

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
June 8, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Mansfield Senior Center.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Excused: Keane, Lindsey, Ryan

II. WORK SESSION

School Building Project

Members discussed the recommendation of the Board of Education which supports Option E, the two school option. Finance Director Cherie Trahan presented information concerning the projected debt service cost for all three options and the impact of that cost on the budgets for the next five years. Ms. Trahan also presented information on the current debt obligation of the Town and recommended debt limits. Members questioned the effect of the project on the budgets, including the Capital Improvement Project budget, for the next ten years, including any cuts to educational programming which might be necessary.

Director of Planning Greg Padick offered a summary of staff work to date on possible site locations. Mr. Padick stated that preliminary research indicates that both Southeast School and Vinton School would be possible locations for new schools. Goodwin School has some limitations and without additional land it would be difficult to keep the school open during construction. Mr. Padick also identified a number of properties in Town which have the required area noting that site information and availability of the parcels have yet to be determined. Members discussed the need to identify a parcel prior to the referendum, the possibility of additional infrastructure cost and the difficulties in completing an analysis of additional sites in time for the referendum.

By consensus the Council agreed to garner additional public comments by scheduling a public hearing on the Board of Education's recommendation for June 28, 2010. A motion to that effect will be discussed at the June 14, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to recess the Council meeting and move into executive session to discuss continued review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance, in accordance with CGS §§ 1-200(6)(E), 1-210(b)(5)(B). Motion passed unanimously.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Continued review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance, in accordance with CGS §§ 1-200(6) (E), 1-210(b) (5) (B)

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Also Included: Town Manager Matt Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan,
Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren, Director of Planning Gregory Padick and
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Inc, Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Town Council reconvened in regular session. Ms. Moran moved and Mr.
Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk