). These costs don't appear to reflect future maintenance costs, which may be higher in remote sections of NE Connecticut. Nor do the costs reflect the savings and benefits that might be realized in conjunction with efforts not described in detail in this filing (e.g., the coming improvements for the Springfield area).
- B. Page 2-3 in the Solutions Report states, "Ultimately, a comparative analysis of Option A and Option C-2 showed that, although both potential solutions had merit, Option A performed better, cost less, and had fewer environmental and social impacts." Again, we feel this may reflect an attitude that the "Quiet Corner" will be less of a problem for CL&P to deal with!
- C. Certain "Statutory Facilities" are of special regulatory concern. These include daycare facilities (Mount Hope Montessori School), residential areas (Highland Road?), and public playgrounds. CL&P claims that the CT ROW has no public playgrounds adjacent to it. It is not clear whether the Mansfield Hollow Park and picnic area should not have been considered a statutory facility under their guidelines; however, at their Mansfield presentation CL&P's Derrick Bradstreet stated clearly that ball fields would fall into the "statutory facility" category. The CC feels that the cleared recreation areas and the ball field in the Mansfield Hollow Dam Recreation area were overlooked by the report.
- D. In the past, CL&P has utilized toxic chemicals to reduce the growth of trees and brush and the protection of poles from rot and insect damage. There are a number of areas where this should not be permitted, e.g., near aquifers, on farmland, and public recreation areas. We note that the Mansfield Hollow area bisected by the existing line is a part of a major aquifer system and sits in the middle of a public water supply watershed. Not even swimming is permitted in the water impounded behind the dam.
- E. In the event the Army Core of Engineers refuses the increased ROW requested by CL&P, CL&P will have to use the more expensive Willimantic bypass route. This would avoid the Mansfield Hollow area. If after all considerations are taken into account, and Option A significantly exceeds Option C-2 in Cost, CL&P might even be convinced to go with Option C-2 and avoid NE CT.
- E. Page V-2, under Avoidance or Minimization of Impacts to Environmental Resources, states "In accordance with federal, state, and municipal environmental protection policies, the avoidance or minimization of new or expanded corridors through sensitive environmental resource areas such as parks, wildlife areas, and wetlands is desired." The Mansfield Conservation Commission feels strongly that not enough weight was given to this guideline with regard to the pristine nature of NE Connecticut, otherwise they would not be considering a route requiring an expanded ROW through Mansfield Hollow Park and the numerous wildlife areas in NE Connecticut. Instead, the report makes vague claims about the comparative acreage that would be affected in a comparison of Options A and C-2. Just as not all wetlands are of equivalent importance, the same may be said of open space (including forests) and farmland. Northeastern Connecticut is a unique area, remaining surprisingly unspoiled in the Washington, D.C. - Boston corridor. This should be taken into account, not taken advantage of.
- F. Portions of the report's "Options Analysis" seem slanted to justify the 2006 choice of Option A. One example of this may be found in Table 2-4 in the Solutions Report. This table provides a comparison of

60 the various options. Under the category of CT import N-1-1 (MW) Option A is ranked 1st (2,783 MW) when Option C is nearly equivalent (2,727 MW) approximately a 2% difference. Further down the table when Option A ranks 3rd, approximately 4% lower than Option C, the difference is remarked upon as "not significant." In another category Option C is nearly 20% better than A, but this is not remarked upon. These points, by themselves, do not seem significant; however, they give weight to our conclusion that this document was written more to confirm the choice made by the utilities in 2006 than to provide a balanced and unbiased comparison of the options.

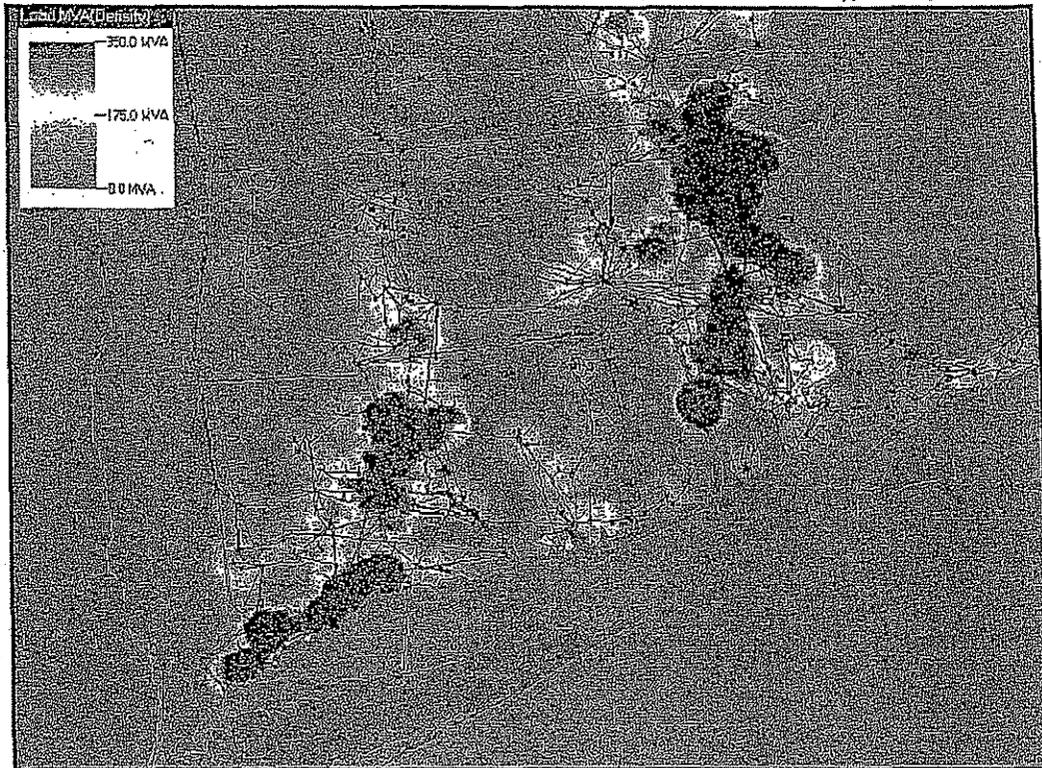
IN CONCLUSION, THE MANSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD TAKE A STAND AGAINST OPTION A AND REQUEST THAT THE NEWS GROUP MAKE A SIMILAR, IN DEPTH STUDY OF OPTION C-2 BEFORE CONCLUDING THAT THEIR PROPOSED ROUTE THROUGH THE FORESTS, FARMS, AND PARKS OF NE CONNECTICUT IS THE BEST OPTION. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THE OFFICES OF DENISE MERRILL BE ENLISTED IN THIS EFFORT.

At the September, 2008 Conservation Commission meeting a number of concerns were presented during our "Opportunity for Public Comment," should Option A prove to be the best option and the current ROW become more fully utilized. The Conservation Commission recommends the Town Council address these concerns. They include:

1. At the Chaplin CL&P informational session, one of the CL&P representatives apparently stated that an important purpose of the proposed line through NE CT was to provide Fairfield Count with additional power.
2. The effect of the project (tree cutting, additional poles, etc.) on Mansfield's residential areas, for example, in the Highland Road area.
3. Will lights be required on poles in the vicinity of the Windham Airport? How will these poles and additional tree cutting affect the Mansfield Hollow Park area?
4. In the past, ATVs have utilized the ROWs to the detriment of stability of some soils and the neighbor's peace-of-mind. Barriers to ATV's must be placed where necessary.
5. Reports of earlier construction by CL&P indicate that the spreading of subsoils on the surface sometimes resulted in dead areas —they should be required to dispose of subsoils properly.
6. Agricultural lands should be restored and there should be compensation for any lost crops.
7. It was pointed out that the 1956 easement to CL&P includes the right of access through adjoining properties. Access roads through such properties should be minimized and the areas should be restored after the construction is completed.

Connecticut, and Connecticut as a whole are primary areas of concern in this study with respect to the ability of the existing transmission and generation systems to reliably serve projected load requirements in these areas.

Figure 1-1: Southern New England Load Concentrations⁵



Southern New England accounts for approximately 80% of the New England load. The 345 kV bulk transmission network is the key infrastructure that integrates the region's supply resources with load centers. The major southern New England generation resources, as well as the supply provided via ties from northern New England, Hydro-Québec, and New York, primarily rely on the 345 kV transmission system for delivery of power to the area's load centers. This network provides significant bulk power supply to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut and is integral to the supply of the Vermont load in northwestern New England. The SNE area has experienced significant load growth, numerous resource changes, and changes in inter-area transfers.

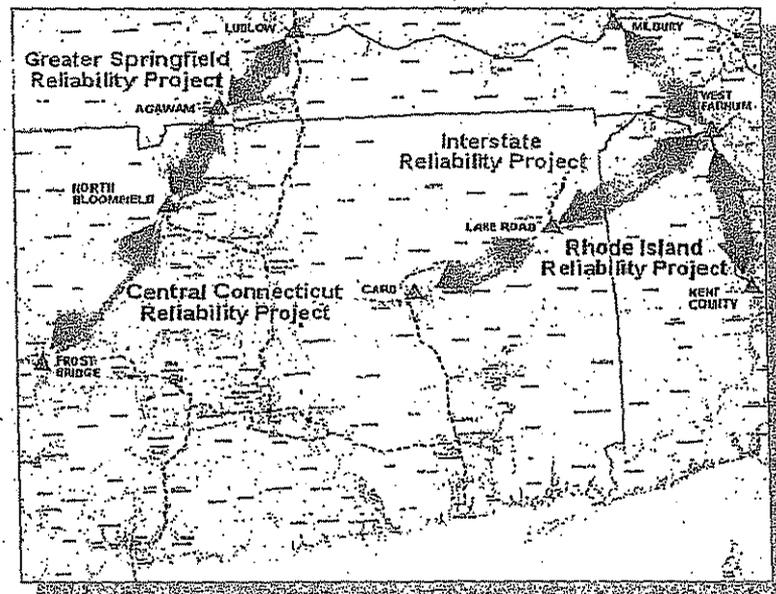
The east-west transmission interface facilities divide New England roughly in half. Vermont, southwestern New Hampshire, western Massachusetts, and Connecticut are located to the west of this interface; while Maine, eastern New Hampshire, eastern Massachusetts, and Rhode Island are to the east. The primary east-west transmission links

⁵ Source: *Needs Analysis* Figure 1-1.

Rhode Island were not simply local issues, but also affected interstate transfer capabilities. In addition, the Working Group identified constraints in transferring power generated in – or imported into – eastern Connecticut across central Connecticut to the concentrated load in SWCT. A comprehensive plan to address all of these interrelated problems was then developed, including the identification of the four components of the NEEWS Plan described above, along with other system improvements to address local reliability issues.

Figure ES-4 provides a conceptual illustration of the four elements of NEEWS.

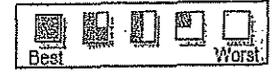
Figure ES-4: NEEWS Project Elements



How will the proposed Project improvements affect electric transmission service in Connecticut?

The proposed Project will improve the reliability of Connecticut's electric service by reducing constraints on the existing transmission system over which power is imported into Connecticut from Rhode Island and southeast Massachusetts. This improvement will both increase the reliability of electric supply to Connecticut customers, and provide them with better access to lower-cost, low-emission, and renewable remote power sources. Similarly, the NEEWS projects as a whole will enhance these benefits, as the other NEEWS projects combine with the Project to greatly improve the capacity of the Connecticut transmission system to import power and to move it across the state. The flow of electric power over electric transmission systems is not limited by state borders. Thus, improvements to interstate electric transmission systems cannot be fairly evaluated according to the benefit they provide to a single state at

Figure 2-1: Summary Comparison: Top Interstate Reliability Options⁸



Top Interstate Options	Network Performance	Human Environment Considerations	Natural Environment Considerations	Delivery Timeframe	Planning Grade Estimate
Option A ✓ Millbury ⇄ Card Preferred to-date. Subject to PAC Input.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has the greatest combined system benefit of any of the options.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relatively low potential impact on developed areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relatively low potential for impacting protected lands and resources.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feasible to site and build by date of need.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the lowest cost range. \$400M (±25%)
Option B Kent County ⇄ Montville	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets basic solution criteria but with operations issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate-to-high potential impact on developed areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-to-moderate potential for impacting protected lands and resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low likelihood of timely delivery due to anticipated siting issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> In the higher cost range. \$450M (±25%)
Option C Route 1 Millbury ⇄ Manchester	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets solution criteria and has many system benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/> Would require significant condemnations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Requires significant clearing for new ROW.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not feasible to site and build by date of need.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low basic estimate, with major uncertainty. \$400M (±25%)
Route 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as C-1 but involves a long line segment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate potential impact on developed areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate potential for impacting protected lands and resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Feasible to site and build by date of need.	<input type="checkbox"/> In the higher cost range. \$450M (±25%)
Option D Millbury ⇄ Ludlow	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets basic solution criteria, but with the lowest operating limit of the options.	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Option C-Route 2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Option C-Route 2.	<input type="checkbox"/> Feasible to site and build by date of need.	<input type="checkbox"/> In the higher cost range. \$450M (±25%)
Option E HVDC: Millbury ⇄ Southington	<input type="checkbox"/> Meets basic solution criteria but is not expandable, is less flexible and has higher system losses.	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate potential impact on developed areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Low-to-moderate potential for impacting protected lands and resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Feasible to site and build by date of need.	<input type="checkbox"/> In a significantly higher cost range. \$1,300M (±25%)* (*Solves both the Interstate and CT-E-W components, but is still very high when compared with the \$600M total for the combined preferred)

⁸ Source: TO's PAC Presentation 12/15/06 Slide

Figure IV-4: Interstate Option A

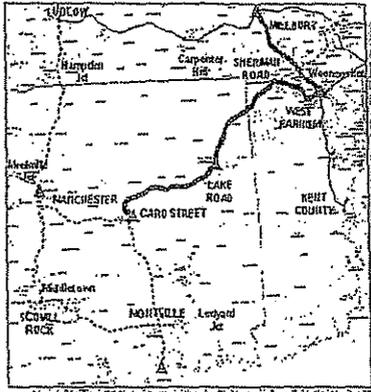


Figure IV-5: Interstate Option B

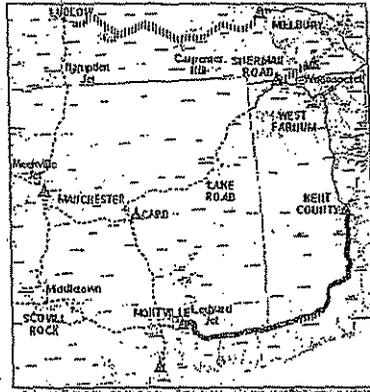


Figure IV-6: Interstate Option C-1

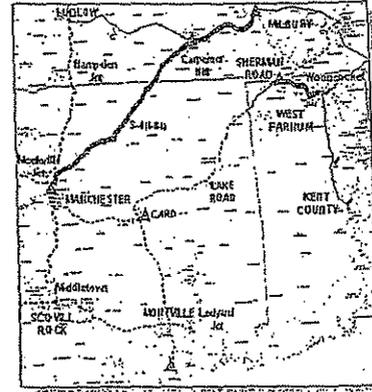


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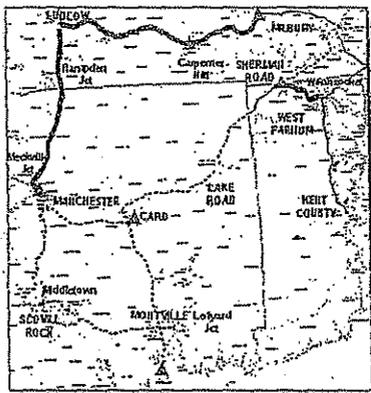


Figure IV-8: Interstate Option D

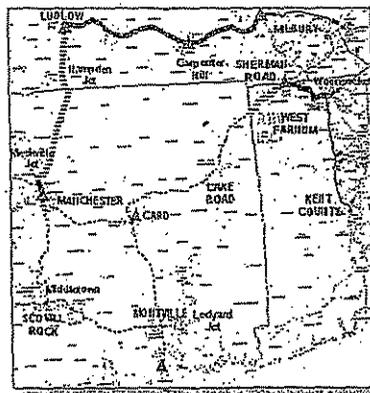
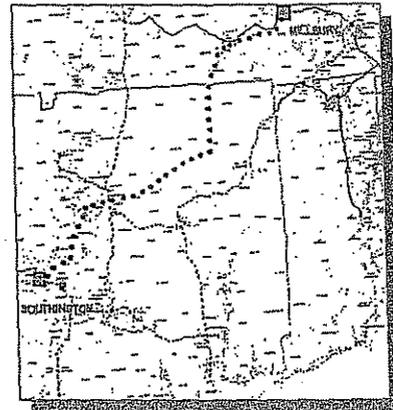


Figure IV-9: Interstate Option E



The *Solution Report* in Volume 4 of this filing provides a detailed description of the analysis by which the TO's selected Option A as their preferred solution. A compressed summary of this analysis is provided here.

The technical and cost characteristics of each of the options were evaluated first, and then their potential environmental and social impacts.

Winnowing down the options did not require the development of equally detailed routing and environmental information for all options. Where technical and/or cost analyses were sufficient to eliminate an option, a full environmental analysis was not required.



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
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To: Mansfield Town Council
From: Rudy Favretti, Chairman, Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Re: CL&P Interstate Reliability Project

After discussing the proposed CL&P Interstate Reliability Project and potential land use impacts for Mansfield and other Eastern Connecticut municipalities, Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission instructed me to report the Commission's opposition to the proposed project. Our opposition is based on an inadequate consideration of alternatives to this proposed project and expected detrimental land use impacts for properties in Mansfield and other eastern Connecticut Towns. In Mansfield, it is expected that the project will detrimentally impact property values for abutting schools and childcare centers and for neighboring residences. Furthermore, the project is expected to reduce the functional value of existing and potential farmland and the recreational value of Mansfield Hollow State Park. In general, the proposed route through eastern Connecticut will detrimentally affect the rural character of the area without any compensating economic benefit.

It is respectfully requested that the Town Council communicate to CL&P and the Connecticut Siting Council Mansfield's opposition to this proposed project including the reasons cited above by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

11/11/08 update

My request is as follows and is subject to change.

To the best of my understanding I'm requesting with the existing transmission lines that the MG (milligauss) level be calculated and verified at the edge of the CL&P R.O.W. and at my house.

I'm also requesting for underground power lines while still maintaining the largest possible tree line to protect my home from property devaluation.

I'm also requesting that the new underground lines be engineered so the MG level does not increase at the CL&P R.O.W. and at my house which includes all future loads.


Michael Nicolas
138 Highland Rd
Mansfield CT 06250

October 27, 2008

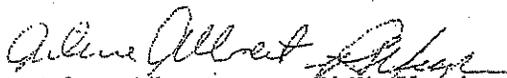
Town Council
Town of Mansfield

We are residents of Mansfield whose house is adjacent to the CL&P right-of-way in which the expansion of capacity for transmission of electrical power is proposed. We oppose this expansion for the following reasons:

1. Blasting for installation of new towers may damage our well water supply;
2. An additional set of power lines will lead to extensive environmental damage from tree removal;
3. Aesthetics degradation due to construction will lead to reduction in property values;
4. The damage to Mansfield is not compensated by any benefit to Mansfield since the lines are only for delivery to distant locales;
5. Building two lines adjacent to each other to satisfy regulations for redundancy fails the purpose of those regulations since the sources of such potential damage would impact both transmission lines.

We therefore ask that the Town of Mansfield oppose this expansion.

Sincerely yours,


Arlene Albert Philip Yeagle
466 Bassetts Bridge Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

To: Tony Mele, Project Manager, CL&P

10/26/08

Mr. Mele,

We have concerns about the East/West Solution proposal in my neighborhood (Hawthorne Lane, Mansfield) and wish to suggest a modification. Since the added lines would mainly benefit the southwest end of the state, I hope you will consider the issues my neighbors and I have.

Four years ago, I built a home for myself, my wife and three children, and my mother on 25 Hawthorne Lane. We did so only after much research on electromagnetic fields, concluding that 300 feet was, by most standards, a safe distance from high-voltage lines (250-400 feet, according to most sources).

My home, currently occupied by my wife and me, my mother, and my three children, is sited about 300 feet from the closest line. At the CL&P presentation in Mansfield (10/22/08) a NU representative and I looked at the path of the additional lines. Using the Google Earth measurement tool, he determined that the new lines would put my home 200 feet from the closest line. It would also put my closest neighbors on Hawthorne Lane 180, 220, and 275 feet from the line—a distance that increases our health risks, according to many sources, including the EPA.

Of course we are also upset about aesthetics and property values. My neighbors and I have front-yard septic fields. Mine extends 120 feet into the front yard, which means no trees in that area. With power lines 200 feet from my house (and the tree-cut line even closer), there would be little or no room for trees between me and the lines. (And an effective buffer would need to be as tall as the power lines.) With the existing plan, I would have six high-voltage power lines in front of me when I walked out my front door—as would my neighbors.

We at 25 Hawthorne Lane strongly urge CL&P to look at ways to alter the proposed route in our neighborhood. If you can, bury the lines or carry them on a single pole in a straighter line (over the Hawthorne Lane cul-de-sac). Either of these changes would satisfy our concerns.

Thank you.

RS Welden

Christine M. Welden

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Tony Mele
Project Team
CL & P East-West Solution Project

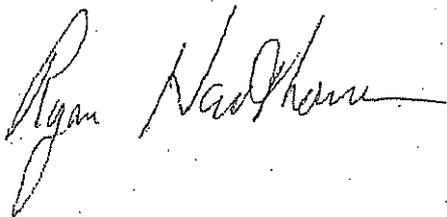
This letter is intended to reinforce our discussions and site visit regarding the Hawthorne Lane neighborhood. We currently own property on both sides of the transmission lines in the neighborhood and although a guarantee of no change would be favorable it does not appear that this is an option. Short of this guarantee our goal at this time is to work with CL & P upfront and prior to filing of the East West solution to the siting council.

Our concerns are as follows, any actions on the part of CL & P that would raise EMF levels in the area of the existing homes would be detrimental to the health and wellbeing to the residents of Hawthorne Lane. Any action on the part of CL & P that would remove trees in the existing buffer zone that would result in a decrease of property value to the existing neighborhood homes. After meeting with John Case from CL & P we feel confident that a slight shift of the transmission lines would create less negative impact on the neighborhood and no adverse impact to CL & P. We were pleased to have a site visit from state representative Denise Merrill, who shared our same views on protecting the neighborhood.

In conclusion we feel hopeful after discussion with Denise Merrill and town manager Matt Hart and his staff that we can resolve these issues prior to the filing. We appreciate your attention, consideration and look forward to a timely resolution for all involved in the Hawthorne Lane neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ryan and Patricia Hawthorne

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ryan Hawthorne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Tony Mele
Project Team
N.E. Utilities East-West Solution Project

We would like to thank the Project Team for providing such a very informative open house in Mansfield for those who will be affected by the project proposal. Our first reaction was one of shock! We understood our property was subject to permanent easement rights obtained many years ago by North East Utilities. However, we never considered or imagined the possibility of the transmission lines being doubled. This new proposal would have many negative effects on our neighborhood.

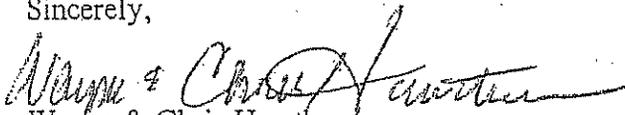
As homeowners our biggest concern is how this proposal will affect our property aesthetically. The transmission lines currently are unobtrusive due to a large tree lined buffer zone. This new proposal will completely remove the neighborhood buffer zone exposing the power lines completely. The properties were purchased knowing the power lines exist but were placed far enough away so we were still able to enjoy our privacy and the wildlife that currently exist. Not only will the new proposal be unsightly it will also greatly effect the property values of this residential neighborhood.

The neighborhood's other concern is the ramifications of the EMF's transmitted and it's effect on the residents. The new proposal will bring the transmission lines within 180' - 200' from our homes, without the benefit of a tree line. This is a concern for us as our grandchildren visit and play in this area often.

A viable solution for Hawthorne Lane and Bassets Bridge Road has been proposed to the project team. This would involve 1. Converting transmission lines to single poles and redirecting the alignment of the existing lines. 2. Exchanging right of way land which is now owned by existing property owners, thus eliminating the need to clear cut the current buffer zone to the neighborhood at a minimal cost to Northeast Utilities.

In closing, our hope is that you would consider our proposal and adopt it prior to the final submission of the East- West Solution to the siting council.

Sincerely,


Wayne & Chris Hawthorne

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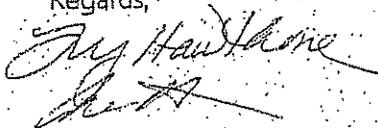
To Whom It May Concern:

As residents of Mansfield, specifically Bassetts Bridge Road/Hawthorne Lane, we have many concerns regarding the new proposed set of power lines through our community. We have lived in our home for over 7 years and while the power lines are certainly visible they have been in a reasonable distance and have been relatively concealed by the trees around our property.

The proposed plan for moving and adding additional lines would significantly impact not only the aesthetics of our home but would certainly increase our exposure to electromagnetic fields. As it stands now, we are already within the EPA recommended safe distance of 300 feet. Adding or moving lines would increase risk to our health and well being.

We ask that Northeast Utilities seriously considers alternative means to adding poles and clearing additional trees. We would strongly favor underground lines or singles poles that would not require additional tree clearing. We would be more than happy to answer any questions or offer more information about our concerns. Please contact us at any time at the above number. We look forward to a safe and expeditious resolution for our community.

Regards,



Tracy and Brandon Hawthorne

To: CL&P (Attn: Tony Mele & Associates)

10/26/08

The purpose of this letter is to express our concerns about the Northeast Reliability project as it's currently proposed. We appreciate you coming out to the Hawthorne Lane neighborhood to discuss our issues, but more importantly that you walked through to physically see (to get a clearer picture) the negative impact this project would have on our neighborhood. You have to admit, looking at a map with multi colored survey lines on it, is quite a bit different than walking the grounds of this charming neighborhood.

My wife Pam, son Gabriel, and I have lived at 27 Hawthorne Lane for 3 ½ years and have been very fortunate to reside in such a beautiful neighborhood. Part of the charm and reasons that attracted us to our home (other than the terrific school system Mansfield has) was to enjoy the privacy, wild life, rich vegetation and close proximity to the Mansfield State Park it offers. Our son Gabe has 23 cousins as well as several classmates who quite often come over to play in our open and expansive front yard.

One of our concerns with this project are the increased EMF levels that would be created by the new transmission lines if installed closer to our home. This would cause irreparable harm to not only my family and friends, but to our neighborhood as a whole.

The other concern we have is that this project would all but eliminate the large tree line which presently serve as a lush, and full canopy of plant growth which covers the existing transmission lines. Having these massive new utility poles installed closer to all our homes would negatively impact the property values of all the homes in the Hawthorne Lane neighborhood.

It's vital and of the utmost importance to my family (and our neighborhood) that these new transmission lines not be installed any closer to our homes. As we discussed with you, there is a safer and healthier alternative. We're confident that as you and other Mansfield town officials come out to see how this current plan truly impacts our neighborhood, that you will agree that slightly redirecting the new transmission line and utilizing a single pole system is the right choice.

Thank You.

Tom Mindek
Palmira Mindek
Gabriel Mindek

Gregory J. Padick

From: Matthew W. Hart
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 8:43 AM
To: Gregory J. Padick
Subject: FW: CL&P Lines in Mansfield should be underground

Greg – see below.

Also, should we email our advisory committees letting them know that we plan to debrief the open house on Monday?

Matt

From: martinfox [mailto:foxmartindale@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 8:27 AM
To: Matthew W. Hart
Subject: CL&P Lines in Mansfield should be underground

Dear Matt,

I attended the CL&P Interstate Reliability Project presentation last night at the Mansfield Community center. They want to run new 345 Kilovolt lines through the town. This is the time to insist that all of these highly dangerous lines be routed underground. Below I will briefly state why this is so,

First, high voltage lines pose a significant health risk. While CL&P is officially in complete denial on this point, I have no doubt that they are hazardous as evidenced by the extensive study cited below.

A 2005 study, a collaboration between the Childhood Cancer Research Group at the University of Oxford and National Grid owners, Transco – looked at cancer data in England and Wales between 1962 and 1995, for children aged up to 15 years old. They were able to map how far each child lived from a high voltage overhead power line. Comparing the children who had cancer with a control group of 29,000 children without cancer but who lived in comparable districts, they found that children whose birth address was within 200 metres of an overhead power line had a 70% increased risk of leukemia. Children living 200 to 600 m away from power lines had a 20% increased risk. <<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=dn7460>> The article goes on to suggest that it might not just be the electric and magnetic fields caused by the power lines but the ionization of the air and of pollutants in the air that causes the health effects and that the leukemia observed may just be the “tip of the iceberg”. Note that this large study not only reveals a significant increased risk of leukemia, but shows a dose response effect; the risk is lower at greater distance from the lines.

Second, overhead power lines cause fires. Power lines are suspected of igniting a number of the dangerous wildfires that swept through California last year, and will subject us to the same risk, especially if we have dry, hot Summer and Fall weather. As described in the linked article, this hazard has not been studied much. The solution is well known; use underground lines. <<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20071111-9999-1n11lines.html>>

Third, the lines run through an environmentally sensitive region of the town and render that land unusable for other purposes. The attached legal brief from the town of Woodbridge against CL&P, the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut Siting Council outlines the arguments that can be marshaled against overhead transmission lines. While the utility may argue that underground lines are technically infeasible [see the brief], their real concern is reducing their cost. The fact is that ²¹⁵underground cables are significantly more reliable than

overhead lines, not being exposed to the elements. New trenching technologies and cable materials are reducing costs.

Finally, it is not clear to me that the approximately Billion dollar expenditure for transmission lines is really the best way to improve electrical reliability in Connecticut. For that kind of money, we could mount a serious effort to install solar PV and solar thermal on every rooftop; and to revive hydro capacity in our state including pump storage, and tidal generation. Due to the way the power industry was segmented in deregulation, CL&P makes its money almost entirely from transmission of power, and does not necessarily look at the larger picture in terms of the effects of local generation on power reliability.

Distributed generation [locating smaller generation facilities nearer to loads] provides greater reliability and more local control. Local generation would complement our efforts to become an electric energy aggregator and ultimately a municipal utility.

This is the time to insist that if the utility wants to expand their transmission grid through our town that it be done in the safest, most reliable and most environmentally sensitive way, which means using underground lines for all sensitive areas. Power lines can last over 100 years. Doing it right now will be the best policy for all concerned in the long run. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email or cell [860 428 0436] if you need more information.

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TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE POST-HEARING BRIEF

The Town of Woodbridge ("Town") submits this Post-Hearing Brief to address Woodbridge-specific issues. In addition, the Town adopts and incorporates by reference herein the Joint Brief on Selected Issues filed on this date by the Towns of Cheshire, Durham, Wallingford and Woodbridge, and the City of Milford (the "Towns' Joint Brief").

For the reasons set forth in this brief, the Town urges the Siting Council to bury the new transmission line in Woodbridge, to protect the Town's precious institutions and homes from the enormous impact and health risk of a 345-kV overhead transmission line, and to avoid the other environmental impacts that would result from a new overhead line.

I. A 3.4 mile porpoise in Woodbridge is technologically feasible

Under Section 7 of P.A. 04-246, Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50p was amended as follows:

For a facility described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i, as amended, with a capacity of three hundred forty-five kilovolts or greater, there shall be a presumption that a proposal to place the overhead portions, if any, of such facility adjacent to residential areas, private or public schools, licensed child day care facilities, licensed youth camps or public playgrounds is inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter. An applicant may rebut this presumption by demonstrating to the council that it will be technologically infeasible to bury the facility. In determining such infeasibility, the council shall consider the effect of burying the facility on the reliability of the electric transmission system of the state.

In the Town of Woodbridge, in addition to the multitude of homes that abut the right of way, there are two significant facilities where children congregate: B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center. These institutions comprise the most significant of the statutory facilities along the proposed overhead portion of the transmission line, in light of the number of children who spend significant hours per day at them. Under P.A. 04-246, there is a presumption that the new transmission line will be buried to avoid these facilities.

The Town takes no position on where the line should be buried along the 69 mile route. Indeed, that is a policy determination for the Siting Council in connection with its obligation to maximize undergrounding. The Town believes that the record supports burying more than just the 24 miles initially proposed in Segments 3 and 4. Under any circumstance, compliance with P.A. 04-246 requires that the line be buried in Woodbridge to avoid the devastating impact of an overhead line on the statutory facilities in Woodbridge, including B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center.

A. The underground route identified by the Town is constructible.

The Town submitted to the Applicants a specific underground route, beneath public roads, including locations for two transition stations in the Town to enable the line to be porpoised. See, letter from David Ball to Anthony Fitzgerald and Linda Randell dated May 25, 2004, which has been admitted into the record as a supplement to the Town' s municipal consultation comments. The route which the Town identified would result in 3.4 miles of undergrounding within Woodbridge. *Tr. 6-15-04 @ 189*. The first transition station would be located on the 180 acres of property currently owned by the Regional Water Authority in Southern Woodbridge, which the Town is in the process of purchasing.² This property has been designated as Class III property; it is not a part of the RWA watershed, is considered excess land and is not needed for the public water supply. From this point, the underground route could traverse Northerly from Johnson Road, to Pease Road, then East on Route 114, across Route 63, North on Cedar Road or Route 63, until reaching CL&P' s property near the intersection of Route 63 and Clark Road, where a second transition station could be constructed. See, letter from David Ball to Anthony Fitzgerald and Linda Randell dated May 25, 2004.

If this configuration is approved by the Council, it will avoid overhead lines at B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center, as well as residential areas protected by P.A. 04-246. *Tr. 6-15-04 @ 191; Woodbridge Exhibit ____, entered into Record on 1/20/05. See Tr. 1/20/05 @ 13-16*. It would also avoid environmental impacts to some of the most sensitive wetlands identified in this docket, including Wetland 133, as designated by Land Tech. *Id.*

¹ A copy of this letter is attached to this memorandum as Exhibit A for the convenience of the Council.

² The Town expects to close on its purchase within the next few weeks.

The Applicants conceded that this route could be constructed. *Id.* Further, the Applicants testified that it would be possible to use XLPE cables for the 3.4 miles of underground lines, which carry less capacitance than HPFF cables. *Id.* @ 191-92. Finally, the Applicants testified that it would be possible to bury both the new 345-kV line and the existing 115-kV line beneath the roads identified for this route, in two separate trenches. *Id.* @ 192.

B. The Applicants have not proven that the porpoise configuration in the Town of Woodbridge is technologically infeasible.

In light of the Applicants' testimony that the 3.4 mile underground route identified by the Town can be constructed, the Council should approve this configuration because the Applicants have not met their new, statutory burden of establishing that the route is technologically infeasible.

1) The October 18, 2004 KEMA Report

Although the ROC Group refuses to consider another inch beyond the 24 underground miles that the Applicants initially proposed, the record suggests that at least an additional 5 miles of underground lines can be achieved. In its initial Harmonic Impedance Study for Southwest Connecticut Phase II Alternatives dated October 18, 2004 (the "KEMA Report"), KEMA concluded that by employing C-Type Filters as a mitigation device, an additional 20 miles of underground lines would be technically feasible. *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 86.*

KEMA also identified other mitigation devices that should have been studied, but were not. The existence of capacitor banks on the system contributes to the harmonics

problem by increasing the amount of capacitance in the system. *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 87.*

KEMA testified that in order to thoroughly research the issue of the maximum amount of underground miles, a study should be conducted modeling the removal of capacitor banks from the system. *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 89-90.* KEMA specifically stated that by removing capacitor banks from the system, it is possible that the end result would be that even more undergrounding could be achieved. *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 90.*

KEMA also identified STATCOMs as a potential device to maximize undergrounding. KEMA described a STATCOM as providing voltage support, like a capacitor, but without the capacitance of a capacitor. *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 90-91.* KEMA concluded that "[a] combined mitigation solution, using one or two STATCOMs, together with a number of C-Type Filters in place of most large capacitor banks should add excellent harmonic and dynamic voltage performance to the system." *KEMA Report @ p. 69.*

Although the ROC Group concluded that the addition of four STATCOMs to the system would not be a feasible mitigation device due to the operational complexity of this many STATCOMs (Case 7), it made no such conclusions about the addition of 1-2 STATCOMs, as recommended by KEMA. Further, KEMA testified that the operational complexity of just 1-2 STATCOMs would be "greatly reduced." *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 94.* The benefit of an additional STATCOM is in providing voltage support. *Tr. 12-14-04 @ 96.*

The Applicants also concede that STATCOMs provide voltage support, and, significantly, Mr. Zaklukiewicz admitted that adding STATCOMs to the system could have a positive effect on the temporary overvoltage problem. *Tr. 1-13-05 @ 120.* Mr.

Zaklukiewicz also admitted that the Applicants did not run any studies assuming the installation of C-Type Filters and one additional STATCOM. *Id.*

2) KEMA' s opinion of the ROC Final Report

Following the submission of the ROC Final Report on December 20, 2004, KEMA prepared a "white paper" containing its critique of the ROC Final Report, entitled "Observations on the Reliability and Operability Committee' s Final Report" dated January 18, 2005 (the "KEMA White Paper"). In the ROC Final Report, the ROC Group identified temporary overvoltages ("TOV"s) as a potential obstacle to the ability to add underground miles. Aware of the TOV issue identified by the ROC Group, KEMA continued to advocate C-Type Filters as a key mitigation device. In the White Paper, KEMA called for further studies which included optimized C-Type Filters to address the issues raised in the ROC Final Report. *KEMA White Paper @ p. 5* Further, KEMA defended C-Type Filters as a mitigation device:

It should be noted that the application of C-Type Filters is not a novel concept. In the UK, Europe, South Africa, USA, Canada, and others, these C-Type designs are the preferred design in AC systems to minimize harmonic resonance impacts and to add system damping for new capacitor bank installations.

Id. @ p. 6.

In the White Paper, KEMA concluded that the ROC Group' s studies ~~do~~not justify the conclusion that additional undergrounding beyond the base 24 miles is not technologically feasible, and that the results actually support KEMA' s prior conclusion that an additional 10 to 20 miles of undergrounding would be technically feasible. *Id. @ p. 7.*

3) KEMA' s February 17, 2005 opinion

At the last hearing on February 17, 2005, KEMA was no longer willing to support the notion of an additional 10-20 miles of undergrounding, presumably because it now had access to the ROC Group' s data and had changed its opinions.

However, the record continues to support a conclusion that an additional five miles can be buried. For months, KEMA advocated C-Type Filters as a technique to mitigate harmonics issues and TOVs. Yet, at the eleventh hour, without any rational explanation, KEMA suddenly backed down on its prior support of C-Type Filters as a mitigation solution. At the same time as it withdrew its support for C-Type Filters, KEMA admitted that if the Filters were employed, an additional five miles could be buried. The Town submits that this convoluted record supports the use of C-Type Filters, that at least five more miles can be buried, and that the Applicants have not met their statutory burden of proving otherwise.

At the February 14, 2005 technical session, KEMA stated that an additional five miles of undergrounding was probably technically feasible. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 25*. Again at the February 17, 2005 evidentiary hearing, KEMA testified that "an additional five miles of undergrounding may be technically feasible using C-Type Filters." *Id.* Further, KEMA agreed that if C-Type Filters were employed as a mitigation device, there is no question that they would expect improved results with TOVs. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 33*.

However, KEMA now was unwilling to stand behind C-Type Filters because, although C-Type Filters have been used in the industry for several years, there was a lack of "actual industry practice" in using C-Type Filters specifically to mitigate TOVs.

Under this novel definition of technological feasibility,³ KEMA felt that for a large scale project such as this, C-Type Filters should not be used. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 22.* KEMA testified that utilizing four to seven C-Type Filters is considered "large scale." *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 34.* Instead, KEMA testified that C-Type Filters should be tested on a smaller scale in selected locations in the system. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 17-18.*

Significantly, KEMA testified that for a shorter length of undergrounding than five miles, fewer than four C-Type Filters would probably be required. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 40.* Thus, notwithstanding KEMA's concerns about using C-Type Filters for a large scale application, it would seem fully appropriate to use a smaller number of C-Type Filters to mitigate TOVs in connection with an additional 3.4 miles of undergrounding in Woodbridge.

In addressing the feasibility of porpoising, KEMA testified that a porpoise configuration does not weaken the system. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 29.* Although it may be preferable to extend undergrounding from a substation from an operational point of view, KEMA testified that from a resonance and TOV point of view, it would be better to porpoise the line to add underground miles. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 41.* Although KEMA stated that there is some risk in porpoising, it also testified that a porpoise is not in and of itself technologically infeasible. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 31.*⁴

³ Indeed, if "lack of industry practice" were the standard, no technological advances could ever be employed. With this definition, Docket 217's transition stations and extensive undergrounding could not have been approved. In this Docket, extensive use of XLPE cables could not even be considered. Of course, this cannot be the standard.

⁴ There are no less than 4 transitions from overhead to underground in the porpoise configuration approved by the Council in Docket 217.

- 4) The Applicants have not met their burden of proving that the Town' s proposed 3.4 mile porpoise is technologically infeasible.

In light of the testimony cited above, the Town urges the Council to approve the 3.4 mile porpoise route in Woodbridge, to protect the Town' s precious statutory facilities. The Council has stated repeatedly that it will maximize undergrounding in this Docket in accordance with P.A. 04-246. For a number of reasons, the Applicants have not met their statutory burden of proving technological infeasibility with respect to additional undergrounding in Woodbridge.

First, although the Applicants are adept at identifying hurdles to undergrounding, they have not done enough to explore mitigation that would maximize undergrounding. KEMA provided a portfolio of mitigation options, including removing capacitor banks from the system, adding a STATCOM, and employing C-Type Filters. The Applicants never modeled studies assuming the addition of one STATCOM with C-Type Filters in place of most of the large capacitor banks on the system. The Applicants also admitted that adding a STATCOM could improve the TOV problem. In refusing to model mitigation techniques which they concede would improve the TOV problem -- and therefore add underground miles -- the Applicants have willfully ignored their burden. Additionally, even though the Town proposed the 3.4 mile porpoise route on May 25, 2004, and the Applicants conceded that it was constructible, the Applicants have intentionally chosen never to study this configuration. By failing to model potential mitigation options, and by ignoring the Town' s proposed porpoise route, the Applicants have failed to meet their burden of demonstrating that the underground route within the Town of Woodbridge is technologically infeasible.

Second, KEMA testified that to achieve less than five additional underground miles, fewer than four C-Type Filters would probably be required. Even if the Council accepts KEMA's reluctance to employ C-Type Filters on a "large scale", it should accept the use of the smaller number of Filters that would be needed for a smaller scale application -- such as a 3.4 mile porpoise in Woodbridge.

Third, KEMA has left no doubt that an additional five miles of undergrounding would be technologically feasible if C-Type Filters were used on a larger scale. KEMA was well aware of the ROC Final Report when it issued its White Paper calling for C-Type Filters as a means to mitigate the TOV problem. Absolutely nothing has changed in the interim to explain why KEMA will no longer support C-Type Filters, and KEMA has not presented any factual basis for its changed opinion. The Town submits that the rationale for using C-Type Filters is every bit as strong today as it was when KEMA filed the White Paper.

Further, as a matter of policy, KEMA's new definition of technological feasibility as requiring "actual industry practice" should be rejected. If the Council approves a continuous route of 24 miles of XLPE cables -- even though there is limited actual industry experience of this cable length at 345-kV-- then it must also employ the same standard in evaluating C-Type Filters as a mitigation option. The record demonstrates that although C-Type Filters have not been used for the specific purpose of mitigating TOVs, they have been used in the industry world-wide, with success. Further, the studies that have been run in this docket using C-Type Filters have in fact *confirmed* that Filters will be successful in mitigating TOVs. *Tr. 2-17-05 @ 16-17*. There is more than enough

evidence in the record for the Council to require the use of C-Type Filters so that the maximum number of underground miles can be achieved.

P.A. 04-246 imposes on the Applicants the burden of overcoming the presumption of undergrounding. Since the statute requires the Council to maximize undergrounding, and the Applicants have not proven that an additional five miles of underground lines is technologically infeasible, the Council must approve this extended undergrounding. The Town of Woodbridge has proposed a 3.4 mile porpoise configuration which the Applicants concede can be constructed, and which will preserve the Woodbridge institutions as well as other statutory facilities. To comply with P.A. 04-246, the Council should certify this porpoise configuration.

II. The 3.4 mile porpoise will avoid unacceptable EMF exposure levels for children at B'Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center

Within the Town of Woodbridge are B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center. These institutions contain a school, a day camp, day care centers, and playgrounds. In light of the number of children who spend significant hours per day at these facilities, they are the most significant of the statutory facilities in this Docket. The construction of the proposed line will expose the children who spend time at these institutions to unacceptable levels of EMF; i.e., levels above background based on the 27.7 GW case.⁵ The solution is to porpoise the line so as to avoid these important institutions.

⁵ The Town of Woodbridge refers the Council to the Towns' Joint Brief @ pp. 22-33 for a detailed discussion on EMF exposure levels and the appropriate "case" for consideration.

A. B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy

The Town is highly skeptical of the EMF calculations provided by the Applicants. The calculations are subject to a great deal of variation depending upon the assumptions that are modeled, and there are significant questions as to whether split phase design will work as represented.⁶

However, even if the Council accepts the Applicants' EMF modeling and that split phasing will work to mitigate EMFs, the predicted EMF exposure levels at B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy would still be too high. Assuming split phasing works as represented and scores of 135' towers are constructed (the Application calls for 85' towers), the EMF exposure levels at Ezra Academy within the right of way ("ROW") are predicted to be as high as 21.9mG.⁷

At the edges of the ROW, the EMF exposure levels are predicted to be 6.0mG and 10.4mG.

At Ezra Academy's building, the EMF exposure level is predicted to be 4.6mG. 30' from the southeast corner of the ROW, which would place one inside the school itself, the EMF exposure level is predicted to be 3.6mG. In fact, it is not until one proceeds 45' from the edge of the ROW (deeper into the school building) that a calculation below 3.0mG is predicted, and it is not until one is 75' from the ROW that an EMF calculation below 2mG is predicted.

These exposure levels are unacceptable, and contrary to the intent of P.A. 04-246.

See Towns' Joint Brief @ pp. 18-33.

⁶ The Town of Woodbridge refers the Council to the Towns' Joint Brief @ pp. 34-36 for a detailed discussion as to why split-phasing should not be relied upon.

⁷ The EMF predictions are based on the 27.7GW case. For compelling reasons presented in the Towns' Joint Brief @ pp. 28-33, the 15GW "case" should be ignored.

B. Jewish Community Center

Similarly, even if the Council accepts the Applicants' EMF modeling and the hypothesis that split phasing will work to mitigate EMFs, the predicted EMF exposure levels at the Jewish Community Center would still be too high. Assuming split phasing works as represented and scores of 135' towers are constructed, the EMF exposure levels within the ROW are predicted to be as high as 17.3mG. With respect to the JCC, children walk under the line to get to the ballfield and daycamp and back to the JCC building or bus area. Cars park under the line as well.

At the edges of the ROW, the EMF exposure levels are predicted to be 3.8mG and 10.3 mG.

It is not until one proceeds 90' from the northwest edge of the ROW that a calculation below 3.0mG is predicted, and it is not until one is 135' from the northwest edge of the ROW that an EMF calculation below 2mG is predicted. From the southeast edge of the ROW, a predicted EMF calculation below 3mG is reached 30' from the ROW, and below 2mG is reached 60' away.

The JCC uses both sides of the ROW, however, as well as the ROW itself. As with B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy, these levels of exposure are unacceptable and contrary to the intent of P.A. 04-246.

C. Residential Areas

An appropriate buffer zone based on the 27.7' GW case and a threshold EMF exposure level of 3mG would significantly impact 24 residential properties. *Woodbridge Exhibit ____, entered into Record on 1/20/05. See Tr. 1/20/05 @ 13-16.*

The Applicants represented that only 5 properties would be impacted, but only counted structures, without taking into account backyards and other usable portions of peoples' properties. As argued in the Towns' Joint Brief @ pp. 57-60, the Legislature adopted the language "residential *areas*", making clear that the entirety of a residential parcel must be protected. If the Legislature intended for the definition to be limited to residential "dwellings" or "structures", it would have said so.

Significantly, the Applicants have not challenged or in any way refuted the Town' s correction which conclusively shows that with an appropriate buffer zone based on the 27.7 GW case and a predicted EMF exposure level of 3mG, 24 residential properties would be impacted. *Woodbridge Exhibit ___*, entered into Record on 1/20/05. See *Tr. 1/20/05 @ 13-16*. Takings on this scale would violate the letter and spirit of P.A. 04-246.

III. The 3.4 mile porpoise configuration will minimize impacts to sensitive environmental resources

The 3.4 mile porpoise configuration will minimize impacts to sensitive environmental resources in Woodbridge by avoiding Wetland 133, 4 vernal pools, and an eastern box turtle habitat. The underground route proposed for the porpoise by Woodbridge is also outside of the RWA's watershed area. *Tr. 6-3-04 @ 142*.

Woodbridge retained Land-Tech Consultant, Inc. ("Land-Tech"), an environmental consulting firm, to evaluate the environmental resources in the ROW, and to evaluate the potential impacts to these resources.

Land-Tech determined that of the 6.2 mile length of ROW in Woodbridge, approximately 2.7 miles of the length of the ROW has wetlands. *Tr. 6-3-04 @ 230*.

With respect to the entire 6.2 mile length of the ROW, Land-Tech identified several significant natural resource areas:

- Wetland 133. This wetland is the largest wetland within the ROW in Woodbridge. The wetland extends for 8/10 mile along the ROW. *Tr. 6-3-04 @ 227*. The wetland system contains Race Brook which is a DEP stocked trout stream, possesses a large flood plain area capable of attenuating storm flows from Race Brook, and contains a large diverse mosaic of vegetative community types and wildlife habitat. *Woodbridge Exhibit 6*.
- Wetland 133 also contains two vernal pools, in which wood frog egg masses were identified. *Id.*
- Three other vernal pools are located in wetlands 124, 130, and 138, respectively. In addition, an amphibian breeding pool is located in wetland 122. *Id.*
- Two box turtle habitats. *Id.*
- The Glen Dam Reservoir is part of a public water supply and the associated area support the State Species of Special Concern Red-shouldered hawk. *Id.*

Land-Tech opined that "significant long and short term impacts to sensitive natural resources will occur," if the project were constructed. *Woodbridge Exhibit 6, Executive Summary*. Land-Tech determined that the project could result in approximately 7.3 acres of temporary wetland disturbance and 4.3 acres of wetland fill in

Woodbridge alone. *Id.* The 3.4 mile porpoise would minimize impacts to these resources by avoiding Wetland 133, 4 vernal pools, and an eastern box turtle habitat.

Of course, these opinions with respect to wetland impacts are based on the information provided with the Application, including the size of the foundations for the towers and the temporary work areas. Now that the Applicants propose higher towers in an effort to mitigate EMFs, the Applicants recognize that the higher towers will require larger foundations, more fill, and other construction related impacts. *See Letter from Attorney Fitzgerald to Siting Council dated February 1, 2005.* Incredibly, in this February 1, 2005 letter, the Applicants admit that they have no intention of providing updated environmental information in the record, but instead intend to wait until the D&M stage. However, contrary to the Applicants' position, deferring assessment of environmental impacts is fatal to the application, as Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50p(a)(2) prohibits the Council from issuing a Certificate unless it finds and determines the nature of the "probable environmental impact" of a proposed facility, and balances that impact against the public need for the facility. The Applicants' position is also contrary to the new Application Guidelines adopted by the Council in Docket 259, as recommended by the "Working Group" established by the Legislature.

As a result of the potential impacts, including an estimated 7.3 acres of wetland disturbance, Land-Tech opined that from an environmental perspective, an underground route is preferred. The installation of an underground line is not expected to significantly impact wildlife along the route, as minimal alteration to vegetation is required.⁸ Access roads and pole installations, the major cause for concern in Woodbridge, would not be

⁸ The Applicants' environmental witness, Louise Mango, agreed that an underground route in the existing road would avoid most natural resource impacts. Tr. 6-1-04 @ 73.

required. The only impact to the environment would be a narrow trench that will be placed beneath the existing roads. *Woodbridge Exhibit 6, page 12.*

Moreover, while the height of the Towers have grown from no more than 85 feet in the Application to 135 feet in the course of this Docket, the Applicants have not provided a viewshed analysis. More than 100 towers will now be significantly above the treeline, while the original proposal had them at or just above the treeline. The Applicants have also failed to provide an updated cultural resources assessment as a result of the impact of the taller towers on the historic resources in Woodbridge, including the Thomas Darling House, the New England Cement Co. Kiln and Quarry, and the Town Center, known as the Woodbridge Green Historic District, all of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Moreover, the record is devoid of any comments from the Connecticut Historical Commission concerning the much taller towers. As a result, the record does not permit the Council to make any findings concerning the potential impact of the taller towers on the Town's scenic and historic resources as required by PUESA.

The 3.4 mile porpoise route proposed by the Town minimizes impacts to Woodbridge's sensitive resources by avoiding Wetland 133, 4 vernal pools, an eastern box turtle habitat, and scenic resources, and would effectuate the balancing required by Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-50g.

Conclusion

If the Council certifies a new 345-kV line in this Docket, it will impact the Town of Woodbridge for generations. In order for the Council to adhere to Public Act 04-246, it must find a way to bury the new line in Woodbridge to preserve its statutorily protected facilities, including B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center. The record supports a conclusion that an additional five miles of underground cables is feasible, and the Town has presented a porpoise configuration which the Applicants agree can be constructed.

Conversely, if the Council orders a new 345-kV overhead line through the Town, there is a real likelihood that B' Nai Jacob/Ezra Academy and the Jewish Community Center will not survive. This unacceptable result would be devastating to the Town, and would violate P.A. 04-246. Based on the arguments in this brief, and those asserted in the Towns' Joint Brief, the Town submits that unless the new line is buried within Woodbridge to achieve compliance with P.A. 04-246, the Application must be denied.

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I am writing on behalf of Mt. Hope Montessori School and its Board of Directors. As you know, CL&P is proposing to build a second set of high voltage lines through the Town. A half-mile section of these lines will be within 215 feet of Mount Hope's front door. At this time, I ask that you consider the potential impact this project could have on the well being of the School.

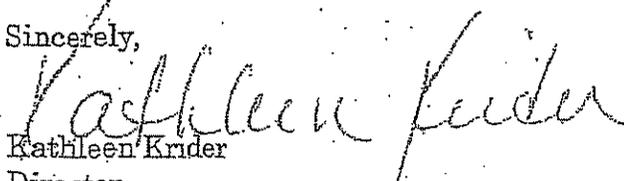
Many of you are aware of Mt. Hope's history in the Mansfield community. Currently, we are enjoying our 48th year of continuous operation, making us one of the oldest Montessori schools in the country. In 1974 the school established itself in its current location on Bassetts Bridge Road. Many, many children have started their education here, and it is our expectation that we will continue to do so for future generations.

Our belief is that should CL&P proceed with the currently proposed route, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to remain the desirable institution we have become. It is hard to imagine prospective families choosing to send their children to our school when a large scale, high-voltage, electrical construction project is taking place right outside our door. We will, in the span of one short year, cease to exist.

We realize CL&P has the right to proceed with this project as planned. We are also aware that opposing it raises other disquieting concerns. The Board and Staff of Mt. Hope, while not wanting to relocate, are willing to explore that possibility. We realize that may be the only viable option for our continued existence. We are willing to work with CL&P to achieve a desirable outcome for all, and we respectfully request the Town's support as we move forward.

If it is not possible to oppose the project outright, then we ask that the Town Council make it clear to CL&P Project Managers that Mount Hope matters. They need to know that we are an integral part of Mansfield's excellent early childhood educational offerings and we ask that every effort be made to ensure our continued success. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Kathleen Krider
Director

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

September 3, 2008

To: Mansfield Town Council, Town Manager, Town Planner

Re: CL&P Proposal- Interstate Reliability Project

At their September 3, 2008, meeting, the committee discussed CL&P's proposal to construct a second power line next to existing power lines in the southern part of Mansfield. The committee is concerned about potential impacts of construction activities on prime farmland and on farming operations. Two farming areas are of particular concern. Fields on the north and south sides of Bassetts Bridge Road in Mansfield Center contain some of the best farmland in Mansfield. They are leased by two local farms for alfalfa production. The field on the south side of this road is protected by an agricultural-use-only easement. The Town owns a portion of this farmland on the north side of the road adjacent to the power lines. The second area of concern is cropland on the Stearns farm (Mountain Dairy). The committee's concerns and recommendations:

1. **Protection of prime agricultural soils during excavation of deep holes for pole foundations.** The committee recommends suitable controls to restore prime agricultural soil as close to its original condition as possible. The topsoil should be placed in a separate pile and replaced after construction is completed without compacting these soils. The large amount of subsoil to be removed from the holes should not be piled on top of the farmland during or after construction, but should be placed directly in trucks for removal to a non-farmland area.
2. **Protection of prime farmland soils from construction traffic.** Access roads for vehicles and equipment should be along the edge of the farmland so that the vehicles' compaction will affect the least area and will not cut across cultivated fields.
3. **Alternative routes for the Bassetts Bridge Road area (Mt. Hope Variations).** The Mt. Hope Montessori School is close to the proposed additional line, so CL&P has offered alternative routes for the this new line. The committee is concerned that these proposals would disturb more farmland than the original proposal and would require excessive funds (\$11.6 million or \$93.4 million). The committee recommends that the school be purchased by CL&P at a price that would allow the school to be relocated. This would cost less than the alternative routes and allow the proposed line to be constructed as planned.
4. **Proposed pole design.** The committee recommends that monopoles be used in prime farmland areas to minimize the number of excavations needed (and thus minimize the disturbance of farm soils). The monopoles would also reduce the number of obstacles to operating farm machinery in these fields.
5. **Protection of Town-owned farmland.** The town owns farmland on the north side of Bassett's Bridge Road that abuts the power line area. Both parcels are farmed as one large field. The committee recommends that the boundary between the Town portion and power line portion be clearly marked during construction to avoid disturbance of the Town's farmland.

Friends of Mansfield Hollow
5 C Sycamore Drive
Storrs, CT 06268
August 30, 2008

Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
S. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT

Dear Mr. Hart

We, the members of the Executive Board of Friends of Mansfield Hollow have reviewed the proposal for increased construction in our area by the CL&P. We considered the overwhelmingly negative effects such a proposal would have to the entire flood control acreage in our town. The acreage includes a large area set aside as a State Park, and an even larger area designated a Wildlife Management Area.

We therefore wish to convey to you our opposition to routing the project through Mansfield Hollow;

First, there is the impact that the actual construction would have upon both wildlife and recreational activities in our "big back yard"

Second, raising the towers to the projected height of 200 additional feet would require drastic widening of the right of way; this would take away much scenic beauty, adversely affect the environment, and result in a significantly negative impact on the recreational activities in the entire area. Many trails pass under these lines, and the vibration is often felt by hikers below!

Thank you for your consideration.

Betty Robinson, President, FMH

From: Micheal D Nicolas [mailto:mdnkc@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 9:32 PM
To: Jeff Buckley; Elise Kranich; Tony Mele; Town Mngr
Subject: Fw: CL&P/Burns and McDonnell

To whom it may concern. Our property which is on 138 Highland road Mansfield CT. As noted earlier to our email to Matthew Hart, Town Manager of Mansfield CT. Here is our concerns that we would like answered no later than the open house at the Mansfield Community Center this coming 10-22-08.

To the "best of our understanding" when we had Burns and McDonnell out at our house this past March or April the proposed H Style 345 kv transmission poles would be some where around 50' from our roof line. This is not acceptable. Again as emailed earlier We are supporting.. First, underground power lines Second, Vertical or Delta Transmission poles.

Because of the close proximity to our house we feel a need for a "direct contact" with some one involved with the Decision Making and not just a spokes person. We need to know where the actual placement of these underground lines/poles are going to be and the actual distances from our house. Also we need to know this as soon as possible so we can make decisions on what to do and not find out when it's to late.

We plan on attending the open house at the Mansfield Community Center this coming 10-22-08 and were requesting to know at the open house if there is going to be a reasonable chance that any of our requests will be look at seriously before the final request goes to the sighting council.

Thank you
Mike Nicolas

— Original Message —

From: [Matthew W. Hart](#)
To: [Micheal D Nicolas](#)
Cc: [Matthew W. Hart](#)
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 1:26 PM
Subject: RE: CL&P/Burns and McDonnell

Mike – I will look into what you have recommended. Assuming that this is feasible, we will incorporate this ranking (underground preferred, then vertical) in our comments to CL&P.

Have a good holiday weekend.

Matt

— Original Message —

From: [Micheal D Nicolas](#)
To: townmgr@mansfield.org
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2008 10:26 AM
Subject: CL&P/Burns and McDonnell 238—



Connecticut
Light & Power
The Northeast Utilities System



November 25, 2008

REC'D DEC 01

The Honorable Elizabeth Paterson
Mayor of Mansfield
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268

Re: Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P" or the "Company") to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") Concerning the Connecticut Portion of the Interstate Reliability Project ("Project")

Dear Mayor Paterson:

On behalf of myself and our Project Manager, Mr. Anthony Mele, thank you for your support of the recent open houses for communicating the Interstate Reliability Project to residents of your town. We hope you were satisfied with the information and approach we put together.

CL&P conducted open houses on September 24, 2008 in Brooklyn, September 30, 2008 in Willimantic, October 22, 2008 in Mansfield, and November 5, 2008 in Danielson, and citizens of your town may have attended one or more of these open houses. At each open house, we provided a form for attendees to leave us their written comments, or to subsequently send comments by mail. As part of the siting process, you have an opportunity to send written comments on CL&P's Municipal Consultation Filing on behalf of your town. To assist you in that effort, we are hereby forwarding to you copies of the comment forms we have received to date from residents of your town. If we receive more comment forms in the coming weeks, I will forward copies of those to you as well.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments and recommendations before the upcoming filing of a CL&P application to the Connecticut Siting Council, and of course, CL&P will share your response with the Council once it has submitted its application. Please let me or Mr. Mele know when or if you plan to send comments. Whether or not your town chooses next to directly participate in the subsequent Council process on CL&P's application, your comments and recommendations will be "on the record" and will no doubt be addressed in questioning and testimony during the Council's public hearings.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Carberry, Project Manager
NEEWS Siting and Permitting

Cc: Matthew Hart, Town Manager

YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING. Please use this sheet to provide your comments. You can deposit it at one of the Comment stations or fill it out and mail it after you get home. We will convey your comments to your municipal official and state siting authority.

In what town do you reside? Mansfield

Your Comments:

I'm an abutter - the proposal runs through the corner of my property.

I'm all good with getting more power, and I would say the following even if not an abutter:

Put as much as you can underground. It costs more up front, but I'm pretty certain it will cost less to maintain, it will last longer and it will emit less "bad" stuff. Put as much as you can underground, please.

If you have a concern specific to your property, please provide us with your name and address.

Name: M. Campbell

Address: 21 Stone Ridge Lane, Mansfield

Thank You. 860/456-2296



Connecticut
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Western Massachusetts
Electric



YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING. Please use this sheet to provide your comments. You can deposit it at one of the Comment stations or fill it out and mail it after you get home. We will convey your comments to your municipal official and state siting authority.

In what town do you reside? MAN'SFIELD

Your Comments:

EXTEND UNDERGROUND VARIATION FROM I 195
TO UTILITY POLE #9066 (PRESENT NUMBER)

REASONS:

- 1) SAFETY - AIRPORT FLYWAY
- 2) CLEARS COMPLETELY RESIDENTIAL AREA

If you have a concern specific to your property, please provide us with your name and address.

Name: VICTOR CLIVE

Address: 160 BERTH MTN. RD MAN'SFIELD 0810456-2022

Thank You.



YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING. Please use this sheet to provide your comments. You can deposit it at one of the Comment stations or fill it out and mail it after you get home. We will convey your comments to your municipal official and state siting authority.

In what town do you reside? Mansfield

Your Comments:

I want to know what the EMF currently is on my property. Then I want to know what the EMF projections ~~are~~ will be at highest usage rates.

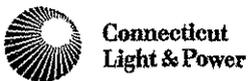
If you have a concern specific to your property, please provide us with your name and address.

Name: Susan O'Keefe

Address: 31 Philip Drive, Storrs, 06268

Thank You.

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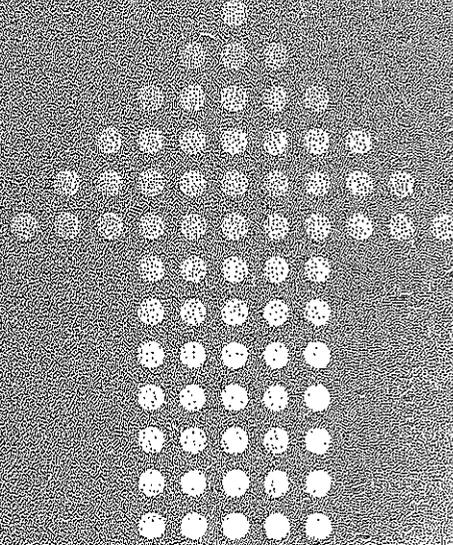
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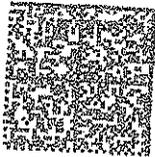
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What did you find helpful about the open house?

How might we improve the open house?

Make it more realistic and less one sided.

YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING. Please use this sheet to provide your comments. You can deposit it at one of the Comment stations or fill it out and mail it after you get home. We will convey your comments to your municipal official and state siting authority.

In what town do you reside? _____

Your Comments:

is home during the day
- concerned about lack of
identification on
trucks, or person
- especially fuel or access
- guests + secured
* put on advanced notification
just for any work
at survey

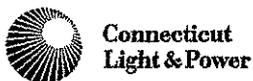
If you have a concern specific to your property, please provide us with your name and address.

Name: Lynette PINTO
Address: 212 So. Bedlam Rd

Thank You.

Manfred G.

860-455-0626





Connecticut Council of Small Towns

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November 24, 2008

REC'D NOV 26

Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Matt:

As you know, the State of Connecticut and its towns (indeed the entire nation) face unprecedented financial challenges. By the time you receive this letter the General Assembly will have met in the Special Session to consider an important municipal relief proposal made recently by Governor Rell. This initiative is intended to respond to the *current* fiscal year deficit we face.

800-Pound Gorilla: \$6 Billion Budget Deficit

Going forward, however, we face an even bigger challenge. Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway calls it the 800-pound gorilla. "It" is the SIX BILLION DOLLAR deficit facing decision-makers as they struggle with the development of the state's 2009-2011 biennial budget. At stake for towns is hundreds of millions of dollars in state aid to help pay the cost of K-12 education and essential municipal services.

As Governor Rell and legislative leaders take action on extremely important fiscal policy measures, they will need to hear your views about the impact their plans will have on municipalities. They will also need your input on ways to strengthen governance and improve the delivery of essential public services in Connecticut.

Make Your Voice Count at Connecticut's Town Meeting 2009

One excellent way to express your views and advocate policies beneficial to towns is to participate in COST's annual conference, *Connecticut's Town Meeting*. There are plenty of good reasons to attend this event, but chief among them is this: *Connecticut's Town Meeting* is the largest and single-most important annual opportunity for first selectman, mayors and managers from smaller communities throughout the state to network and decide on their highest-priority legislative concerns.

Invite Your Legislators To Attend...to Strengthen Your Voice at the Capital

What makes the COST annual meeting especially unique is that an increasingly large number of state representatives and state senators attend the event. They listen to the concerns being expressed by town leaders and provide feedback on how you and other town leaders can support their efforts to advocate the legislative priorities established during *Connecticut's Town Meeting*.

This forum provides an excellent opportunity to help bridge the gap between Town Hall and the State Capital. But, we need your help to make this happen. A special, complimentary sign-up form for state legislators accompanies this letter. Please send it with a letter, or fax it with a note, to your legislators urging them to register for this major annual event.

If you haven't already registered for the event, please make plans to attend *Connecticut's Town Meeting 2009* on Wednesday, January 21st from 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center in Cromwell. Sign-up today to ensure your spot at *Connecticut's Town Meeting 2009*. Space is limited and registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Accompanying this letter is a registration form for COST's *Connecticut's Town Meeting 2009* as well as directions to the conference. Please complete the registration form (make copies for others attending from your town) and fax it to COST as soon as possible. **Don't forget: the early-bird registration deadline is December 19th.**

Receive Your Copy of COST's 2009 Connecticut Municipal Leaders' Manual

Participants in Connecticut's Town Meeting will receive a newly revised and expanded edition of *The Connecticut Municipal Leaders' Manual*. This guidebook is intended to help make local government policymakers aware of state laws governing towns and cities in Connecticut. Veteran municipal officials will find *The Connecticut Municipal Leaders' Manual* to be a helpful reference guide, while newly elected officials will be able to use it to develop a basic understanding of their responsibilities under the law. The Manual reflects changes in the statutes through the 2008 regular session of the legislature.

New for You: The Survival Guide for Municipal Leaders

A new feature contained in the 2009 edition of the Manual is *The Survival Guide for Municipal Leaders: essential skills and resources for town officials*. This publication offers immediate, practical approaches that lead to the better management of local government services. Topics addressed by the *Survival Guide* include: productive meetings; personnel management; media relations; budgeting and accounting; use of volunteers; and finding sources of outside financing and other assistance.

COST Membership Dues Advisory: 2009-10

We know this is budget-planning season and that you will be making important expenditure decisions for the 2009-10 fiscal year. We hope membership in COST receives your town's favorable decision. COST membership provides you and your town with many benefits but this is probably the most important reason to join: COST is the state's only organization dedicated to advocating exclusively for the interests of Connecticut's smaller towns and their municipal leaders. A true grassroots organization, COST marshals the collective talent, experience and vision of its members; provides a forum for discussing challenges and solutions; and, mobilizes members to action in the public-policy arena.

Enclosed is a COST membership dues advisory for the next fiscal year. Please remember that this is only an advisory notice. PLEASE DO NOT PROCESS IT. COST will send you next year's membership registration form during May 2009 (Note: COST membership dues have not increased in over 15 years.)

Thanks again for all your great support and best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,



Bart Russell
Executive Director



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2009-10 DUES ADVISORY

**Please pay
according to
the following
dues schedule:**

<u>Population</u>	<u>Town Dues</u>
up to 5,000	Pay \$725
5,001 to 10,000	Pay \$825
10,001 to 15,000	Pay \$925
15,501 to 20,000	Pay \$1,025
20,001 to 25,000	Pay \$1,125
25,001 to 30,000	Pay \$1,225

**This is a 2009-10 fiscal year membership dues advisory for budget planning purposes.
PLEASE DO NOT PROCESS THIS FOR PAYMENT.
The Connecticut Council of Small Towns will send a dues invoice for COST membership to your town during May 2009.**

Of the 169 local governments in the State of Connecticut, 139 are suburban and rural jurisdictions under 30,000 in population. Small towns are home to over a million state citizens and taxpayers. The Connecticut Council of Small Towns was founded in the belief that local government leaders from these smaller towns – and their residents – needed a strong voice within the legislative and regulatory decision-making arenas, both in Hartford and in Washington, D.C. Since its establishment in 1975, COST has provided that voice.

Thanks for your strong support of COST, small towns and Connecticut's grassroots governments!



Connecticut Town Meeting 2009

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
Cromwell, Connecticut

WHO: Local & state government leaders (and others with a stake in the future of Connecticut's smaller communities)

WHAT: Vote on COST's 2009 Legislative Platform (special emphasis on the 2009-2011 biennial budget and its impact on towns, unfunded mandates and more); Top state leaders are being invited to discuss education and municipal funding policies; Tour the Exhibitors' Fair, enjoy the awards banquet!

WHEN: January 21st - 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM (*Tentative storm make-up date: (2/25/09)*)

COST: Early-Bird Registration **received by 12/19:** \$65.00 (\$85.00 for non-members)
Additional registrants **received by 12/19:** \$45.00 (\$65 for non-members)

Registrations **received after 12/19:** \$85.00 (\$105.00 non-members)
Additional registrants **received after 12/19:** \$65.00 (\$85 for non-members)

NOTE: Registration Kiosk and the Town Hall Exhibitors' Fair open at 8:00 AM



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Name of Town/City/Agency: _____

Attendee Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web address: _____

Please mail or fax your registration form(s) to COST as soon as possible!
Your registration check must be received no later than January 4th

Mail to: COST, 1245 Farmington Avenue, 101, West Hartford, CT 06107

Phone: (860) 676-3068 • **Fax:** (860) 676-2662

Questions: Email Kathryn Dube: kdube@ctcost.org

Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
Planning Office, Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, Connecticut 06268
2 December 2008

Item #23

REC'D DEC 02

Mr. Matt Hart, Town Manager
Mansfield Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, Connecticut 06268

Dear Matt,

During the past year, the PZC has become concerned with what it believes to be a critical issue. At our meeting on December 1, the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, by unanimous vote, instructed me to inform you of this situation and to ask your assistance in its resolution.

A large portion of the Director of Planning's time has been taken on issues that are not directly related to the work of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Agency. Our Commission is particularly concerned about the Director's new committee assignments including the Four Corners Sewer Committee, the Sustainability Committee, the Community Quality of Life Committee, and potentially the Economic Development Committee. It is understood that as Director of Planning he will and must be consulted on all issues related to planning and development; however, his having to serve many hours at committee meetings usurps time that is needed by our Commission if it is to serve the citizens of Mansfield in a professional and timely manner as mandated by state law.

We are one of four elected town bodies. We have a statutory obligation to serve Mansfield's citizens with an up-to-date Plan of Conservation and Development and the Zoning, Subdivision, and Inland Wetlands Regulations to implement it. During the past nine months, we have fallen behind in this work because the Director of Planning's attention has become fractured with new assignments, and this is of great concern to us. It is not a simple process to fulfill our statutory obligations. The planning and regulatory review process requires many hours of staff time.

This letter is in no way critical of the Director of Planning's professionalism or expertise. Simply stated, there are just so many working hours in a day, and when many of them are diverted to other ancillary causes, he cannot devote the time required to complete our work. Please address this issue with the Town Council. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Rudy J. Favretti, Chairman
Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission

Copies: Mansfield Town Council
Director of Planning

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD POLICY MEMORANDUM

To: All Town Employees
From: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
Prepared by: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager and Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: January 1, 2009
Subject: Freedom of Information Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarification and guidance regarding Freedom of Information requests from members of the public. Except as otherwise provided by federal law or by state statute, the Freedom of Information Act, Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 14, guarantees public access to all public records maintained or kept on file by the municipality.

II. Policy

The goal of the Town of Mansfield is to courteously and promptly provide requested information in compliance with the law. Public records maintained in the office of the Town Clerk are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Certain records such as payroll records, employment records, vital statistics and other documents that contain confidential and personal information, including Social Security numbers and personal bank account information, are not open for public inspection. Full or limited access to these records **may** be available in accordance with the disclosure requirements established in the statutes. Any concern regarding whether a particular item may be disclosed should be promptly addressed to the Office of the Town Manager, and possibly then referred to the town attorney. Payment for copies of documents may be made as itemized on the Freedom of Information fee schedule of the Town of Mansfield.

The Town of Mansfield's Freedom of Information Request Form should be completed for any document not readily available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk. These forms are available in the offices of the Town Clerk and the Town Manager. Completed F.O.I. requests will be promptly forwarded to the appropriate department(s). The appropriate department will respond to the requester within four business days either by providing the material, denying the request,

asking for clarification of the request if needed, or if the requested material is voluminous or other difficulty is encountered, by establishing a reasonable date upon which the documents will be made available.

When copies are not requested, individual departments may arrange (with the applicant) for public inspection of requested information subject to disclosure per statute. Public inspection of documents may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office. Copies of requested information shall be forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office. Payment must be received in the Town Clerk's Office prior to the release of the documents. Fees will be waived if the applicant is receiving public assistance or can show an inability to pay due to indigence.

The Town of Mansfield has no legal obligation to, and will not perform analytical work, studies, investigations, calculations or program reviews, or create any document in response to a Freedom of Information request. If the requested information exists in the form of a document and is not in draft form, it will be provided, but documents exempted by law from release or availability to the public per, for example, C.G. S. § 1-210(b), will not be released or made available. Again, in questionable instances, consultation should be made with the Town Manager, who may refer the matter to the town attorney.

Process

- (1) Freedom of Information Request forms may be filed in the office of the Town Clerk or the Town Manager.
- (2) These offices will promptly disseminate requests to the appropriate department(s).
- (3) Any questions regarding the legality of disclosure must be promptly addressed to the Town Manager for possible consultation with the town attorney.
- (4) Within four business days the department shall provide the information, issue a letter to the requestor denying the request, ask for further clarification or inform the requestor of a reasonable date when the information will be available.
- (5) If no copy is requested, records subject to disclosure requirements as established in the statutes may be inspected at the Town Clerk's Office.
- (6) If hard copies are requested they will be forwarded to the office of the Town Clerk for release, upon payment or waiver of the legally required fees.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS
SUMMARY OF CHARGES

A.	To review existing records	no charge
B.	To discuss existing records	no charge
C.	A copy of an existing record, non-certified page [CGS§1-212(2)] <i>Two sided documents are two pages</i>	\$.50
D.	To certify a document [CGS§1-212(e)]	\$2.00
E.	Maps, surveys, or records [CGS§1-212(b)(2)(3)] 1. A copy of plans or a Mylar® not recorded per sheet [CGS§1-12(2)] 2. A copy from a recorded Mylar® per sheet [CGS§7-34a(a)] 3. A photo copy or reproducible copy of a document by an outside vendor	\$.50 \$1.00 actual cost
F.	A record or report from a computer run – per page (existing menu report)	\$.50
G.	Computer formatting and/or programming to produce a specialized report [CGS§1-212(b)(1)]	actual salary of staff, plus \$.50 per page
H.	Computerized information stored with our outside vendors which we would have to pay for, if obtained to honor the request	actual cost of outside vendor
I.	Copies of tapes, disks, or other electronic media [CGS§1-212(b)(3)]	actual cost
J.	Board and Commission Members requesting copies of documents specifically relevant to the current activities of the Board or Commission for the purpose of working in conjunction on the same issue	no charge
K.	Public request for Board and Commission agendas, minutes, and packets by mail	actual cost to mail and \$.50 per page
L.	Emails of agendas and minutes	no charge

The fees are in accordance with CGS§1-212. FOI charges will not supersede those fees established in statutes such as fees for vital records.

Effective January 1, 1009



Government Finance Officers Association

Item #25

2007 PROGRAM RESULTS

*Annual Report for Fiscal Periods
Beginning 2006*



*Distinguished
Budget*

PRESENTATION

Award

- The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program has been promoting the preparation of high quality budget documents since 1984. More than 1,200 governments participate in the program each year. Participants include governments of all levels (state and local), types (general-purpose and special-purpose), and sizes.
- The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is specifically designed to encourage state and local governments to prepare and issue budget documents of the highest quality. Top-quality budget documents are essential if citizens and others with an interest in a government's finances are to be full and informed participants in the budget process. Better budget documents contribute to better decision making and enhanced accountability.
- The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program allows the public finance profession a welcome opportunity to recognize those governments that have, in fact, succeeded in preparing a high quality budget document. This recognition can be viewed as a positive factor by credit rating agencies and by others interested in the professionalism of a government's finance function.
- A sliding fee scale based on expenditures makes participation in the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program affordable for even the smallest governments.

For Information

Online: www.gfoa.org

E-mail: BudgetAwards@gfoa.org

Fax: 312-977-4806

Mail: GFOA • 203 North LaSalle Street • Suite 2700 • Chicago, Illinois 60601-1210

Phone: 312-977-9700



2007 Results • Annual Report for Fiscal Periods Beginning 2006

CALIFORNIA continued

- # Los Angeles [10 years]
- # Los Angeles County Community Development Commission [13 years]
- # Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority [10 years]
- # Los Angeles Unified School District [1 year]
- # Los Gatos [9 years]
- # Manhattan Beach [11 years]
- # Martinez [2 years]*
- # Milpitas [11 years]
- # Mission Viejo [16 years]*
- # Monterey Park [16 years]
- # Morgan Hill [4 years]
- # Mountain View [14 years]
- Murrieta [3 years]
- North San Diego County Transit District [6 years]
- Novato [9 years]
- # *Oakland* [22 years]*
- # Olivenhain Municipal Water District [6 years]
- # Ontario [8 years]
- # Orange [10 years]
- # Orange County Fire Authority [8 years]*
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December 1, 2008

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Matt Hart, Town Manager

4 South Eagleville Road

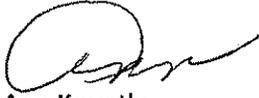
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Dear Matt,

I know that this is a difficult financial time for the town. Therefore I want to write in support of the Mansfield Community Center. I am a member although the only service that I use is to take yoga classes with Patricia Vinsonhaler. I have found that these classes and the Pilates classes at the Mansfield Senior Center help me manage the pain from spinal stenosis. I only wish that there was continuous programming so that I did not have breaks in this therapeutic exercise. Even though I do not use the other parts of the MCC, I am glad that they are available. I wish that the Teen Center had been there when my sons were at E.O. Smith. I know that the MCC adds a great deal to the quality of life in Mansfield and I am pleased that my membership and my taxes help provide for the operation of the MCC.

I also want to bring to your attention the good work of the MCC staff in helping produce the Know Your Towns Fair. In my ten years of co-directing this joint effort of the Mansfield League of Women Voters, the town and UConn, the competent help of Curt Vincente and his staff has made this large project manageable. I know that the excellent job they do with this event is just one example of their good work.

Sincerely,



Ann Kouatly

cc: Mansfield Town Council, Curt Vincente

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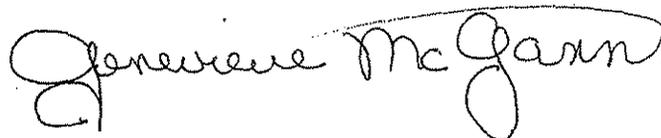
Dear Mayor Paterson and Town Council Members,

It was with great astonishment that I read in the Chronicle about renovations/new school in the amounts of \$74-\$94 million. In the present environment I can not imagine such expensive expenditures would even be considered. I think the schools, just like Mansfield residents, have to live within their means and "make do" for the next few years.

With the \$2 billion anticipated state budget shortfall any anticipated funds could be cancelled or reduced at any time. Where would that leave Mansfield residents?

I urge you to put off any upgrades, renovations and new buildings until the financial climate improves.

Sincerely,

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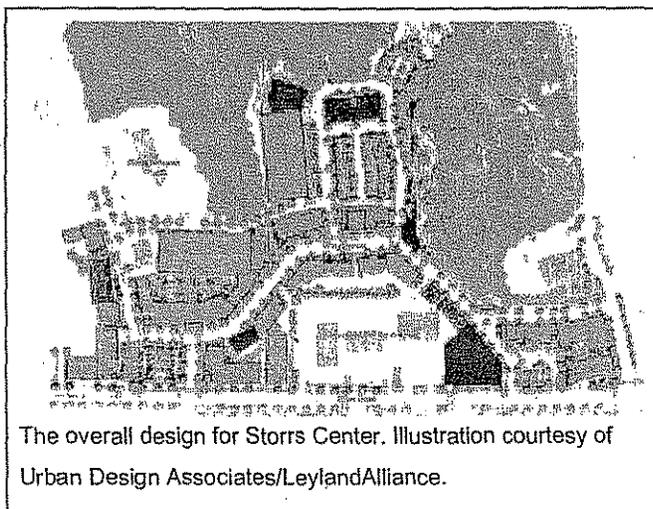
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The 'downtown' Storrs Center project now has two crucial wetlands permits

Item #28

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

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The overall design for Storrs Center. Illustration courtesy of Urban Design Associates/LeylandAlliance.

In the Master Plan for Storrs Center, LeylandAlliance promises to conserve 30 acres of the overall site as wetlands and upland forests.

Storrs Center, the "downtown" development planned for Route 195 across from the University of Connecticut, has received two of three crucial permits for the project.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-New England District has determined that site work will have

"minimal" impact on local wetlands and water sources and has issued what's known as a Connecticut Programmatic General Permit with conditions, according to LeylandAlliance, the Master Developer for Storrs Center.

The permit allow filling .29 acres of wetlands that have already been damaged by local activity and are therefore considered "degraded."

The project received a local permit from the town's Inland Wetlands Agency in October 2007.

In the Master Plan for Storrs Center, LeylandAlliance promises to conserve 30 acres of the overall site as wetlands and upland forests.

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection also has approved a 401 water quality certification permit for Storrs Center. This authorizes the projected storm water discharges from the project.

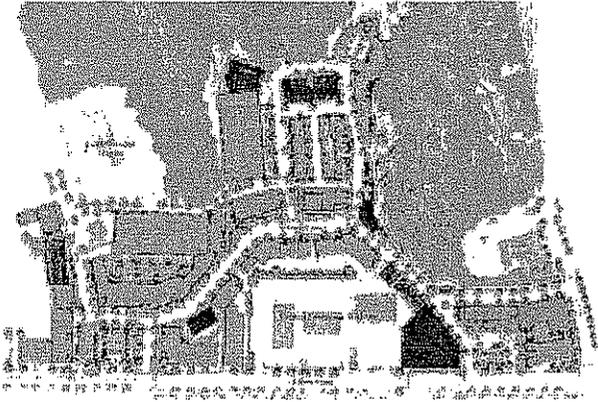
Still awaiting approval is a third important permit, this one from the Connecticut State Traffic Commission for improvements to Route 195/Storrs Road. For more information about the Storrs Center project, click [here](#).

[Editor's note: There will be a special Town Council meeting on the marketing feasibility study for

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*Storrs Center on **Monday, Nov. 24** at 6 p.m. in the council chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road.]*

Posted Nov. 24, 2008



The current conceptual plan for the Storrs Center/downtown project - Nov. 2008, courtesy of LeylandAlliance.

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Developers announce new strategies to make Storrs Center marketable

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

Tuesday, November 25, 2008



Macon Toledano of Leyland Alliance talked about taking on "bite sized pieces" of the Storrs Center/downtown project at a special meeting with the Town Council on Nov. 24. Photo by Brenda Sullivan.

The project's Master Developer Leyland Alliance is looking for ways to work within the current economic climate and still keep Storrs Center to its original timeline, with completion in 2016.

As the U.S. economy has continued to decline, many town residents have become worried about the viability of the Storrs Center/downtown project.

The most commonly voiced concerns are:

- "How are you going to market a huge project like this?" and
- "What is it going to cost Mansfield taxpayers?"

The project's developers, LeylandAlliance, attempted to answer those two questions at a special Town Council meeting held on Monday, Nov. 24.

Leyland Alliance Vice President for Planning and Development Macon Toledano - also Storrs Center Project Manager - explained three key changes in strategy aimed at boosting the marketability of the project:

- remapping the project's phasing,
- increasing the size of the first building (DL1)
- and downsizing the first parking garage (eliminating at least one deck)

The development timeline now stretches from the latter half of 2009 through 2016, beginning with improvements to Route 195/Storrs Road in the second half of 2009.

The subsequent phases overlap, beginning with development of the Town Square and Market Square - basically, a residential/retail portion of the project - with the Town Square getting underway at the end of 2009 and Market Square beginning at the end of 2010 [see photo of phasing].

The Village Street and Residential Neighborhood would be the final phases, completed by the end of 2016.

The idea behind this timeline is to break the project into "bite sized pieces," Toledano said. "Economically, this puts us in much better stead... so we can adjust to the economy, market and financing."

"This is still in line with the original phasing, but now it is in more detail," he said.

Making the first building a money-maker

The developers also have taken a different approach to the first building, which was originally planned for construction on Dog Lane to accommodate relocation of existing businesses. LeylandAlliance previously proposed that the town contribute \$4 million to this part of the project.

Now, the idea is to enlarge the building so that it can also provide space for new tenants and therefore, more revenue.

"It gives us more choices and more time... and allows us to delay tearing down some buildings," Toledano said.

Town loan idea scrapped

And in order to downsize the first parking garage, more parking lot areas or "surface parking" will be used - on a temporary basis - mainly adding onto existing parking areas.

The developers have also been talking to the Windham Regional Transit District and the University of Connecticut about ways to cut down on car use, from increasing bus service to the area to promoting the use of Zip cars .

Building a smaller-capacity garage keeps costs within the \$10.5 million grant funding already in place for this purpose.

As originally designed, the garage would have 660 spaces and cost about \$14 million. And there was talk of asking the town for a \$4 million loan to close the gap.

Given the country's current credit issues, "a loan is not an appropriate solution," Toledano said.

However, getting this garage built makes marketing of the first phase (1A) possible, and by using some temporary surface parking areas, this also takes pressure off building the second garage until later along the development timeline, Toledano said.

Phase 1A/Town Square includes 115 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space.

"At the same time, there is the opportunity to take on bite-sized pieces of [other parts of] the project," Toledano said.

Town council member Helen Koehn asked whether the project would now need new permits for stormwater management since it would be using more surface parking. Toledano said that the plan is to use already developed parking areas and that systems would be installed that aren't there now, that would actually improve the quality of stormwater runoff.

[Editor's note: This and other Town Council meetings are now taped and can be viewed on cable Channel 13 at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, and at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Questions and comments concerning the Storrs Center project also may be sent to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership at P.O. Box 513, Mansfield, CT 062268 or e-mailed to mdp@mansfieldct.org]

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Dollars and sense: Council calls meeting on fiscal impact of Storrs Center project

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

14 November, 2008



The Mansfield Downtown Partnership offices are located in the lower level of Storrs Commons. Photo by Brenda Sullivan.

The town also has hired its own experts to examine the study's findings.

Town Manager Matt Hart reported this week that a Special Town Council Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24 for an update on the Storrs Center/Downtown project. The meeting will be held in the council chambers at the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road (Rt. 275).

The meeting will including an overview of a fiscal impact analysis of the downtown project.

"The principal focus of the fiscal impact analysis is to estimate projected tax revenue and town expenditures associated with the project," Hart said.

The study was conducted for the project's principal developer, LeylandAlliance, by HR&A Advisors, Inc. a national economic and real estate consulting firm.

Hart noted that the town also has hired its own experts, Economics Research Associates (ERA), an international real estate consulting firm, "to provide an objective, professional assessment of the study's methodology and findings."

The Storrs Center project recently received two critical approvals.

The State Department of Environmental Protection approved a water quality certification permit for stormwater discharge from the project.

And the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved a wetlands permit that allows developers to fill slightly more than a one-quarter acre of wetlands in the project area, after determining that this will not have a major impact on the wetlands. The project received a local permit from the Mansfield

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Inland-Wetlands Agency for this activity, as well, in October 2007.

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A: A single elementary school was listed as one of the options available for purposes of cost comparison and inevitably would be raised as a possibility. This option appears to be the least costly to the town of Mansfield, due to the current method of reimbursement by the State. A single school would result in the elimination of many redundancies found in the three small schools now in town, such as having 3 cafeterias, 3 nurses' offices, 3 gymnasiums, 3 libraries, etc. There are many new schools that have been designed to provide a visual appearance of small, identifiable 'pods' or wings, such that the overall appearance is not one of 'extremely large.'

Q: The costs presented for each option cover what period of time?

A: These are all based on the current value of dollars and the anticipated time frame required for design and construction.

Q: Have you calculated the time and property values in today's dollars or in future dollars?

No, that has not been done.

Q: What are the life cycle costs, including operations, for the various options?

A: A life cycle cost analysis [LCCA] will be a requirement of any option that is submitted to the Bureau of School Facilities. At this stage of the project, and with so many variables, preparing a LCCA will be a significant engineering undertaking and expense. Based on previous, similar school construction projects, it can be estimated the energy costs for new construction will be 20-25 percent lower than for renovation of existing buildings.

Q: Have you considered Option E - building three new schools adjacent to the current schools?

A: After making a cursory review of the three school sites, it appears that the most logical position for any such construction would be on the current playgrounds. The schools would then have no such play facilities during the course of construction, and construction traffic might present a significant hazard, to bring materials and equipment to those parts of the site.

Septic systems in the vicinity of the playfields would become an issue, also. How will the existing buildings be served while construction occurs?

Assuming the town would opt to build the three new schools at the maximum size eligible for State reimbursement, the new schools would be smaller than the current ones.

That is because Goodwin is currently 7,830 square feet larger than the maximum, Vinton is currently 2,032 square feet larger than the maximum, and Southeast is currently 4,585 square feet larger than the maximum.

Considering the Board of Education initiated this project to upgrade and enlarge the Library/Media Centers in each school, the resulting new schools would be considerably smaller than their existing counterparts.

Other issues would require considerable engineering study - such as the recently drilled wells, septic systems, etc. to determine if these would require removal and replacement or demolition to make room for the new school.

Q: What would the town do with the three elementary school buildings?

A: This has not been determined at this time.

Q: Is there water and septic available to support a single elementary school site in the town of Mansfield?

A: These issues would have to be the subject of further studies.

Q: What is the time frame for deciding on a proposal and bringing it to the voters?

A: This will be subject to a decision by the Town Council in collaboration with the Board of Education. It should be noted that the current cost estimates are based on the assumption

that a project will be approved by the town in sufficient time to make a submission to the State Department of Education prior to June 20, 2009.

Q: What energy savings would be provided from each of the options listed?

A: Similar to the LCCA noted above, this will take a considerable amount of engineering effort to determine, unless a relative scale is used on a preliminary basis.

Q: What can be done to maintain the individual elementary school's pride, if we consolidate elementary schools?

A: If designed with three "pods" or wings or houses, each could be identified using the current building's name. And through the use of color, materials and graphics, there would be an identifiable separation.

Q: What is the optimal elementary school building size, based on research? One parent mentioned 500.

A: Some studies have suggested a range of 350-500 students. However, there are many examples of larger schools that are designed with smaller "houses," wings or pods that provide the appearance of small schools interconnected to share common program facilities.

Q: What would a single elementary school look like in its architectural design and layout of classrooms?

A: That will be responsive to the Board of Education's educational specifications and the concept arrived at by preparing a schematic design. Such services were not requested from the design team when this study began.

Q: How would special subjects - art, music, physical education - and special events be conducted in one consolidated school?

A: These could be located in a central core and have spaces designed to fit the program needs and numbers of students utilizing them. Designs could be included so the cafeteria is capable of being divided into smaller spaces to maintain some intimacy and then opened up for larger

groups.

Q: What is the cost of land if added to Plan D, and what size would it be? 16 acres was suggested as an approximate size.

A: This would vary with each individual parcel.

Q: Will there be a full accounting for all the costs, so that taxpayers are fully aware, prior to making a decision?

A: Yes, informational meetings will be held, descriptive brochures prepared and designs posted on the town's Web site.

Q: How will the committee balance education quality with pocketbook expenses in making their recommendations?

A: Mansfield has constructed its town buildings with economical materials that are easy to maintain and buildings that are practical, efficient and without "frills." The design team has been selected knowing that a careful balance must be maintained between the cost of construction and quality of buildings.

Q: Are we addressing the human needs first?

A: The process the design team followed was one of inclusivity and they spent considerable time in each building looking and listening to the staff. Furthermore, four community workshops and meeting with each of the schools' PTOs were held. The design team is aware of the issues and has considered the human needs throughout this study.

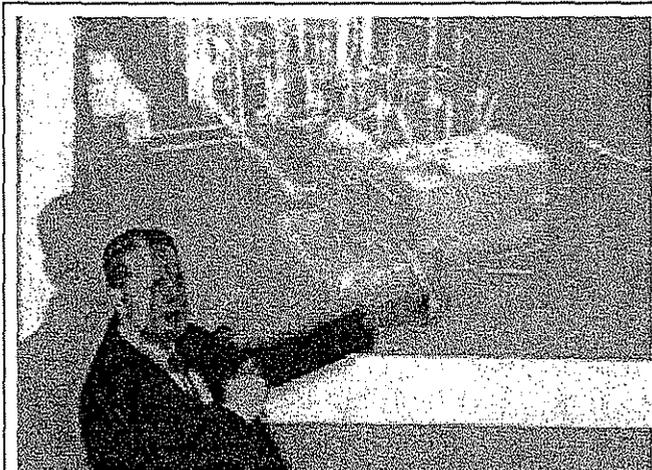
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Town Council officially opposes CL&P expansion plan

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

Sunday, November 30, 2008



Project Manager Scott Newland of Burns & McDonnell at the Nov. 10 meeting with a slide of a transmission station in Stamford area where the CT Siting Council OK'd underground transmission lines. Photo by Brenda Sullivan.

Council suggests Connecticut Siting Council promote responsible development and not encourage energy gluttons at the expense of other parts of the state.

Mansfield may be the lone voice in this region opposing plans by CL&P to build new power transmission lines that would cut through several towns in northeast Connecticut.

At its Nov. 24 meeting, the Town Council

voted to put its objections in writing, to be forwarded to the decision-making body, the Connecticut Siting Council - but the council also learned that 12 other towns affected by the project either are unconcerned or have yet to take a position for or against.

Council member Carl Schaefer suggested that Mansfield might inspire some of these towns to think differently. "Maybe we take the initiative here," he said, "and pull these towns along."

At its Nov. 10 meeting, the Town Council asked Town Manager Matt Hart to contact other towns that will be affected by what's known as the Interstate Reliability Project, to explore whether they might join in a collective effort to respond to the plan, possibly even to pool resources to hire specialized legal counsel.

Hart reported that except for Lebanon - whose residents recently fended off CL&P's plans to expand the Card Street substation - none of the other towns seem to feel the same concerns as Mansfield.

"Based on responses received from other affected towns, there currently is no regional

consensus about the proposal. Brooklyn, Coventry, Killingly, Pomfret and Windham have indicated that the current plan is acceptable as proposed," Hart said.

Chaplin, Columbia, Hampton, Putnam, Scotland and Thompson, "have either not taken a position... or not yet responded," Hart said.

He also noted that the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission has now gone on record as opposed to the project because of its "expected detrimental impacts to neighboring schools, residences, parks (Mansfield Hollow) and farmland, and its overall impact on the rural character in this part of the state.

The Town Council's objections include many of these same concerns outlined in a letter sent Northeast Utilities/CL&P, to be included in documents submitted by in an application submitted to the Connecticut Siting Council by the end of November.

Instead of adding more transmission lines and more capacity, the letter states, CL&P and the Connecticut Siting Council should focus on:

- promoting energy conservation
- promoting energy storage within the existing systems
- promoting alternative sources of generating energy, and
- making decisions that encourage new development - especially those with high energy demands - to locate in areas where there already is sufficient infrastructure and capacity.

The letter also stresses that the proposed transmission lines' route passes through areas that state statutes and long-range planning documents list as important to the region, such as preservation and conservation areas and rural lands.

And it references the fact that these lines are not intended to enhance service in northeast Connecticut ; instead, they are in response to energy demands generated in the Stamford area.

"Many area towns and public agencies are working to preserve the rural and historic character of eastern Connecticut and a need for more transmission capacity is not anticipated in this area," the letter states.

Should the Siting Council approve the currently proposed route, however, the letter asks that CL&P work with Mansfield officials and property owners to mitigate the impact - for example

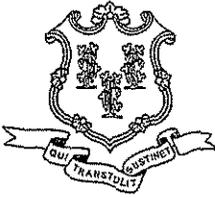
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buying the Mount Hope Montessori School property, installing underground lines, relocating some structures and/or using alternative structures in order minimize tree-cutting, and paying for damage to farmlands.

Posted Nov. 30, 2008

[Editor's Note: also see "Strength in numbers: Town Council to explore joining with other towns to put brakes on CL&P project," "CL&P may be asked to buy Mount Hope Montessori School," and "NU plans Mansfield meeting on \$251M transmission project," published in *Mansfield Today.*]

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November 24, 2008

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 Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Town Manager Hart:

Pursuant to Section 18-81j of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Correction is required to provide annual notification to each chief elected official of a municipality in which a correctional facility is located with the actual capacity and inmate population of the facility at that time. The purpose of this correspondence is to notify you of these population counts.

Although the Department does not utilize an overall capacity number, for purposes of meeting the notice requirement, the current number of fixed beds in each of the facilities in your community is as follows:

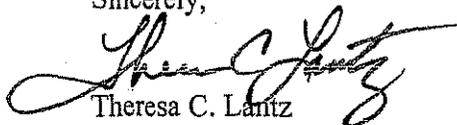
Bergin Correctional Institution 962

The capacity of a correctional institution is a very fluid number based upon the determined needs of the Department. These needs are dictated by security issues, population, court decrees, legal mandates, staffing and physical plant areas or facilities that are currently serving other purposes. As such, the actual capacity of a facility is always subject to change.

The Public Safety Committees continue to do an outstanding job in addressing the issues and concerns at the local level. I am committed to maintaining a 'good neighbors' relationship and look forward to a continued open dialogue between the Department of Correction and the Public Safety Committee in your community.

Please feel free to contact me directly if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


 Theresa C. Lantz
 Commissioner

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Wyman Says Budget Deficit Triples To \$338 Million

State Comptroller Nancy Wyman today said the state's projected budget deficit has more than tripled in the past month to \$338 million, and is expected to grow larger by the end of the fiscal year.

Wyman's estimate - which is about \$50 million higher than that made by the Governor's budget office - includes the \$71.8 million in deficit-mitigation cuts passed by the General Assembly late last month. Because the deficit estimate now exceeds one percent of total General Fund appropriations for fiscal 2009, or \$177 million, the Governor is required to submit a new mitigation plan to the legislature within 30 days.

"I anticipate that as deteriorating economic conditions are further reflected within actual revenue collections, my deficit estimate will rise," Wyman wrote in her monthly report to the Governor.

The Comptroller expects the income tax to bring in about \$131 million less than originally budgeted, while the sales tax is projected to drop by about \$207 million.

Connecticut has lost 7,100 jobs so far this fiscal year, about half in October alone. Payroll withholding income tax receipts are down 2.8 percent from a year ago. The state's unemployment rate of 6.5 percent is at a 15-year high.

Advance retail sales are down 4.1 percent from last year and corporate profits continue to show negative results. Existing home sales are at a 12-year low in the state.

Wyman again called on the Governor and the legislature to address not only the current revenue shortfall, but an additional \$500 million "structural deficit" that has been created by using prior years' surplus funds to pay for current expenses. If no plan is created to deal with the overall deficit by the end of the fiscal year June 30, she said, state law requires that any deficit be automatically covered by the state's Rainy Day Fund, which now stands at about \$1.4 billion.

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