



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, January 26, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.**

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SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

January 12, 2009

DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. WORK SESSION

I. Meeting with State Legislators

State Senator Don Williams and State Representative Denise Merrill updated the Town Council on the economic situation facing state government. Both legislators agreed that the next few years will be extremely difficult but that there is an opportunity to creatively position the state to be stronger when this current cycle ends. State Representative Merrill commented that changing the PILOT formula should not be a problem in this session and that the last thing legislature wants to cut is education financing to the towns.

Mayor Paterson thanked the legislators for their time and comments and asked them to let the Council know if they can be of any assistance.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

January 12, 2009

DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2008 and the December 8, 2008 Special meetings as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 regular meeting as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, questioned the process used to determine the value of the Potter Trust property and suggested the issue be sent back to staff for further analysis.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, reiterated his opposition to a garage being built as part of the Storrs Center Project. Statement attached.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, noted that he sees a contradiction in the FOI policy and the Rescue Service fee proposal. He feels copies should be \$.06 per page and that rescue service fees should not be implemented as the Town already pays the employees and maintains the equipment.

IV. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Report attached.

The public components of the Downtown Partnership continue to be a major focus of the Town Manager. The Town Manager has asked the developers for additional operational costs and projections for the first garage and is exploring options for the second garage. The Senior Center Project will be discussed at the next Council meeting and the School Building Committee will meet to discuss all options. In

response to Mansfield's comments regarding the CL&P Reliability Project, WNCOG has called a meeting to hear from CL&P. Greg Padick has talked to other affected towns in eastern Connecticut and reported that within these towns no strong objections to the project were voiced.

The Town Manager's office will distribute signage announcing the Region 19 Referendum on the track project consistent with what was done for the Town Budget Resolution.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community/Campus Relations

The Town Manager reported the Community Quality of Life Committee discussed the housing ordinances at the last meeting and will discuss zoning enforcement issues at the next.

2. Community Water and Wastewater Issue

The Town Manager reported that the University Water and Wastewater Policy Committee endorsed a sewer connection with Ponde Place. The Four Corner Sewer Study Advisory Committee is working on a public presentation for late January or early February.

3. Mansfield 202: A Unified Vision

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette moved the following substitute resolution:

A Resolution ESTABLISHING A TOWN COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is a signatory to the Mayor's Initiative on Climate Change and has undertaken other initiatives to preserve the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Visioning Conference, Mansfield 2020-A Unified Vision, defined sustainability as meeting the needs of current and future generations through the integration of environmental protection, conservation, community organization and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Visioning Conference, Mansfield 2020-A Unified Vision, set a goal of reducing carbon emissions attributed to the municipal sectors of the Mansfield by 20 percent by 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Visioning Conference, Mansfield 2020-A Unified Vision, identified sustainability as a fundamental governing principle; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has made a commitment to sustainable economic development;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is engaged in many quality of life issues in the community;

WHEREAS, the Town anticipates the development of other goals to address aspects of sustainable development in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Mansfield that a permanent TOWN COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE be established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TOWN COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE be composed of: two Council members; the Town Manager; a representative each from the K-8, R-19, University of Connecticut and PZC; three representatives from various commissions and advisory committees having responsibility in the area of sustainability; and that three citizens be chosen to represent environmental protection, economic vitality, and social justice within the context of sustainability. The Chairperson shall be appointed by Council. The Town Manager will appoint one or more staff as rotating, non-voting liaisons to the Committee. The term of office for voting members shall be four years, except that the Chairperson shall serve at the discretion of Council and staff shall serve at the discretion of the Town Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TOWN COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE be charged with maintaining a general overview of the sustainability of the Town, to specifically include the following responsibilities:

- Provide guidance and proposals to the Town Council regarding sustainability principles to be adopted by the Town Council or to be administratively implemented;
- Monitor implementation of principles and policies as adopted by the Town Council and administrative programs, and report to the Town Council annually;
- Coordinate and collaborate with Town boards and commissions, organizations, regional and state agencies to advance sustainability principles, plans, and policies established; and

- Seek information from other organizations to aid in the development of strategies, programs and initiatives that will further the sustainability goals established by the Council by policy or budgetary support of administrative programs.

Council members discussed the composition of the committee and whether or not the addition of the advisory committee members would be beneficial.

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to table the motion. The motion failed with Blair, Clouette, Duffy and Paulhus in favor and Haddad, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson and Schaefer opposed.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded a motion to change the composition to include either two Council members or a Council member and an ex-Council member. Motion passed with all in favor except Mayor Paterson who abstained. Ms. Duffy agreed to serve on the committee

Mr. Nesbitt moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to change the composition by removing the three representatives from various commissions and advisory committees having responsibility in the area of sustainability.
Motion passed with all in favor except Schaefer and Paterson who abstained.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously and now reads:

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Proclamation in Honor of Wear Red Day for Women

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, effective January 12, 2009, to designate February 6, 2009 as National Wear Red Day for Women in the Town of Mansfield and to authorize the Mayor to issue the proclamation as presented by town staff.

Motion passed with all in favor except for Mr. Schaefer who abstained

Proclamation attached.

5. Social Service Block Grant FY 2009-10

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective January 12, 2009, to authorize Town Manager Matthew W. Hart to submit an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for a Social Services Block Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Merger Deed for Middle School/ Spring Hill Road Ball Field Property

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective January 12, 2009, to authorize the Town Manager to finalize and to execute the deed combining the Mansfield Middle School property with the Mansfield School Ball Fields property.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Supplemental Agreement with ConnDot for Birch Road Bikeway Construction Funding

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Clouette seconded the following resolution:

Resolved on January 12, 2009, that Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled: 'First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement Dated November 18, 2002 between the State of Connecticut and

the Town of Mansfield for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of the Birch Road Bikeway utilizing Federal Funds under the Enhancement Component of the Surface Transportation Program' and a certification indicating the Council adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under the Connecticut General Statutes.

Resolved on January 12, 2009, that the Town of Mansfield hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes section 4a-60(a)(1) and section 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Potter Trust Property

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to refer the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance of the .7 acre Potter property (Map 34 Block 110 Lot 9) to 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 its next regular meeting on January 26, 2009 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance of this property.

Mr. Clouette and Ms. Blair agreed, as a friendly amendment, to change the word "its" in the motion to "the Town Council's".

Ms. Koehn asked the Town Manager to check to see if other neighbors have been approached and asked for additional appraisals on the property.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to call the question. The motion passed with all in favor excepting Ms. Koehn. The amended motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Koehn.

9. Freedom of Information Policy and Fee Schedule

Council members discussed whether the proposed FOI policy should be a Town Council policy or an administrative policy.

Ms Koehn moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded that the Town Council consider a resolution in support of open and transparent government and within the resolution the Council consider

information about government ethics, actions, budgets and spending to be included on the website and consider the fee structure.

The motion failed with Clouette, Duffy, Koehn and Nesbitt in favor and Blair, Haddad, Paterson, Paulhus and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded that the FOI policy be referred to the Personnel Committee for consideration and then to the Town Council for approval.

The motion failed with Duffy, Koehn, Nesbitt in favor and Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Paterson, Paulhus and Schaefer opposed.

Mr. Nesbitt moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that the Town Manager be instructed to add guidelines outlining nondisclosed FOI items to the administrative FOI Policy.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Rescue Services Billing Proposal

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to schedule a public hearing for 7:45 PM on January 26, 2009, to solicit public comment regarding a proposed fee schedule for rescue services.

Ms. Koehn requested the following information be prepared for the public hearing: a detailed description of departments who have instituted such fees including their experiences and cost, and additional information on staff cost for billing service including possible revenues

Mr. Paulhus left at 10:30 p.m.

Motion passed by those present.

11. Salary Transfers for FY 2008/09

Mr. Schaefer moved effective January 12, 2009, to approve the Salary Transfers for FY 2008/09, as presented by the Director of Finance in his correspondence dated January 7, 2009.

Mr. Schaefer, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that in the current year a savings of \$150,000 dollars would be needed to balance the budget. Forty thousand dollars of the Town's portion (\$56,000) is realized by these salary transfers.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Finance Committee has discussed the proposed revisions to the purchasing rules and will continue their discussions at the next meeting.

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to accept the budget calendar as presented to the Finance Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded the following resolution:

Resolve, the Town Council respectfully requests the Mansfield Board of Education reduce their current year budget by \$94,000. And further resolves that the Mansfield Town Manager relay this request to the Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No reports

X. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

12. Advance, "Storrs Center Study Predicts Fiscal Benefits" – 12-01-08
13. CCM re: CCM Survey on Municipal Infrastructure Projects
14. CCM re: Federal Earned Income Credit
15. CCM re: Legislative Proposals Adopted to Date
16. CCM re: Legislative Proposals to Support as Opportunities Arise
17. CCM re: State Legislative Funding Proposals – Recommendations
18. CCM re: University-Municipal Partnership
19. Chronicle, "Budget Referendum, Downtown Top List" – 01-03-09
20. Chronicle, "Health District Honors Three Local Groups" – 12-24-08
21. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" – 12-13-08
22. Chronicle, "Mansfield Employees Help Local Families" – 12-26-08
23. Chronicle, "New Bus Stop" – 12-23-08 183
24. Communications Committee re: Broadcasting of Council Meetings
25. Communication Committee re: Mission Statement

26. Connecticut Water re: In Your Community Newsletter
27. D. Dagon re: EMS Duty Crew Experience August/December
28. Environmental Impact Evaluation for North Hillside Road
29. Hartford Courant, "Health Promotion Awards Given" – 12-14-08
30. Legal Notice re: Agreement - Region #19 BOE and E.O. Smith Teachers' Association.
31. Mansfield Today, "\$3.95 Million Track and Field Project for E.O. Smith..." – 12-17-08
32. Mansfield Today, "Dr. Peters Make His Mark in the History of Civil Rights..." – 1-1-09
33. Mansfield Today, "Independent Firm Says Storrs Center..." – 11-26-08
34. Mansfield Today, "Mansfield Responds to Gov. Rell's Call..." – 12-13-08
35. Mansfield Today, "Mansfield Volunteers Step Up to Help No Freeze Shelter" – 12-27-08
36. Mansfield Today, "More Than 40 Families "Adopted" by Town Workers..." – 12-22-08
37. Mansfield Today, "Verizon Wants to Bridge Gaps in Coverage..." – 12-15-08
38. M. Jodi Rell re: "Shovel-Ready" Projects
39. Proposal for a Verizon Telecommunications Tower in Southern Mansfield
40. Reminder News, "Storrs Center Progress Outlined" – 11-28-08
41. State of CT Dept. of Public Health re: Emergency Medical Services Equipment Grant State of CT Siting Council re: Ten Year Forecast of Electric Loads and Resources
42. G. Walton re: Status of Reducing Plastic Retail Checkout Bag Usage

XI. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, expressed his disappointment in the FOI Policy, commenting that it is not the money that is the issue but the broader issue of transparency.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, expressed his objection to the FOI fees.

Alison Blair, 150 Coventry Road, commented on the incredible teamwork the Public Works Department exhibits while clearing the roads. Ms. Blair offered her thanks, especially to Lon Hultgren the Director.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, agreed with Mr. Hossack's point noting that their efforts make this a stronger Council.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

By consensus the Council agreed to refer Mr. Nesbitt's comment regarding legal issues to the Finance Committee for discussion.

Comments attached.

By consensus the Council agreed to address Ms. Koehn's earlier motion (Item 9) regarding transparency in government at a future meeting.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pending Claims and Litigation

Present: Blair, Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson and Schaefer

Also Present: Town Manager Matt Hart, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Finance Jeffrey Smith and Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren

Strategy and Negotiations with respect to Collective Bargaining

Present: Blair, Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson and Schaefer

Also Present: Town Manager Matt Hart, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, and Director of Finance Jeffrey Smith

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

Mansfield, Connecticut Town Council Meeting Jan. 12, 2009
Public comment by David Freudmann, 22 Eastwood Rd.,
 Storrs, CT 06268, 860-429-0763
Topic: Parking Garages in Storrs Center Project

Good evening Council members and Staff, and Happy New Year to you all. I wish to expound on my opposition to the proposed municipal parking garages which are a part of the Storrs Center Project which, as you know, I have also publicly opposed.

During the special town meeting of November 24, 2008, developer Leyland Alliances's vice president stated that the projected revenues and costs to the town associated with the downtown project were \$4.3 million and \$1.7 million per year, respectively. I asked him if the \$1.7 million in annual expenses included staffing costs for the garages and he said no. He added that in his experience, revenues from parking garages exceed the costs of running them. I am happy to tell you that I wholeheartedly agree with two things implicit in his response. First, that he doesn't expect that Mansfield should have to subsidize the garages; they ought to pay their own way. Second, that garages are reliably profitable enterprises.

However, I strongly disagree with anyone who thinks that a parking garage would be profitable in downtown Storrs. Every parking garage I have ever seen has been in dense urban areas like Hartford, Boston or Manhattan, or at airports and other busy places where they have a captive clientele that has no other convenient parking alternatives. That dynamic does not apply to Storrs Center, which is in a small town in a rural area and where a few short minutes' drive away there are ample options for free surface parking at nearby retailers and housing providers.

I hope that none of you would give your assent to commit the town to owning and operating a parking garage unless you were convinced that it would pay its own way. I propose that you take the following two steps to test that likelihood.

1. Work up a business plan. Talk to parking garage operators. Identify all the costs of the facility including debt service, amortization of all up-front outlays, utilities, insurance, maintenance and payroll. On the other side of the ledger, estimate the revenues. Knowing the total number of parking spaces and estimating a usage rate based on projected demand, one can estimate the total hours per year of paid parking. Multiply that by an hourly charge that you can reasonably collect and you can then roughly predict annual revenues. Do they exceed all predicted costs by a comfortable margin? If so, then you might have a viable business. If not, you have a financial calamity in the making.
2. Do some market research. Can you find three other municipal parking garages anywhere in the northeastern part of the

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Public comment (cont.)

Town Council Meeting

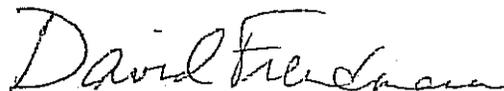
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United States located in towns as small and rural as Mansfield? If so, contact your counterparts there. I am sure that as fellow officials they would extend the professional courtesy of sharing with you their operational and financial experiences in garage management. By all means, take field trips to those towns and investigate. An absence of financially successful parking garages in small towns, if that is the case, should inform your decision.

I respectfully suggest that failure to go through the two prudent steps of having a business plan and doing market research would constitute a lack of due diligence. To proceed without positive results from these two exercises would be akin to proceeding on a wing and a prayer, with nothing more than a flippant, unsubstantiated reassurance from the developer.

No one here would invest their own funds in a business without a sober analysis of the enterprise's prospects. Mansfield's taxpayers deserve no less. Do not let yourselves be cajoled or pressured by either the University of Connecticut or the developer. If in doubt about a parking garage's financial viability, then back out. If the numbers don't add up, then just say no.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this Council.



David Freudmann

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: January 12, 2009
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Budget and Finance

- *FY 2009-10 Budget* – This week and next, I will be conducting departmental review sessions with department heads. For our February financial retreat, I will have issues and options available to review with the Town Council.
- *Regional School District 19 Referendum* – Referendum votes of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Ashford, Mansfield and Willington, the member towns of Regional School District Number 19, will be held simultaneously in each town in its respective polling places on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., upon a resolution adopted by the Regional Board of Education at its meeting held January 6, 2009. The resolution will be placed on the ballot labels as the following question: "SHALL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 19 APPROPRIATE \$3,950,000 AND AUTHORIZE BONDS AND TEMPORARY NOTES FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS?" A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection in the District offices. Voters approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposing the resolution shall vote "No". Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.
- *School Heating Assistance* – Section 7 of An Act Concerning Energy Assistance provides for the expenditure of \$6.5 million in grants to local and regional school districts to assist them in heating school buildings in such districts. The General Assembly recently approved an allocation plan to the districts calculated on a per pupil bases. As a result of these grant awards, the Mansfield Board of Education received \$15,561 for heating assistance. The Region 19 Board of Education received \$14,140.

Council requests for information

- *Plastic Bag Ban* – Please see communication item number 43 in the 01/12/09 council packet for further information on this item.

Departmental/Division News

- *Board of Education Meetings* – The upcoming Board of Education meeting schedule is as follows:
 - Thursday, January 15, 2009 - Goodwin School
 - Thursday, January 22, 2009 - Mansfield Middle School
 - Thursday, January 29, 2009 - Vinton School
 - Thursday, February 5, 2009 - Southeast School

Each meeting will begin at 7:00pm with the building principal conducting a tour of the school for Board members and anyone else interested. The meetings will begin at 7:30pm and will consist of a regular Board of Education agenda. Portions of the 2009-2010 proposed budget will be discussed at each meeting, as well as an update on the Four Schools Building Project. In addition, the parent organizations at each school will be invited to share with the Board what they have been doing to help support their school.

- *Human Services Holiday Giving Program* – Despite a difficult economy and an uncertain future, Town of Mansfield employees went all out to assist local residents who are less fortunate during this holiday season. While the Department of Human Services has traditionally connected donors with families who need assistance, this year Town Hall staff decided to combine their efforts to help as many individuals as possible. As a result, more than 40 families were adopted, far exceeding the numbers that have received assistance in the past. Donors included several different municipal departments, individual employees, local churches, and groups and classrooms in our local elementary, middle and high schools. Town employees helped in a number of ways including contributing proceeds from a Holiday Bazaar, assisting with collections of food, gift wrapping, monetary donations, and even delivering donated trees. All of these efforts were supplemented by contributions from the Mansfield Holiday Fund, an independent group that raised over \$11,000 from 167 families and individuals. The staff of the Department of Human Services would like to thank all for their contributions!

Additionally, Curves of Storrs/Mansfield recently raised \$850.00 from fundraising efforts in the community to benefit the Town of Mansfield's Special Needs Fund. The fundraising efforts took place from December 1st to December 23rd, 2008. Every year Curves Mansfield sponsors an annual Holiday Crafts Fair and Raffle. All items are handcrafted by very creative and talented Curves members and the annual proceeds from the event benefit the Town of Mansfield's Special Needs Fund. The Special Needs Fund is entirely supported by contributions, and is used to assist residents with basic needs. Monetary contributions are welcomed throughout the year to the Town of Mansfield's Special Needs Fund, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs 06268.

- *Mansfield Public Library Programs* – The Mansfield Public Library is offering a series of after school programs for kids in January and February. Drop in on the following days for a story and a craft before you head home for dinner:
 - Thursday January 15 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Listen to a wintertime story and make a frosty winter scene
 - Thursday January 29 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Listen to a Chinese folktale and make a paper dragon puppet
 - Thursday February 12 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Listen to a Valentine's Day story and make a valentine for someone you love

Member Organizations

- *Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)*
 - CCM's Energy Conservation *Go Green, Save Green!* workshop will be held on January 28, 2009 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Bloomfield Town Hall. This informative training session is free of charge for CCM members. This workshop is intended for municipal officials and will focus on energy – conservation, efficiency, and renewable – but will also encompass related issues such as high performance buildings, smart growth and optimal utilization of resources and addressing climate change. If you would like to register, call 203-498-3018.
- *Council of Small Towns (COST)* – Connecticut's Town Meeting will be held on January 21, 2009 from 8:00AM – 1:45PM. COST asks you to urge your local legislators to attend this meeting. For more information, please see communication item #22 in the 12/8/08 council packet.
- *Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD)* – The EHHD will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Jan 15, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT, to hear citizen comments on the proposed FY 2009 – 2010 district budget and associated proposed service fee schedule. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed district budget and proposed fee schedule are available in the Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington Town Clerk offices. Written comment will be received up to the close of the hearing and can be directed to the Health District Board of Directors at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06278.

- *Mansfield Business and Professional Association (MBPA)* – The MBPA will be meeting on February 11th at 8:00AM in the Community Room of the Mansfield Community Center.
- *Windham Region Chamber of Commerce* – The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce has launched its new website! Please take a moment to visit their new site where members can now post their events, real estate listings, classified listings, and much more. Visit www.windhamchamber.com!
- *Windham Region Council of Governments* – I recently attended a meeting with the Mayor, WINCOG executive board members, and the presidents of UConn, ECSU and Quinnabaug Community College to discuss the preparation of our regional economic development plan. In addition to this meeting, WINCOG is holding a stakeholder forum in conjunction with AKRF, Inc. to develop strategies, goals and objectives for a Regional Economic Development Plan for the WINCOG nine-town region. The State Legislature has awarded a grant to WINCOG to develop a Regional Economic Development Plan to create an action plan for the economic and financial development of the region. The Stakeholder Forum will take place on February 3, 2009 at the University of Connecticut Dodd Center. Registration starts at 1:30 PM and the forum will run from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Please RSVP no later than January 23, 2009 to Mark Paquette of WINCOG at 456-2221.

Miscellaneous

- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – CL&P will be making a presentation on the Interstate Reliability Project on January 21st at 7:00 PM in Yeoman's Hall, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT.
- *Reminder News Litter Complaint* – WINCOG continues to work with the Reminder News to resolve the regional concern of the current delivery method used by the Reminder News. So far, WINCOG and the Reminder News have agreed on the following:
 - An individual may contact the Reminder Press and put a stop on delivery to their address.
 - The Town may contact the Reminder Press and put a stop on delivery to an address.
 - Drivers will not deliver a new paper if the previous paper has not been picked up.
- *Department of Labor* -- Upgrades to the Department of Labor Web site and added staff at its call centers are resulting in quicker processing of extended unemployment benefit claims for thousands of Connecticut residents. The state Department of Labor has begun notifying more than 18,000 unemployed people that they may be eligible to extend their federal jobless benefits seven more weeks. Residents with questions about the federal extension can also call a toll-free number: 1-877-522-6711, that is staffed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applicants can also visit: www.ct.gov/dol.
- *Opening Day at the Capitol* – The Mayor, Director of Finance Jeffrey Smith and I recently attended Opening Day at the Capitol at which our own Representative Denise Merrill was elected majority leader. This is an honor for Denise and our community and I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations to Denise.
- *Region 19 Regionalism Discussion* – I recently attended a presentation by Attorney from the State Department of Education at a Region 19 Board of Education meeting. The pros and cons of both an informal and formal study process regarding the feasibility of a regional K-12 school district were discussed. The Board of Education agreed to review the matter further.

Upcoming Events (town)

- *Benefit Concert – Take Note* will be performing a benefit concert at the Mansfield Senior Center on Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 PM. *Take Note* performs in support of charitable endeavors while raising their voices, spirits, and hope. Proceeds from this concert will directly benefit the Mansfield Senior Center Association, Inc.
- *Winter Fun Day* – Save the Date! The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Mansfield Community Center and the Town of Mansfield invite you to celebrate the season at the 3rd annual Winter Fun Day on Sunday, February 8th! This event will take place from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM in front of the Community Center.

Upcoming Meetings

- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, January 13, 2009, 11:30AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Advisory Committee, January 13, 2009, 7:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, January 13, 2009, 8:00PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Public Safety Committee, January 14, 2009, 3:00PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- School Building Committee, January 14, 2009, 5:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, January 15, 2009, 7:30PM, Goodwin Elementary School
- Planning and Zoning Commission, January 20, 2009, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Open Space Preservation Committee, January 20, 2009, 7:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, January 21, 2009, 7:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Community Quality of Life Committee, January 22, 2009, 7:00PM, Location TBA
- Communications Advisory Committee, January 26, 2009, 7:00PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, January 26, 2009, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Request to add-on Agenda Item from Gene Nesbitt

Item: Review of budgeting, legal billing procedures and use of legal counsel

Issues brought to my attention by members of the public:

1. Practice of delayed billing by Town Attorney.
 - invoices dated 3 years prior to submission are being presented for payment. (referred to as "Global Billing" in letter of 3/10/06.
 - Letters from the Town Attorney indicated the practice of delayed billing would cease and that monthly billing would begin in 6/30/06,
 - Invoices submitted for the 07-08 included some that were 2-3 years old.

2. Budgeting for Town Attorney
 - original budget of \$20,000
 - adjusted 6/30/08 \$52 475
 - Invoices received- appx \$28,000
 - Accrued \$25,000 (?)

3. Personnel legal expense
 - budgeted \$21,000
 - Billed \$85,000
 - How is this identified in the budget

Suggest referral to Finance committee to:

1. Review Town Attorney contract
 - consider revisions to reflect requirement for monthly billing
2. Review the issues referred to the town attorney and other special counsel by staff in relationship to cost (ie. 18 hrs of billing for Community Center Arts Policy).
3. How can staff decrease Town Attorney and Special legal Counsel time and charges? Can staff submit more finished work or take responsibility for more preliminary decisions?
4. Review basis for establishing accruals at end of year (if billings are current to 30 days, why equivalent of several months in accrual?)
5. Determine if there are other areas of delayed billing.
6. How are the Town Attorney fees allocated (between departments- ie. various programs)
- 7 Make recommendations for policy changes or guidelines to staff related to legal fees- budgeting, allocation, and cost containment.

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March 10, 2006

Martin H. Berliner
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
Audrey P. Beck Building
Four South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Berliner:

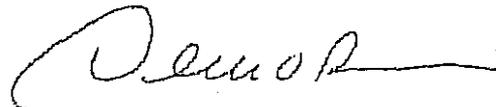
Per our discussions with you and Town Finance Director Jeffrey Smith, the attached are more invoices for legal services provided in some of the Town of Mansfield cases that have been concluded and closed since the submission of our last global billing in November of 2003.

As noted in my letter to you dated October 19, 2005, we intend to continue to regularly submit invoices on closed cases until all that remain to be billed are open.

Thank you very much for your patience in awaiting our invoices for legal services provided. It continues to be our intent to make frequent submissions to your office until all closed cases have been billed. We now reasonably expect that this process will be completed by May 15, 2006, and that all bills will be up to date by June 30, 2006, when regular monthly billing will begin again.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Dennis O'Brien
Attorney at Law

Enclosure

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Attorney Susan Johnson
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March 27, 2006

Gregory Padick
Director of Planning
Town of Mansfield
Audrey P. Beck Building
Four South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Padick:

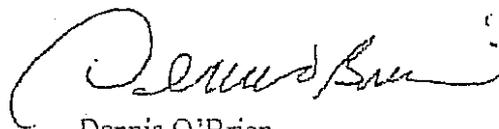
Per my discussion with you and Town Finance Director Jeffrey Smith a week ago at Town Hall, the attached are invoices for legal services provided in all Town of Mansfield planning & zoning matters since the submission of our last PZC billing to you on or about November 1, 2003.

These invoices bring us totally up to date on billing to the Mansfield PZC. As noted in our talk last Monday, we intend to continue to resume monthly submission of bills to the PZC beginning at the end of April of 2006.

Thank you very much for your patience in awaiting our invoices for legal services provided to the PZC for the past 29 months. Note that our total bill of \$15,772.32 for this period represents an annual average billing of \$6,526.48, which I believe is well below the PZC's annual budgets for legal services during this period.

It continues to be our great pleasure to provide legal services to the Town of Mansfield and the PZC and staff. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Dennis O'Brien
Attorney at Law

Enclosure
cc: Jeffrey Smith
Martin H. Berliner



*Town of Mansfield
Proclamation
National Wear Red Day*

Whereas, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

Whereas, more than 5,300 women in Connecticut die of cardiovascular disease each year; and

Whereas, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of death among women; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease and stroke kill nearly 460,000 women in the US every year; more than the next 5 causes of death combined including all cancers; and

Whereas, of every 5 people who die from stroke, about 2 are men and 3 are women; and

Whereas, one in 2.6 deaths in women are from cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, about 60,000 more women than men have a stroke each year; and

Whereas, the American Heart Association is continuing their Go Red For Women movement to encourage women to pay attention to their hearts and help them live longer, stronger lives by reducing their risk for cardiovascular disease:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2009 to be Wear Red Day for Women in Mansfield and urge all citizens to wear red in recognition of family, friends and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease, and as a show of support to fight it. By increasing awareness of the risk factors for this devastating disease and taking actions to reduce them, we can save thousand of lives each year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 12th day of January in the year 2009.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING January 26, 2009

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM at their regular meeting on January 26, 2009 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance of the .7 acre Potter property.

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, CT 06268

Dated at Mansfield Connecticut this 16th day of January 2009

Mary Stanton
Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING January 26, 2009

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:45 PM at their regular meeting on January 26, 2009 to solicit public comment regarding a proposed fee schedule for rescue services.

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, CT 06268

Dated at Mansfield Connecticut this 16th day of January 2009

Mary Stanton
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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, Christine Gamache, Tax Collector
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Potter Trust Property

Subject Matter/Background

At Monday's meeting, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance of the Potter property. As you may recall, the Potter Property is a 0.70-acre vacant lot assessed at \$2,100 owned by the estate of Mr. Theodore Potter located on the attached map. Mr. Potter passed away many years ago, and he had owned several properties that were sold near the time of his death. This parcel, however, remains in his estate. The taxes remain unpaid each year dating back to the Grand List of 1999; the total taxes and interest uncollected to date are \$472.75. In the past, the residents at 296 Storrs Road have expressed an interest in acquiring the subject property. The Town wishes to collect the back taxes on this property soon, as the 15-year statute of limitations for collections is nearing. The Open Space Preservation Committee reviewed the subject property at its meeting on December 18, 2008, and determined that parcel did not meet the Open Space Acquisition Priority Criteria contained in the 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development.

The Town Attorney has advised that this issue could be resolved if the estate were to execute a quitclaim deed signing over the parcel to the Town of Mansfield for no consideration-or for forgiveness of the taxes. The Town could then sell the property to interested abutters.

At the January 12, 2009 Council meeting, the Town Council referred the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance of the Potter property to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 PM on January 26, 2009 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance of this property. The comments from the Planning and Zoning Commission are attached.

Financial Impact

If an abutter agrees to purchase the property, the Town will seek to recoup the back taxes owed on the property, as well as any legal or other costs associated with the transaction. However, if the Town is unable to sell, we might incur some minimal expense to maintain the vacant lot.

Recommendation

There are a few key reasons to support this proposal. For one, the subject parcel is currently a non-conforming lot, and the Town's acceptance of the lot and subsequent conveyance to an abutting property owner would remedy this situation. Also, the transaction would resolve the issue of the back taxes owed on the lot and allow the lot to be placed back into productive use. And, as stated above, if an abutter agrees to purchase the property, the Town will look to recoup the back taxes owed on the property, as well as any legal or other costs associated with the transaction.

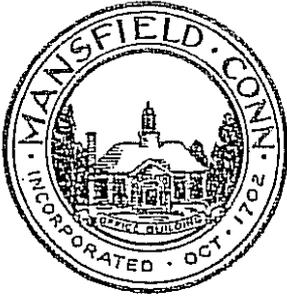
Unless the public hearing raises any additional issues that we have not considered, or if the Town Council wishes to make further revisions to the proposal, staff recommends that the Council endorse this proposal.

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

Move, effective January 26, 2009, to authorize the Town Manager to accept and subsequently convey a .7 acre parcel currently owned by the Estate of Theodore Potter, subject to a condition that any conveyance be to an abutting property owner who merges this land with an existing lot.

Attachments

- 1) Planning and Zoning Commission re: 8-24 Referral; Proposed Acceptance and Subsequent Conveyance of Potter Trust Property East of Storrs Rd.
- 2) Memo to PZC from Director of Planning
- 3) Map of the Potter property (Map 34 Block 10 Lot 9)
- 4) Memo from Town Attorney dated 11-21-08
- 5) Trustee's Deed
- 6) Open Space Preservation Committee, Draft Meeting Minutes for 12/16/08



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF MANSFIELD

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06268
(860) 429-3330

To: Town Council
From: Planning and Zoning Commission *Audrey P. Beck*
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Re: S-24 Referral; Proposed Acceptance and Subsequent Conveyance of Potter Trust Property
East of Storrs Rd

At a meeting held on 1/20/09, the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the following motion:

“That the Planning and Zoning Commission report to the Town Council that it has no objection to the Town’s acceptance and subsequent conveyance of a .7 acre parcel currently owned by the Estate of Theodore Potter, subject to a condition that any conveyance be to an abutting property owner who merges this land with an existing lot.”

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

GREGORY J. PADICK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Memo to: Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
From: Gregory Padick, Director of Planning
Date: 1/15/09
Re: 8-24 Referral
Proposed Acceptance and Subsequent Conveyance of Potter Trust Property East of Storrs Road



Please find attached an 8-24 referral from the Town Council with an attached 1/12/09 Agenda Item Summary letter from the Town Manager and associated map and background information. This information provided explains the Town's plans to acquire the subject parcel from the Potter Estate and to subsequently convey the land to an abutter. The subject .7 acre parcel does not contain road frontage and is considered a non-conforming parcel. It was retained by Theodore Potter after selling adjacent properties in 1965 and 1974 (see attached map). Conveyance to an abutter would eliminate this non-conforming situation. The property is proximate to the Natchaug River and northern end of the Willimantic Reservoir. Discussion with the Inland Wetlands Agent indicated that it does not contain inland wetlands but is likely within 150 feet of wetlands. Retention of this parcel by the Town was reviewed by the Open Space Preservation Committee at its 12/16/08 meeting and this committee recommended sale to an abutter. I am not aware of any special environmental or historic features that would support retention of this small parcel by the Town.

My review indicates that the proposed acceptance and subsequent conveyance is not in conflict with any provisions of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Planning and Zoning Commission report to the Town Council that it has no objection to the Town's acceptance and subsequent conveyance of a .7 acre parcel currently owned by the Estate of Theodore Potter, subject to a condition that any conveyance be to an abutting property owner who merges this land with an existing lot.



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MEMO TO: Matthew W. Hart
FROM: Attorney Susan Johnson
RE: Potter Trust Property; Need for Section 8-24 Review
DATE: November 21, 2008

This matter was presented to me as town counsel by the tax collector of the Town of Mansfield seeking to collect a relatively small property tax arrearage owed on this landlocked, undeveloped 0.686 acre parcel of land behind 288 Storrs Road owned by the Trust of Theodore S. Potter. The trustee, an attorney located in Florida, has, in lieu of tax collection with the consent of the tax collector, at long last executed a trustee's deed transferring the land to the Town of Mansfield in lieu of payment of the taxes. The plan, subject of course to the recommendation of the PZC per section 8-24 and approval of the Town Council, is to file the deed on the land records, thereby accepting the transfer, and then sell the land to an interested abutting landowner, the Gahwillers of 288 Storrs Road.

Per section 8-24 of the C.G.S., this needs to be referred by the Town Council to the PZC for two recommendations; first on the acceptance of this property, and second, regarding its proposed sale to the Gahwillers for the taxes owed plus our expenses in securing this property, including attorney time and time spent preparing a mylar map of the area by Grant Meitzler. Copies of the trustee's deed and map are attached hereto. I will provide you with the amount we will be expecting the Gahwillers to pay for the land forthwith. Other than the proposed sales price, let me know if you need any more from me on this at the present time. Thank you.

TRUSTEE'S DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, **ROBERT K. MILLER**, am successor trustee of the Trust of Theodore S. Potter, dated November 27, 1995, and recorded in the Town of Mansfield Land Records on November 14, 2000, in Volume 441 Page 70, and per the Trustee's Affidavit of Incumbency recorded in said Land Records on January 2, 2002 in Volume 465 Page 234, noting that I, **ROBERT K. MILLER**, am Successor Trustee, as designated in the Fourth Amendment to the aforesaid Trust, presently serving as the sole Trustee of said Trust with all the powers conferred thereon.

KNOW ALSO THAT I, **ROBERT K. MILLER**, as said Trustee of the Trust of Theodore S. Potter, for consideration received from the Town of Mansfield, including property tax forgiveness, legal fees, and map and deed description preparation costs which enabled the Trust to make this transfer to the Town of Mansfield without cost to said Trust of Theodore S. Potter, do covenant that I have full power and authority as said Trustee, and do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Town of Mansfield a parcel of land situated in the Town of Mansfield, County of Tolland and State of Connecticut described in Schedule A, attached hereto, and shown on "COMPILED PLAN, Land of the Estate of Theodore S. Potter to be conveyed to the TOWN OF MANSFIELD scale 1" + 40 feet date: February 27, 2008, MANSFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, said Plan to be filed in the Town of Mansfield Land Records at the time this deed is filed.

Executed this 17th day of JULY, 2008.

Witnessed by:

Carol L. Miller
Carol L. Miller
STATE OF FLORIDA

TRUST OF THEODORE S. POTTER
By Robert K. Miller
ROBERT K. MILLER
TRUSTEE

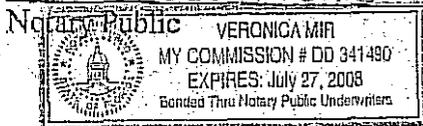
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ss.

July 17th
March, 2008

Personally, appeared, **ROBERT K. MILLER** duly appointed Trustee of the Theodore S. Potter, Trust acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed and the free act and deed of said Trust before me.

Grantee's Mailing Address:
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268



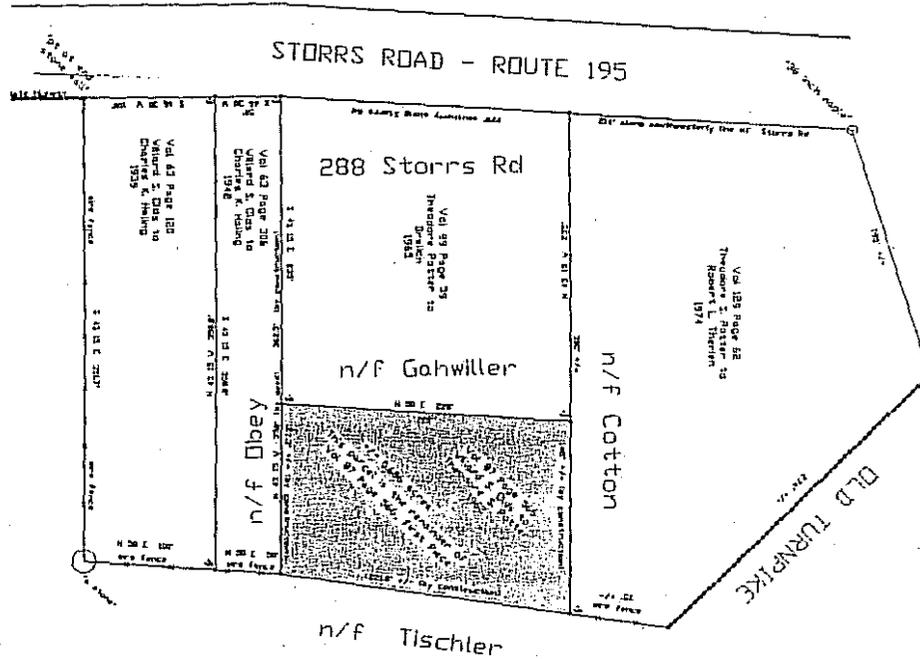
SCHEDULE "A"

A parcel of land shown on a plan entitled "Compilation Plan, land of the Estate of Theodore S. Potter to be conveyed to the Town of Mansfield, scale: 1" - 40 feet, date: February 28, 2008, Mansfield Department of Public Works" which map is on file in the office of the Mansfield Town Clerk, and which property is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is the westerly or southwesterly corner of the herein described parcel and a southerly or southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Gahwiller, and which point lies at land now or formerly of Obey, and is marked by an iron pipe;

1. thence N 50° E for a distance of 220 feet, more or less, along the southeasterly boundary of said Gahwiller to a point at the easterly corner of said Gahwiller and which point is the northerly corner of the herein described parcel and is at land now or formerly of Cotton, and which point is marked by an iron pipe;
2. thence S 43°15' E for a distance of 145 feet, along the prolongation of the northeasterly boundary line of said Gahwiller, along said land of Cotton to the southerly corner of said Cotton's land and the easterly corner of the herein described parcel, and which point is at land now or formerly of Tischler, and is marked by an iron pipe in the line of an old wire fence along the southeasterly boundary of said Cotton;
3. thence southwesterly for a distance of 221.8 feet, more or less, along land of said Tischler to a point which is the southerly corner of the herein described parcel and the easterly corner of said land of Obey and which corner is marked by an iron pipe in the line of an old wire fence along the southeasterly boundary of said Obey;
4. thence N 43°15' W for a distance of 127.3 feet, more or less, along said land of Obey to the place and point of beginning.

This parcel is approximately 0.686 acres in size, and is the remainder of land originally deeded to Theodore S. Potter by Willard S. Olds in a deed recorded at Volume 87 Page 566 in 1962.



Notes:

1. This map was compiled from other maps, record research or other sources of information. It is not to be construed as having been obtained as the result of a field survey and is subject to such change as an accurate field survey may disclose.
2. Bearings and distances are quoted from the deed descriptions in which the parcels shown were divided from the parcel described at Vol. 87 Page 566, except as specifically noted on the plan.
3. The NORTH ARROW shown is based on computer generated orthophotographic aerial photography and is a more accurate representation of true north than the bearings from the deed descriptions.
4. The shaded parcel is to be conveyed to the Town of Mansfield.

ENCES:

of Cotton is at Vol. 341 Page 159
 insfield Land Records.
 of Gahwiller is at Vol. 442 Page 396
 insfield Land Records.
 of Obey is at Vol. 430 Page 362
 insfield Land Records.
 of Tischler is at Vol. 424 Page 49
 ansfield Land Records.

To my knowledge and belief, this map is
 substantially correct as noted hereon.

Grant Metzger
 Grant Metzger, L.S. #10,005

COMPILATION PLAN

Land of the Estate of Theodore S. Potter
 to be conveyed to
 the TOWN OF MANSFIELD

scale: 1" = 40 Feet

date: February 27, 2008

MANSFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee
Minutes for December 16, 2008
DRAFT MINUTES

Members present:

Jim Morrow, Quentin Kessel, Steve Lowrey and Ken Feathers

1. Chairman Jim Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM
2. Feather/Kessel: Motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008, motion carried.
3. Public Comment: No public present.
4. Report from Town Staff:
Reviewed draft of annual report that Jennifer had submitted; the committee approved it with minor revisions that Morrow would forward to Jennifer.
5. Old Business:
Committee chose not to discuss proposed changes to Subdivision Regulations at this time
6. New Business:
The Town Council had requested a recommendation from the Committee regarding the disposition of the Potter property for which many years of back taxes were owned.
Lowrey/Kessel: Motion for town to foreclose on property for taxes owned and sell to any interested abutters.
11. /Kessel/Feathers: Motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Lowrey



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; David Dagon, Fire Chief
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Fee Schedule for Rescue Services

Subject Matter/Background

At Monday's meeting, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed program of revenue recovery for certain fire and emergency services. As you may recall, the fire department is proposing a program of revenue recovery for certain fire and emergency services; specifically the department is proposing a program of billing for rescue services. The proposal is being made to assist in the funding of expenditures related to rescue and departmental operations, such as administrative support, annual testing of hydraulic tools and equipment, specialized training, and for the replacement of equipment and materials that are used to provide these types of services.

Chief Dagon has met with CAG (Certified Ambulance Group), the company that provides ambulance billing services for the department, to discuss the feasibility of charging for rescue services; CAG has the capability to administer billing for these types of services. Following are some fire departments that recover revenue for rescue related services:

- Bridgeport
- Crystal Lake
- Hartford
- Danbury (proposed)
- Eastford
- Enfield Fire District
- North Thompsonville Fire District
- New London
- Thompsonville Fire District #2
- Waterbury
- Willington

Collection rates have been reported as averaging fifty percent (~50%).

A description of the type of rescue services that the department is proposing to be included in a rescue services revenue recovery program and the proposed rates (based on CAG's recommended fee schedule) follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Low Rate</u>	<u>High Rate</u>
<u>Light Duty Rescue</u> Any rescue utilizing personnel and equipment in securing and protecting the scene. Services provided include the use of hand tools, absorbent material, Reflective or Combustible Warning devices.	\$300	\$400
<u>Heavy Duty Rescue</u> Any rescue utilizing personnel and equipment in securing and protecting the scene. Services provided include the use of hand tools, absorbent material, Reflective or Combustible Warning devices as well as Hydraulic, Pneumatic or Gas powered tools to free a victim from an entrapped space.	\$500	\$700
<u>Technical Rescue</u> Technical rescue includes but is not limited to Confined Space, Vertical, Trench, or Search and Rescue situations.	\$800	\$1,000

The billing for services at either the Low Rate or the High Rate is determined by a number of different factors including, for example, the complexity of the operation, time on scene, number of personnel required, type of equipment used to effect a rescue and secure the area.

Financial Impact

Cost/Impact on operations

Billing for rescue services would entail obtaining insurance information from the owner/operator of a motor vehicle by responders at the scene of a MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident). The department currently obtains this type of information now for EMS billing purposes. Collecting similar insurance information for rescue billing is estimated to take approximately five to ten minutes during the call for service. Insurance information received from responders by the chief's office is estimated to require two (2) hours each week to process to be forwarded to the department's billing services company.

Revenue

It is possible that the department could recover revenue for these types of services in the amount of \$15,000 – \$30,000. The amount of revenue that may be recovered is difficult to determine due to the following factors:

- The number of rescue calls that would qualify for billing is determined by the services provided by responders.
- The individual insurance companies billed for rescue services may or may not authorize payments depending on the type of rescue services (light, medium, or heavy) provided by responders.
- Policy concerning uncollectable fees.
- The amount of an insurance company's deductible.

Recommendation

Staff believes that it is important to look at new sources of revenue to defray operating expenses, particularly in this fiscal environment. Implementing a fee for rescue services appears to present such an opportunity.

Unless the public hearing raises any additional issues that we have not considered, or if the Town Council wishes to make further revisions, staff recommends that the Council adopt the proposed fee schedule for rescue services.

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

Move, to accept the proposed fee schedule for rescue services, which schedule shall be effective March 1, 2009.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services; William Hammon, Director of Facilities Maintenance; Patricia Richardson, Senior Services Coordinator; Thomas Rogers, Mansfield Senior Center Association
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Mansfield Senior Center Architectural Study

Subject Matter/Background

On August 18, 2008, the Town Council was provided with information regarding a potential expansion of the Senior Center. The Town had previously contracted with Rick Lawrence and Associates to conduct an architectural study of the Mansfield Senior Center to determine whether or not the current building could be expanded to meet the needs of a growing senior population. The initial plans were modified in an attempt to address the priority areas that had been identified, including creation of a handicapped accessible bathroom, expanding parking, and expansion of administrative offices. Mr. Lawrence provided an estimate of the cost of these renovations, and was asked to also provide an estimate of the cost of developing these plans to submit as a part of a DECD funding application.

Financial Impact

The estimate of completing an expansion of the priority areas of creating men's and women's accessible bathrooms, adding a separate entrance for the Wright's Way laundry, a small expansion of office space and the replacement of a retaining wall and the addition of 13 parking spaces would be approximately \$300,000. The cost of preparing architectural plans to submit as a part of this funding application would be approximately \$60,000.

Recommendation

After consulting with the Senior Center Association, we recommend that the Town not pursue these renovations at this time. The cost of preparing the plans is significant, and there is no guarantee of funding. However, if and when a round of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding becomes available, we recommend pursuing an application to fund the replacement of the roof at the Senior Center. This application could be completed without the expense of developing architectural plans, and if funded would assist the Town in maintaining the value of this building.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Improvements to Route 44 at Birch/Cedar Swamp Roads

Subject Matter/Background

Several years ago, as part of its normal review of high-accident locations in Mansfield, the Town's Traffic Authority recommended to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) that minor improvements be made to Route 44 at its intersection with Birch Road and Cedar Swamp Road. ConnDOT has finally studied this intersection and proposed a minor shoulder widening of Route 44 that will help to reduce the number of accidents. ConnDOT engineers would like to conduct a public information meeting in Mansfield to present this project to the Town Council and interested residents at the next Council meeting.

Financial Impact

No matching funds have been requested at this time to help fund this project, so we do not expect any financial impact to the Town. The reduction in accidents would have a beneficial financial impact on Town residents.

Legal Review

A project like this involving state highways and designed by the state would not likely be reviewed unless there are unreasonable or unwanted effects on properties in Town. The proposed minor widening should not have these effects.

Recommendation

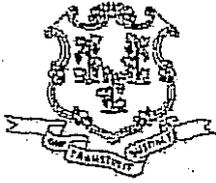
It is respectfully requested that a public information meeting be set up at the February 9th Council meeting. ConnDOT would also plan to conduct an informal workshop session from 7:00 to 7:30 PM, before the regular Council meeting.

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

Move, to schedule a public information session for 7:30 PM at its next regular meeting on February 9, 2009 to review the proposed improvements to Route 44 at Birch/Cedar Swamp Roads.

Attachments

- 1) Letter dated January 14, 2009 from ConnDOT requesting the public information meeting



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546

Phone:
January 14, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Hart:

Subject: State Project No. 77-211
Federal Aid Project No.: STPZ-0044(131)
Intersection Improvements on U.S. Route 44 at
Birch Road and Cedar Swamp Road
Town of Mansfield

This is to confirm arrangements made between your office and Mr. Michael N. Calabrese of this office regarding the scheduling of a public informational meeting for the referenced project.

The meeting is to be held on Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eaglevile Road, Mansfield, Connecticut. Department of Transportation (Department) personnel will be available at 7:00 p.m. to answer questions prior to the presentation.

The Department is proceeding to arrange for publication of notices of the meeting in the Hartford Courant and The Chronicle on Thursday, January 23, 2009 and Tuesday, February 3, 2009. A copy of this notice is enclosed for your convenience. You may wish to distribute this notice to members of your staff for their information.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zbrozek, Project Manager, at (860) 594-3284.

