



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, November 8, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

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- 18. 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)
- 19. Personnel in accordance with CGS §1-200(6), 1-214(b)(5)(b)

ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
October 25, 2010

DRAFT

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. WORK SESSION

1. Sustainability Considerations for School Siting

Sustainability Committee members Lynn Stoddard and Holly Matthews presented an overview of a matrix created by the Committee which examines issues regarding the siting of schools with respect to sustainability.

(Matrix attached)

Council members discussed the role of cost/ affordability, potential conflicts between competing goals, the possible closing of a neighborhood anchor, and the pros and cons of locating a school in a rural or a more developed area of Town.

2. School Building Project

Director of Planning Gregory Padick updated members on staff contacts with the owners of two properties adjacent to the Goodwin School. Neither owner has committed either way.

Ms. Moran moved to authorize the Town to proceed to inquire about the land under consideration near the Goodwin School and to use normal town resources, including the cost of the architect, to see if the sites might be feasible. If additional funding is needed the Town Manager will seek authorization from the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Haddad the motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments were offered

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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Sustainability Considerations for School Siting

From the Mansfield Sustainability Committee for the Town Council and Board of Education

August 3, 2010 DRAFT

This matrix addresses only the SITING issues of the school with regard to sustainability. There will be many additional sustainable DESIGN considerations once the site has been established. Most of the design considerations will be addressed by designing according to the LEED Green Building Rating System.

<p align="center">Site Features for Sustainability (Note: these features should be considered for renovating, replacing, and relocating)</p>	<p align="center">Potential Specific Applications in Mansfield</p>
<p>Site is in a community-centered location and has connectivity to community amenities and public spaces.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within walking distance of existing or planned amenities, such as retail development, other schools, community center, library, recreational fields, university, parks, open space, "heart" of the community. 	<p>Close to future Storrs Center, Farrell Fields, Mansfield Community Center, UConn. Or close to Four Corners. Or close to Mansfield Library and Mansfield Center.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to existing or proposed higher density neighborhoods and/or areas planned for additional residential development. 	<p>See Mansfield zoning regs/map and Plan of Conservation and Development for higher density residential areas.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to share infrastructure with adjacent sites (e.g., recreation fields, library, parking, parks, swimming pool). 	<p>EO Smith and Farrell fields, future infrastructure for Storrs Center.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for "co-location" - a facility on this site could meet multiple needs and be shared for complementary uses during non-school hours (e.g., senior citizens). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School use of site achieves or complements multiple goals for the community. 	<p>School integrates into vision and/or design for Storrs Center, additional senior housing, Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development. Helps fulfill Mansfield 2020 vision and goals.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School use of site would add value to surrounding land uses. (Also consider impact on property values of moving existing school out of neighborhood.) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for future renovations of site for education and non-educational uses (building will continue to serve the community if no longer used as a school in the future). 	<p>Close to areas planned for commercial and community uses (e.g., Storrs Center, Four Corners).</p>
<p>Site is walk/bike/transit accessible.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible by walkers and bikers and has existing or potential for bike/pedestrian infrastructure. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to areas with greatest existing or planned concentration of neighborhoods with families, minimizing busing distance and costs. 	<p>See Mansfield zoning regs/map and Plan of Conservation and Development for higher density residential areas.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to existing or planned public transit for school and non-school users. 	
Site is environmentally suitable for development.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoids "greenfields" (previously undeveloped lands). If a greenfield is chosen, mitigate the loss through protection of other land with comparable qualities. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be developed without impacting wetlands and waterbodies, floodplains, or habitat for threatened and endangered species. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served or serviceable by existing water and waste water infrastructure. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal impact on traffic patterns, congestion, and air quality and public safety issues related to traffic. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to minimize lot size and development footprint (LEED Neighborhood Development calls for 5 acre maximum for elementary schools). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelop existing buildings or site within an already developed area that is community-centered. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to optimize building orientation to take advantage of passive heating and cooling, natural ventilation, daylighting (i.e., elongate the building along east-west axis). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural site attributes provide opportunities for outdoor learning (e.g., forested areas, streams, etc). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires minimal site regrading. No steep slopes. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent environmental quality (no water or soil contamination). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has potential for school garden to support local food production. 	
Other considerations.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget for ongoing repair and maintenance to maintain usefulness and efficiency of facilities and avoid cost analysis in the future that results in "new is cheaper." 	

Useful Sources

National Trust for Historic Preservation – Community-Centered Schools Initiative, *Helping Johnny Walk to School: Policy Recommendations for Removing Barriers to Community-Centered Schools* <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/historic-schools/helping-johnny-walk-to-school/helping-johnny-walk-to-school.pdf>. See MN, NM, NH, CO, MD case studies on legislative and policy changes to eliminate minimum acreage requirements and bias against renovating existing schools in school construction funding decisions.

<http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/historic-schools/>

EPA school siting information http://cfpub.epa.gov/schools/top_sub.cfm?i_id=45&s_id=64

EPA Schools for Successful Communities: An Element of Smart Growth

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/SmartGrowth_schools_Pub.pdf

See case studies at end.

Cost comparisons checklist to analyze renovating or building new school

http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/pdf/SmartGrowth_schools_Pub.pdf (see page 19)

EPA Travel and Environmental Implications of Schools Siting, http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/school_travel.htm

This 2003 EPA study was the first to empirically examine the relationship between school location, the infrastructure and environment around schools, transportation choices for trips to school, and impact of those choices on air pollution. It found that: school proximity matters (students with shorter distances are more likely to walk or bike), the built environment influences travel choices (students are more likely to bike in bike-friendly neighborhoods with sidewalks and bike lanes), school location impacts air emissions (centrally located schools that are walkable/bikable reduce air pollution).

US Green Building Council *LEED for Neighborhood Development Rating System*

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=148>

National Best Practices Manual for Building High Performance Schools <http://www.p2pays.org/ref/20/19494.pdf>

California Division of the State Architect's Sustainable Schools Resource,

<http://www.sustainableschools.dgs.ca.gov/SustainableSchools/sustainabledesign/siting/siting.html>

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
October 25, 2010

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 Special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kochenburger and Mr. Ryan who abstained. Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kochenburger who abstained.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move Opportunity for Public to Address the Council as the next item of business. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

1. Storrs Road & Dog Lane Improvement Projects

Derek Kohl of BL Companies described the proposed Storrs Road (Rte 195) Improvements, the proposed Dog Lane improvements and the adjacent abutting projects.

Steve Deegan, DOT Right of Way Project Manager, will oversee the Town's acquisition of the needed easements.

Rudy Favretti, Middle Turnpike, asked what assurances the Town has that the temporary realignment of Dog Lane across the town square is in fact temporary. Mr. Kohl noted a Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until DOT's approved requirements are met. Mr. Hultgren commented the funds for the completion of the village street have already been received and the temporary Dog Lane access will not be needed once the village street is completed.

Ron Kelly, Bundy Lane, questioned why earlier plans to have Dog Lane one-way are not included in the design.

Mr. Kohl commented that although Dog Lane will be a two way street the intersection configuration and signals will make the easier choice to continue on Storrs Road.

Joan Buck, Sumner Drive, asked what the advantages of on street parking are. Mr. Kohl responded that on street parking provides access to adjacent business and helps provide a more pedestrian friendly environment.

Martha Kelly, expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians and asked that crosswalks similar to those on Rte 5 in Hadley Massachusetts be considered.

Roger Roberge, Woodland Road, asked how many handicapped spaces would be available; if those spaces would be able to accommodate lifts; how many

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spaces would be lost to snow removal storage; would there be an area designated for loading and unloading near the business and who would be liable for any incidents that might happen on the sidewalks and parking areas?

Mr. Kohn responded that all identified spaces would be ADA compliant; loading docks near businesses have been incorporated into the plans; there are areas for the storage of snow and that the Town will assume maintenance and liability for the sidewalks and parking areas on Storrs Road and all of Dog Lane.

The information session was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective October 25, 2010, to proceed to the final design stage for the Storrs Road & Dog Lane Improvement Projects.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

John DeWolf, Max Felix Drive, commented on the referendum questions noting the Open Space and Stonemill Road Bridge projects benefit all the residents of Mansfield. The Laurel Lane Bridge project, however, serves one residence. Mr. DeWolf expressed his wish that the explanatory text contained more details on the projects.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, asked for a second opportunity for public comment following the scheduled public information session. Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren stated that questions and comments will be part of the session.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, asked who, if the new classifications for Budget Analyst and Accounting Manager are approved, will serve as Secretary to the Town.

Carol Pellegrine, Clover Mill Road, expressed her agreement with Mr. DeWolf's remarks and asked if in the future more information could be included in the explanatory text.

V. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Report attached.

The Town Manager will communicate with Mr. DeWolf and Ms. Pellegrine outlining the limits and discussion regarding the explanatory text.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moran reported that she and the Mayor met with members of Glen Ridge and stated that she hoped the delay in the South Eagleville sidewalk project would allow the Town to redesign the project.

Mayor Paterson noted the passing of John Brubacher, who recently moved to Maine, but had been a very active member of the Senior Center Association. Mayor Paterson also reported she and Ms. Moran attended the announcement of the TRIAD program. Sponsored by Seniors, Peoples United Bank and the Town's Public Safety Departments, TRIAD offers a series of programs designed to assist seniors including an identifying yellow dot on vehicles which notifies

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emergency personnel that important personal information is available in the glove compartment.

Ms. Keane reported State Senator Don Williams spoke in support of reentry programs at the last meeting of the Reentry Round Table. Mansfield has one of the highest numbers of prison reentries in the State. The next meeting will be on December 3, 2010 and all Council members are welcome.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2. Status Report on Assisted/Independent Living Project

Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald updated Council members on the recent actions of Masonicare with whom he and the Town Manager have been meeting. The Masonicare Board has endorsed and funded the Mansfield project and the company has engaged an engineering firm to begin to look at the potential site.

The company has also begun a new marketing study.

Council members discussed the role of the preferred developer, how many companies submitted RFQs, the need for a facility and the desire of citizens to have both rentals and buy-in opportunities.

3. Community Water and Wastewater Issues/Four Corners Water and Sewer Project

Environmental Partners has been selected to conduct the water source study, permitting and design for the Four Corners water and sewer project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

4. Capital Improvement Program Closeouts/Adjustments

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective October 25, 2010, to approve the adjustments to the Capital Projects fund, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated October 12, 2010.

The Finance Committee has reviewed the adjustments and recommends its approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Classification of Budget Analyst and Accounting Manager Positions

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Keane seconded, effective October 25, 2010, to set the pay grade for the budget analyst position at grade 18 and the accounting manager position at grade 21 of the town administrator pay plan.

The position of Treasurer will be assigned to the Accounting Manager.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Keane noted the Communication Advisory's Committee's comments (Page 71) regarding the website and asked if steps have been taken to address their concerns. Town Manager Matt Hart referred Council members to Item 8 on the agenda which specifically addresses the questions raised by the Communication Advisory Committee. Additionally, the actual dates of the Town Council's meeting schedule have been posted on the website.

Ms. Moran noted she attempted to fill out the citizen request form on the website and found it easy to do so.

Ms. Lindsey commented that it is somewhat of a struggle to use the search function on the new Town website and has found it to be less effective than the previous site. Mr. Hart will investigate.

Ms. Lindsey asked if the safety standards for parking garages mentioned by the Police Study consultants will be incorporated into the plans for the parking garage (Page 54).

Town Manager Matt Hart announced the Traffic Authority will meet to discuss the issues at 72 Mansfield City Road.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Glen Ridge Cooperative re: Thank You

7. G. Padick re: August 2010 Draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) –
USDA Animal Health Research Center

8. M. Capriola, J. Russell, M. Stanton re: Letter to Mansfield Town Council from
the Communications Advisory Committee

9. R. Miller re: University of Connecticut Campus Drainage Master Plan,
Eagleville Brook TMDL, and the Swan lake Outfall Improvement

10. November 2, 2010 Referendum Mailer

11. Mansfield Community Center 2010 Family Open House

12. Legislative Breakfast with Senate President Donald Williams

13. Chronicle "\$20,000 town Bobcat stolen" – 10/8/10 – Assistant to the Town
Manager Maria Capriola reported the insurance carrier has authorized the
replacement of the stolen bobcat but the case is still open.

14. Chronicle "Residents get a glimpse of Storrs Center's first phase" – 10/8/10

15. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 10/8/10

16. Chronicle "New group home use OK'd by PZC" – 10/12/10

17. Chronicle "UC could seek moratorium on Spring Weekend" – 10/13/10

18. Chronicle "Relay for Life walkers set to stroll for a cure" – 10/14/10

19. Chronicle "Editorial: We offer these threads, needles" – 10/18/10

20. Chronicle "A relay of hope" – 10/18/10

21. Chronicle "Info forum is slated for ballot questions" – 10/18/10

22. Chronicle "Land owners file suit over zone change" – 10/19/10

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

The Mansfield Education Association contract will be an item for discussion at
the next meeting.

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Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Keane seconded to recess the 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) and secondly, personnel in accordance with CGS §§ 1-200(6), 1-214(b)(5)(b).

The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. 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, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart

Personnel in accordance with CGS §§ 1-200(6), 1-214(b) (5) (b)

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Town Council reconvened in regular session. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: October 25, 2010
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Council Business/Items of Interest

- *Fall Semester Police Overtime Costs and Aspen Square Management Enforcement Actions* – As requested, later this fall I will provide you with an estimate of police overtime costs that the Town has incurred this semester. We will also request a report from Aspen Square Management regarding any enforcement action that it has taken this semester at its Carriage House Apartments location.
- *Clinical Supervision for Senior Services Social Worker* – At the last meeting, Councilor Keane asked for a status report on the clinical supervision for the senior services social worker. I am happy to report that we have retained Ms. Debra Hinchey with VNA East to provide LCSW supervision to Barbara Lavoie, starting this Monday, October 25, 2010.
- *Youth Services Advisory Committee* – Council requested information on the qualifications of non-resident members of the Youth Services Advisory Committee. Staff has informed me that Sevan Angacian is a graduate PhD student at UConn who is working closely with youth services this year conducting research on the COPE program. Eileen Griffin is a longtime member of the advisory committee who initially came as an intern in youth services. Jeff Smith brings finance expertise and remains a Mansfield taxpayer. Teri Hebert brings expertise from her experience working as a teacher at Natchaug Hospital.

Departmental/Division News

- *Human Services*
 - The Town of Mansfield's Human Service Department has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from Community Mediation to host a *Community Conversation About Education*. The conversation will be planned and carried out by a local planning committee made up of representatives from a broad cross-section of the community in order to ensure that the discussion reflects the concerns and interests of diverse constituencies. While an ultimate goal of the process is to have an impact on local priorities and to stimulate action projects with broad-based support, the goal of this specific conversation is to keep the community informed regarding Mansfield's *Plan for Young Children*. Individuals who are interested in participating in the planning committee should contact Sandy Baxter at 429-3338.
 - Town Council members are invited to attend the *Issues of Poverty* conference, to be held at Eastern Connecticut State University on Friday, October 29, 2010 to explore the challenges of poverty reduction and opportunities for volunteer partnerships. The conference will take place in the Betty R. Tipton Room of the Student Center from 8:45 am to 1:30 pm. Representatives from organizations addressing issues of poverty in New England, Connecticut and the Windham Region will present a snapshot of current efforts, followed by in-depth breakout sessions and a keynote speech from Patricia Julianelle, Legal Counsel for the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Kevin Grunwald of the Department of Human Services will be facilitating the breakout session on the "Turn the Curve" initiative, which is focused on efforts in

Windham and Mansfield. Ms. Julianelle will also give a comprehensive talk about the issues of homeless children and youth on the evening of Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center Theatre. All are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about efforts to address the varied issues related to poverty in our communities and to collaborate with local organizations to effect change. There is no cost for this event but registration is required, and seating is limited. Please visit the Center for Community Engagement website to register, www.easternct.edu/cce, and click on "conferences". This conference is made possible by a generous grant from Connecticut Campus Compact, and is sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement and the Division of Student Affairs at Eastern Connecticut State University.