Very truly yours,

James H. Norman, P.E.
Manager of State Design
Bureau of Engineering
and Highway Operations

Enclosure



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *M.H.*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager; Sgt. James Kodzis, Resident Trooper; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning; David Dagon, Fire Chief; John Jackman, Director of Emergency Management; Curt Hirsch, Zoning Agent; Mike Nintean, Director of Building and Housing Inspection; Dennis O'Brien, Town Attorney
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Amendment to Special Police Services Ordinance

Staff is recommending revisions to the "Special Police Services Ordinance." The ordinance was first adopted in 1995 to address off campus and other parties and events that were having an adverse impact on the quality of life. The ordinance as adopted has proven to be difficult to enforce as written.

Staff is proposing the following revisions:

- Revise 70-1: to re-title the ordinance to "Special Public Safety Services."
- Revise 70-2: to expand the reimbursable municipal services to include fire or emergency medical services or local or state police services, and to better define what constitutes a threat to public safety, health, or general public welfare.
- Revise 70-3: to revise definitions to provide clarity and improve enforceability.
- Revise 70-4: to clarify that sections A and B apply to both parties and events that present a danger or public nuisance, and to define responsible party as the organizer or property owner to end, disperse or otherwise control the event.
- Revise 70-5: to clarify that the party or event organizer or property owner is responsible for the costs incurred by the Town providing public safety services that are over and above the level normally provided.
- Revise 70-6: to authorize the Director of Finance to enforce citations by collecting the fines, bills, and reasonable costs.
- Revise 70-7: to ensure that appeals are to be made pursuant to the Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance.
- Add 70-8: to add a savings clause.

Financial Impact

The ordinance as revised does not have a direct cost to the Town of Mansfield. However, it will offset expenditures for public safety services that are over and above those normally provided.

Recommendation

Staff will be reviewing the proposed amendments with the Committee on Community Quality of Life at the committee's meeting on January 22, 2009. At the Council meeting on Monday, we will review that discussion with you.

Also, at the appropriate point, the Town Council will need to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendment. I would recommend the second meeting in February for this purpose. If the Town Council is prepared to schedule the public hearing, following motion is in order:

Move, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on February 23, 2009, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendments to the Special Police Services Ordinance, Chapter 70 of the Mansfield Code.

Attached

- 1) Proposed Amendments to Special Police Services Ordinance (proposed changes marked)
- 2) Proposed Amendments to Special Police Services Ordinance

Chapter 70: POLICE- [PUBLIC SAFETY]

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield: Art. I, 3-27-1995, effective 4-22-1995. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Emergency preparedness — See Ch. 21.
Code of Ethics — See Ch. 25.
Disposal of property — See Ch. 73.
Fire lanes — See Ch. 125.
Abandoned vehicles — See Ch. 179.
Vehicles and traffic — See Ch. 182.
Traffic regulations — See Ch. A198.

ARTICLE I Special Police [PUBLIC SAFETY] Services [Adopted 3-27-1995, effective 4-22-1995]

§ 70-1. Title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Town of Mansfield Fees for Special Police [PUBLIC SAFETY] Services Ordinance." This Article is authorized by C.G.S. §7-148(c)(7)(E), (H)(viii) and (xiii), [(10)] and (b)(2), [C.G.S. SECTION 7-152c], and by §C103 of the Mansfield Town Charter.

§ 70-2. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this Article to recover the town's costs (including costs incurred by the town for [FIRE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR LOCAL OR] State Police involvement [SERVICES]) for second [CONTINUED] or subsequent responses to the scene of a [N] party [EVENT] when the responding police officer determines that continued activity constitutes a threat to the health, safety or general welfare of the public, OR WHEN ANY SUCH POLICE OFFICER OR OFFICERS ARE PRESENT AT A LOCATION WHERE SUCH DANGEROUS ACTIVITY IS ONGOING, REASONABLY DETERMINE(S) THAT THE DEPARTURE OR ABSENCE OF POLICE, FIRE SERVICE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM THE SITE IS A RISK TO HEALTH OR SAFETY, AND WARNS THE EVENT ORGANIZER OR PROPERTY OWNER OR THEIR AGENT THAT THE EVENT MUST BE CONTROLLED OR ENDED AND THE PARTICIPANTS DISPERSED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. HAVING TO REMAIN AT ANY SUCH EVENT TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY OR MAKING R]Return calls to a [N] party [EVENT] to disperse uncooperative participants or to address other party [EVENT]-related activity is a [N UNNECESSARY] drain on personnel and resources, often leaving other areas of the town without adequate levels of police, [FIRE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES] protection; which creates a hazard to the public, requires resources over and above the level of police services normally provided and constitutes a public nuisance, the costs for [OF] which should be paid by the responsible person. Enforcement of this Article shall neither require nor preclude the enforcement of any criminal law.

§ 70-3. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

COSTS OF SECOND [CONTINUED] OR SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES — [POLICE, FIRE OR EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL HAVING TO STAY AT AN EVENT TO ENSURE

THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROTECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WELFARE AFTER REASONABLE WRITTEN WARNING TO CONTROL OR DISPERSE THE EVENT HAS BEEN GIVEN WITHOUT A SUFFICIENTLY SATISFACTORY RESPONSE SHALL BE CONSIDERED A CONTINUED OR SUBSEQUENT RESPONSE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. COSTS OF CONTINUED OR SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES INCLUDE the salaries [REASONABLE COSTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL, VEHICLES AND OTHER ASSOCIATED COSTS TO THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD] of the ~~police officers~~ for the ~~amount of~~ time actually spent in responding to or [NECESSARILY] remaining at the ~~party~~ [EVENT] ~~at a rate established by the Town Manager~~, plus the actual cost of any medical treatment to injured town [OR STATE] employees, or emergency service personnel and the cost of repairing [OR REPLACING] any damaged town equipment or property.

DISTURBANCE — Activity at a [N] ~~party~~ [EVENT] which appears to constitute a nuisance in that it [IS DANGEROUS, A THREAT TO HEALTH, SAFETY, OR GENERAL WELFARE OR UN]reasonably causes annoyance or discomfort to those not involved in the ~~party~~ [EVENT].

PARTY [EVENT]— Includes a gathering or event [PARTY] where a group of persons have assembled or are assembling for a social occasion or social activity.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON — The person or persons who own the property [OR THEIR AGENT] where the ~~party~~ [EVENT] takes place or, ~~in the sole discretion of the Manager~~ the apparent organizer of the ~~party~~ [EVENT]. If the responsible person is a minor, then the minor's parents will also be responsible parties. Any liability under this Article shall be joint and several.

§ 70-4. First response; notice [AND WRITTEN WARNING].

- A. During a first response to ~~a complaint of a disturbance at a~~ [N] ~~party~~ [EVENT], if the responding [POLICE] officer determines, in the officer's sole discretion, that the ~~party~~ [EVENT] presents the potential for [DANGER,] ongoing disturbance [OR PUBLIC NUISANCE], the responding officer may, among other things, deliver to any person who ~~reasonably appears to be a party organizer or property owner~~ [RESPONSIBLE PERSON OR TO HIS OR HER AGENT] a "Notice of Violation [AND WRITTEN WARNING]: First Response" which shall contain a message substantially as follows:

This notice of violation is given to you as a result of a first response by the Town of Mansfield to a [DANGEROUS SITUATION,] disturbance of the peace [OR CREATION OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE DURING AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY YOU OR ON YOUR PROPERTY]. You may be charged all personnel and equipment and other costs incurred as a result of ~~each~~ [ANY CONTINUED OR] subsequent response by the ~~police~~ [PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL] to this location, [OR IF YOU ARE WARNED TO DISPERSE OR OTHERWISE CONTROL THE EVENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AND FAIL TO COMPLY].

- B. The notice may also contain such other information as deemed necessary by ~~the Town Manager~~ [THE POLICE OFFICER AT THE SCENE OF AN EVENT AT WHICH THE OFFICER DETERMINES THAT PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL MUST REMAIN TO ADDRESS A DISTURBANCE OR PUBLIC NUISANCE OR PROTECT ANY PERSON FROM INJURY, FOR EXAMPLE, AN ORDER TO THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON TO END, DISPERSE OR OTHERWISE CONTROL THE EVENT, IN ORDER] to accomplish the purposes of this section.

§ 70-5. Second [CONTINUED OR SUBSEQUENT] response; preparation of bill.

~~If a second [CONTINUED] or subsequent response is made to the same party [OCCURS DUE TO AN EVENT] and if, at such second or subsequent response, the [AN] officer determines that [A] further disturbances have[S] occurred, [OR IF A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OR HIS OR HER AGENT IS ORDERED TO END, DISPERSE OR OTHERWISE CONTROL AN EVENT AND FAILS TO ADEQUATELY DO SO.] then a [CITATION AND] bill for the costs incurred by the town for its second and [CONTINUED OR] subsequent responses [OR ANY SUCH FAILURE BY SUCH OWNER OR ORGANIZER] shall be prepared by the [TOWN] Manager [OR HIS AGENT OR DELEGATE OR POLICE OFFICER] and promptly delivered to the responsible person [BY A TOWN OF MANSFIELD OR STATE POLICE OFFICER DESIGNATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY].~~

§ 70-6. Collection; lien.

~~The Director of Finance is authorized to [ENFORCE ANY SUCH CITATION AND] collect such bill and reasonable costs of collection, including attorney's fees, [BY RESORT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEARING PROCEDURE FOR CITATIONS ORDINANCE, SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 129-1 THROUGH 129-10, INCLUSIVE OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES], and the bill shall, upon filing of an appropriate documentation of the foregoing on the land records in the town in which the responsible party owns or has an interest in real property, become a lien on such property, which lien may be foreclosed in the manner provided by section 12-181, C.G.S.~~

§ 70-7. Appeals [PROCEDURE].

~~Any person [FINED OR ASSESSED PENALTIES, COSTS OR FEES PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY APPEAL ANY SUCH FINE OR ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 129, HEARING PROCEDURE FOR CITATIONS], aggrieved by any decision of the responsible police officer to bill for costs of a second or subsequent response may appeal to the Town Manager or his designee by filing a notice of appeal with the Town Clerk within fifteen (15) days of the date of the billing. Upon the filing of such request the Town Clerk shall set a time and place for the hearing and shall notify the appellant thereof. At the hearing, any person may present evidence in opposition to or in support of the appellant's case. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Town Manager or his or her designee may affirm, reverse or modify the decision, and the decision of the Town Manager shall be final. Testimony, at said hearing, that a police officer gave notice pursuant to section 70-4 above shall be prima facie evidence of its having been given.~~

[§ 70-8. SAVINGS CLAUSE.]

[SHOULD ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION DECLARE ANY SECTION OR CLAUSE OR PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SUCH DECISION SHALL AFFECT ONLY SUCH SECTION, CLAUSE OR PROVISION SO DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER SECTION, CLAUSE OR PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE].

Chapter 70: PUBLIC SAFETY

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield: Art. I, 3-27-1995, effective 4-22-1995. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

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Traffic regulations — See Ch. A198.

ARTICLE I Special Public Safety Services [Adopted 3-27-1995, effective 4-22-1995]

§ 70-1. Title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Town of Mansfield Fees for Special Public Safety Services Ordinance." This Article is authorized by C.G.S. §7-148(c)(7)(E), (H)(viii) and (xiii), (10) and (b)(2), C.G.S. Section 7-152c, and by §C103 of the Mansfield Town Charter.

§ 70-2. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this Article to recover the town's costs (including costs incurred by the town for fire or emergency medical services or local or State Police services) for continued or subsequent responses to the scene of an event when the responding officer determines that continued activity constitutes a threat to the health, safety or general welfare of the public, or when any such officer or officers are present at a location where such dangerous activity is ongoing, reasonably determine(s) that the departure or absence of police, fire service or emergency medical services from the site is a risk to health or safety, and warns the event organizer or property owner or their agent that the event must be controlled or ended and the participants dispersed within a reasonable time. Having to remain at any such event to protect health and safety or making return calls to an event to disperse uncooperative participants or to address other event-related activity is an unnecessary drain on personnel and resources, often leaving other areas of the town without adequate levels of police, fire or emergency medical services protection, which creates a hazard to the public, requires resources over and above the level of services normally provided and constitutes a public nuisance, the costs of which should be paid by the responsible person. Enforcement of this Article shall neither require nor preclude the enforcement of any criminal law.

§ 70-3. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

COSTS OF CONTINUED OR SUBSEQUENT RESPONSES — Police, fire or emergency services personnel having to stay at an event to ensure the health or safety of participants and to protect the general public welfare after reasonable written warning to control or disperse the event has been given without a sufficiently satisfactory response shall be considered a continued or subsequent response for the purposes of this article. Costs of continued or subsequent responses include the reasonable costs for public safety personnel, vehicles and other associated costs to the Town of Mansfield for the time actually spent in responding to or

necessarily remaining at the event, plus the actual cost of any medical treatment to injured town or state employees, or emergency service personnel and the cost of repairing or replacing any damaged town equipment or property.

DISTURBANCE — Activity at an event which appears to constitute a nuisance in that it is dangerous, a threat to health, safety, or general welfare, or unreasonably causes annoyance or discomfort to those not involved in the event.

EVENT — Includes a gathering or party where a group of persons have assembled or are assembling for a social occasion or social activity.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON — The person or persons who own the property or their agent where the event takes place or the apparent organizer of the event. If the responsible person is a minor, then the minor's parents will also be responsible parties. Any liability under this Article shall be joint and several.

§ 70-4. First response; notice and written warning.

- A. During a first response to an event, if the responding police officer determines, in the police officer's sole discretion, that the event presents the potential for danger, ongoing disturbance or public nuisance, the responding officer may, among other things, deliver to any person who appears to be a responsible person or to his or her agent a "Notice of Violation and Written Warning: First Response" which shall contain a message substantially as follows:

This notice of violation is given to you as a result of a first response by the Town of Mansfield to a dangerous situation, disturbance of the peace or creation of a public nuisance during an event organized by you or on your property. You may be charged all personnel and equipment and other costs incurred as a result of any continued or subsequent response by public safety personnel to this location, or if you are warned to disperse or otherwise control the event within a reasonable time and fail to comply.

- B. The notice may also contain such other information as deemed necessary by the police officer at the scene of an event at which the officer determines that public safety personnel must remain to address a disturbance or public nuisance or to protect any person from injury, for example, an order to the responsible property owner or party organizer to end, disperse or otherwise control the event, in order to accomplish the purposes of this section.

§ 70-5. Continued or subsequent response; preparation of bill.

If a continued or subsequent response occurs due to an event and an officer determines that a further disturbance has occurred, or if a responsible person or his or her agent is ordered to end, disperse or otherwise control an event and fails to adequately do so, then a citation and bill for the costs incurred by the town for its continued or subsequent response or any such failure by such owner or organizer shall be prepared by the Town Manager or his agent or delegate or police officer and promptly delivered to the responsible person by a Town of Mansfield or state police officer designated by the municipality.

§ 70-6. Collection.

The Director of Finance is authorized to enforce any such citation and collect such bill and reasonable costs of collection, including attorney's fees, by resort to the provisions of the Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance, set forth in Sections 129-1 through 129-10, inclusive of the Town of Mansfield Code of Ordinances.

§ 70-7. Appeals Procedure.

Any person fined or assessed penalties, costs or fees pursuant to this Article may appeal any such fine or assessment pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 129, Hearing Procedure for Citations.

§ 70-8. Savings Clause.

Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section or clause or provision of this Article to be unconstitutional, such decision shall affect only such section, clause or provision so declared unconstitutional and shall not affect any other section, clause or provision of this Article.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Cherie Trahan, Controller/Treasurer
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Town of Columbia for Financial Services

Subject Matter/Background

As discussed at the last meeting, due to the absence of a Finance Director, the Town of Columbia is interested in purchasing certain financial services from Mansfield. The proposed short-term agreement represents an opportunity for the Town to realize additional revenue and to evaluate whether a long-term relationship would be feasible.

Financial Impact

To summarize the proposed agreement (see attached), Mansfield would provide Columbia with certain financial management services for the period from February 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. In exchange, Columbia would pay Mansfield a total of \$15,000 for the services provided.

Recommendation

For the reasons mentioned above, staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed agreement.

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

Move, effective January 26, 2009, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Town of Columbia for Financial Services for a term to run from February 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Attachments

- 1) Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Town of Columbia for Financial Services

**Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Town of Columbia for
Financial Services**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of January 2009, by and between the **TOWN OF MANSFIELD**, a municipal corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein referred to as "Mansfield") and the **TOWN OF COLUMBIA** (herein referred to as "Columbia").

Whereas, Mansfield has senior staff experienced in municipal accounting and financial matters; and,

Whereas, Mansfield is willing to provide municipal financial and accounting services to Columbia; and,

Whereas, Columbia has the need for financial and accounting services;

Now therefore, for the promises and considerations specified herein, Mansfield and Columbia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") do hereby agree as follows:

A. Mansfield Agrees:

1. To provide Columbia with the financial services of an employee holding the position with the Town of Mansfield of "Accountant," who shall allocate an average of eight hours per week of his/her working hours to Columbia from February 2, 2009 - June 30, 2009
2. To provide Columbia with the financial services of its Controller, who shall allocate up to two hours per week of his/her working hours to Columbia from February 2, 2009 - June 30, 2009.
3. Said work may be performed at the offices of the Town of Columbia or Town of Mansfield, or at or from any other location agreeable to the parties.
4. To keep confidential all reports, information, dates, etc. given to or prepared by Mansfield under this agreement which Columbia requests to be kept confidential and shall not make available the same without prior approval from Columbia.

B. Columbia Agrees:

1. To pay Mansfield a fee of \$15,000 for the services provided in section A above, \$7,500 payable upon execution of this agreement and \$7,500 payable June 15, 2009.
2. To hold Mansfield and any of Mansfield's officers, agents or employees harmless from any liability (including reasonable attorney's fees and all costs) for any and all damages to persons and property resulting from the actions of Mansfield unless such damages are caused by, or are the result of, the misconduct of Mansfield or any of Mansfield's officers, agents or employees.

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ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Meeting of Tuesday, 02 December 2008
 Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08p by Acting Chair Jay Ames. *Members present:* Jay Ames, Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Joan Prugh. *Members absent:* Anita Bacon, Leon Bailey, Blanche Serban. *Others present:* Taylor Anderson, Nancy Conlon, Tom Bruhn, Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The November meeting, unwisely scheduled for Election Day, was cancelled. The draft minutes of the 07 October 08 meeting were approved with the correction of "Taylor" instead of "Terry" in the table under item 6.

3. MCC art displays.

a. Taylor Anderson, a middle school student, brought digital prints of some of the photographs he would like to exhibit in the hallways and lower sitting room display area in the winter quarter. The Committee tentatively OKed his application but will need to see and approve all the work before it goes up. Mr. Anderson's 8x10 prints will have to be matted and framed in order to be hung from the rails; it was suggested that photos with a similar theme be grouped together for display (e.g., close-ups in the lower sitting room).

b. Nancy Conlon, who belongs to a group dedicated to keeping alive some of the decorative arts of the 18th and 19th centuries, showed the Committee samples of her work, which she would like to exhibit in the display cases in the winter quarter. The paintings and penwork incorporated in some of these items are her own. The Committee OKed her exhibit, subject to seeing and approving (photos of) any additional items included in the exhibit.

c. Joan Cole has applied to show large lithographs in the upper sitting room display area, but she did not submit any photos. Kim will call and ask for them. If they are OK, she could have this space for the winter quarter.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
Fall 15 Oct – 15 Jan	<i>Martin Bloom</i> (collage)				<i>Martin Bloom</i> (collage)	
Winter 15 Jan – 15 Apr	<i>Nancy Conlon</i> (decorated boxes, frames, etc.)		<i>Joan Cole?</i> (lithographs)		<i>Taylor Anderson</i> (photos)	

4. **Financial assistance.** After some discussion, the Committee appeared to agree that it would *not* be appropriate to apply some of its modest budget to helping individual artists with the expense (e.g., matting, framing) of putting on a show at the MCC.

5. **Coffee house readings.** Joan reported that a memoir-writing group may be interested in a reading at the MCC in the spring.

6. **Insurance.** Jay O'K has begun inquiries about what sort of insurance against damage or loss the Town might be able to provide for art displayed at the MCC.

7. **FY07-08 report.** No corrections or additions were made to the Committee's annual report, written by Scott and e-mailed to Committee members in September.

8. **2009 meeting schedule.** The Committee agreed to meet at 7:00p on the first Tuesday of each month, save for September, when it will meet on the 8th rather than the 1st.

9. **Future agenda items.** Jay A. suggested revisiting the issue of what the Committee should be doing, aside from arranging art displays at the MCC.

10. Adjourned at 8:25p. Next meeting: Tuesday, 06 January 09, 7:00p.

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 04 December 08; approved 06 January 09

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
December 11, 2008
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice Chair, Dudley Hamlin, Mark LaPlaca, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Gary Bent, Martha Kelly, Chris Kueffner

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Ms Feathers, Chair.

STAFF RECOGNITION: The Board honored Janice Mills, MMS Kitchen Manager, recipient of the Louise Sublette Award of Excellence and Ellen Boehle, MMS School Psychologist, recipient of the CT School Psychologist of the Year. Karen Anger, Art Teacher at Goodwin and Southeast was honored as Mansfield's 2009 Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Kueffner arrived at 8:20 p.m.
Mrs. Paulhus left at 8:21 p.m.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Lynn Stoddard re: Green Schools
2. Bob Dubos re: Chaplin 7th & 8th grade students
3. MEA Executive Board re: teacher collaboration and/or professional development time

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms Feathers reported that the Building Committee met on 12-10-08 and is gathering information on the 4 School Building Options.

Dr. Patwa reported that the personnel committee would like a brief Executive Session to discuss negotiations with the Instructional Assistants (SEIU).

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Financial Statements 9-30-08: Jeff Smith, Director of Finance reviewed the quarterly statements. He distributed *Town and Gown: An Impact Study on Municipal Services*. **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Lin to accept the September 30, 2008 Quarterly Report. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Mr. Baruzzi updated the Board on Enhancing Student Achievement activities.
- Energy: Mr. Baruzzi discussed energy usage data for the past 4 years for each school. Also, energy usage and energy saving measures the district is considering, including a draft administrative regulation which will be implemented by the town and the school district.
- Dorothy Goodwin Bequest: The Board continued discussion on allocation of a \$10,000 bequeath to Mansfield. Additional ideas will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Budget: Discussion centered on documents from the Town of Mansfield 2009-2010 Budget Workshop and State Board of Education financial and legislative proposals for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- Enrollment: Mr. Baruzzi presented class size enrollments for the first four months of the 08-09 school year.

- 2009-2010 School Calendar: The Board directed Mr. Baruzzi to prepare the calendar with Region 19 and sending schools. It was also suggested that other area school schedules are compared.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded Mr. Kueffner that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of December 11, 2008 be approved or received for the record:

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 13, 2008 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of Katherine Harbec, grade two teacher at Vinton School effective December 15, 2008.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the retirement of Patricia O'Connell Buckley, kindergarten teacher at Southeast School effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: NONE

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded Mr. Kueffner to move into Executive Session at 10:30pm to discuss collective bargaining contract negotiations. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Lin to return to open session at 10:44pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Budget discussion was continued.

MOTION by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to adjourn at 11:18pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk

MINUTES
Mansfield Commission on Aging Agenda

9:30 AM – Senior Center
Monday, December 8, 2008

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), M. Thatcher, M. Ross, C. Phillips, Elliot Wolk (guest), K. Doeg, A. Holinko, J. Brubacher, J. Kenny (staff), J. Quarto
REGRETS: T. Quinn, P. Richardson, C. Pellegrini, W. Bigl

- I. Call to Order: Acting Chair C. Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.
- II. Appointment of Recording Secretary: K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. Acceptance of Minutes: the minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting were accepted as written.

IV. Correspondence – Chair and Staff: none.

V. New Business

- Guest: Elliot Wolk- Auditing College Courses: Mr. Wolk is a former member of the COA. He distributed information on the Center for Learning In Retirement (CLIR), located on the Depot Campus, which has accessible parking. They run three terms a year; dues are \$25, plus \$12 for each session. Guests are always welcome. Elliot collected names to be added to the mailing list. The schedule for the winter term should be out by the first of the year; starts January 28, and brochures are made available at the Senior Center. On the 28th they will have a radical economist speaking on the need for a new “New Deal.” CLIR does not have an age requirement for participation. K. Grunwald will have someone from Masonicare contact Elliot to discuss a possible collaboration. In terms of other educational opportunities he stated that as far as he knows seniors can still audit classes at UConn at no charge. C. Phillips pointed out that ECSU makes courses available to seniors as well.
- Representation in Area Agency on Aging: Senior Resources: M. Thatcher stated that Carol McMillan used to represent this group; please let Tim Quinn know at the next meeting if you are interested in being a representative.
- “Other”: none.

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

A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – J. Kenny distributed copies of her monthly report. She reported that she recently attended a conference on Medicare Managed Care as an option for Medicare recipients. These plans provide coverage for Medicare Parts A, B and D (prescription drug coverage). She also reported that the Attorney General’s office is now investigating complaints about homecare providers. There are specific criteria that have to be met to be able to file a complaint. She has a booklet available on how to hire a home healthcare provider. K. Doeg suggested that the availability of the booklet be publicized. C. Phillips suggested that the availability of a vaccine for shingles be publicized, along with updates on other issues of interest. J. Quarto asked about how the M-Team identifies seniors who are difficult to assist (as identified in Jean’s report)?

Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation – J. Kenny: no report.

B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – P. Richardson was not present, but she made copies of her monthly report for distribution. K. Grunwald reminded members about the availability of the Elderly Heating Assistance Program.

Senior Center Assoc. – J. Brubacher (for Tom Rogers): reported that a group recently came together to talk about providing geriatric medical services here. This group will be looking at how these services can be funded. He mentioned that Rose Fowler is retiring from the McSweeney Center and their geriatric services are declining.

C. Housing

Assisted Living Advisory Committee, Wrights Way, Juniper Hill (still no representative), Jensen’s Park, Other: no reports.

D. Related Town and Regional Organizations such as:

Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities: K. Grunwald reported that the focus of this group has been on enforcement of accessible parking space violations.

Senior Resources of Eastern CT (no representative).

VII. Old Business

- Long Range Plan for 2007- 2010: Update on Action Plans (all): C. Phillips reviewed the areas that individuals are responsible for. M. Thatcher reported that their recommendation is for the Human Services Dept. to take on the project of updating “At Your Fingertips.” They are currently working on a resource directory. New Facility: no progress at this time. Access to Public Buildings: M. Ross is waiting to hear from the Town on upgrading the current PA system or installing a new system in the Council Chambers. K. Grunwald reported on transportation issues and the use of the municipal transportation grant.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM. Next meeting: Monday, January 12, 2009 at
9:30 AM at the Senior Center

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Ethics Board
Thursday, December 11, 2008
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B
4:30pm

Minutes

Members Present: Nora Stevens, Mike Sikoski, David Ferrero, Eleanor Plank, Win Smith
Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 12/4/08

The minutes of December 4, 2008 were adopted unanimously by members present for the vote (Sikoski, Stevens, Ferrero).

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

By consensus, the Board moved the Chairperson's report to Agenda Item #3, and the discussion of revisions to the Code to Agenda item #4. Mr. Sikoski expressed an interest in seeing recommended revisions to the Code for 25-4a to include broader disclosure of public affiliations when a resident is speaking during public comment before a Board. The Board voted unanimously to include recommended language to that effect under 25-4 of the Code. Regarding 25-4a, the Board voted (Stevens, Plank, Ferrero, Stevens in favor, Sikoski against) to add the word "written" in front of "town policies."

IV. DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO CODE

By consensus, the Board accepted the draft language for 25-7A (as presented) for its recommended revisions to the Code.

The Board discussed a new 25-7B regarding inquiries. The Board reviewed Glastonbury's inquiry process as a sample. By consensus, the Board decided to define inquiries in 25-7B of the code, and outline the process for inquiries in the Board's (rules of) procedures. The Board reached consensus on verbiage for 25-7B.

Mr. Sikoski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ferrero to accept the draft language for 25-7E (as presented) for its recommended revisions to the Code. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sikoski to accept the draft language for 25-4C7 and 25-6 (as presented) for its recommended revisions to the Code. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. FUTURE AGENDAS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will be held January 8, 2009 at 4:30pm. The Board has requested that the Rules of Procedure for the Board/Complaint Process be added to the agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria E. Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager

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MINUTES

MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2009

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, C. Hirsch, Zoning Agent

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He appointed alternates to act in the following order, if needed: Beal, Lewis and then Lombard.

Minutes:

12/15/08- Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to approve the 12/15/08 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Kochenburger who disqualified himself. Pociask noted that he listened to the tapes.

Old Business:

1. 3-Lot Subdivision Application, Bassetts Bridge & South Bedlam Rds, Mansfield Hollow Estates,

File # 1278 (M.A.D. 2/13/09)

Tabled, awaiting revised plans.

2. Site Modification Request Proposed Replacement of Existing Commercial Building at Corner of Storrs and Bassetts Bridge Roads.

The revised plans submitted have been referred to staff. Reports are expected prior to the next meeting from the Fire Marshal, Assistant Town Engineer and Director of Planning. Item was tabled.

3. Discussion regarding the definition of lot as it applies to property on a Town Line.

Padick briefly summarized his 12/30/08 report. Gardner MOVED, Hall seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission modify the 11/17/08 action to add a 4th condition to read as

follows: As documented in a 12/30/08 letter from Attorney Schrage, the subject parcel in Mansfield and Chaplin shall be subject to the same subdivision restrictions and covenants placed on lots in the abutting Aurora Estates Subdivision and in addition a 50 foot wide conservation easement, based on the Town's model format, shall be placed adjacent to lots 2, 3, and 4 of the Aurora Estates Subdivision.

MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Goodwin and Holt who abstained.

4. Request for Bond Releases:

a. Fellows Estates, File # 1230

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission authorize the Director of Planning to take appropriate action to release \$24,000 plus accumulated interest that served as a maintenance bond for subdivision improvements in the Fellows Estates Subdivision. The subject bond release shall not take place until it is confirmed that trail access locations on Monticello Lane and Storrs Road have been appropriately marked and until it is confirmed that trees planted in 2008 have a one (1) year warrantee. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Lewis who disqualified himself.

b. Wildrose II Estates, Files #1113-2, 1113-3

Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission authorize the Director of Planning to take appropriate action to release \$63,400 plus accumulated interest from the two maintenance bonds in the Wild Rose Estates Subdivision. \$10,000 shall be retained to ensure that all landscaping and, as appropriate, trail work are in acceptable condition next spring, and to address any erosion and sedimentation issues associated with landscaping and drainage work. A new bond agreement shall be executed for this revised bond. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Potential Re-Zoning of the "Industrial Park" zone on Pleasant Valley Road and Mansfield Avenue.

Item tabled awaiting staff meeting with primary property owners.

6. Proposed Telecommunication Tower in southern Mansfield

Item tabled, awaiting staff review.

Scheduled Business:

Zoning Agent's Report

Items A - D were noted. Hirsch stated that Hall submitted more information on the use of the site for his own business as a contractor. Hirsch will present all the information he has gathered regarding the Hall site at the next meeting. Hirsch also noted that he was contacted by the DeBoer family, and he is hopeful he'll be allowed to move forward with information gathering at their site.

New Business:

1. Draft Environmental Impact Statement, North Hillside Road Ext. Public Hearing Thursday, January 29, 2009, 7pm at Bishop Center

Item_tabled-under staff review.

2. 2009/2010 Budget Submission

Padick reviewed with the Commission the changes he proposed to the 2009/10 budget. Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, to accept the proposed 2009/2010 IWA/PZC budget. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Proposed lot line revision, Windwood Acres Subdivision

Mark Peterson of Gardner and Peterson Associates and Attorney Samuel Schrage were present to represent the applicant. Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve a revision of lot lines for lots 13, 16 and 17 in the Windwood Acres Subdivision as depicted on subdivision plans revised to 12/12/08. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Favretti noted the next Regulatory Review Committee meeting was set for 2/10/09 at 1 p.m. and a field trip is set for 1/12/09 at 1 p.m.

Communications and Bills:

Padick called particular attention to item #2 regarding the 12/18/08 presentation about the Willimantic River Study. He noted that documents from the full presentation are available in his office for anyone who is interested in more information.

Adjournment:

Favretti declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary

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MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLAND AGENCY/PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

FIELD TRIP

Special Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2009

Members present: M. Beal, K. Holt, J. Goodwin

Staff present: G. Meitzler, Wetlands Agent, Assistant Town Engineer;
S. Lehman (Conservation Commission), G. Padick, Director of Planning;

The field Trip began at 1:05 p.m.

1. CHERNUSEK PROPERTY, 473 MIDDLE TURNPIKE, review of site activity.
IWA file W1419

Members were met on site by Mr. Chernusek. Participants reviewed a map depicting proposed activity. Site and neighborhood characteristics were observed. No decisions were made.

2. CLARK PROPERTY, HANKS HILL and FARRELL ROADS -proposed 4 lot subdivision
IWA File W1421

Members were met on site by E. Pelletier, Datum Engineering. After reviewing the proposed subdivision maps, participants observed from existing roadways, the proposed house sites on Farrell and Hanks Hill Road. Site and neighborhood characteristics were observed. No decisions were made.

The field trip ended at approximately 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Holt, Secretary

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MANSFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

Chairman Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

Present: Members - Fraenkel, Katz, Pellegrine, Singer-Bansal, Wright

Alternate - Clauson

Absent: Alternates - Accorsi, Gotch

WEI WU GUO - 7:00 PM

To hear comments on the application of Wei Wu Guo, 107 Jonathan Lane, for a Variance of Art VIII, B.1.g to install a 24" satellite dish antenna approximately 3' from front property line.

Mulan Lin, wife of the applicant, and Lucy Chen explained that the only location where there is a signal for the antenna is in this spot, which is 3' from the front property line. English is the family's second language and they would like to be able to access Chinese channels. They feel their hardship is the zoning regulations and the signal problem.

A Neighborhood Opinion Sheet was received showing no objections from the neighbors.

Business Meeting:

Katz moved to approve the application of Wei Wu Guo, 107 Jonathan Lane, for a Variance of Art VIII, B.1.g to install a 24" satellite dish antenna approximately 3' from front property line, as shown on submitted plan.

In favor: Katz

Opposed: Fraenkel, Pellegrine, Singer-Bansal

Abstained: Wright

Reasons for voting against application:

- It's not in keeping with zoning regulations
- It would affect property values - unattractive

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- There is no hardship
- Issue should be addressed by Planning & Zoning

Reasons for voting to approve application:

- No objections from neighbors
- Signal problems is the hardship

Motion failed.

The board members will draft a letter to the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the regulations for dish antennas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2008

Wright moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008 as presented.

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Wright

Secretary



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MEMO

RE: WINCOG REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE UPDATE
TO: WINCOG BOARD
FROM: Martin Brogie, LEP – AKRF, Inc.
DATE: 1/7/09

The following outlines the recent project progress and the upcoming initiatives regarding the regional economic development program.

1. The consulting team held a meeting on 12/23/08 and discussed our regional profile findings and began to formulate topics and formats for the February Forum at UCONN. We are currently considering highlighting/exploring the following topics for discussion and input at the forum:
 - Infrastructure – completing our identification of our infrastructure assessment and indentifying additional infrastructure projects that would benefit the region.
 - Recreation and Tourism – identifying, highlighting, and advertising the regions recreation and tourism opportunities.
 - University and Hospital Links – establishing long term relationships with individuals and departments at the three colleges/universities to foster mutually beneficial economic growth.
 - Agriculture – identify prime agricultural lands that physically promote a strong farming culture as well as add to the rural ambiance of the region. Also, identify and implement all available agricultural business expansion and farmland/open space preservation incentives.
 - Economic Development – establish an economic development system that maintains an inventory of available properties including links to CERC SiteFinder, displays contact and incentive information, and provides those interested in investing in the region with clear direction and a sense of professional development capabilities.
2. On January 6, 2009 a meeting was held at ECSU that included the Presidents of UCONN, ECSU and QVCC with the purposes of fostering expanded relationships and identifying key issues whereby regionalism could provide cross-benefits between the towns and the colleges/universities. Establishment of an expanded transportation system between the UCONN and ECSU/Willimantic areas and the expansion of green power capabilities/infrastructure in the region were highlighted. The development, expansion and public availability of recreation/tourism assets in the region also generated some interest.
3. We estimate that the project is 30% complete and that it is on schedule.

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Editorial

Power lines OK in imperfect world

In an ideal world, every person's home would have an extended array of solar panels to provide heat and electricity. There would be hydrogen fuel cells to provide power and warmth when the sun isn't shining. And a geothermal pump would draw water from the ground circulating it throughout the dwelling to cool homes in the summer and warm them in the winter.

Unfortunately, we don't live in an ideal world.

Solar panels are expensive and the payback isn't economical yet without subsidies and tax breaks at the time of purchase. Fuel cells are even more expensive and potentially explosive. And even geothermal systems cost more for installation and maintenance than they return in a reasonable period. Besides, many homes do not have accessible groundwater beneath their property to use that technology.

Wind power is another potential source of electricity.

But as much as wind power should become a significant source of power, it will still have to be transported from the parts of the country where there is constant wind to areas that can't depend on wind as a power source.

That means, as much as we may dislike or despise them, we are still dependent on large utility companies to provide our electricity.

Which brings us to Connecticut Light and Power's proposal to run high voltage power lines along the route of existing power lines in this area to deliver energy to the state from Canadian hydroelectric plants and wind farms along the New England coast.

These are both "green" sources of power, so you would think "green" advocates would support the plan. Guess again.

So-called green advocates in this area appear to be like green advocate Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who is all for wind power... as long as it isn't off the coast of Cape Cod to spoil his view when he goes sailing.

We fully support the development of various sources of alternate energy that can help light and heat our homes without polluting or contributing to the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

But few alternate energy sources are affordable for ordinary citizens and they won't be until the technology improves and is mass produced at a lower cost.

Until that time, bringing in hydroelectric energy from Canada makes sense.

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Chronicle

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Editorial

We offer these threads, needles

Threads-to-Mansfield municipal employees who recently came out in full force this holiday season to provide food and gifts to some 40 families. Their actions were part of the local human services department's "Adopt a Family" program, which reached out to families in need. In a collapsing economy, folks who may have helped out in past years are now requiring assistance. Thanks to local employees, more families were served this holiday season.

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Mansfield may bill for accident rescues

By CAITLIN M. DINEEN
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — Town council members will solicit public comment at their next meeting regarding a rescue services billing proposal that will have the fire department charging residents for certain rescue services.

The proposed billing plan would have those in a motor vehicle accident receiving assistance from the Mansfield Fire Department paying for the received services.

"We do currently bill for emergency medical services," said fire department chief David Dagon. "This proposal seeks to bill for rescue services."

The proposal will be discussed more at the town council meeting Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. Council members will vote on the plan after the hearing is closed.

Dagon said billing for rescue

services has been an option for the town the past five or six years but, given the current economic state of Mansfield, the department is looking at ways to bring in additional revenue.

According to a summary by Town Manager Matthew Hart, rescue service billing may bring between \$15,000 and \$30,000 in revenue for the department.

Revenue brought in would be used to offset operating costs for administrative support, testing of hydraulic tools and equipment and training for fire department members. Currently, these services are paid for through resident tax dollars, said Dagon.

Each rescue, labeled "light duty," "heavy duty" or "technical duty," has both a low-rate and a high-rate of fees.

Dagon said the rates for each rescue are determined by the number of staff who respond to the call and the types of materials

used for each rescue.

"It would, in most cases, be related to time on the scene," said Dagon. "If we need to have people maintaining a safety zone, if we spend time to extricate someone from a vehicle and if disposable equipment is used."

Although there are both lower and higher rates, Dagon said most rescues fall in the low-rate category.

Light-duty rescues, any rescue utilizing personnel and equipment securing a scene, can cost between \$300 and \$400.

Heavy-duty rescues — rescues involving hydraulic, pneumatic and gas powered tools used to free a victim — can cost between \$500 and \$700.

Technical rescues, including confined spaces rescues, trench rescues and search-and-rescue situations, range between \$800 and \$1,000.

Town Council member Gene Nesbitt said the proposal is legitimate and would benefit the community. "I think it's something that should be considered," he said. "Anything through insurance

is worth considering."

The proposal would not charge people directly and insurance information would be collected at the scene by police and fire officials. For drivers who do not have insurance, they are billed directly, similarly to those without health insurance who pay emergency medical service bills.

According to Dagon, if people are unable to pay the bill in its entirety or can prove financial hardship, the bill may be "excused" and the bill will be erased.

"If they have hardship we take that into account," he said.

Both Dagon and Nesbitt said most auto insurance policies include coverage for rescue services.

"It's just an extension of the emergency services protocol at this point," said Nesbitt. "It's legitimate to maximize the efficiency and minimize the cost of services provided."

Nesbitt said no one can predict if the expected revenue for these services can really be met, but any additional income is helpful.

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Permit final hurdle for new downtown

By CAITLIN M. DINEEN 1/9
Chronicle Staff Writer

STORRS—After countless delays and years of planning, officials for the Storrs Center project and Mansfield Downtown Partnership say they are on the cusp of getting clearance for their final pre-construction hurdle.

Cynthia van Zelm, executive director for the partnership, said the partnership expects to get approval for the project's state traffic commission permit application within the next two months.

An update of the proposal's status was unveiled at a regular open house event Thursday night at the partnership's office at 1244 Storrs Road.

A state Department of Transportation traffic

commission permit is required for the project to move forward and begin construction along Storrs Road (Route 195).

The proposed \$220 million Storrs Center project is a mix of residential developments, retail shops and commercial buildings to be built along Storrs Road from Dog Lane to South Eagleville Road.

It is hoped the massive development will create a college town atmosphere that many critics say is missing at the University of Connecticut.

With approval from the traffic commission, Storrs Road will be widened, have more parking and pedestrian crosswalks will be added.

"I think it really is the last big overarching project authorization," said Tom Callahan,

a member of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's board of directors and associate vice president for administration and operations at UConn.

"Then we can take off on some of these phases and sub-phases."

After gaining approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State Department of Environmental Protection last October, this permit is the final permit required before the partnership can finally break ground.

"After about six, seven or eight years we're getting close to the first tangible signs the project is moving forward," said Callahan. "So that's a good thing."

With the unstable economy, area residents

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Permit final hurdle for new downtown

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have been skeptical the project will get off the ground due to financial shortfalls and lack of funding.

However, officials have said the project will continue, even if it takes longer than expected.

"We've been visiting with lend-

ers and they're prepared to lend for that piece of the project," said Callahan referring to what has been dubbed phase 1A — the north-end section of the project including Dog Lane.

Leyland Alliance, developers for the project, located in Tuxedo, N.Y., are working with the

Mansfield Downtown Partnership to relocate displaced businesses.

Originally, Leyland approached the town requesting \$4 million in funding to subsidize the "Dog Lane 1" building for dislocated tenants.

However, to eliminate the need for subsidized rents for relocated tenants, Leyland redesigned the building as part of a larger development to increase efficiencies and add more potential sites for tenants. This section would include 115 residential units and 20,000 square feet of retail space.

According to Callahan, the pace

of the project depends on how the economy is doing when construction starts.

Callahan and van Zelm said they hope to begin construction as early as mid-summer and, once this phase starts, it should be completed within 12 to 15 months.

"Obviously, we'll build it quicker or slower depending on how the market responds," Callahan said. If the project does not face any addition delays, a new downtown Storrs could be completed within five to eight years, said Callahan.

"People want to see this happen," said van Zelm.

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Mr. Matthew Hart
Town Manager
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Item #16

RE: Letter from Mayor Elizabeth Paterson dated December 1, 2008

Dear Matt,

I am writing to you for two reasons. First, I wanted to thank you and the Town Council for allowing Bob Carberry, Scott Newland and me to address you and the Town Council during the special meeting held on November 10, 2008. During the meeting I promised to provide a one-page summary of results of the studies that are available regarding the impact of new transmission line construction on property values. This summary is provided in Attachment 1 to this letter.

Second, I wanted to provide you and the Town Council with formal answers to the thirteen (13) questions provided to me by Greg Padick prior to the November 10th meeting. These questions and answers are provided in Attachment 2 to this letter.

The questions raised by the Town Council and residents during the meeting appear to be centered around several common themes:

- Project need and benefits
- Potential non-transmission alternatives
- Route design and selection
- Underground transmission
- Environmental impacts

Each theme has been addressed in detail in the answers provided in Attachment 2 and is summarized and answered briefly below.

Project need and benefits

Much of Connecticut's high-voltage electric system was built 30, 40, even 50 years ago in an era when the operating demands on the electric utilities were very different. Today, utilities must meet more stringent national and regional reliability standards, foster a competitive market for power, and embrace the use of clean and renewable energy resources. ISO-New England, the organization responsible for making sure there is a reliable flow of power available in Connecticut and New England, identified numerous weaknesses throughout the power grid, including five specific problems in southern New England. As one of the four NEEWS projects designed to solve those problems, the proposed Interstate Reliability Project will help to ensure the reliability, adequacy and security of Connecticut's, and the rest of southern New England's, power supply. Part of that effort will include strengthening the interstate transfer of electricity among Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.



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Of all the New England states, Connecticut is least able to import multiple out-of-state generation resources to supplement its in-state generation. Connecticut can only import about 30% of its peak electric load, while other New England states can import 50% to 100%. This import constraint threatens system reliability and prompts the need to dispatch higher-cost, less efficient in-state generation. This costs Connecticut consumers money. The Interstate Reliability project will significantly reduce these import constraints, reducing costly congestion charges and providing greater access to cleaner, competitively-priced energy sources that are critical to all of Connecticut's economic health.

Beyond the reliability and import capability benefits listed above, the Project (along with the other NEEWS projects) will have other economic advantages as well. For example, a more reliable and cost-competitive electric system will add to the attractiveness of the state for businesses, bringing jobs and tax revenue to Connecticut. The project facilities themselves will produce additional property tax revenues for the towns in which they are located and, unlike most new construction, these additions to the Grand List will not be accompanied by a requirement for municipal services. Mansfield residents will also realize tax benefits from the proposed project. Based on the May 2008 mil rate, CL&P estimates that, in its first year of service, the proposed project will add over \$350,000 in tax revenues to Mansfield. *(Note that this number is preliminary and depends on what is actually approved and built in Mansfield.)* Unlike most new development, the addition of this project to Mansfield's Grand List will not be accompanied by a requirement for additional municipal services. And, of course, the construction of the large, transmission infrastructure enhancements will generate thousands of Connecticut jobs, including jobs in the local Interstate project area.

Potential non-transmission alternatives

In order to successfully meet the electric demands of consumers, Connecticut must continue to improve its energy efficiency and demand management efforts, add new generation sources, and enhance its aging transmission system. One or two of these actions will not suffice; it will take all three to solve Connecticut's problems.

The Independent System Operator for the region, ISO-New England, has a process in place that encourages the market, e.g., demand-side management providers and generators, to institute programs or build facilities to address identified electric system needs. ISO-New England conducts a comprehensive analysis of the New England system and assesses the need for improvements to the bulk power electric system. The resulting "system needs" are published in its annual Regional System Plan (RSP). If market responses do not adequately address the needs identified in the RSP, then ISO-NE seeks regulated ("backstop") transmission solutions. The five reliability problems in southern New England were first identified in the RSP in 2003.

Route design and selection

To address these system problems, ISO-NE sponsored a working group to develop and analyze potential transmission solutions to address the reliability needs of southern New England. NU and National Grid were part of that group. After years of study, analyzing a series of potential solutions, the working group proposed the transmission solution, NEEWS. The proposed solution was reviewed by various ISO-NE market participant (generators, marketers, customers,



transmission owners, etc.) and technical committees, and received favorable votes, including ISO-NE technical approval in September 2008.

For Interstate, the study identified five potential solution options. Each option included new transmission lines in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Further study was conducted on these five options according to their regional and local system benefits, potential environmental impacts, and costs. The study showed that the proposed Interstate Reliability Project performed better, cost less, and has fewer environmental and social impacts than the other route options.

Underground transmission

We are studying the technical feasibility of using underground cable technology for some sections of the Interstate project and will present these options to the Connecticut Siting Council as part of our application.

Transmission systems must be technically feasible and economically practical. Underground cables cost from five to ten times more than overhead lines to install. In addition, the costs for overhead transmission projects of regional benefit, like the Interstate Reliability Project, are shared by all New England electricity customers. That means that Connecticut customers would pay its share, about 27%, of the cost of an overhead line. However, where lines can be constructed overhead but are put underground instead, there is a high likelihood that most, if not all, of the extra costs of the underground construction would be charged to local (likely Connecticut) consumers. Based on previous decisions from regulators on other transmission projects, none of these costs could be shared regionally.

Environmental impacts

By reducing system bottlenecks through transmission infrastructure improvements, we can reduce or eliminate the need to run higher-emission in-state power plants, supporting New England's Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. And, if Connecticut wants to make serious use of clean, renewable energy sources, we must improve our transmission system because the majority of the renewable sources are, and will likely continue to be, located some distance away. Hydropower is available from Canada and other renewable resources are under consideration in New Hampshire and Maine, yet the existing transmission system does not allow Connecticut to take advantage of these clean, and often competitively-priced, resources.

Building and maintaining a safe, reliable transmission system that has minimal impact on the environment is one of our key goals. During construction, clearing of the rights-of-way is required. We follow industry best management practices, taking care to clear only as much land as necessary while protecting wetlands and wildlife habitats in the process. Ultimately, these rights-of-way are restored to areas dominated by low-growing shrub and grassland species which is beneficial to a wide range of wildlife. Studies by the Audubon Society and National Forest Services have recognized that properly-maintained transmission line rights-of-way provide a much needed habitat for wildlife.



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I hope that you find this information useful. If you would like any further information about the Interstate Reliability Project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-665-4722.

Sincerely,

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- Mansfield Town Council
- State Senator Donald Williams
- State Representative Denise Merrill
- United States Representative Joseph Courtney
- Mark Paquette, Executive Director, Windham Regional Council of Governments
- S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director, Connecticut Siting Council

Appendix 1

Summary Report:

Transmission Lines and

Property Values

Transmission Lines and Property Values

At times, concerns are raised about the effect of electric transmission lines on the value of nearby residential properties, even when the property in question is not subject to an easement for the lines. Such concerns are often based on unsubstantiated and subjective information, rather than on empirical data.

The least subjective and most reliable way to investigate the effect of infrastructure, like transmission lines, power plants, highways or similar facilities, on the value of nearby properties is by statistical analysis of property sales near the infrastructure as compared to sales of similar properties not near the facilities. Computer-assisted "multiple regression" analysis of property data can separate out the effects of a particular factor thought to influence value from other determinants of real estate assessments.

Connecticut Light & Power commissioned James Chalmers, a Ph.D. economist and qualified real estate appraiser, to identify and analyze the multiple regression studies concerning transmission lines that have been reported in published literature. Dr. Chalmers identified 16 such studies, performed over a period of 20 years, throughout the United States and in Canada and New Zealand.

Dr. Chalmers' evaluation of this group of studies¹ concluded that:

- ④ Over time, a consistent pattern developed: about half of the studies found some negative property value effects and half found no negative impacts.
- ④ When effects are found, they:
 - > tend to be small; almost always less than 10% and usually in the range of 3-6%.
 - > decay rapidly as distance to the lines increases and usually disappear at about 200-300 feet away from the infrastructure.
- ④ Two of the studies investigated the behavior of the effect on value over time. These studies found that, if there were effects, they tended to dissipate over time.

- > For instance, one study examining the effect of building a second transmission line on an existing right-of-way found that the initial negative effect of 4-9%, at 300 feet from the centerline of the easement, diminished over time and was gone in 4-5 years.

- ④ Market reaction to nearby high-voltage transmission lines has remained the same since publicity about health concerns related to electric power frequency electric and magnetic fields became widespread in 1992.

Dr. Chalmers found a likely explanation for this data in the results of several surveys of homeowners living adjacent to, or near, transmission lines. These surveys suggest that although buyers may have negative feelings about the lines, for most of them, such feelings do not affect their purchase decision or the price that they agree to pay. Other considerations, such as school district, neighborhood, home condition, etc., carry significantly more weight in the homebuyer's purchase decision process. As such, the presence of transmission lines is not given sufficient weight by buyers and sellers of real estate to have had any consistent, material effect on market value.

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¹ James A. Chalmers, Ph.D.: *Assessing The Impacts of High-Voltage Transmission Lines (HVTL) On Property Values* (April, 2008).

Appendix 2

CL&P's Responses to Questions from the Mansfield Town Council about the Interstate Reliability Project



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11. Is Northeast Utilities willing to incorporate design alternatives and construction procedures to reduce impacts on existing farmland and areas with prime farmland soils within and adjacent to the proposed route through Mansfield? Some specific examples are cited in a September 3, 2008 letter from Mansfield's Agricultural Committee
12. Is Northeast Utilities willing to incorporate blasting procedures including pre- and post-blasting inspections of neighboring properties and a commitment to address any problems that arise due to blasting?
13. Have comments or concerns been requested and/or received from organizations that have a primary mission of protecting the natural environment (such as The Nature Conservancy, The Green Valley Institute, The Naubesatuck Watershed Council, Joshua's Land Trust and municipal Conservation Commissions)? Please address any issues raised by these organizations.

APPENDIX: Descriptions of NERC, ISO-New England, and Mandatory Reliability Standards

QUESTIONS ABOUT PROJECT NEED AND BENEFIT

1. Does the proposed project address any specific needs in Mansfield or other Eastern Connecticut municipalities? Does the project provide any direct or indirect benefits to the Town of Mansfield?
 - The proposed Interstate Reliability Project ("Project") addresses electric transmission system reliability needs and provides benefits to Mansfield, eastern Connecticut, the state of Connecticut, and other New England states. Mansfield and Connecticut as a whole are connected to neighboring electric systems and share in the regional benefits, principally:
 - The Project will strengthen the reliability of the transmission grid in southern New England, in accordance with mandatory national reliability standards, to maintain system integrity and reduce the potential for large-area blackouts.
 - The Project will give the transmission grid greater capacity to move electric power into and across Connecticut as needed, and across the New England region, which enables greater diversity in dispatching generation resources to serve customer demands for electricity.
 - The Project will also bring economic and environmental benefits to Connecticut (including Mansfield and eastern Connecticut) by enabling Connecticut to import more electric power from lower-cost and cleaner generating sources located outside of Connecticut, to serve Connecticut's needs.
 - In eastern Connecticut, the Project will connect two additional 345-kV transmission circuits to the Lake Road Generating Station located in Killingly, CT. This will enhance the ability of the Lake Road Generating Station to serve the electric energy demands of Mansfield and other Connecticut customers. (For a more in-depth explanation, see the answer to Question 7 below.)
 - Mansfield residents will also realize tax benefits from the Project. Based on the May 2008 mil rate, CL&P estimates that, in its first year of service (2014), the Project will add over \$350,000 in tax revenues to Mansfield -- in addition to the approximately \$245,000 CL&P currently pays. (Note that this number is preliminary and depends on what is actually approved and built in Mansfield.) Unlike most new development, the addition of this project to Mansfield's Grand List will not be accompanied by a requirement for additional municipal services.
2. What are the reasons for proposing an increase in inter-state transmission capacity at this time, when other states have focused on integrated resource planning, energy conservation, and localized generation alternatives to address existing and future needs?
 - Connecticut's need for stronger interstate tie-lines surpasses that of the other New England states because Connecticut is a net importer of electric power (i.e., importers use more electricity than they can generate), and yet has the weakest connection to the rest of the New England transmission grid for power imports. As such, Connecticut is the state least able to benefit from cleaner and more competitively priced power

sources which are currently available to other New England states. Construction of a second 345-kV transmission line between Connecticut and Rhode Island, as proposed in the Interstate Reliability Project, will significantly increase Connecticut's ability to import additional electric power, while assuring that the transmission grid will meet national and regional criteria to reliably serve the peak demands for electricity in Connecticut, even when key transmission lines or generators are out of service.

- Connecticut currently relies on older, in-state generation resources that are expensive to operate with long-term questionable viability.
 - Due to Connecticut's limited ability to import electric power from outside Connecticut, several in-state generating plants are currently paid a premium to be ready to run to support system reliability, even though they are unable to compete price-wise with other generating units outside Connecticut. All Connecticut consumers pay these extra costs.
 - Connecticut saw the retirement of two large nuclear power generators about 10 years ago, and while some newer gas-fired plants, like Lake Road in Killingly, have been constructed since, peak loads have grown, and a substantial amount of in-Connecticut generation is now very old, less efficient than newer units and threatened by environmental requirements.
- Interstate transmission lines are being proposed in some fashion for all the New England states as part of ISO-New England's Regional System Plan (RSP)¹ to strengthen the reliability of New England's power grid that can benefit all New England states. Similar to the Project, several of these other New England projects also enhance price competition among generators and enable the movement of low-carbon and renewable power throughout the region.
- Energy conservation, new generation, and new transmission lines all do "different things", and to meet its electric energy needs, Connecticut needs to do all three: continue to improve energy efficiency and demand management, add new generation sources, and strengthen its transmission system. One or two of these actions will not suffice; it will take all three.
- A robust transmission system actually enables a wide range of resources to be used to address Connecticut's existing and future needs:
 - avoids the need to run older, oil-fired, high-emission generating units that are challenged to meet more stringent emissions requirements,
 - allows older less efficient and environmentally challenged generating units to retire without adverse reliability impacts,
 - allows Connecticut customers to access lower cost power generated outside the state,
 - allows Connecticut customers to access low-carbon and renewable power sources located outside the state, and
 - reduces restrictions on the use of some in-state generation and on interconnections of new, local generation.

¹ For an explanation of ISO-NE and the Regional System Plan see Appendix. Included in the RSP (2008 and previous versions) are transmission lines between Vermont and New Hampshire, New Hampshire and Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Rhode Island and Connecticut.

3. To what extent have energy conservation measures been studied as primary means to reduce current and future electricity needs?
- Connecticut's policies give preference to using energy conservation measures to meet present and future electric energy needs². Connecticut is currently ranked first in the nation (along with California and Vermont) in its energy conservation efforts.
 - New energy conservation and peak-demand management programs are routinely recognized in the New England capacity market as "capacity resources," and the load-reducing effects of previous conservation and load management investments (made under state-sponsored programs) are accounted for in the region's peak load forecasts for future years.
 - As part of the Connecticut siting process, the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) also has the authority to issue a Request for Proposals seeking non-transmission alternatives, including energy conservation, for transmission project applications made to the Connecticut Siting Council.
4. Why can't alternative forms of localized energy generation, such as solar, hydro, wind, tidal, fuel cells and co-generation facilities (for example, the co-generation plant recently built at UConn) be relied upon to meet future needs?
- Unlike traditional generation, which is generally available when needed, resources like conservation and load management, wind and solar are considered "variable" in their availability. Given this variability, these resources may not be available when called upon, and therefore cannot be counted on when determining reliability of the transmission system. Consequently, the transmission system must be "sized" with sufficient margin and flexibility to reliably serve customers both when these resources are available and when they are not. Transmission system improvements such as the Interstate Reliability Project enable these variable resources to be reliably integrated into the system by providing the margin needed to bring other power on line when these sources are not available.
 - Connecticut should continue to pursue the development of localized generation, especially from low-carbon and renewable resources. The challenge is that Connecticut's natural conditions afford limited opportunities for small-scale generation as compared to other states (particularly for solar, hydro and wind power), and the higher costs of most of these alternative generating resources have so far impeded wide-scale development of other distributed generation and co-generation sources.
 - To help overcome these impediments, the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) recently ran a capital grants program to incentivize such developments. All of the capacity developed from this program also qualifies to participate in the annual New England auction for new capacity. And the state of Connecticut offers various financial incentives for the installation of photovoltaic and thermal solar systems.
 - Studies indicate that the potential for renewable energy sources like wind, hydro, and biomass is greater in the northern New England states and in eastern Canada than in Connecticut³. Because the Project will strengthen Connecticut's tie with the rest of the New England grid, it will also enable Connecticut to access this developing source of supply for low-carbon and renewable energy from the north.

² See Public Act 07-242.

³ See ISO-NE's 2008 Regional System Plan.

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5. With the use of current installation technology, why can't the entire transmission line through eastern Connecticut be installed underground? It is understood that other countries (and perhaps other states) have required new electric transmission lines to be installed underground to increase reliability, to reduce maintenance costs and to reduce potential impacts on public health and safety.

- CL&P is studying the technical feasibility of using underground cable technology for some sections of the project, and the Siting Council will consider this technology during its consideration of CL&P's application. CL&P has also considered undergrounding the entire project but are not proposing this as an alternative for the following reasons.

- o First, compared with the cost of an overhead line, the cost impact on Connecticut customers of an underground 345-kV transmission line would be significantly greater. The infrastructure requirements of underground 345-kV transmission technology mean that it is typically as much as 10 times more expensive than an overhead transmission line that serves the same purpose. In the case of the Project, an all underground installation could mean a \$2.5 billion price tag for the Connecticut portion instead of the proposed \$250 million price tag.

And due to how regional system costs are allocated in New England, the cost to Connecticut customers would be even greater. The costs for overhead transmission projects of regional benefit, like the Interstate Reliability Project, are shared by all New England customers. This would mean that Connecticut customers would pay only about 27% of the cost of an overhead line (based on Connecticut's share of the New England load). However, where lines can be constructed overhead, but are put underground instead, there is a high likelihood that most, if not all, of the extra costs of the underground construction will not be shared by all New England customers and will instead be charged only to Connecticut customers. So, if the underground cost was 10 times that of an overhead line, Connecticut customers would likely pay something on the order of 30 times what they would have paid for an overhead line.

- o Second, an overhead line can have less environmental impact. Using existing rights-of-way for an overhead transmission line provides the ability to span wetlands and other protected areas as needed with little or no impact. In many cases, underground lines require the acquisition of new rights-of-way under roadways, because the need to bury the lines would adversely impact the environmental resources (such as watercourses, wetlands, and endangered species habitat) on existing rights-of-way. Even when underground cable systems are installed along roadways, they present environmental challenges that could be avoided by overhead lines, such as excavation through environmentally sensitive areas. The multi-acre transition stations and other facilities associated with the underground cables also expand the environmental impact of an underground line, since they require the acquisition of -- and construction on -- additional real estate outside of the ROW.
- o Finally, the operation and maintenance (O&M) and power-loss costs of underground lines relative to overhead lines should be considered in the context of the overall "life-cycle" costs. While the O&M and loss costs of underground transmission cable systems and associated equipment can be

lower than those of overhead lines, the savings in O&M is slight when compared with the significant initial capital costs of building an underground cable system as well as the extensive time and expense it takes to repair an underground line fault.

- There may be some misunderstanding about just how prevalent underground transmission technology is around the world, particularly at transmission voltages over 300 kV. For the most part, underground transmission lines are built in urban or highly developed areas, where most often they can be networked in shorter lengths with strong generation sources to ensure greater reliability. A 2007 report prepared by an international study group found that in the AC voltage range of 315 to 500 kV, only a half-percent of the total circuit length over land in the world has been installed as underground cables.
- Underground technology for higher voltages, like that proposed for the Project, is significantly different than that of low-voltage electric lines that supply a housing development. High-voltage underground transmission lines like the proposed 345-kV line require a lot of infrastructure, including multi-acre yards, known as "transition stations", which have to be built wherever the line transitions from overhead to underground or back again.

Between transition stations, the infrastructure that is put into the ground is massive. For example, underground splice vaults are required every 1,500 feet or so. Each splice vault is about 30 feet long by 8 feet wide, and 8 feet in height. As the vaults need to be buried several feet below ground, excavations for these splice vaults are extensive.

6. Can the Mansfield route be utilized without approval by the Army Corps of Engineers of an expanded right-of-way through Mansfield Hollow State Park? When is an Army Corps of Engineers decision expected? Will Northeast Utilities incorporate the Windham alternative if Army Corps of Engineers approval is not obtained, or will other alternative routes be pursued?

- To support the proposed lower-cost, lower-environmental-impact route, CL&P is requesting a limited widening of the right-of-way through Mansfield Hollow State Park and Mansfield Hollow Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (together Mansfield Hollow Area), and we will work with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) in any way we can to further minimize the impact on the Park. If we are not able to obtain ACOE approval for expansion of the right-of-way through the Mansfield Hollow Area, the variations presented in the Municipal Consultation Filing would have to be considered.
- On September 12, 2008, we submitted a report to the ACOE which evaluated the environmental impacts of constructing the proposed line through the Mansfield Hollow Area compared to the Willimantic South overhead and underground variations. The ACOE has indicated that a 3- to 5-month process will be followed to review this document.
- In a December 1, 2008, letter to the ACOE, we clarified our right-of-way easement request. We presently have a 150-foot wide easement through the Mansfield Hollow Area. We are requesting an additional width of 55 feet for a 1-mile long segment through Mansfield Hollow State Park in Mansfield and 85 feet for a half-mile long segment through the Mansfield Hollow WMA in Chaplin. These different additional widths are based on the different line configurations we would propose for those two segments – configurations that match what is presently on the right-of-way.

- If the ACOE does not allow right-of-way expansion for construction of the proposed line, the Siting Council may decide that further evaluation of the Willimantic South variations may be necessary prior to deciding on a final route through this area. However, both of these variations have higher project costs and each variation will have some impact on area residents. There are also more environmental concerns for the Willimantic South overhead variation, as new right-of-way would need to be acquired for the entire length of the variation.
7. Assuming an increase in interstate transmission capacity can be justified at this time, why was the eastern Connecticut route selected when alternatives, such as C-1 and C-2 appear feasible? These alternative routes would utilize existing transportation corridors that link existing and anticipated concentrations of development. Connecticut's Policies Plan for Conservation and Development does not recommend intensive growth along the proposed eastern Connecticut route.
- The proposed project was developed over years of study by a working group consisting of ISO-NE, Northeast Utilities, and National Grid and is superior in several ways to the C-1 and C-2 alternatives, as well the other alternatives that were carefully evaluated. Overall, the Project has better reliability, costs less and has fewer environmental impacts than the other options studied.
 - The system needs in southern New England were first anticipated in the 2003 Regional System Plan and more fully articulated in the 2006 Regional System Plan. Also, during this period, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) initiated mandatory reliability standards in the wake of the 2003 Northeast Blackout, and these standards were integrated into the Regional System Plans.⁴ After ISO-NE completed a Needs Analysis⁵, it directed the working group to develop and analyze potential transmission system solutions.
 - The resulting Options Analysis⁶ report identified five solution "options" (Options A through E, thus the reference to "C-1" and "C-2" in the question) for what became known as the Interstate Reliability Project. Every option included new transmission lines between existing substations, connecting different sets of substations in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Every option thus would build new lines on different routes, in whole or in part (Ref. Municipal Consultation Filing Volume 1, Section IV.G).
 - Building on ISO-NE's Options Analysis, NU and National Grid conducted a study that led to an August 2008 "Solution Report for the Interstate Reliability Project," which was included within the Municipal Consultation Filing ("MCF"). This study evaluated the five options according to their regional transmission system benefits, the potential environmental impacts of building on the routes associated with each option, and their costs. The Project as proposed was determined to perform better, cost less, and have fewer environmental and social impacts.
 - Specifically, the Project design:

⁴ For an explanation of NERC and the mandatory reliability standards, see the Appendix.

⁵ The Needs Analysis, officially known as *Southern New England Transmission Reliability, 'Report - Needs Analysis'*, was issued as draft in August 2006 and as final in January 2008. The final version was included as Document SD.05 in Volume 4 of the Interstate MCF.

⁶ The Options Analysis, officially known as *New England East-West Solutions (Formerly Southern New England Transmission Reliability) Report 2, Options Analysis*, was issued as draft in June 2007 and as final in June 2008. The final version was included as Document SD.05.1 in Volume 4 of the Interstate MCF.

- Provides Connecticut with more import capacity under conditions when imports are especially needed, as when the Connecticut system loses a critical element, like a major generator or the existing CT- RI 345-kV transmission line,
 - Enhances east-to-west and west-to-east power-transfer capacity across Connecticut and southern New England,
 - Increases Connecticut and Rhode Island access to generation in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England, including more cost-competitive supply and supply from low-carbon and renewable sources,
 - Provides a second 345-kV system connection to the Lake Road Generating Station to enhance its load serving capabilities in Connecticut. Having the Lake Road generation count as part of Connecticut's capacity will benefit Connecticut in several ways. First, it will allow Lake Road to Participate as a Capacity Resource in the Forward Capacity Market in Connecticut. This will mitigate the possibility of Connecticut becoming a separate Capacity Zone in future Forward Capacity Auctions, which will keep installed Capacity costs down for Connecticut consumers. Secondly, it will allow Lake Road to participate in the Local Forward Reserve Market. Connecticut is a Reserve Zone that is deficient in Local Thirty Minute Operating Reserve. Although Lake Road will not be able to relieve the entire Thirty Minute Operating Reserve deficiency, when combined with other future resources, it will help mitigate the costs associated with Local Forward Reserve requirements in Connecticut. In addition, any increase in the parallel path for electricity will help reduce congestion costs, and therefore energy costs for the Connecticut Load Zone.
- Alternatives designated C-1 and C-2 represent different solutions for the interstate reliability need, and they involve new lines not only on different routes, but also connecting to different substations. Consequently, the type C solutions do not provide equivalent system benefits with the proposed solution.
 - Specific reasons why both Options C-1 and C-2 were not the recommended transmission solution when compared with the proposed project are that they:
 - make only one substation-to-substation connection (Millbury to Manchester). The proposed project makes three substation-to-substation connections (Millbury to West Farnum, West Farnum to Lake Road, and Lake Road to Card Street) and therefore provides more system reliability benefit.
 - do not provide a 345-kV connection to Lake Road Generating Station in Killingly. Consequently, the associated benefits described above could not be achieved.
 - Specific additional reasons why Option C-1 was not the recommended transmission solution when compared with the proposed project are that Option C-1:
 - Is estimated to cost over \$70 million more than the proposed Project;
 - Would require all new transmission right-of-way running alongside of Interstate-84.
 - Would require the acquisition of 475 acres of new ROW – 80% of which belongs to private owners (about 380 acres); and
 - Would have greater visibility than if an existing transmission ROW were used.

- Specific reasons why Option C-2 was not the recommended transmission solution when compared with the proposed project are that:
 - Option C-2 is estimated to cost over \$30 million more to build than the proposed Project and would also increase the cost to build another proposed project – the Manchester to Meekville Junction Circuit Separation, which is now before the Siting Council.
 - The potential for adverse effects on the natural and human environment associated with Option C-2 is greater than that for the proposed Interstate Reliability Project. Route assessment studies indicate that, compared to the proposed project, Option C-2 would:
 - Traverse about 140 more acres of wetlands;
 - Be aligned with or near approximately 335 more acres of known habitat of state or federally-listed protected species;
 - Traverse an additional 90 acres of park or other designated public lands; and
 - Traverse more populated areas, passing by approximately 47% more residences.

8. If other interstate transmission projects are approved, will this alter the need for the proposed eastern Connecticut project? Please explain.
- The other New England East-West Solution (NEEWS) projects in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island complement each other. They are not alternatives to each other. However, the projects have been designed to complement each other such that their combined benefit to the system will be optimized. For instance, the Greater Springfield Reliability Project, which is presently before siting regulators in Connecticut and Massachusetts, is designed to solve specific transmission system problems in the greater Springfield and north-central Connecticut areas. It is an independent project, in that its implementation does not alter the need for the proposed Interstate Reliability Project in eastern Connecticut, Rhode Island, and central Massachusetts. Even so, it has been carefully designed to complement the Interstate Reliability Project and provide synergies.

QUESTIONS ABOUT LOCAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

9. What alternatives or mitigation measures is Northeast Utilities willing to incorporate to eliminate or significantly reduce potential impacts for statutory facilities located along the proposed route in Mansfield? These statutory facilities include:
- The Mount Hope Montessori School and Green Dragon Day Care Center
 - The S. Charron Home Daycare Center
 - Mansfield Hollow State Park with multi-use fields and trails
 - Residences on Bassetts Bridge Road, Highland Road, Stone Ridge Lane and Hawthorne Lane

Specific responses for each statutory facility would be appreciated. Potential alternatives or mitigations that should be considered include:

- Underground service for all or portions of the Mansfield segment
- Funding of School relocation

- Relocation/redesign of support structures and existing and proposed lines
 - Use of single pole support structures for existing and/or proposed transmission lines
 - Establishment of new vegetative buffers
 - Reduction of tree removal
- It's our policy to attempt to work out acceptable solutions with all who have concerns about how the proposed project could affect their property.
 - Since the question references "statutory facilities", we take that to refer to Connecticut law initiated in 2004 by Public Act 04-246, which identified facilities for which special consideration should be given with respect to magnetic fields, and we offer what follows as an explanation of how we seek to comply with the Siting Council's requirements in this area.
 - The state statute cited above requires a "presumption" of installing new 345-kV lines underground when adjacent to statutory facilities unless this can be proven to be technically infeasible or too costly for CT consumers. The Siting Council's consideration of new overhead 345-kV lines adjacent to statutory facilities is governed by a requirement to follow electric and magnetic field best management practices. The charter of the Siting Council requires it to properly balance considerations of reliability, environmental impact, and cost to Connecticut customers when considering the design of a project.
 - To comply with the law, our application to the Siting Council will identify potential underground line variations in certain areas. These have been described in the Municipal Consultation Filing as the Willimantic South Variations (section VI.C.1), the Mansfield Underground Variation (section VI.C.2) and the Mount Hope Underground Variation (section VI.C.3.2).

10. What alternative strategies or designs have you incorporated or would you consider to reduce the strength of and potential impacts of electric and magnetic fields (EMF)?

- As part of the preparation of our application to the Siting Council, we'll identify areas of the proposed route where we propose to reduce magnetic fields according to the Siting Council's EMF Best Management Practices.
- In order to determine alternative overhead designs for reducing magnetic fields, we start with what would be a "base design" – that is, the design we would propose if special measures were not sought for giving added attention to magnetic fields. As a good engineering practice, our base design gives some no-cost consideration to magnetic fields. For instance, when adding a second line along side an existing line, the new line can be "phased" in such a way as to partially cancel the magnetic fields of the existing line.
- In the case of the line design in Mansfield, the base line design is what is known as a "horizontal configuration" that incorporates two no-cost magnetic field measures:
 1. The best phasing with the existing circuit for field cancellation, and
 2. Locating the new line close to the existing line.

(Note: sufficient ROW width exists in most of Mansfield to allow for the proposed line to be located up to 50 feet closer to the north ROW edge, but we have decided not to propose doing that, because by not shifting the line north we can allow some taller vegetation nearer to the north ROW edge to remain and we achieve better magnetic field reductions.)

- These design choices, together with the initial reduction of current in the existing line (resulting from the sharing of load with the second line), will have the effect of reducing magnetic fields on the south edge of the right-of-way (ROW). Magnetic fields would increase on the north ROW edge from what they are today, but to levels much lower than on the south edge.
- Going beyond the no-cost achievements of the base design described above, CL&P is developing other design options for the Siting Council to consider in a Field Management Design Plan. To give you a sense of considerations that go into the Field Management Design Plan, here are two of the line-design options being evaluated:
 - Taller monopole structures with line conductors in either a delta (triangle) or a vertical arrangement, and
 - "Split-phasing" -- a line of single monopole structures with two sets of vertically arranged conductors to form a split-phase line.
- While alternative line designs will yield magnetic field reductions on the northern ROW edge, by comparison with the base design, all would give back some of the reduction that the base design achieves on the southern ROW edge.
- We will develop cost estimates for each of the options in the Mansfield areas identified in your question -- and at other locations in other towns along the route. We will then make recommendations to the Siting Council, in accordance with the Council's EMF Best Management Practices.

11. Is Northeast Utilities willing to incorporate design alternatives and construction procedures to reduce impacts on existing farmland and areas with prime farmland soils within and adjacent to the proposed route through Mansfield? Some specific examples are cited in a September 3, 2008 letter from Mansfield's Agricultural Committee.

- Our intent overall is to minimize and manage the impact of construction on all local residents and businesses, whatever the land is being used for. When it comes to farmland, our goal is to also minimize the impact on its productive use during construction and to restore it to a condition equal to, or better than, pre-construction, soon after construction is completed.
- We will identify, in consultation with owners of agricultural land, construction practices that will minimize damage to agricultural land as part of a Development and Management (D&M) Plan we will submit for approval to the Siting Council after the Project is approved. Farmers may nevertheless experience loss of crop production due to construction activities, and it is our policy to provide fair compensation for such losses.

12. Is Northeast Utilities willing to incorporate blasting procedures including pre- and post- blasting inspections of neighboring properties and a commitment to address any problems that arise due to blasting?

- At this time, we do not know if blasting will be necessary for the Project. However, if blasting is required, a certified blasting contractor will be hired and will conduct pre- and post-blasting surveys in accordance with State regulations and an approved blasting plan. If blasting becomes an anticipated construction method, it will be among the construction practices that will be addressed in our Development and Management (D&M) Plan submitted to Siting Council for approval.

13. Have comments or concerns been requested and/or received from organizations that have a primary mission of protecting the natural environment (such as The Nature Conservancy, The Green Valley Institute, The Naubesatuck Watershed Council, Joshua's Land Trust and municipal Conservation Commissions)? Please address any issues raised by these organizations.

- As part of our outreach efforts, we have briefed the following environmental organizations:

Connecticut Cooperative Extension
Quinebaug & Shetucket Heritage Corridor
Audubon Connecticut
Connecticut Audubon Society
Connecticut Forest and Park Association
Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters
Connecticut River Watershed Council
Connecticut Trust for Public Land
Environment Connecticut
Environment Northeast
The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut Chapter
Rivers Alliance of Connecticut
Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality

- We have responded to questions resulting from those meetings and continue to brief those and other organizations as appropriate.
- Our conversations with members of these environmental organizations have focused on wetland mitigation, vegetation management, river crossings and pesticide application policies. We have let them know that we do extensive field surveying and mapping and use this information when designing a line. We work hard to minimize the environmental impacts; In fact, we have environmental scientists on staff to support this effort. We have to gain approvals from the Department of Environmental Protection and Army Corps of Engineers. Our plan for construction is prepared and reviewed to minimize impacts, such as by avoiding vernal pools and the breeding season of engendered species. We also expect to employ independent environmental analysts to monitor our work and file reports with the Siting Council.

- Plus, local inland wetland agencies can participate in the Siting Council application review as an intervenor.
- We look forward to continuing our dialogue with members of the environmental community and working together to minimize the environmental impacts of our transmission upgrade projects. To this end, we will reach out to the organizations that you've listed in your question.

APPENDIX:
Descriptions of NERC, ISO-New England, and Mandatory Reliability
Standards

NEWS

1. WHAT IS NERC?

- After the 2003 Northeast Blackout, Congress passed the 2005 Energy Policy Act (EPAct 2005).
- EPAct 2005 directed FERC to establish an Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) responsible for establishing and enforcing mandatory reliability standards for the US bulk power system.
- The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), up to then an organization based on voluntary reliability standards, was reconstituted as the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (still NERC) and was authorized by FERC to be the ERO.
- NERC began to establish and audit mandatory reliability standards in 2006 and has the authority to impose fines of up to \$1 million/day
- By establishing NERC as an ERO with the ability to impose heavy fines, Congress has sent a clear signal that reliability standards are a national priority.

2. HOW DOES NERC ADOPT AND ENFORCE RELIABILITY STANDARDS?

- NERC adopts new reliability standards by means of a three-step process:
 1. Public Posting of a proposed standard to allow interested stakeholders to review and provide comments on the need for the proposed standard and the expected outcomes and impacts from implementing the proposed standard.
 2. Formal Balloting of the standard for approval by a ballot pool, using the NERC weighted segment voting model that gives various market segments voting authorization.
 3. Adoption and Implementation by NERC requires all parties to comply and be measured against the reliability standards subject to monetary penalties for non-compliance.
- In general, the NERC standards are based on electric system requirements covering system planning, design, operations, and maintenance to ensure the reliability of the bulk power system. Many of these standards have been developed over the years by regional reliability organizations and by NERC itself.
- The Independent System Operator – New England (ISO-NE) participates in the development of reliability standards and plans and operates the electric power grid in New England in accordance with the standards.

- NERC enforces the standards by means of extensive compliance reporting and detailed audits and, as mentioned above, for findings of non-compliance is authorized to levy fines of up to \$1 million/day.

3. WHAT IS ISO-NE?

- The electric power industry began undergoing a substantial change when the federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 created open transmission access by mandating that all utilities allow other generators the use of their lines. Then, in 1996, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued orders (Orders 888 and 889) to further encourage wholesale competition by requiring owners of transmission facilities to provide access on request and on a fair and nondiscriminatory basis.
- ISO-NE is the Independent System Operator - New England, formed in 1997 in response to these changes in the electric power industry that required an independent planner and operator of the bulk power system and an impartial administrator of electric power markets.
- Within a decade, every state in New England except Vermont enacted legislation to "restructure" retail electricity markets. Restructuring profoundly changed the operational demands and management requirements of the grid – as the existing "patch work" system had to be made to seamlessly and continuously function across the region.

4. WHAT DOES ISO-NE DO, AND HOW DOES A PROJECT GAIN ISO-NE TECHNICAL APPROVAL?

- ISO-NE operates New England's bulk power system 24/7.
- ISO-NE assesses the need for improvements to the New England bulk power electric system and publishes system needs in its annual Regional System Plan (RSP).
- ISO-NE considers market responses, such as generation, demand resources and merchant transmission, to published system needs. If market responses do not eliminate or address system-wide or area-specific reliability needs, then ISO-NE develops regulated transmission solutions or evaluates such solutions proposed by Transmission Owners such as CL&P.

Proposed transmission solutions are typically presented to various ISO-NE committees comprised of New England market participants (generators, marketers, Transmission Owners, customers, etc.) for comment at multiple points during their development. If ISO-NE, through this stakeholder process determines that a transmission plan provides the best solution to an identified need, then the Transmission Owner must obtain technical approval from ISO-NE in order to implement the plan. The Transmission Owner must first demonstrate to the ISO-NE Reliability Committee that the proposed plan will not materially adversely impact neighboring electric systems, and then obtain ISO-NE approval of the final plans. CL&P and National Grid have recently received both the required favorable Reliability Committee vote and the formal ISO-NE technical approval for all the NEEWS projects, including the Interstate Reliability Project.

- WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ELECTRIC RELIABILITY STANDARDS, AND HOW ARE IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS DESIGNED TO COMPLY WITH THEM?
- The purpose of electric reliability standards is to ensure that the electric system is planned, engineered, operated, and maintained in a manner that minimizes disruption of service to customers. Of particular concern are potential disruptions which could

cascade across the region's bulk power system causing widespread outages, safety issues, and significant economic losses.

- There are two aspects of electric system reliability: Adequacy and Security.
 1. Adequacy is defined as the "ability of the system to supply the aggregate electric power and energy requirements of the consumers at all times."
 2. Security is defined as "the ability of the system to withstand sudden disturbances" – like the sudden loss a generator or a transmission line.
- Restructuring of the electric industry in Connecticut (which separated power generation companies from the utilities that deliver the power) has created significant new challenges to ensuring system ADEQUACY.
 - Since restructuring, generation has been developed primarily by private entrepreneurs, who locate new plants according to economic considerations and site characteristics rather than proximity to consumer demand.
 - Therefore, from a minute-to-minute reliability standpoint, adequacy is threatened because some generating plants are not optimally located and the transmission system cannot fully accommodate power flows.
 - Transmission upgrades are designed to accommodate a wide range of "dispatch" and "load" scenarios so that bottlenecks on the system do not limit the movement of supply resources (power) or the benefit area of demand resources (load reductions).
- A key element of reliability criteria designed to assure system SECURITY is the consideration of "contingency" events – the sudden loss of critical generation and/or transmission facilities.
 - Transmission capacity for an area must be designed not only to transmit imported power required to offset anticipated generating deficits under normal conditions, but also to transmit power reliably following specific contingencies.
 - The reliability criteria seek to assure that the transmission system will survive contingencies even if they occur when the system is serving peak loads and is under stress.
 - To evaluate compliance with applicable reliability standards, planning contingencies (or shocks to the system) are simulated on computer models developed to represent actual and future system conditions.
 - If the simulation shows that transmission lines will overload and/or voltage will not be maintained within acceptable limits under one or more of the contingencies for which the system must be designed, corrective action must be implemented in order to maintain the reliability of the electric grid.



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January 8, 2009

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Dear Town Administrator:

As a municipal leader in Connecticut you know all too well that the current economic environment is fraught with many challenges. As you may be aware, the Eastern Highlands Health District is not immune and experiencing many of these same challenges. So with this letter, I want to bring to your attention some of issues confronting us and changes the EHHD will be implementing in the near future in an effort to address these challenges.

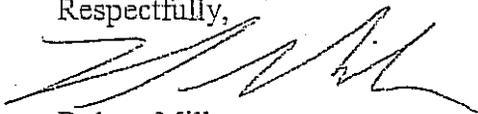
As you may be aware, the EHHD is experiencing a significant work slowdown and associated loss of revenue due to the slumping housing market. At this point in time, no near term change in this condition is anticipated. As a consequence, the EHHD is compelled to consider other alternative means of weathering this current economic downturn. Towards that end, the EHHD Board of Directors has authorized me to execute a service agreement with the Chatham Health District to provide environmental health services. This agreement effectively reduces our field sanitarian workforce by one full-time equivalent, effective January 20, 2009, with no further appropriations for this position anticipated for FY09/10.

Now while the EHHD does not anticipate a change in the quality, or scope of services from this staff reduction, a reorganization of the routine workload assignments amongst the remaining field sanitarian is necessary. Some member towns may have new sanitarians assigned while, at the very least, member towns hosting satellite offices will experience a decline in health district staff presence within those offices. Towns with significant changes, such as a new sanitarian or substantive change in office hours, will be notified individually. The staff reorganization will take effect February 2, 2009.

We ask for your understanding and patience as we transition our staff and work to continue our practice of providing high quality environmental health services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Robert Miller
Director of Health

cc: Board of Directors

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Safety Net Sub-Committee Report
January 9, 2009

Item #18

Goal #1: Ensure the system of care facilitates the initial and continued engagement of people experiencing homelessness.

Progress made:

- The Covenant Soup Kitchen remains the focal entity for the homeless in the area.
- A part time case manager was added to the staff this past year. Outreach workers from the medical field, mental health services, substance abuse centers visit the Soup Kitchen daily. The part time case manager also works part time for the No Freeze Center.
- The Soup Kitchen purchased St. Paul's Church. They currently close at 4pm, which leaves a gap of 4 hours before the No Freeze Center opens.
- The First Baptist Church in Willimantic offers dinner on 4 nights per week (Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), which helps with the gap in time.
- The Windham No Freeze Hospitality Center is opened on November 24, 2008 at a new location at Main Street. They signed an 18-month lease so they won't need to look for a new place next winter. Capacity is 28 adults and they are open from 8pm – 7am.

Goal #2: Develop seamless service delivery system and continuity in care for people experiencing homelessness.

Progress made:

- The Safety Net Team has been meeting since November 2007. The Team consists of social service agencies, substance abuse treatments centers, Social Security, Generations Family Health Center, Windham Hospital, Natchaug Hospital, Law Enforcement, Veteran's outreach, etc.
- Between November and May, the Safety Net Team meets every 2 weeks to keep up to date on homeless individuals.
- Last winter, 87 homeless individuals signed releases to allow the Team to discuss their situation. According to my records:
 - 34 found housing
 - 8 (confirmed) left/ moved out of town and
 - 5 remained homeless
 - 40 remaining individuals were mostly those who came for one or two nights then left the area.

- Of the 34 that found housing, many individuals applied for
 - Social Security benefits
 - State benefits
 - Housing applications
 - Received proper medical care
 - Admitted to substance abuse treatment centers.
- A resource directory for providers has been developed and is continually being updated.
- Law enforcement personnel are engaged with the Team to discuss difficult cases and work closely with outreach workers.
- Without the assistance of the hard work of many individuals on the Safety Net Team, some, most of the individuals that found housing would still be on the street today.

Goal #3: Ensure everyone in the Greater Windham Region experiencing homelessness has access to health care and dental care.

Progress made:

- Generations Health Clinic plays a vital role on the Safety Net Team and assists those who need medical attention and evaluations for Social Security disability determinations.
- Accessibility to dental care remains a concern for those who are on SAGA benefits. Generations Family Health Center, in partnership with the Windham Public Schools and EASTCONN received a grant to provide children in the Windham schools preventative dental services. The program expanded to the homeless shelters and Soup Kitchen. Until there is an increase in reimbursement rates for dental services, it will remain difficult to find area dentists willing to take SAGA clients.

Goal #4: Expand the availability of essential supports for housing retention and homeless prevention.

Progress made:

- Collaboration continues with Windham Regional Community Council (WRCC), United Services, Access Community Action Agency and Windham Area Interfaith Ministry and the housing programs they operate.
- Discussion has taken place with the Safety Net Team members regarding the expansion of duties to include eviction prevention.
- Discussion regarding revisiting the Windham Housing Intervention Fund structure
- Windham Human Services sent notices to all major apartment complexes to encourage residents under eviction to contact Human Services Office to explore options.

Goal #5: People being discharged from institutions and facilities who are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness will be assisted by such institution to access appropriate permanent housing.

Progress made:

- Discussion with Windham Hospital and Natchaug Hospital regarding their discharge procedures
- After much discussion, the Safety Net Sub-Committee came to a consensus that this goal might be something that needs to be discussed at the Legislative level.
- More work to be done

Goal #6: Ensure that the unique needs of the region's homeless veterans are addressed.

Progress made:

- Veteran's Homeless Outreach worker attends the Safety Net Team Meetings; assists with placement of homeless Vets in transitional housing programs; assists with benefits counseling
- Veteran's advisor currently transports Veterans for medical appointments to VA hospitals
- Exploring possible grant funds to assist Veteran's advisor to transport Veteran's to out of region medical appointments.

The Safety Net Sub-Committee is meeting on a monthly basis and is reviewing the goals recommended in the Ten Year Plan. The Ten Year Plan is a living document and will change as circumstances change and we will continue to revise the current goals and make additions where there are gaps. At our last meeting, concern was expressed that families were not mentioned as much as they should have been. For example, at a recent Safety Net Team meeting, it was reported that there were 73 homeless children in the Windham Public School System.

The next Safety Net Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled on January 13, 2009.

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In The Cold, Small Preserve Is Ideal

January 18, 2009

With the area deep in the grips of a real New England winter, those venturing outdoors probably don't want to go too far from their warm cars. So with that in mind, head out to Merrow Meadow Park - a small preserve on the banks of the Willimantic River in Mansfield.

The town and the state have teamed up to preserve a wide swath of river frontage between the river and the Central Vermont Railroad line. A parking area on Merrow Road allows visitors to visit both the 15-acre park and state-owned Spring Manor Trail located directly to the south.

With much of the trail running through thick hemlock and oak forests, the park is sheltered from the wind.

There are plenty of side trails where visitors can stop and watch the frozen river flow past.

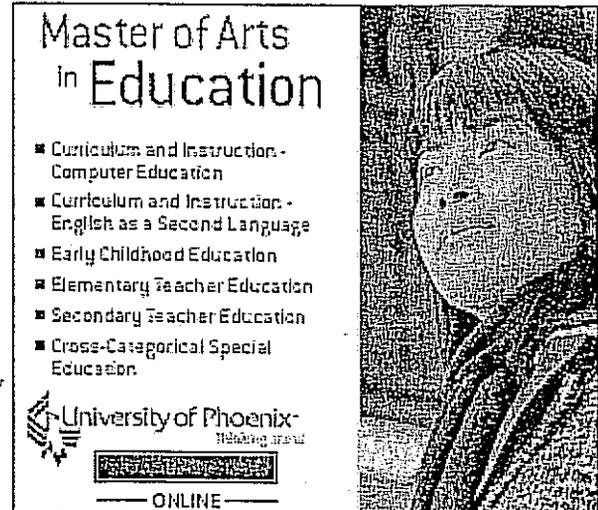
The land for the 15-acre park was originally donated to the town in 1990 by the Merrow family, for which the village of Merrow, a section of Mansfield, is named. At one time, the family operated a gunpowder factory in a building along the railroad tracks. But after two explosions, the factory was converted to other industrial uses.

The park opened in 1998 and includes both gravel and paved hiking trails. The paved loop trail - approximately 1/3 of a mile long - has several viewing spots. One spot is right on the banks of the Willimantic allowing visitors a spot to fish or just watch the river flow past. The gravel path is about a 1/4 -mile long and winds along the river and through the surrounding forests. When the snow is gone, the paths are handicapped accessible and include a fishing ramp.

There are 17 numbered posts or "educational stations" along both loops. Nature guides are available at the parks and recreation office in town hall at 4 S. Eagleville Road. At the stations, visitors can learn about everything from the fish species in the river to vernal pools that dot the park.

For those who want to enjoy a longer stroll, the gravel path connects with the white-blazed Spring Manor Farm trail traveling about 1.5 miles south to the village of Mansfield Depot. This trail is absolutely breathtaking, bringing visitors right along the banks and through a dark forest filled with huge oaks, hemlocks and white pines that block out much of the sunlight. Huge overlooks along the trail give visitors commanding views of the river valley.

Merrow Street is off Route 32 about 1.5 miles north of the intersection with Route 44. No motorized



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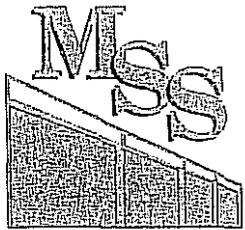


vehicles are allowed and dog owners are asked to clean up after their animals.

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January 5, 2009

Item #20

Mr. John Jackman, Fire Marshall
Town of Mansfield
Mansfield Town Hall
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Jackman,

Mansfield Self Storage, LLC would like to continue offering assistance to our Mansfield neighbors who suffer loss or severe fire damage to their Mansfield homes for the calendar year of 2009. We will provide a 10' X 15' storage unit rent-free for 3 months to any victims of fire. The units will be subject to availability.

Hopefully, there will not be a need for our neighbors to use this service, but in the event that they do, we felt that this would be our small way of lessening their loss.

Please let all of the appropriate Mansfield Fire Departments' personnel know of this offer. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Noelle Sawtelle
Manager
Mansfield Self Storage, LLC

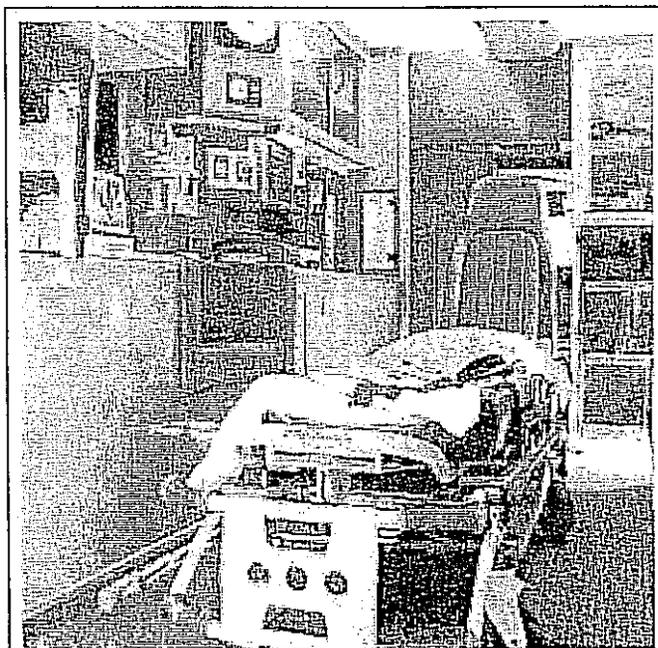
cc: Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Matthew Hart, Town Manager

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[updated] Fire department asks council to OK fees for rescue services

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

Thursday, January 15, 2009



The interior of the department's new rescue vehicle. File photo by Brenda Sullivan.

The goal is to offset some of the department's operating expenses, such as replacing materials, testing equipment, specialized training and administrative support.

The Town Council has been asked to consider fees for rescue services.

A "rescue services revenue recovery program" proposal submitted by Fire Chief Dagon came before the council at its Jan. 12 meeting.

The goal is to offset some of the department's operating expenses, such as replacing materials, testing equipment, specialized training and administrative support.

Chief Dagon has met with Certified Ambulance Group, which already handles the department's ambulance billing, and determined that CAG could also take over the new billing, if it is approved.

The kinds of services that would be billed include:

- Light duty rescue - any rescue using personnel and equipment to secure and protect an emergency location - involving the use of hand tools, absorbent materials, reflective materials and combustible-warning materials - for a fee ranging from \$300 to \$400
- Heavy duty rescue - same as above but also using hydraulic, pneumatic or gas-powered tools to free a trapped victim - for a fee of \$500 to \$700

- Technical rescue - including but not limited to confined space, vertical, trench or search and rescue emergencies - for a fee ranging from \$800 to \$1,000

The fees, as recommended by CAG, would be affected by considerations such as the complexity of the operation, time on the scene, number of personnel deployed and the kind of equipment that is used.

It's estimated that the department could collect fees totaling from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

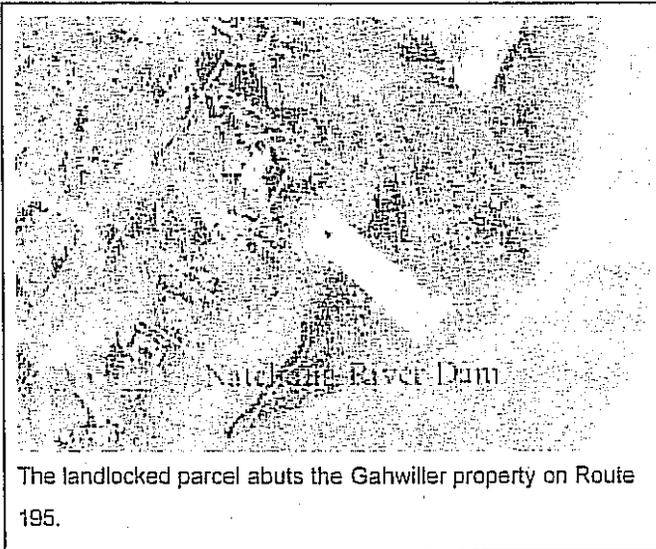
[Update] The Town Council voted to hold a public hearing on the proposal at its regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 26. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and public comment will be taken at 7:45 p.m. Written comments also can be sent to the Town Manager's Office, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 before the public hearing date. A copy of the proposal also can be viewed in the Town Clerk's office.

Posted Jan. 15 - updated Jan. 16, 2009

Potter land deal would clear up unpaid taxes

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

Monday, January 19, 2009



The land would be sold for taxes owed plus expenses.

A piece of property that's been racking up unpaid taxes will be the subject of a 7:30 p.m. public hearing at the Town Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 26.

The town wants to accept a deed for the parcel, which is slightly more than a half acre, and then sell it to the Gahwiler

family at 299 Storrs Road (Route 195). The landlocked parcel abuts their property.

The 0.686-acre parcel is assessed at \$2,100, according to a Jan. 12 memo from Town Manager Matt Hart to the Town Council.

The lot would be sold to the Gahwillers for taxes owed, plus expenses.

Back taxes and fees, dating back to the Grand List of 1999, total \$472.75, Hart said.

The land is one of a number of properties that belonged to the late Theodore Potter. All the other parcels have been sold. The remaining property's trustee, Robert K. Miller, has agreed to deed the land to the town to clear the tax debt.

The town's Open Space Preservation Committee reviewed the property, concluded that it would not be worth acquiring for open space because it doesn't meet the criteria of Mansfield's Plan of Conservation and Development, and voted on Dec. 16, 2008 to support the town's arrangement.

Connecticut General Statutes also require that the Planning and Zoning Commission give its

stamp of approval to this arrangement, according to town attorney Dennis O'Brien.

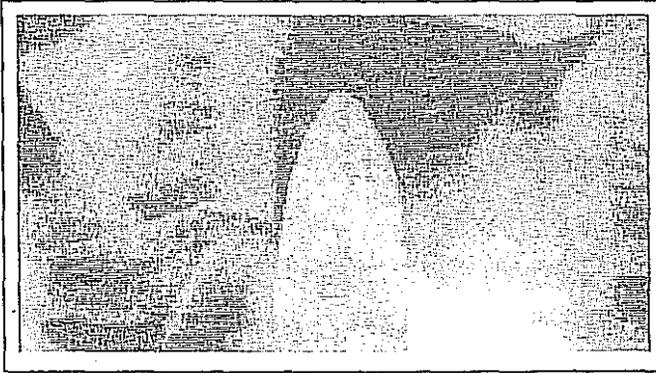
More information about the property is available online at [this link](#) [in PDF format; see item No. 8]

Posted Jan. 19, 2009

Town hopes for better bids on Mansfield Middle School gasline project

Brenda Sullivan | Editor

Saturday, January 10, 2009



"We are hoping people will sharpen their pens a little bit." - Finance Director Jeff Smith

A new request for bids was set to go out this week for a project that will bring a natural gas pipeline to the Mansfield Middle School, along with other upgrades aimed at making the school more fuel

efficient.

A walk-through of the school for prospective bidders on what's known as the fuel conversion project at Mansfield Middle School is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, according to Finance Director Jeff Smith.

The sealed bids will then be opened and read at 2 p.m. on Feb 5.

"We are hoping people will sharpen their pens a little bit," Smith said, adding that the first batch of bids submitted in October 2008 were well over the grant funding available for the project.

This time around, the request for bids also includes a menu of project components - or alternatives - which should give bidders more options, Smith said.

The request for bids states, "[The] project converts [an] electrically-heated school to natural gas heating and includes but is not limited to site work, construction of detached boiler building, masonry, drywall and ceiling work, new gas service, gas-fired boilers, co-generation unit, hot water heating distribution piping, heating terminal units and radiation, rooftop-dedicated outside air units, ducted air distribution, HVAC controls, electrical power distribution and lighting. "

Interested bidders who want to take part in the Jan. 20 walk-through must sign-up by calling

the Finance Department at 429-3387 by Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, before 4:30 p.m.

Plans and specifications for the project will be available after 2 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the Finance Office, as well as at the walk-through. A \$50 non-refundable fee is required.

The choice of natural gas follows a study conducted in 2007 - which was a re-do of a study originally conducted in 2004, because of changes in the cost of fuel and other unforeseeable dips in the economy.

The 2007 study concluded that natural gas not only was the better option, offering "considerable energy savings," lower operating costs, and less of an impact on the environment - or "carbon footprint." measured by pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Currently, most of the floor area of the Middle School is heated electrically.

Note: For a copy of the 2007 Fuel Conversion Study in PDF format, click on the attachment at the end of this story.

Posted Jan. 10, 2009



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APPLICATION REFERRAL

Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission

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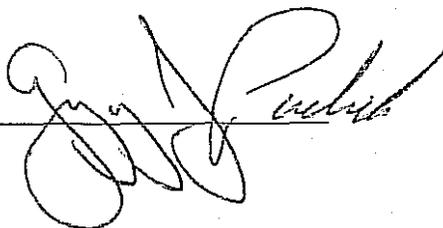
The Planning and Zoning Commission has received a 4 lot subdivision application and will consider the application at a ~~Public Hearing~~/regular meeting on Feb. 17. Please review the application and reply with your comments to the Planning Office before Feb 12*. For more information, please contact the Planning Office, 429-3330. ** Please contact me if more time is needed*

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant: Sheila A Clark
Owner: SAME
Agent(s): DATUM ENGR + SURVEYING
Proposed use: 4 lot subdivision (3 new lots)
Location: Farrell/Hanks Hill Rds
Zone classification: RAR-90
Other pertinent information:

- Inland method Application Pending
- Abuts Joshua's Trust Land
- 22.7 acs to be retained with exs'tg house

Signed



Date

2/12/09

file # 1280
filing date _____

MANSFIELD PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OR RESUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Name of subdivision Clark Estates

Name of subdivider (applicant) Sheila A. Clark Phone # 429-8985
(please PRINT)

Address 9 Farrell Road, Storrs, CT 06268
(street) (town) (state) (zip)

Signature Sheila A Clark (owner)
(optionee) _____ Date 01-13-2009

OWNER (IF OTHER THAN SUBDIVIDER)

Name same as applicant Phone # _____
(please PRINT)

Address _____
(street) (town) (state) (zip)

Signature _____ Date _____

FEES

See Town Council-approved Fee Schedule & Eastern Highlands Health District Review Fee Schedule
(Subdivisions will not be reviewed by Eastern Highlands Health District unless an Application for Plan
Review has been submitted)

SUBDIVISION DATA

Location: West side of Farrell Road and North side of Hanks Hill Road

Zoning district RAR-90 Total # of acres 28.95
Total # of lots 4

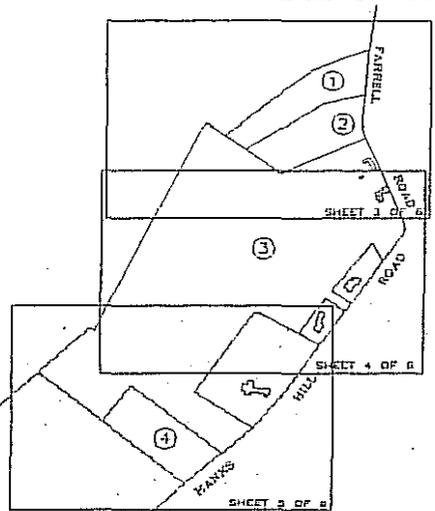
EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Section 8-26d, subsection (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the undersigned applicant hereby
consents to an extension of time within which the Planning and Zoning Commission is required by law to approve,
modify and approve or disapprove a subdivision plan known as

_____ and located at/on _____

It is agreed that such extension of time shall not exceed 65 days and it is understood that this extension of time is in
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Signature _____ Date _____
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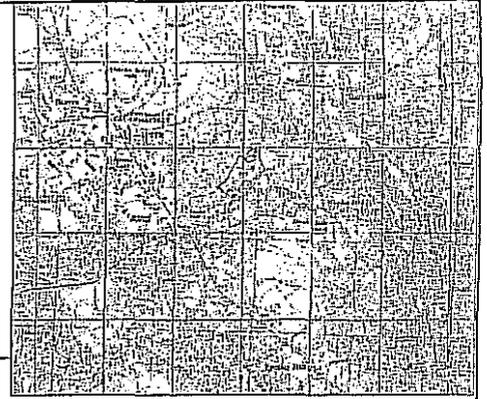
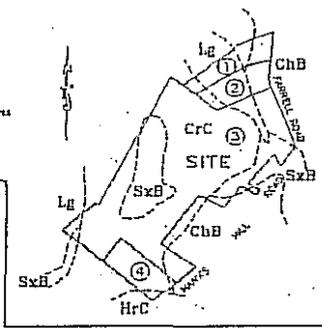
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SOIL MAP

SCALE 1" = 400'

SOILS LEGEND

- SOILS DESCRIBED**
- ChB CHALKY BROWN FINE SANDY LOAM, 1 TO 8 PERCENT SLOPE
 - CrC CHALKY-BROWN FINE SANDY LOAM, VERY ACIDIC, 3 TO 15 PERCENT SLOPE
 - HrC HEAVY VERY ACIDIC FINE SANDY LOAM, 2 TO 15 PERCENT SLOPE
 - Lg LEACHED-BROWNISH-GREY LOAM WITH STONY COMPLEX
 - SxB SANDY EXTREMELY STONY FINE SANDY LOAM, 2 TO 8 PERCENT SLOPE



LOCATION MAP

SCALE 1" = 1000'±

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUBDIVISION

ENTITLED

CLARK ESTATES

HANKS HILL ROAD AND FARRELL ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

OWNER & SUBDIVIDER

SHEILA A. CLARK
9 FARRELL ROAD
STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268
OCTOBER 30, 2008

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DATUM ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, LLC
132 COHANTVILLE ROAD
MANFIELD CENTER, CONNECTICUT 06250

JOB NO. 207002
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APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF MANFIELD PLANNING & ZONING AGENCY

DATE: _____

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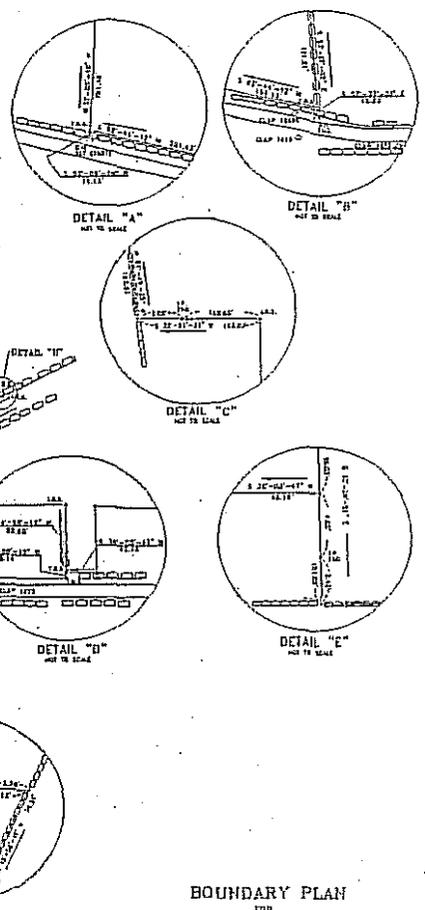
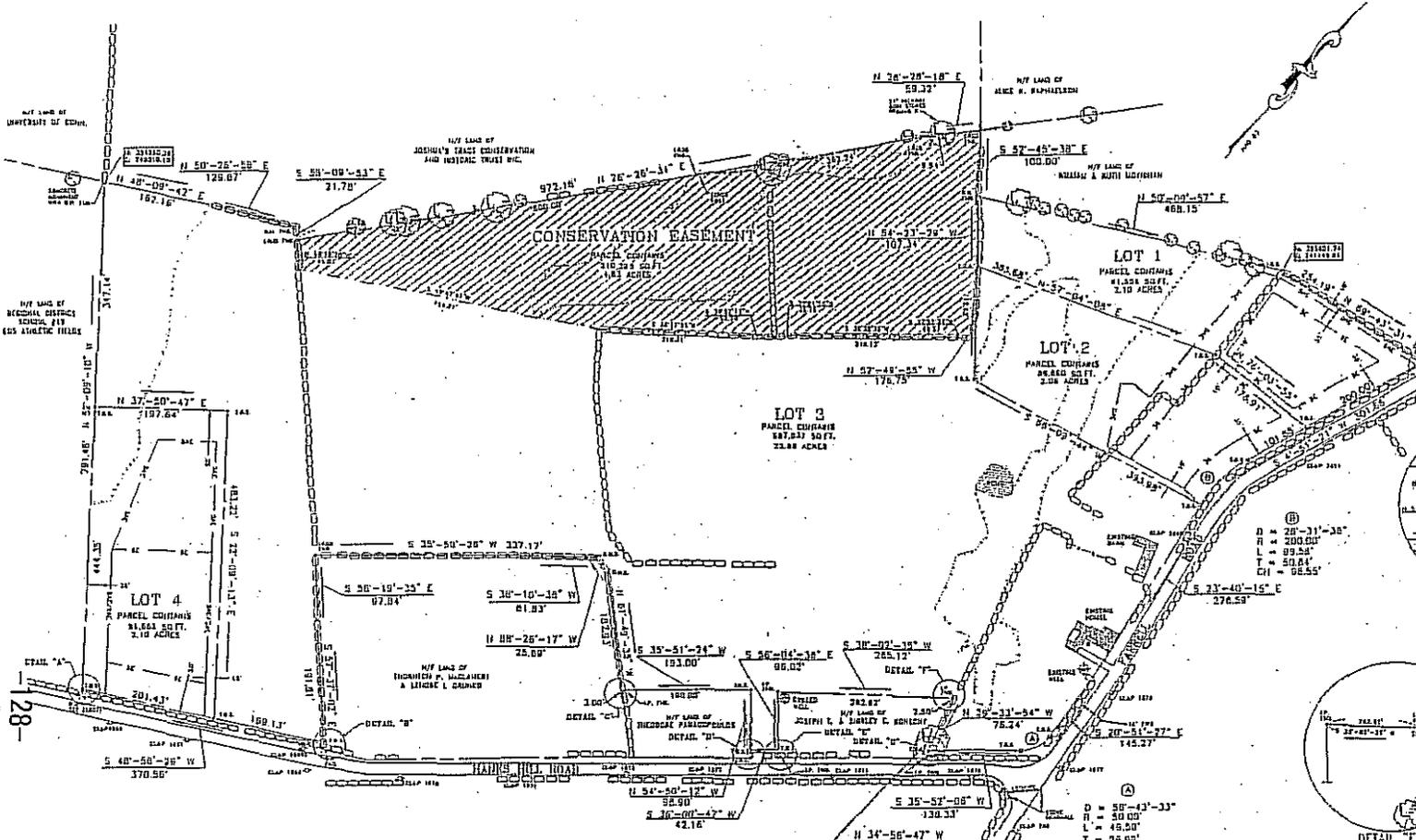
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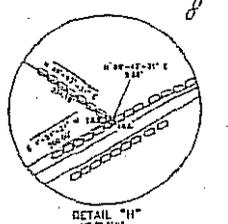
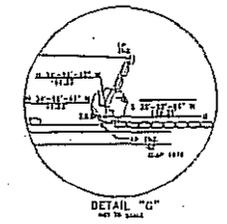
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STONE PILE FINDER	---
CONCRETE FOUNDATION TO BE SET	---
WELL AND WITH CAP TO BE SET	---
WELL POINT	---
SECT OF PAVED ROAD	---
UTILITY POLE WITH WIRE	---
EXISTING WELL	---
EXISTING WETLANDS	---

• HIGH BENCH/PILES FOUND BY 1981, EXCEPT AS NOTED

OPEN SPACE DEDICATION

10% OF GRY LAND IN SUBDIVISION	25.18 ACRES ± 0.13 = 2.77 ACRES
10% OF WETLANDS IN SUBDIVISION	2.78 ACRES ± 0.15 = 0.29 ACRES
TOTAL OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDED	= 3.06 ACRES
GRY LAND WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENT	= 3.77 ACRES
WETLANDS WITH CONSERVATION EASEMENT	= 3.06 ACRES
TOTAL AREA OF OPEN SPACE	= 6.83 ACRES



THE WETLANDS SHOWN ON THIS MAP WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE FOUR CORNER SURVEYING AND CONSULTING FIRM, 100 HILL STREET, STORRS, CONNECTICUT 06268. THE WETLANDS WERE MAPPED BY THE FIRM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS, 40 CFR 101.10, AND THE STATE REGULATIONS, 28A-CF-101.10. THE WETLANDS WERE MAPPED AND ACCURATELY REPRESENTED ON THIS PLAN.

REFERENCE MADE TO THE FOLLOWING MAP:
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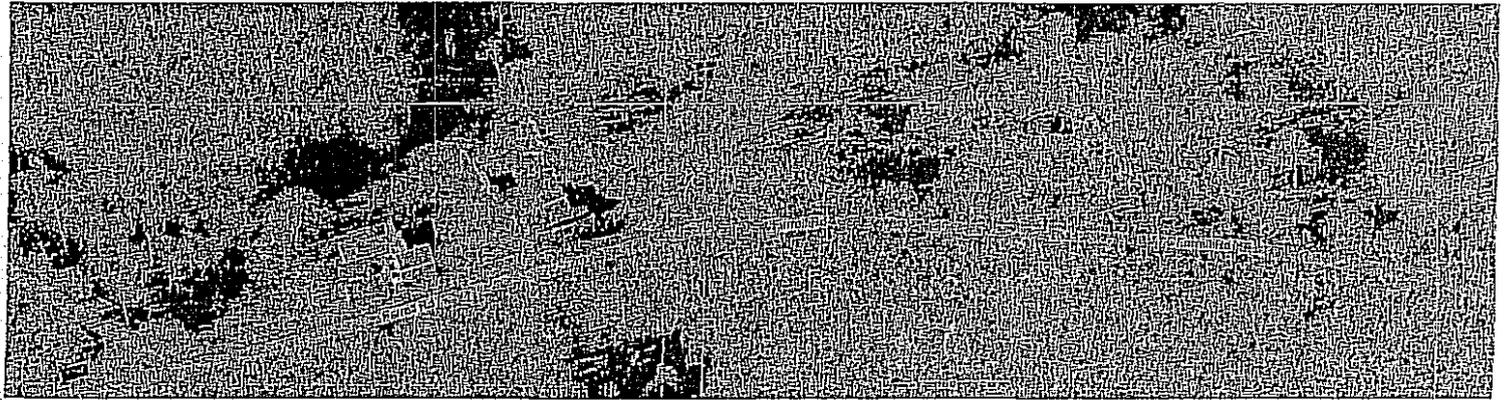
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BOUNDARY PLAN
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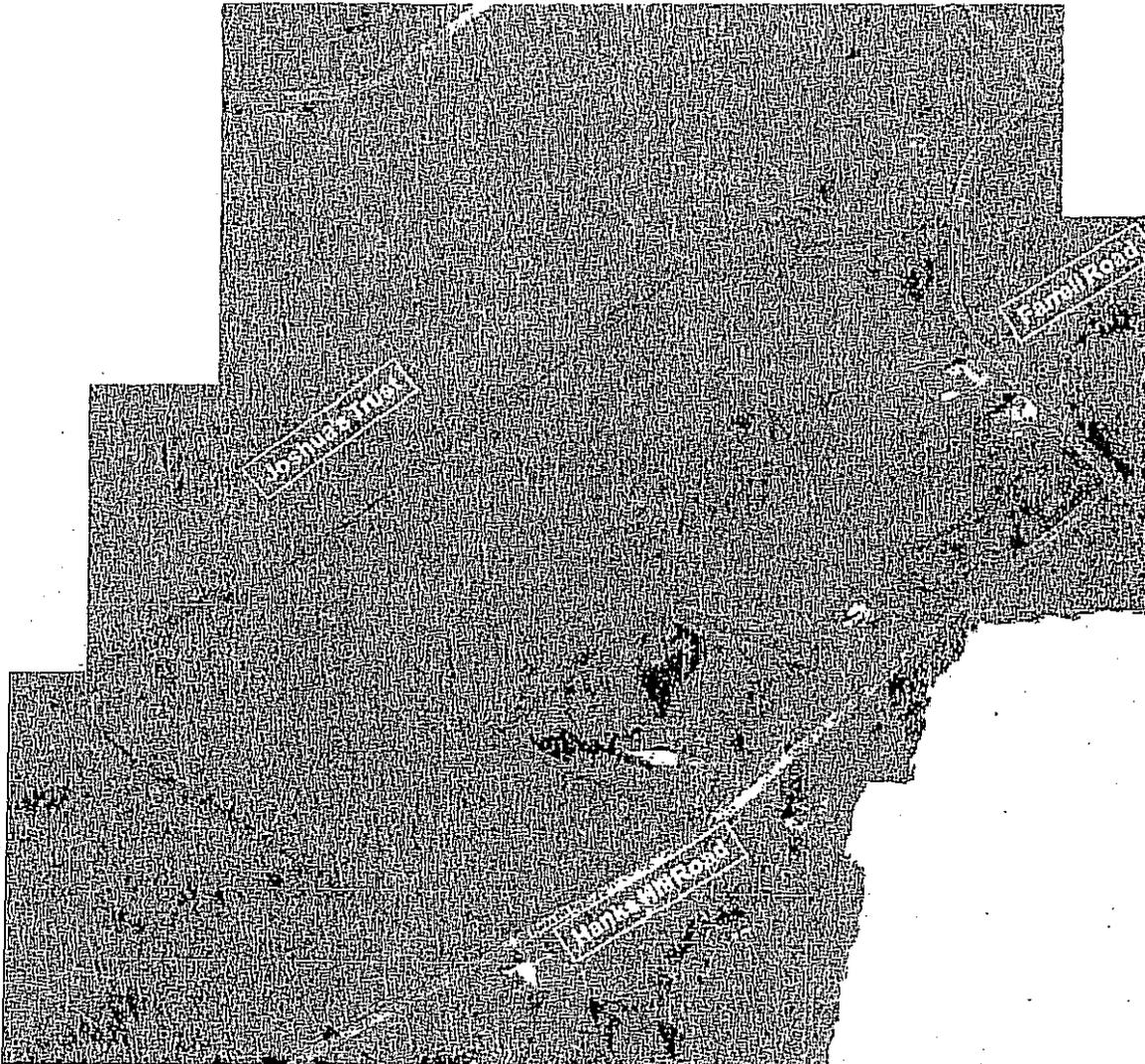
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LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT
CLARK ESTATES



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Aerial View North



LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT SHEET 2
CLARK ESTATES
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SITE ASSESSMENT

VEGETATION:

MAJORITY OF SITE IS WOODED WITH MIXED DECIDUOUS SPECIES. PRIMARILY RED MAPLE IN THE WOODED WETLANDS, OAK, MAPLE, SWEET BIRCH, ASH. IN THE DRIER AREAS ALONG FARRELL ROAD NORTH OF THE EXISTING HOMESTEAD IS OPEN FIELD WHICH IS REVERTING. SCATTERED RED CEDAR ARE PRESENT.

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WOODS ARE ALSO RELATIVELY DENSE AS THIS REPRESENTS A RELATIVELY YOUNG GROWTH WITH MOST TREES 6 TO 8 INCHES DBH.

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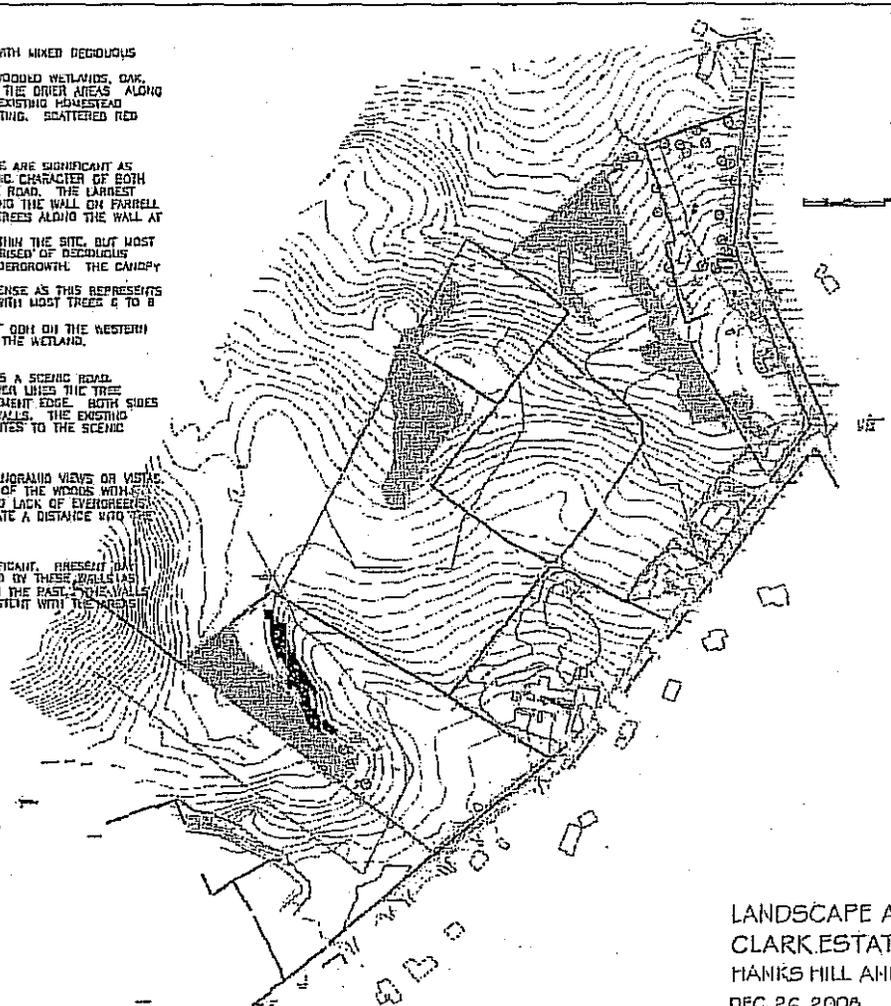
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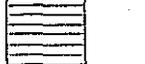
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-  TREE LINE
-  STONEWALL
-  TEST HOLE
-  SPOT ELEVATION
-  CATCH BASIN
-  STORM DRAINAGE PIPE
-  RED CEDAR
-  DECIDUOUS TREE SIGNIFICANT
-  SCENIC ROAD
-  WETLAND
-  20% SLOPES

LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT SHEET 3
 CLARK ESTATES
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Roadsides/ Farrell Road - scenic road:

Roadside edges of both Hanks Hill and Farrell Roads should be left undisturbed except for new access ways. Driveway entrances should utilize barways where possible. Walls and trees to remain except for access ways and any sight line improvement.

In addition, in order to keep existing trees along the roadsides, Development Area Envelopes should be located at a distance that allows for as many trees to remain as possible.

Stone walls:

The existing stonewall pattern throughout the property is important and should be maintained. The proposed development areas should avoid the potential alteration of the existing walls and wall pattern.

Wooded tract:

Much of the property is in relatively young, contiguous forest, with a closed canopy. Development should retain as much contiguous forest as possible, particularly since the forest continues to Dog Lane. Most of the wetlands are already wooded.

Trees:

There are notable oaks next to the west property line. Any development of this area should be located as far away from these trees as possible.

In the field adjacent Farrell Road are a few scattered oak, maple and sweet birch. As many of these trees as possible should be retained. Consideration of driveway access

Historic Structures:

Clark house and barns

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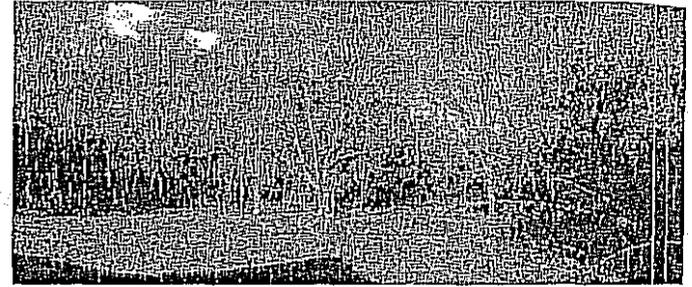
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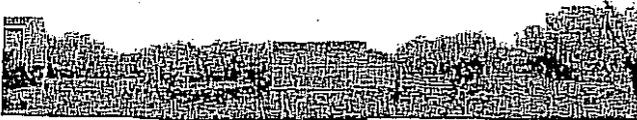
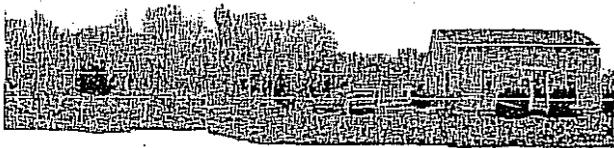
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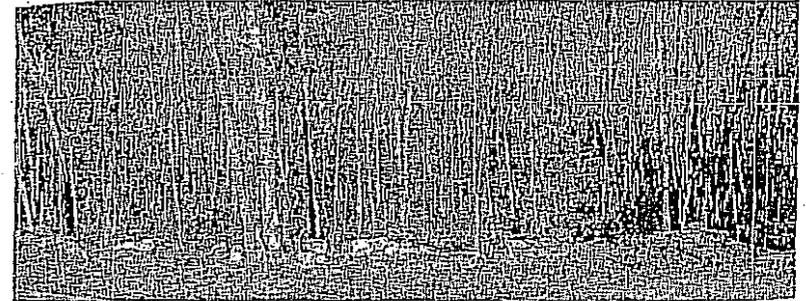
PROPOSED LOTS 1 & 2 - VIEW SOUTH, FARRELL ROAD



PROPOSED LOT 2 - VIEW NORTH, FARRELL ROAD



PROPOSED LOT 3 - FARRELL ROAD



PROPOSED LOT 4 - VIEW NORTH, HANKS HILL ROAD

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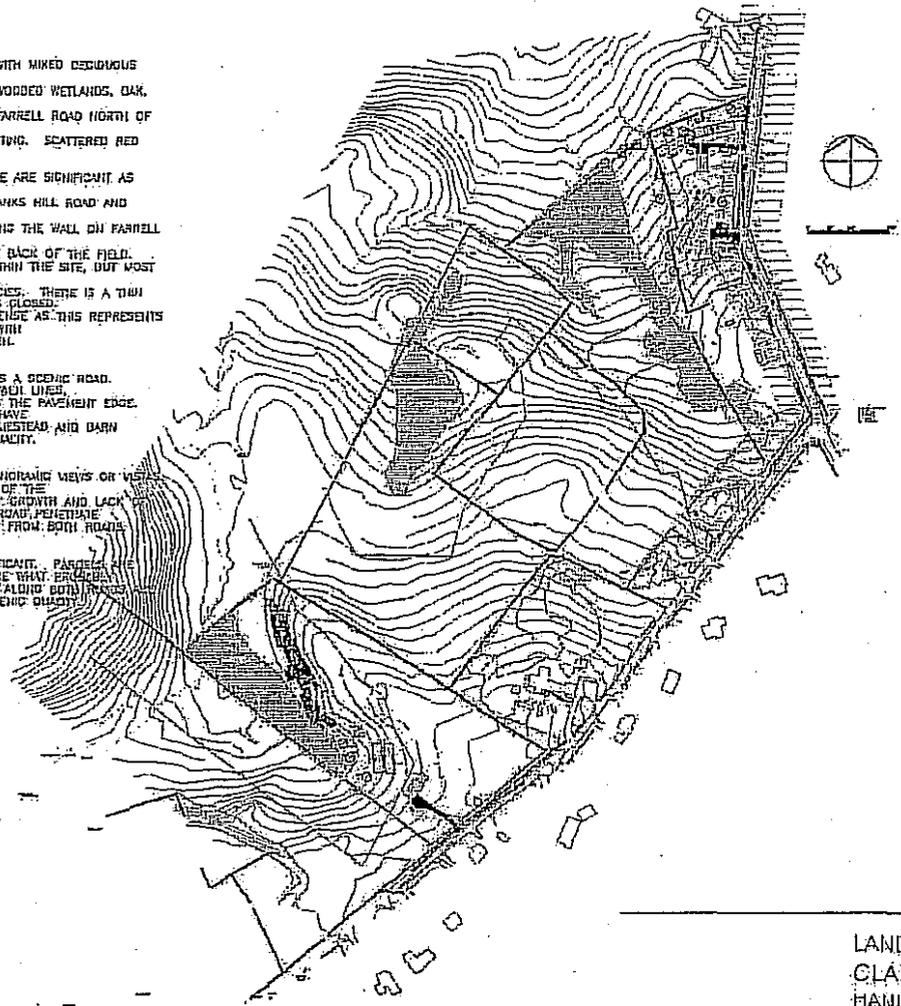
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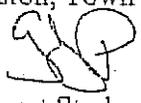
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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

GREGORY J. PADICK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Memo to: Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Council, Conservation Commission
 From: Gregory Padick, Director of Planning 
 Date: 1/15/09
 Re: December 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Study- North Hillside Road Ext.

Copies of the executive summary of a December 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the North Hillside Road Extension project have been distributed to the Town Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Conservation Commission. This summary provides detailed information about the proposed extension of North Hillside Road from the UConn Storrs Campus to Route 44 and the associated development of UConn's North Campus. A public hearing on the draft EIS has been scheduled for January 29, 2009. Any Town comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 2009.

I have reviewed the draft EIS and have the following comments:

- The subject EIS was prepared due to a commitment of federal funds for roadway construction. The same basic project has been the subject of two previous Connecticut Environmental Impact Evaluations (EIE) and has been found acceptable with respect to anticipated impacts. The same basic project was approved by Mansfield's Planning and Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency in association with the former Connecticut Technology Park project.
- The subject project consists of a 32 foot wide roadway with designated bicycle lanes and a separate bituminous walkway. It will connect the existing segment of N. Hillside Road Extension to Route 44 at an intersection across from the driveway to Mansfield Professional Park. The roadway will provide access to approximately five (5) new development sites between the existing Charter Oak Apartments on Route 44. The project also would extend UConn water, sewer and other utilities to the development sites. A new signalized intersection with turning lanes is proposed at the intersection with Route 44.
- Table ES-1 (page ES-18 to ES-21) provides many specific mitigation measures that will be incorporated into the project design and the development of North Campus.
- Section ES-5 (page ES-17 and 18) list numerous permits that need to be obtained. The subsequent permit process will allow comments on specific construction plans.
- The subject project is a significant transportation and economic development project for the University of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield. It promotes many goals and objectives of local, regional and state land use plans. The roadway is considered the highest priority road improvement project in Mansfield.

Summary/Recommendation

My review indicates that the subject draft EIS is thorough and comprehensively addresses all potential environmental impacts. Accordingly, it is recommended that subject to any review comments from Town Council, PZC or Conservation Commission members and any public hearing testimony, that Mansfield representatives support the findings of the EIS. It is suggested that a letter of Town support be considered following the 1/29/09 public hearing (PZC's 2/2/09 meeting and the Town Council's 2/9/09 meeting).

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GREGORY J. PADICK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Memo to: Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Council, Conservation Commission
From: Gregory Padick, Director of Planning 
Date: 1/15/09
Re: Proposed Telecommunication Tower in South West Mansfield

A previously distributed December 8, 2008 letter (with attachments) from Attorney Kenneth Baldwin, representing Cellco Partnership d.b.a. Verizon Wireless, describes a proposed new telecommunication tower in southwestern Mansfield east of Route 32 near the intersection with Route 31. The subject letter was sent to the Mansfield Town Manager pursuant to Connecticut Siting Council application guidelines. A formal application to the Siting Council is expected to be submitted in February 2009. Mansfield representatives have been provided an opportunity to comment before the filing. Upon submittal of a formal and more complete application, a public hearing will be held in Mansfield and there will be additional opportunities to comment from Mansfield representatives and other interested citizens.

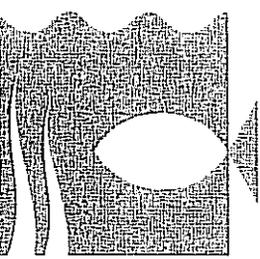
I have reviewed the December 8, 2008 submission and have the following comments:

- Two (2) alternative sites have been proposed for a new 140 foot high telecommunication tower. The tower is designed to accommodate multiple companies. The two sites, either of which would be acceptable to Verizon, are located on the Mansfield Drive-In property and the Highland Ridge Golf Driving Range property. Both proposed locations would be accessed from Route 32.
- The new tower site has been proposed to address existing service problems in SW Mansfield and SE Coventry (primarily along Routes 32 and 31). Either site would address existing service area deficiencies.
- The proposed sites do not involve any wetland disturbance and no impacts on environmental or historic resources are anticipated. The application to the CT. Siting Council will include an "Environmental Screening Checklist" and review comments from the Department of Environmental Protection, the State Historic Preservation Officer and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Conservation Commission has reserved comments until reviewing the final application.
- Based on a preliminary "viewshed" analysis the two alternative towers will not be readily visible from Mansfield properties, except for those immediately adjacent to the subject sites. My review of this preliminary study indicates that the towers would not be readily visible from existing residences in either Mansfield or Coventry. A finalized viewshed map will be included in the Siting Council application.

Summary/Recommendation

My review of the information provided to date indicates that the subject tower project will have minimal impact on Mansfield residents. Furthermore, there does not appear to be an environmental impact oriented basis to determine a most appropriate site between the two proposed alternatives. Based on these preliminary findings, it is recommended that Mansfield representatives await the submission of a final report with more detailed information before considering the submission of comments on the subject project.

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January 8, 2009

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

Re: Save the date - 19th Annual Long Island Sound Citizens Summit – Friday, March 6th

Dear Town Manager Hart,

We would like to invite you and other representatives of your municipality to the 19th **Annual Long Island Sound Citizens Summit** on Friday, March 6th at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The topic for the Summit will be **Investing in Clean Water: for Sound health, jobs and the economy**. So, please save the date in your calendar!

Nationally, investments in clean water infrastructure, such as modernizing sewage treatment plants and storm sewers, are being recognized as critical for clean water and for stimulating the economy and creating jobs. Locally, clean water investments are essential to maintaining and improving the health of Long Island Sound. The conference will bring together national and regional experts from government and the private sector to discuss clean water infrastructure needs nationally and for the Long Island Sound region, and identify what's needed to build the partnerships necessary to meet that need.

Details regarding the final agenda, speakers, registration, and vendor display opportunities will be forthcoming later this month.

This conference is co-sponsored by Save the Sound, a program of Connecticut Fund for the Environment, with support from the Long Island Sound Study of the Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions please contact Kierran Broatch with Save the Sound at 203-787-0646 ext. 113 or kbroatch@cfenv.org.

Sincerely,

Chris Cryder
 Director of Restoration
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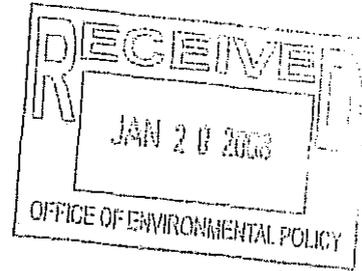
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January 15, 2009

Patrick J. Gallagher, President
 Chuck's Margarita Grill
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Dear Mr. Gallagher:

In response to your letter dated December 29th, once the proposed compost facility is built, the University has no immediate plans to expand it. The proposed 10,000 SF facility is designed to compost all of UConn's leaves and approximately one quarter of our agricultural waste. Through operational efficiencies and technological advances it is reasonable to expect an increase in the volume of agricultural waste that could be composted without expanding the facility. Our goals of better managing manure and leaves, while also enhancing educational and research opportunities, would be achieved under the current plans.

During UConn's public informational meeting on the compost facility last November, I understand you spoke with UConn faculty and staff about the possibility of visiting a similar operating compost facility for purposes of comparison. The challenge for UConn staff in advising you about where you might visit a comparable facility is the lack of a truly comparable facility, to our knowledge, located in Connecticut or the northeast. First, such a site would have to compost manure and leaves in windrows. Structurally, it would have to compare with UConn's proposed state-of-the-art covered facility on a concrete foundation, with an underground collection tank to capture any excess moisture from the windrows. A covered facility will prevent odors by containing aerosols and allowing us to control moisture levels during composting. Any comparable facility to UConn's would also have to control both odors and aerosols by using a large, self-propelled windrow turner to quickly mix and aerate the windrows, and a misting system. The facility you reference off of Route 83 in Ellington is an outdoor windrow facility for composting leaves.

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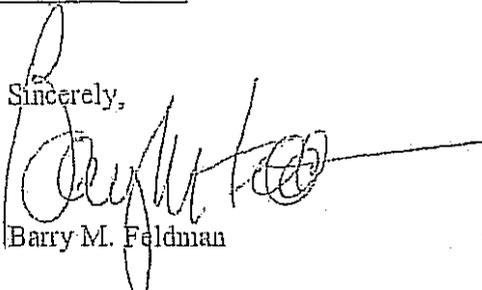
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January 15, 2009

It may be useful to reiterate two facts. First, once built and operating, UConn's compost facility will substantially reduce the spreading of raw manure on our farms fields, as well as the odors and greenhouse gas emissions that result when anaerobic decomposition occurs during that process. Second, the DEP guidelines for agricultural waste composting facilities, even those without the safeguards UConn has proposed, specify a 300 ft. buffer from the nearest residence – your restaurant is more than a half-mile away from our selected site.

If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me or Rich Miller, Director of Environmental Policy, at rich.miller@uconn.edu.

Sincerely,



Barry M. Feldman

Cc: Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr.
Representative Denise W. Merrill
Senator Tony Guglielmo
President Mike Hogan
Steve Rhodes
Lisa Troyer
Rich Miller

December 29, 2008

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Attn. Barry M. Feldman, PH.D.
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

RE: UCONN Compost Facility

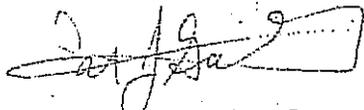
Dear Dr. Feldman:

Thank you for your letter addressing our concerns pertaining to the proposed compost facility. Your letter, however, did little to alleviate these concerns. In fact, we are now even more concerned, due to some additional information uncovered by one of our neighbors (letter enclosed), with regard to a possible second building, or phase, proposed for the site.

We will continue to have concerns and express same, until a more acceptable site is found.

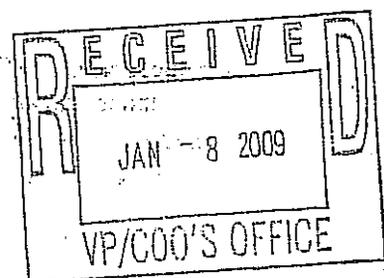
It appears as though the University is purposely withholding information with regards to the entire scope of the project and its intended use.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick V. Gallagher, Owner
Chuck's Margarita Grill

cc: Senator Tony Guglielmo
Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr.
Representative Denise W. Merrill



To: Patrick Gallagher-Thanks for dropping off the information at 203 Forest Road, regarding the proposed compost facility by UConn. I also went to the info meeting and I asked if they were planning on expanding the proposed facility once it was up and they said yes-another building, same size, right next to the first one. I also asked if I could go see a like site and they stammered and said there was one they think on Route 83 but had no idea where. When I asked if they would be concerned if it was built near their houses, they had no answer. I will relay my concerns to the mentioned office in your letter. Thanks again. Barbara Petersen

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Folks Are Flocking to the Library, a Cozy Place to Look for a Job

Books, Computers and Wi-Fi Are Free, But Staffs Are Stressed by Crowds, Cutbacks

By JIM CARLTON

TRACY, Calif. -- The financial crisis has caused a lot of withdrawals at the public library.

A few years ago, public libraries were being written off as goners. The Internet had made them irrelevant, the argument went. But libraries across the country are reporting jumps in attendance of as much as 65% over the past year, as newly unemployed people flock to branches to fill out résumés and scan ads for job listings.

Other recession-weary patrons are turning to libraries for cheap entertainment -- killing time with the free computers, video rentals and, of course, books.

Last Friday, there was a particularly long waiting list of 157 to check out the popular vampire novel "Twilight," by Stephenie Meyer, from a branch of the Stockton-San Joaquin County Library here in Tracy. This central California town has been ravaged by mortgage foreclosures, and area libraries report a surge of traffic. Shamika Miller huddled over a laptop at the Tracy branch. Laid off from her job as a bookkeeper at Home Depot more than a year ago, Ms. Miller, 29 years old, says she has visited the library "if not every day, every other day" since October to check job listings with her computer.

"I come here, first of all, because it's a free Wi-Fi spot," says Ms. Miller, who supports a 10-year-old daughter on her unemployment compensation. And, she says, "there's something about the library that helps you think, at least for me."

At the Ferguson Library in Stamford, Conn., "it's not unusual for us to have 40 or 50 reserves on a popular book," says spokeswoman Linda Avellar. At the Randolph County Public Library in Asheboro, N.C., a 25% increase in visitors over the past six months from a year ago has been hard on 14-year-old carpeting that officials say needs to be replaced now rather than in six years, as planned.

This isn't the first time library attendance has spiked in a downturn. The 1987

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and 2001 recessions saw similar jumps, librarians say. But few people thought that libraries would again be in such favor after so much information flooded the Web.

One big draw: Most libraries have put in free computer and Wi-Fi service. And they've begun stocking DVDs and videogames. With the recession weighing on them, "people recognize what a great value the public library is," says Jim Rettig, president of the American Library Association in Chicago.

Librarians are turning into job counselors -- and even social workers -- as they have to deal with a sometimes-desperate new class of patrons. "They are frustrated, overwhelmed and thought they would not be job hunting again in their lives," says Jan Perrier, head of reference and adult services at the Roxbury Public Library in Succasunna, N.J. "I had one woman just so overwhelmed she sat in front of the PC and cried."

Many jobless people are reporting to the library as they used to report to the office. Career books are in particularly great demand at the Morris County Library in Whippany, N.J. "The shelves are bare," says Lynne Olver, chief librarian there. She says attendance in "Career Resource Seminars" that the library has held for many years jumped to 745 in 2008, from 472 in 2007.

Others come in to escape their troubles for a while. Wesley Martin on Friday tapped his hands to the beat of a hip-hop video he was watching on one of the Tracy library's computers. "This is just a chance for me to get out of my house," said the 33-year-old, who lost his job at a discount store a month ago.

The sheer numbers of jobless visitors are overwhelming some libraries at a time of funding cuts by cash-strapped local agencies. The library in Winter Park, Fla., reports a 25% increase in checkouts of its books and other materials over the past 15 months, even as its budget for stocking new items has been cut 12%.

Some libraries are cutting their hours, reducing staff or even being closed altogether because of budget problems. The Schenectady County Public Library in Schenectady, N.Y., says it has had no money to replace four librarians who have left in the past two years. "As a result, we recently found that it is taking up to five days to reshelv books, as just one tiny example of the impact," says Karen Bradley, a reference librarian there.

The Randolph County library in North Carolina can't afford to replace those rugs: "We are just going to have to live with the worn carpet for now," says Suzanne Tate, the library's director. An average of 230 people a day line up to use the library's 27 computers. To help manage the traffic, the library has taken to bumping users off if they try to stay on for more than the one-hour limit.

But the patrons keep coming. "Many times a day there is a line of people waiting to get on one of our three computers," says Mary Wright, director of the Marks-Quitman County Library in Marks, Miss., who says many of the new patrons are laid-off workers from nearby casinos.

Tracy library officials have ordered nine more Internet-access computers. For now, patrons have to line up at a kiosk to make a reservation to use one of the 11 existing terminals, says Kathleen Buffleben, the supervising librarian.

At a checkout counter nearby in the Tracy library, Brandon Perry, 24, and his fiancée, Chardenac Van Rooter, 21, were applying for library cards Friday to aid in their job searches. The couple, who were with their 1-year-old daughter, said they support themselves largely on part-time restaurant work by Mr. Perry, who was laid off as a heavy-equipment operator at a ski resort a year ago. On top of their other troubles, the couple said they were forced to move into a homeless shelter a few weeks ago after a relative's home where they were staying was foreclosed on.

"Now," says Mr. Perry, "we just want to go to Hawaii. We don't have a computer, so we'll start coming here to find a job there."

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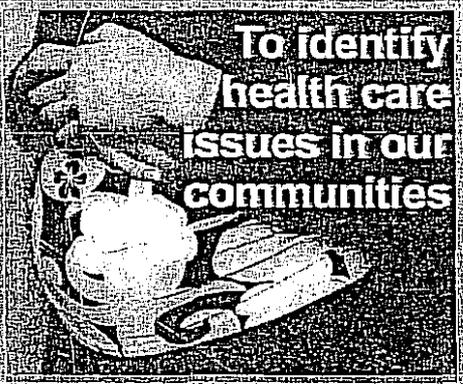


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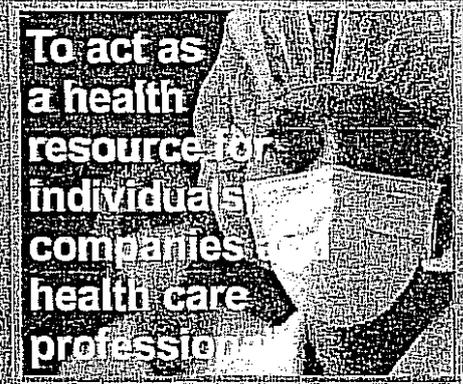
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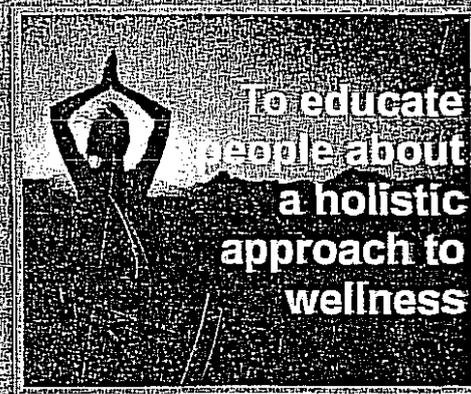
To identify health care issues in our communities

To establish a health care legislative agenda to address community health care concerns and access to affordable health care



To act as a health resource for individuals, companies and health care professionals

To develop programs to motivate and encourage healthier lifestyles



To educate people about a holistic approach to wellness

To promote non-traditional wellness programs

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We invite all health care, wellness and fitness professionals to become members of the Health Council and join us for our monthly networking breakfasts on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 am. Please visit our website www.windhamchamber.com for additional information and location of meetings. All Health Council members are listed on our website as a resource for the community. You may also become involved by joining one of our committees focusing on our goals listed above.

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