- *Parks and Recreation*
 - *New Child Care Room Hours.* Beginning Monday, October 25th, child care hours are being extended to be more compatible with our fitness-class schedule. The new hours are:
 - Mon., 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:15-8 p.m.
 - Tues., 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Wed., 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-8 p.m.
 - Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m.
 - Fri. and Sat. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 - Sun., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - *Member Appreciation Week* is October 25-29. There will be special giveaways and events happening each day. A schedule of activities will be posted at the community center and online.
 - Sun., November 14 from 1-4 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a *Family Open House*. There will be sample classes, demonstrations, information booths and more. This event will be open to everyone free of charge. There will be a special family fun night following the open house.
- *Town Manager's Office*
 - *ICMA Conference* – From October 16-20, I attended the ICMA Conference in San Jose, CA. At the conference I attended a number of workshops concerning sustainability, economic development and capital projects management, as well as other topics. I found the sessions and the conference as a whole to be quite informative, and very applicable to my work here in the Town of Mansfield. I appreciate the Council's support of my professional development activities.
 - *Recent Water Conservation Efforts* - In light of the recent rains, the University of Connecticut is lifting the mandatory conservation measures. However, since the stream flow in the Fenton River has not fully recovered, the University will continue to monitor the situation and keep in effect a Stage 1A water conservation alert. The letter to the community is attached to this report.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Police Services Study* – An important part of the police service study will include soliciting stakeholder input through focus groups, surveys, and public information sessions. We are attempting to solicit feedback from a wide cross-section of stakeholders in the community such as residents, students that live off-campus, business owners and landlords. This week our consulting team will hold two focus groups with members of the community. Also, at 5:00 PM this Thursday, October 28th the consulting team will meet with members of the Committee on Community Quality of Life and the Mansfield Community Campus Partnership. In addition, **members of the public are encouraged to participate in a brief online survey about police services in Mansfield.** The survey link will be located on the Town's website, www.mansfieldct.gov, and will open on October 27th. Members of the public without internet access can access public computers at the Mansfield Public Library, the Mansfield Community Center or the Mansfield Senior Center.
- *South Eagleville Road/Maple Road Walkway Project* – The state did not approve Town's application for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funding for this project. The walkway is an important initiative and I recommend that the Town plan to fund the project via the capital projects fund. We will

include this item as a priority project for the Council's consideration as part of the proposed FY 2011/12 capital improvement program.

- *Storrs Center Project* – As the Town Council is well-aware, for some time now staff has been negotiating a development agreement with master developer Storrs Center Alliance regarding the public components (e.g. garage/intermodal facility, streetscape improvements) of the Storrs Center project. We are making progress and I anticipate that next month we will present the Town Council with a proposed development agreement for review and discussion in public session.

Member Organizations

- *Windham Region Chamber of Commerce* – At 7:30 AM on Wednesday, October 27th at the Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center Senator Donald Williams will be welcomed by The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce to discuss programs available for small business financing and legislation designed to streamline the environmental permitting process. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and give input. The cost per person is \$15, which includes breakfast. To register, call the Chamber at 860 423-6389.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Communications Advisory Committee, October 26, 2010, 10:30AM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Traffic Authority, October 26, 2010, 10:30AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, October 26, 2010, 2:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, October 27, 2010, 5:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, October 28, 2010, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- IWAV/Planning and Zoning Commission, November 1, 2010, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Beautification Committee, November 1, 2010, 7:00PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, November 2, 2010, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, November 3, 2010, 5:00PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, November 4, 2010, 4:00PM, Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
- Community Quality of Life Committee, November 4, 2010, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, November 8, 2010, 5:00PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Personnel Committee, November 8, 2010, 6:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, November 8, 2010, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the Town Calendar or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt H*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: November 8, 2010
Re: Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Subject Matter/Background

The Mansfield Democratic Town Committee has voted unanimously to recommend that Ms. Beverly Gotch be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Julie Wright. The Town Committee feels that as a long serving alternate on the ZBA, Ms. Gotch is well qualified and deserving of the appointment.

Recommendation

If the Town Council concurs with the appointment recommendation of the Democratic Town Committee, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 8, 2010, to appoint Beverly Gotch as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to a term expiring at the next municipal election.

Attachments

- 1) M. LaPlaca re Recommendation for ZBA Vacancy

Matthew W. Hart

From: Mark LaPlaca
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:24 AM
To: Sara-Ann Bourque; Matthew W. Hart; Elizabeth Paterson
Subject: Recommendation for ZBA vacancy
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Mayor Paterson and members of the Town Council,

The Mansfield Democratic Town Committee voted unanimously to recommend to you that Beverly Gotch be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Julie Wright. As a long serving alternate on the ZBA, Bev is well qualified and deserving of this appointment. She is willing to serve and is excited for the opportunity.

If you agree and act on the recommendation, the MDTC will look for a recommendation to fill the new vacancy of alternate on the ZBA.

Thank you very much for considering this recommendation.

Mark LaPlaca
Chair, Mansfield DTC



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning
Date: November 8, 2010
Re: USDA/UConn Animal Health Research Center

Subject Matter/Background

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and UConn are partnering to construct an Animal Health Research Center on the Depot Campus. The facility will have office and lab space as well as an attached holding barn for animals. The facility will be a USDA facility operating on leased UConn land.

The lab will conduct work to improve vaccines for animal health. This will be a low biological safety level (BSL2) facility and there will be no diseased animals located at the research center or any disease-causing organisms above BSL2 (limited to agents of moderate risk commonly found).

The facility will add research personnel and will likely attract additional funding and high-tech jobs. Connecticut's congressional delegation supports the project.

Since this is a USDA project on University land it is not subject to Town regulations. The USDA did prepare an environmental assessment pursuant to National Environmental Policies Act (NEPA) requirements. Final construction plans will necessitate a number of state permits but no municipal approvals are required.

The Conservation Commission reviewed this project at its October 20th meeting and indicated its agreement with the findings of the Director of Planning. The Planning and Zoning Commission authorized its chairman to send a letter of support for the Environmental Assessment findings and to provide an opportunity for the Town Council to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse the letter. The attached draft letter has been prepared by the Director of Planning.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Council take one of the following actions:

Option 1: Take no action.

Option 2: Issue its own letter regarding the USDA/UCONN Animal Research Facility project.

Option 3: Authorize the Mayor to co-endorse with the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Chairman a letter indicating that the Town does not have issues with the USDA/UConn Animal Research Facility project at this time but that the Town is seeking an opportunity to review final plans prior to construction.

Option 3 (co-endorsement with PZC) is in keeping with the Town Council's usual protocol for commenting on the siting and related land-use issues concerning University projects. If the Council supports this option, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 8, 2010, to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse a letter with the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman indicating that the Town does not have concerns with the USDA/UConn Animal Health Research Facility at this time but seeks an opportunity to review final plans prior to construction.

Attachments

- 1) Memorandum from G. Padick re: August 2010 Draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) – USDA Animal Health Research Center, dated October 13, 2010
- 2) 10/28/10 Draft letter prepared by the Director of Planning

**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: 10/13/10
Re: August 2010 Draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) - USDA Animal Health Research Center

Copies of the project abstract and assorted other pages of an August 2010 Draft Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Health Research Center to be located at UConn's Depot Campus have been distributed to the Town Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Conservation Commission. The draft final EA provides detailed information about the proposed project which has been in the planning stages for many years and was the subject of a recent public information session. Although the 9/21/10 transmittal letter from P. Ferri of UConn's Office of Environmental Policy specifies a thirty (30) day comment period, Mr. Ferri has verbally related to me that any review comments from Mansfield representatives received this fall would be considered.

I have reviewed the draft final EA and have the following comments:

- The subject EA has been prepared pursuant to National Environmental Policies Act (NEPA) requirements. The project is not subject to Connecticut's Environmental Policies Act (CEPA) procedures. If the August 2010 EA finding that the subject project is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts is found appropriate by federal reviewers, the project will be allowed to proceed to final design and construction processes. Final construction plans will necessitate a number of State permits but no municipal approvals are required.
- The attached EA abstract summarizes the proposed facilities, the planned uses and the animal research benefits the facility is expected to produce. The body of the EA report provides more details about the project, the selected Depot Campus site, alternative sites that were considered and potential environmental impacts.
- Table 2-1 on Page 15 summarizes the potential environmental consequences of each alternative. Based on my review to date, the EA finding of no significant impact on the physical environment is adequately documented in the EA. The site is not adjacent to existing private residences and no significant neighborhood impacts are expected. The site would be accessed by State roadways and no short term or long term traffic impacts are anticipated. The project would be served by UConn sewer and water systems and the anticipated need for 1,200 gallons of water per day is not expected to be a problem.
- Whereas the project may change prior to construction, it is recommended that Mansfield representatives request and opportunity to review final plans prior to the start of construction.
- Any additional comments or issues raised by the Conservation Commission (at its 10/20/10 meeting), by the Town Council (at its 10/25/10 meeting), or the Planning and Zoning Commission (at its 11/1/10 meeting) can be incorporated into a letter from the Town.

Summary/Recommendation

My review indicates that the subject Draft Final EA is thorough and appropriately addresses potential environmental impacts. Accordingly, subject to any review comments from Town Council, PZC or Conservation Commission members, it is recommended that Mansfield representatives support the findings of the EA. Any letter of support should request an opportunity to review final designs prior to construction.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Planning and Zoning Commission



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10/28/10 DRAFT

November 9, 2010

Mr. Paul E. Ferri, Environmental Compliance Analyst
Office of Environmental Policy
University of Connecticut
31 LeDoyt Road
U-Box 3055
Storrs, CT 06269-3055

Re: August 2010 Draft Environmental Assessment, Proposed USDA Animal Health Research Center at the University of Connecticut Depot Campus

Dear Mr. Ferri:

Mansfield's Planning and Zoning Commission and Town Council, with assistance from staff and Mansfield's Conservation Commission, have reviewed the August 2010 draft Environmental Assessment for a new USDA Animal Health Research Center on UConn's Depot Campus. The following comments are presented for your consideration:

1. The proposed research center has been appropriately sited to minimize any impacts on the environment or surrounding neighborhood. The proposed project is considered to be fully consistent with Connecticut's Policies Plan for Conservation and Development, the Windham Regional Land Use Plan, and Mansfield's Plan of Conservation and Development.
2. The draft Environmental Assessment documents the proposed facilities, the planned uses and the animal research benefits the facility is expected to produce. The report suitably identifies potential environmental impacts and appropriate mitigation measures. It is expected that all of the recommended mitigation measures will be incorporated into construction plans and implemented during the proposed construction period.
3. Mansfield representatives, respectfully request an opportunity to review finalized designs prior to any construction authorizations.

Mansfield officials are available to discuss the subject project and the comments contained in this letter. We anticipate continued cooperation regarding the preparation and implementation of construction plans for the subject project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Gregory J. Padick, Mansfield's Director of Planning at 860-429-3329.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor
Mansfield Town Council

Rudy Favretti, Chairman
Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission

Cc: Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
Mansfield Conservation Commission
Richard Miller, Director UConn Office of Environmental Policy
Gregory Weidemann, Dean UConn College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Alexandria Roe, UConn Director of Planning
Robert Drechsler, USDA Engineering Project Manager

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager; Sergeant James Kodzis,
 Resident State Trooper Supervisor
Date: November 8, 2010
Re: FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find an application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety for \$33,800 to be dedicated to police overtime for driving under the influence (DUI) and related motor vehicle enforcement. As explained in the application, the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office will conduct DUI selective enforcement during the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's holiday, Memorial Day/July 4th holiday and Labor Day holiday high travel periods.

Financial Impact

Under the grant the state would pay 75 percent (\$25,350) and the Town would be responsible for the remaining 25 percent (\$8,450). The Town would fund its \$8,450 share from the general fund budget for patrol services.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council authorize staff to submit the application as presented. The grant would support a number of patrols dedicated to discouraging drunk driving and related motor vehicle offenses, which is an important goal for our community.

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

Move, effective November 8, 2010, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety, for \$33,800 to be dedicated to police overtime for DUI and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

Attachments

- 1) FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Application

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE	SHADED AREA FOR HSO USE ONLY		
	Project No:	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Initiation	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Cancellation
	Program Area:	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Continuation
	Program Description: Alcohol Enforcement	Date Approved:	

HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT APPLICATION

ACCEPTANCE -- IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT FUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECTS. THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE POLICY. COPY OF POLICY OBTAINED UPON REQUEST.

PROJECT TITLE:

FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

Town of Mansfield

ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT:

4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield, CT 06268

APPLICANT:

Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield, CT 06268

FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FEIN):

06-6002032

ANTICIPATED PROJECT STARTUP DATE:

November 18, 2010

APPROVED PROJECT PERIOD (mo/date/yr) FOR HSO USE ONLY

FROM:

THROUGH:

September 12, 2011

PROJECT DIRECTOR: James F. Kodzis	TITLE: Resident State Trooper	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 860-429-6024
		FAX NUMBER: 860-429-4090

SIGNATURE: 	ADDRESS & ZIP CODE: 4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield, CT 06268	E-MAIL ADDRESS: KodzisJF@Mansfieldct.org
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FINANCIAL OFFICER: Cherie A. Trahan	TITLE: Director of Finance	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 860-429-3344
		FAX NUMBER: 860-429-6863

SIGNATURE: 	ADDRESS & ZIP CODE: 4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield, CT 06268	E-MAIL ADDRESS: TrahanCA@Mansfieldct.org
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AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL: Matthew W. Hart	TITLE: Town Manager	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 860-429-3336
		FAX NUMBER: 860-429-6863

SIGNATURE: 	ADDRESS & ZIP CODE: 4 South Eagleville Rd, Mansfield, CT 06268	E-MAIL ADDRESS: HartMW@Mansfieldct.org
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APPROVAL -- FOR HSO USE ONLY

FISCAL REVIEW COMPLETED BY: Lorna Zirilli	PROJECT MANAGER REVIEW COMPLETED BY: 	DATE:
	PROGRAM COORDINATOR REVIEW COMPLETED BY: Joseph T. Cristalli, Jr.	DATE:

THIS ACTION PREVIOUS ACTION TOTAL OBLIGATED	GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE: Robbin L. Cabelus	
	SIGNATURE: 	DATE:

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The percentage of alcohol related fatalities in Connecticut during 2007 (46%) was slightly higher than the national average of 42% and slightly above the 45% in the other New England States. Of the Connecticut fatal crashes, 39% were estimated to have been "high" Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) crashes - (BAC 0.08). The national average for "high" BAC crashes was 35% and it was 39% in the other New England states.

Crashes involving At-Fault Drivers who had been drinking (BAC under 0.08) has increased from 304 in 2005 to 427 in 2007 and crashes involving At-Fault Drivers who were drinking (BAC over 0.08) has increased from 1,501 in 2005 to 1,941 in 2007.

The number of statewide DUI arrests has decreased from 11,997 in 2006 to 11,704 in 2007.

60% of DUI crashes occur during the weekend days of Friday through Sunday.

68% of DUI crashes occur during the night-time hours of 8 PM through 6 AM.

The average BAC of those arrested for DUI increased slightly from 0.162 for 2006 to 0.168 in 2007.

NOTE: For DUI Patrol activities, the number of enforcement officers allowed per vehicle at any one time is one per vehicle, however, core enforcement hours may be split by more than one officer. All officers who will be assigned to DUI activities have to be updated in the most current version of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).

NOTE: The operation of this Selective Traffic Enforcement Program shall be above and beyond the normal/special patrol activities scheduled during the program parameters.

OBJECTIVES

To reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility DUI enforcement activities. Communicate with the public, through media venues, the increased levels of DUI enforcement activities so drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and therefore deter that behavior.

ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES

This program is being offered on an expanded year-round basis and is in line with the goals and objectives as highlighted in the Connecticut Highway Safety Plan for FY 2011. Funding will be used to address various circumstances in which increased drinking and driving within the municipality is anticipated to take place. In the course of discussions with police agencies, it is evident that the incidence of impaired driving increases at certain times of the year in addition to holiday periods; for example, shoreline communities which have an increase in population during the summer months. Events such as summer festivals, country fairs, music concerts, sporting events, etc, all represent potential for a higher incidence of impaired driving.

Enforcement techniques employed should include extra DUI patrol activities, and may include DUI Sobriety checkpoints. A checkpoint is defined as, an operation not to exceed eight officers, including a supervisor, conducted at a fixed location, which lasts no more than eight hours where operators are stopped and interviewed to determine if the operator is impaired. Roaming or saturation patrols will not be conducted or reported as checkpoints.

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STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

In 2008, Mansfield had 353 reported accidents on state roads and 97 reported on town roads. Of the 353 state road accidents there were 272 prop damage, 41 C-injury, 38 B-injury, 2 A-injury and 0 fatalities. Of the 97 town road accidents there were 73 prop damage, 12 C-injury, 10 B-injury, 2 A-injury and 0 fatalities. Of the reported accidents on town roads 25 occurred during the month of February and 11 occurred in November. Of the reported accidents on state roads 48 occurred in October. A review of the **past three years data** on town roads shows that the majority of accidents occur on Friday (42) and Saturday (30). On State roads the majority of accidents occurred on Friday (225) and Thursday (179). On state roads 21.38% of accidents occurred between 1900 and 0300 hours. On Town roads 33.86 of accidents occurred between 1900 and 0300 hours. In 2008, Mansfield had 28 on sight DWI arrests. In 2008, Mansfield had 20 accidents attributable to DWI.

In 2007, Mansfield had 387 reported accidents on state roads and 74 reported on town roads. Of the 387 state road accidents there were 310 prop damage, 35 C-injury, 36 B-injury, 3 A-injury and 3 fatalities. Of the 74 town road accidents there were 54 prop damage, 9 C-injury, 9 B-injury, 2 A-injury and 0 fatalities. Of the reported accidents on town roads 21 occurred during the month of February. Of the reported accidents on state roads 54 occurred in October. In 2007 Mansfield had 36 on sight DWI arrests. In 2007 Mansfield had 17 accidents attributable to DWI.

In 2006, Mansfield had 345 reported accidents on state roads and 18 reported on town roads. Of the 345 state road accidents there were 255 prop damage, 46 C-injury, 39 B-injury, 5 A-injury and 0 fatalities. Of the 18 town road accidents there were 0 prop damage, 11 C-injury, 6 B-injury, 0 A-injury and 1 fatalities. Of the reported accidents on town roads 4 occurred during the month of October. Of the reported accidents on state roads 44 occurred in April. In 2006 Mansfield had 48 on sight DWI arrests. In 2007 Mansfield had 6 accidents attributable to DWI.

Having the University of Connecticut within the Town of Mansfield has a definite affect on the amount of traffic, the amount of traffic accidents, and especially on weekends, DUI arrests and accidents. Regular patrols are busy responding to calls, leaving little time for DUI Enforcement. Often, there are only one or two units assigned to patrol on evenings.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
DWI Accidents	6	17	20
Onsight arrests	48	36	28

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ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES

DUI selective enforcement will be conducted during the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's holiday, Memorial Day/July 4th holiday and Labor Day holiday high travel periods per schedule listed below. Enforcement techniques should include extra DUI saturation patrols, (including DUI checkpoints), on those days that the law enforcement agency determines to hold the highest impact for traffic volume and potential contact with the motoring public as it relates to their community. Funding consideration will be predicated upon several factors including holiday period participation, the municipalities DUI statistics, participation in Click It or Ticket WAVE activities and participation in the Law Enforcement Challenge.

NOTE: For DUI Patrol activities, the number of enforcement officers allowed per vehicle at any one time is one per vehicle, however, daily shifts may be split by more than one officer. Agencies working under these DUI enforcement activities will required to develop and implement a training schedule for traffic personnel to be trained in the most current methods of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

NOTE: The operation of this selective enforcement program shall be above and beyond the normal/special patrol activities scheduled for the days and times listed below. No shifts in excess of 8 hours

Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Years Enforcement Period

Defined Program Parameters		Planned Project Operations (fill in below)
Dates/Times	Nov. 18 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 19 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 20 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 21 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 22 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 23 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 24 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 25 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 26 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 27 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Nov. 28 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 02 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 03 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 04 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 9 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 10 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 11 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 16 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 17 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 18 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 19 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 20 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 21 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
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	Dec. 23 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 24 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 25 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 26 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 27 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 28 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 29 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 30 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Dec. 31 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
	Jan. 01 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Super Bowl Sunday	Feb. 06 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Saint Patrick's Day	Mar. 17 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM	__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am

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ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

NOTE: The operation of this selective enforcement program shall be above and beyond the normal/special patrol activities scheduled for the days and times listed below. No shifts in excess of 8 hours.

Memorial Day/July 4th/Labor Day Enforcement Period

Defined Program Parameters

Planned Project Operations

(fill in below)

Dates/Times		
May 26 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
May 27 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
May 28 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
May 29 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
May 30 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
July 1 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
July 2 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
July 3 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
July 4 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Aug. 25 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Aug. 26 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Aug. 27 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Sept. 1 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Sept. 2 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Sept. 3 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Sept. 4 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am
Sept. 5 > 05:00 PM - 04:00 AM		__7__:00__ pm through __3__:00__ am

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Hours of operation **MUST** fall within the defined program parameters.
Adjustments may be made based on unique local circumstances.
CORE ENFORCEMENT HOURS 17:00-4:00--NO SHIFTS TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
Primary enforcement locations are as follows:

1. Hunting Lodge Road

2. Route 195

3. Route 32

4. Route 275

This operational plan will be supported through statewide and regional/local media coverage.

PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

OVERTIME WAGES: (Only one officer allowed per vehicle at any one time.)

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS FY 2010 HOLIDAY DATES

Date: November 18, 2010
Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 19, 2010
Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 20, 2010
Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 21, 2010
Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 22, 2010
Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

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PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

Only one Officer allowed per vehicle at any one time

Defined Program Parameters

Core Enforcement Hours: 17:00 - 04:00

**NO SHIFT TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
PER ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

Date: November 23, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 24, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 25, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 26, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 27, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: November 28, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 2, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 3, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

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PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

Only one Officer allowed per vehicle at any one time

Defined Program Parameters

Core Enforcement Hours: 17:00 - 04:00

**NO SHIFT TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
PER ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

Date: December 4, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 9, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 10, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 11, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 16, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 17, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 18, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 19, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
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PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

Only one Officer allowed per vehicle at any one time

Defined Program Parameters

Core Enforcement Hours: 17:00 - 04:00
NO SHIFT TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
PER ENFORCMENT PERIOD

Date: December 20, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 21, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 22, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 23, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 24, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 25, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 26, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 27, 2010

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Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

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PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

Only one Officer allowed per vehicle at any one time

Defined Program Parameters

Core Enforcement Hours: 17:00 - 04:00

**NO SHIFT TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
PER ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

Date: December 28, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 29, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 30, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: December 31, 2010

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: January 1, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: February 6, 2011 Super Bowl Sunday

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: March 17, 2011 Saint Patrick's Day

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

Only one Officer allowed per vehicle at any one time

Defined Program Parameters

Core Enforcement Hours: 17:00 - 04:00

**NO SHIFT TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
PER ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

MEMORIAL DAY/JULY 4TH, 2011 HOLIDAY DATES

Date: May 26, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: May 27, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: May 28, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: May 29, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: May 30, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: July 1, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: July 2, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: July 3, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: July 4, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

PROJECT COST WORK SHEET

Only one Officer allowed per vehicle at any one time

Defined Program Parameters

Core Enforcement Hours: 17:00 - 04:00

**NO SHIFT TO EXCEED 8 HOURS
PER ENFORCEMENT PERIOD**

AUGUST/LABOR DAY 2011 HOLIDAY DATES

Date: August 25, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: August 26, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: August 27, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: September 1, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: September 2, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: September 3, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: September 4, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

Date: September 5, 2011

Enforcement Officer # 1: 8 hrs @ \$ 50.00 = \$ 400

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

BUDGET DETAIL

PLEASE COMPLETE PROJECT WORKSHEET(S) PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS PAGE.

(A) PERSONAL SERVICES

Total Estimated Wages (Sum of all worksheets)	(1)	\$21,200
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Overtime Fringe Benefit Rate @ <u> 59.00 </u> % Multiply this rate (if applicable) times the Total Estimated Wages	(2)	\$12,508.00
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Add Total Estimated Wages and Fringe Benefit Costs for Grand Total Amount	(3)	\$33,708.00
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Please round up the Grand Total Amount to the next highest \$100.00 (i.e. \$1,852.11 to \$1,900.00)	(4)	\$33,800.00
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PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

City/Town of: Mansfield

FRINGE BENEFIT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I hereby certify that the fringe benefit rate of 59 % is the rate authorized by the City/Town of:
Mansfield
police agency personnel for the following time period: From: 11/18/10 to 09/05/11
(Date) (Date)

The category/percentage breakdown of this rate is as follows:

Cost Category	Percentage
1. <u>FICA</u>	<u>6.20%</u>
2. <u>Medicare</u>	<u>1.45%</u>
3. <u>Workers Comp</u>	<u>2.10%</u>
4. <u>Ret/Health Ins * As provided by State of CT</u>	<u>49.25%</u>
5. _____	<u>%</u>
6. _____	<u>%</u>
7. _____	<u>%</u>
8. _____	<u>%</u>
Total Overtime Fringe Rate	<u>59%</u>

I further certify that this statement is correct in all respects and that the fringe benefit rate identified above accurately represents the OVERTIME fringe benefit costs to the municipality for the individuals employed under this project.

City/Town's Chief Financial Officer

Name: Cherie Trahan

Title: Director of Finance

Ink Signature: _____

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

PROJECT EXPENDITURES --- REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

This is a federally reimbursable program. The cost of all expenses incurred under this project must first be paid for with municipal or state agency funds. The sub-grantee may then apply for reimbursement based on the procedures and policies listed below.

Project Start Date November 25, 2010	Billing Period Ending Date January 1, 2011	Reimbursement Deadline February 1, 2011
2nd Billing Period Start Date January 2, 2011	Billing Period Ending Date July 5, 2011	Reimbursement Deadline August 1, 2011
3rd Billing Period Start Date July 6, 2011	Project Ending Date September 12, 2011	Reimbursement Deadline October 12, 2011

- Only expenses contained in the approved Highway Safety Project application may be claimed for reimbursement.
- Expenses **MUST** be incurred within the approved Project Start and Ending Dates. (see above)
Please verify the Project Start Date and Project Ending Date prior to any project activity.
- **PERSONNEL SALARIES** -- Personnel salary expenditures are authorized as part of this project. Completed and signed "*Highway Safety Program Time Sheet & Activity Reports*" **MUST** accompany these expenditures for reimbursement. Under no circumstances may an employee sign their own time sheet as employee and supervisor - even if they are the ranking officer for that shift. All time sheets must have two separate individual and legible signatures and they must be originals. Photocopies or faxed timesheets are not acceptable forms of reimbursable documentation.
- Under the terms and conditions of this project application, ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION must be submitted to the Highway Safety Office no later than thirty (30) days after the billing's ending date.
Please verify the Reimbursement Deadline prior to any project activity.
- All claims that are missing required support documentation will be returned to the grantee and will not be processed for reimbursement until all required documentation is submitted and filled out completely and properly.

**FAILURE TO MEET THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS
SET FORTH MAY RESULT IN YOUR CLAIM BEING DENIED.**

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Town of Mansfield

BUDGET SUMMARY

Federal Share	75.00%
State/Local Share	25.00%

BUDGET SUMMARY SUBMITTAL

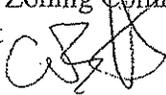
COST CATEGORY	AMOUNT	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$33,800.00	FEDERAL FUNDS (75%)	\$25,350.00
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	XXXXXXXXXX	NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (25%)	\$8,450.00
OPERATING COSTS	XXXXXXXXXX	TOTAL FUNDS (100%)	\$33,800.00
EQUIPMENT	XXXXXXXXXX		
INDIRECT COSTS	XXXXXXXXXX		
TOTAL BUDGETED	\$33,800.00		

BUDGET SUMMARY APPROVAL (HSO USE ONLY)

COST CATEGORY	AMOUNT	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
PERSONNEL SERVICES		FEDERAL FUNDS (75%)	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	XXXXXXXXXX	NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (25%)	
OPERATING COSTS	XXXXXXXXXX	TOTAL FUNDS (100%)	
EQUIPMENT	XXXXXXXXXX		
INDIRECT COSTS	XXXXXXXXXX		
TOTAL BUDGETED			

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BREAK

To: Town Council/Planning & Zoning Commission
 From: Curt Hirsch, Zoning Agent
 Date: November 1, 2010



Re: *Monthly Report of Zoning Enforcement Activity*
For the month of October, 2010

Activity	This month	Last month	Same month last year	This fiscal year to date	Last fiscal year to date
Zoning Permits issued	16	8	11	48	48
Certificates of Compliance issued	11	6	7	45	31
Site inspections	53	49	46	187	156
Complaints received from the Public	6	7	2	19	16
Complaints requiring inspection	4	5	2	14	13
Potential/Actual violations found	4	2	5	9	22
Enforcement letters	10	9	14	41	37
Notices to issue ZBA forms	0	0	0	0	2
Notices of Zoning Violations issued	3	1	4	6	21
Zoning Citations issued	8	2	4	14	12

Zoning permits issued this month for single family homes = 1, multi-fm = 8
 2010/2011 fiscal year total: s-fm = 2, multi-fm = 8

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 5 meeting
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Conference Room B, 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:35.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Bill Palmer, Ed Wazer, Kathleen Paterson, Crissie Dittrich,
Jennifer Kaufman

Minutes of the September 7, 2010, meeting were approved.

Old Business

- *Farm Tax Options Update-Tabled*
- *Agriculture Zoning Update*--Greg Padick would like to review the management plan option and the livestock option to get feedback from the whole committee. Charlie mentioned that Eastern Ct RC&D just received a grant to develop "Best Practices: Sample Livestock Regulations for Ct Municipalities." The committee decided to let the subcommittee handle this with the understanding that it would be reviewed and approved by the full Agriculture Committee before it goes to PZC.
- *Presentation to the Town Council*—Al Cyr commended the committee on a job well-done.

New Business

- *Annual Report*--Jennifer circulated a draft annual report. The committee reviewed and edited. Charlie motioned to approve the annual report as amended. Kathleen seconded. Motion carried.

Other

- CFBA Presentation on 490 at the Buchanan Center 10/12. Bill Palmer is planning to attend and will introduce himself to Joan and thank her on behalf of the committee.

Items for future agendas

- November meeting: Review of agricultural lease policy, TLGV Foodshed Plan
- January meeting: Review agriculture lease reports
- Joint meeting with the Sustainability Committee, date TBD

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 9, 2010

Present: Ames, Roberts, Knox (chair), Milius, Walton (staff), Hultgren (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m.

The minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting were accepted as amended.

Staff is proceeding with extending the contract for single-family refuse collection with Mayo & Sons for one more year beginning October 1, 2010. Effective November 1, 2010 the Friday service will be changed to Wednesday. Staff will send a letter to all the residences on Friday's trash/recycling route notifying them that their service will change to Wednesday. The committee discussed providing different sized cans for residents – either automated or non-automated type service - to eliminate the growing use of oversized cans. Hultgren suggested researching automated trash service in other towns.

The committee discussed ways to improve plastic grocery bag recycling at the two Mansfield grocery stores. It was suggested that both stores make the collection area more obvious, train baggers to use fewer bags and provide clerks with a button that promotes cloth bags. Milius volunteered to help with this project. Hultgren suggested that the committee draft a letter to state legislators in support of resurrecting the proposed State retail bag deposit legislation for the next legislative session. A committee member could attend candidates' night to ask them to support retail bag deposit legislation.

Walton reported that volunteers from various organizations are lined up to help with the waste stations at the Festival on the Green on September 12, 2010. Walton reviewed the trash sort since all the members in attendance would be volunteering.

Hultgren reported that Town Council approved the solid waste regulations revisions, which beginning October 1, 2010, will allow service levels to be increased as an enforcement tool for non-conforming households – those consistently over their service level or not recycling.

The Town is in the process of hiring people to pick litter along Hunting Lodge/North Eagleville Roads. UConn will be purchasing trash and recycling cans for the new Hunting Lodge Road walkway. Hultgren suggested that the committee design an adopt-a-road sign that can be brought to the planning and zoning commission for their consideration. Jim Hintz, director of off-campus student services, is working on developing the Mansfield Adopt-A-Road program to make it more attractive to a wider audience.

It was suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for Thursday, October 28 instead of November 4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Sustainability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
September 22, 2010

Present: Stoddard, Lennon, Hart, Miller, Duffy, Hultgren (staff), Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by acting chair, Lynn Stoddard.

The August 25, 2010 minutes were reviewed.

Walton circulated flyers for expense-paid internships through the Student Conservation Association, which will be helping with the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, and pledge forms to begin gathering challenge participants. Walton will inquire about how the Mansfield program can be tailored to off-campus student housing and using some of the grant money to start on-line publicity, including pledge forms.

Walton distributed the 2009-2010 Mansfield municipal energy carbon calculator. According to the 09-10 data, energy usage rose significantly at the Middle School and there was a 12,000 gallon drop in bus fuel usage. Both of these discrepancies will be checked for accuracy. A comparison of the three fiscal years by building, vehicle and streetlights was circulated. The committee would like the data graphed by categories for ease of comparison.

The tentative date for a presentation to the Town Council regarding sustainable considerations for school siting is October 25, 2010. Walton will confirm that this date works for Matthews.

It was decided to hold off presenting the Sustainability Committee's first year of accomplishments to Town Council until the committee has better defined priorities for the next year.

Leigh Duffy resigned as chairperson due to work conflicts. She recommended that the person taking her seat ought to be a current town council member, rather than a past council member, as she was. Stoddard was accepted as the new chair, with Lennon as the vice chair. The committee has three vacant seats – a representative from Town Council, Region 19, and Planning and Zoning.

Walton circulated Hang Out With Us on 10/10/10 flyers. Sally Milius has been coordinating this effort. A few of the schools are participating with their own clothesline display. UConn EcoHouse may also participate. Walton will be sending out a press release to the papers and radios as well as Q-Notify.

EO Smith is having a global warming teach-in October 19-22. The Sustainability Committee or Energy Education Team has been asked to do a 45 minute presentation on what the Town is doing to address climate change. Walton will prepare a presentation but suggestions of interactive activities are welcome.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2010. This meeting will be devoted to defining priorities for the next year. It was recommended that the meeting time be changed to 5:00 pm ending at 6:30 pm. Walton will check the availability of rooms for that time and other members' availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, September 2, 2010**

**Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
1244 Storrs Road**

2:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Harry Birkenruth, Tom Callahan, Bruce Clouette, Gregg Haddad, Matthew Hart, Dennis Heffley, David Lindsay, Philip Lodewick, Frank McNabb, Betsy Paterson, Christopher Paulhus, Alexandria Roe, Kristin Schwab, Bill Simpson, Antoinette Webster, and David Woods

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm, Lee Cole-Chu, Nick Kepple

Guests: Howard Kaufman and Steve Maun from LeylandAlliance, Jim Poole from NorthMarq, and Tom Trubiana and Rhonda Johannesen from Education Realty Trust (EDR)

1. Call to Order

Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

2. Opportunity for Public to Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Dennis Heffley made a motion to approve the August 5, 2010 Board minutes. Bruce Clouette seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tom Callahan made a motion to go into executive session to receive commercial or financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance – CGS 1-200 (6), (E) and 1-210(b)(5).

Bill Simpson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Executive Session – Review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance

Present: Mr. Birkenruth, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Clouette, Mr. Haddad, Mr. Hart, Mr. Heffley, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Lodewick, Mr. McNabb, Ms. Paterson, Mr. Paulhus, Ms. Roe, Ms. Schwab, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Webster, and Mr. Woods

Also Present: Ms. van Zelm, Mr. Cole-Chu, Mr. Kepple, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Maun, Mr. Poole, Mr. Trubiana and Ms. Johannesen

5. Director's Report

Cynthia van Zelm noted that the September Open House is at 6 pm tonight.

Ms. van Zelm said responses to a request for proposal on design of the parking garage is due today.

Ms. van Zelm said that she and Lon Hultgren and Tim Veillette from the Town, with the Town's consultant BL Companies, attended a project meeting on Storrs Road at the CT Department of Transportation to review comments on the design of Storrs Road. She said a public meeting in Mansfield is planned for late September/early October.

Ms. van Zelm said a request for proposal for the intermodal center/Village Street will be sent out to firms by the Town this week.

Ms. van Zelm requested assistance with a Board member to staff the Partnership's table at Know Your Town Fair with Ms. Paterson.

6. Appointment of Patrick Carino to the Finance and Administration Committee

Ms. van Zelm noted that Patrick Carino was one of the University of Connecticut students that applied for the student representative position on the Board of Directors. The Board wanted to encourage students to be involved with the Partnership, and Mr. Carino expressed interest in serving on the Finance and Administration Committee. On August 26th, the Finance and Administration Committee approved recommending to the Board of Directors that Mr. Carino serve on the Committee.

Mr. Callahan made a motion to appoint Mr. Carino to the Finance and Administration Committee. Ms. Paterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee

Ms. van Zelm said that responses to a request for proposal for design of the sewer pump station are being reviewed by the review team through the Town.

8. Report from Committees

Festival on the Green

Betsy Paterson announced that an exciting new piece of the *Festival* will be the puppet making workshop on Sept. 4 and 5. This is a collaborative effort with the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry and the Partnership, with assistance from the Mansfield Historical Society. The workshop will be held at the Community Center and puppets that are made will appear in the Celebrate Mansfield Parade at the *Festival*. Ms. Paterson commended the School of Fine Arts for its great support of the *Festival*.

Finance and Administration

Mr. Callahan referred to the end of the year financials for the Partnership (June 30, 2010). He said the Partnership did not need to utilize professional and technical services (relocation, legal, etc.) as much as anticipated. He said the Partnership is in good financial shape.

Membership Development

Frank McNabb said the Committee met two weeks ago and critiqued membership outreach efforts from the last year.

9. Adjourn

Chris Paulhus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dean Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee

on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday September 28, 2010

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

I. Recording Attendance

Present: K. Grunwald (staff), Denise Houman, C.

Semenza-Colon, W. Gibbs (Chair), KA Easley (staff),

J. Blanshard

Regrets: F. Goetz, J. Sidney, J. Tanner

II. Approval of Minutes: the Minutes for the June 22, 2010 meeting were accepted as written.

III. New Business

a. Welcome new member: Denise Houman introduced herself and members introduced themselves.

b. Goals for FY 10/11: K. Grunwald distributed copies of goals for this past year. D. Houman would like to see Storrs Center to be more wheelchair accessible. Suggestion that Cynthia Van Zelm be invited to this meeting to provide an

update. (add to the first/existing goal). C. Colon-Semenza suggested moving the parking violation issue to the area of accomplishments. K. Grunwald will draft goals and accomplishments and email to the group. Discussion re: whether the issue of post office accessibility should be included; focus more on accessibility to other buildings.

- c. Proposed Brochure: K. Grunwald distributed copies of a draft brochure for the committee. Some discussion about the use of the wheelchair symbol on the front cover. Suggestion to use images of people, possibly an open door. Look at using the term "membership" as opposed to "composition." Preference for Membership: "members are appointed by the Town Council..." Add the website link; K. Grunwald will attempt to edit by bulleting areas; add examples of people first language on the back of the brochure. Will edit and review at next meeting.
- d. Election issues at Mansfield Community Center: Carol Pellegrine has raised concerns about using the Community Center as a voting location. The size of the facility requires voters to walk long distances, and the covering used to protect the floor makes it difficult for individuals who use walkers or wheelchairs to navigate. Discussion about problems associated with this site. Question asked about whether or not voters can vote in a different location? One option is for voters to vote by absentee ballot. Questions about what the process is to vote in this way.

Can accommodations be made for voters with disabilities? K. Grunwald will check with Mary Stanton and Curt Vincente regarding options.

e. "Other": none.

IV. Old Business

- a. "Good Citizen" Recognition: We will send a "good citizen recognition" to TJ Maxx. K. Grunwald will contact Mike Savino at the Chronicle to see if we can get an article printed on this.
- b. Network for parents of children with disabilities: Will discuss this with Rachel Leclerc at our next meeting. D. Houman indicates that there are not many resources like this available in the community. C. Colon-Semenza raised the question of what the role of the committee would be in this: advocacy.
- c. Publicity efforts/Community Presentation: C. Colon-Semenza is questioning the direction of this presentation. KA Easley feels that the venue will help to determine the focus of the presentation. Discussion about using the Senior Center, possibly PTO's at the schools. What topic would have the most interest or appeal; draw the largest number of attendees? Feeling that we need to settle on one area of disabilities to focus on. Check with Deb Hultgren, Cindy Dainton, or Rachel Leclerc regarding suggestions. Cristina will contact Cindy Dainton at the Senior Center and then create an outline for a presentation; discuss at the October meeting.

d. Status of other accessibility issues previously identified: no discussion.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM.
The next meeting will be October 26 (Rachel Leclerc has been invited to attend).

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

Town of Mansfield
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of 15 September 2010
Conference B, Audrey P. Beck Building
MINUTES

Members present: Joan Buck (Alt.), Robert Dahn, Peter Drzewiecki (from 8:00p), Neil Facchinetti (Alt.), Quentin Kessel, Scott Lehmann, John Silander. *Members absent:* Joan Stevenson, Frank Trainor. *Others present:* Grant Meitzler (Wetlands Agent).

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:30p by Chair Quentin Kessel.
2. The draft **minutes of the 18 August meeting**, with the addition of "Joan Buck (Alt.)" to the list of absent members and correction of minor typos, were approved.
3. **Election of officers.** Kessel, Silander, and Lehmann (resp.), having indicated that they were willing to serve as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary (resp.) for the coming year, were elected by acclamation. Kessel will also inform the Town Manager that Dahn and Drzewiecki are willing to continue as Commission members.
4. **IWA referral W1462 (Laurel La. bridge replacement)** The Town proposes to replace the 1-pier steel and timber Mt. Hope River bridge on Laurel Lane with a single-span steel bridge. The existing bridge (which currently serves one house) is not wide enough to qualify as a 1-lane bridge, and emergency vehicles must use extreme caution in crossing it. Its pier and abutments, which constrict the river's flow, would be removed. After some discussion, the Commission agreed on the following **motion** (Buck, Silander: all in favor save Drzewiecki, not yet present):

The Commission notes that the construction phase of this project could have a significant impact on wetlands and urges that care be taken to minimize it. A long-term benefit to the river system may be expected from replacing the existing substandard bridge with one less likely to fail and eliminating constrictions on flow.

{No one on the Commission expected to go on the IWA field trip to the site, which was scheduled for 9/16/10, the day after this meeting. }

5. **Agronomy farm.** Facchinetti spoke on Agronomy Farm issues at the 9/14/10 Town-Gown Committee meeting on behalf of the Storrs Heights Neighborhood Association. He asked the Committee to endorse a memorandum of understanding that irrigation and application of agricultural chemicals at the farm shall be done in a manner that does not diminish the supply or degrade the quality of well-water in the neighborhood. He also asked that an independent hydrologist be appointed to oversee the monitoring program and suggested that neighborhood wells be monitored directly for impacts on water quality and quantity (as opposed to indirectly via information obtained from monitoring wells at the farm).
6. **Open Space.** Buck attended the 8/17/10 meeting of the Open Space Preservation Committee and reported on discussion of Penner property issues and the up-coming referendum question on open-space funding.
7. **Swan Lake outfall.** Kessel will communicate item 6 of the July minutes to Barry Feldman at UConn, suggesting that the University save money by shelving this project, which is probably

needed only for a diversion that is unlikely to be approved by DPH and DEP.

8. Ponde Place water. The developers of Ponde Place would like the University to agree to back up its water supply in the event of an emergency. It does not appear wise for the University to assume any additional water obligations, given the current drought advisory, which is likely to be perennial. Kessel will attend the Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow.

9. Adjourned at 8:30p. Next meeting: 7:30p, Wednesday, 20 October 2010

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 18 September 2010; revised 21 September 2010; approved 20 October 2010.

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 14, 2010
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Min Lin

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

RECOGNITION: Mary Lee Geary, Kindergarten Teacher at Goodwin was honored as Mansfield's 2011 Teacher of the Year.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD SECRETARY ELECTION: MOTION by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, seconded by Ms. Matthews to nominate Mrs. Kelly as Board Secretary. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Policy Committee: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews to adopt the Mansfield Board of Education Policy updates as recommended by Shipman and Goodwin with a wording edit to the Code of Conduct. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The committee reported they will meet again to explore additional language addressing Board Members who are currently parents in the district. Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa asked for an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss contract negotiations. Dorothy Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that the funding applications have been sent home with students and the committee will meet on November 9, 2010 at 4:00pm to review the applications.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Windham Public Schools Request: Mr. Baruzzi discussed a letter from Windham Public Schools asking Mansfield to enter into an Inter-district School Choice Cooperative Agreement as required of them by federal and state NCLB regulations. Due to lack of state and or federal funding to support the effort, Mansfield will decline this opportunity.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Nine projects were reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no major changes in enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mrs. Paulhus that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of October 14, 2010 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the September 16, 2010 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the increase in salary, retroactive to the start of the school year as outlined in the current contract between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Mansfield Education Association for Robert Burrington, Mary Lee Geary, James Hendricks, Kimberly Ruiz, Beth Schwartz.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisa Hart, teacher at Mansfield Middle School effective November 5, 2010.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Patwa would like a report on Study Island.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Matthews to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 9:10. VOTE Unanimous in favor.

Returned to open session at 9:34pm

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to ratify the Mansfield Education Association Contract, effective 7/1/11 – 6/30/14. VOTE Unanimous in favor.

The Chair expressed the appreciation of all of the Board to the MEA for working together to put the needs of the children and the program first in difficult economic times.

MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, 9:36pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk

Martha Kelley, Secretary, Mansfield Board of Education

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
1244 Storrs Road**

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

MINUTES

Members: Steve Bacon, Laurie Best, Chris Kueffner, Peter Millman, Ruth Moynihan, Betsy Paterson, Karin Randolph, and Pene Williams

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

Guests: Gloria Bent and Jessica Higham (Mansfield Advocates for Children); Kevin Grunwald (Mansfield Director of Human Services)

1. Call to Order

Steve Bacon called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2010

Chris Kueffner made a motion to approve the June 15, 2010 minutes. Betsy Paterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Update and Presentation from Mansfield Advocates for Children

Kevin Grunwald said that the Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC) is an advisory committee appointed by the Mansfield Town Council.

Mr. Bacon recapped the involved with MAC and the Planning and Design Committee, noting that Ms. Bent and Ms. Higham had been to previous meetings. He said that over the course of the last few months, MAC had developed a proposal of children's programming and children-friendly play structures that may be part of the public space at Storrs Center.

Ms. Bent referred to a Power Point presentation and noted that the reason they are interested in a play area as a gathering space is because one of MAC's primary interests is to focus on community connectedness.

Ms. Bent reviewed the types of playscapes that other communities have as well as additional infrastructure that would be appealing to families including public restrooms, shade trees, walking routes, a family resource center, etc.

Ms. Bent said her opinion is that play structures could be scattered throughout the development; one central location is not absolutely necessary.

She noted that the trend is to create more of a nature play area vs. wooden and metal playscapes from the past.

With respect to funding any play structures, Ms. Bent said that MAC could do some fundraising and they know of people that may be able to help with design.

Ms. Bent explained that family resource centers are often in school buildings. Many programs could be run out of a family resource center. Would it fit as part of the intermodal center?

With respect to programming, Ms. Bent suggested that MAC coordinate with the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on programming events in Storrs Center. Ms. Paterson thought this was a great idea.

Ms. Bent suggested that next steps might be to develop an ad hoc committee to review playscape location and programming options. Children need to be part of this ad hoc committee.

Mr. Bacon said the idea of a walking trail makes sense with the proximity to Whetten Woods. This could be a learning experience for children if walks are led by a naturalist.

Peter Millman asked where an appropriate place might be for a fenced in playground? Does it make sense to have it towards the woods where it is protected from traffic? Ms. Bent referred to links to websites on the Power Point that have information on playground safety.

Ms. Higham said her idea is to have a place where children can play while, for example, adults listen to a concert. Her thought is that it may be important to have a playground where the activity is taking place.

Ms. Higham noted that it may be premature to apply for grants for funding if the town square area will not be completed for awhile. Funding agencies want to see that money is spent in a certain time period.

The Committee discussed obtaining information from MAC about the size of a space they are interested in and relay that to the master developer LeylandAlliance.

Ms. Bent suggested forming a subcommittee to look at the issues of space and needs.

Ms. Higham noted that the space for a play area could be any size and that it would be important that it be located near restrooms and parking.

Mr. Grunwald said he felt it was important not to lose sight of a central gathering space.

Ms. Higham said the feedback from parents is that space need to be accessible for handicapped children. The age period to target is from toddlers to 8 to 10 years old. She said MAC generally focuses on children up to 8 years old.

Mr. Bacon thought a subcommittee of MAC may be the most appropriate way to proceed since the Planning and Design Committee will be busy reviewing site plans and may not be able to give the children's space and programming the attention it needs. The Committee should be involved but may not be able to take the lead.

Mayor Paterson said she would work with Mr. Grunwald and Town Manager Matt Hart to put together a subcommittee. Ms. van Zelm would stay involved as Executive Director of the Partnership. Members from the Planning and Design Committee will be solicited to see if they are interested in serving on this subcommittee.

Ms. Bent and Ms. Higham agreed that a family resource center would not fit in the Storrs Center area.

The representatives from MAC and the Committee tentatively agreed to hold a similar presentation as today in front of the Partnership Board of Directors on October 7.

5. Update on Storrs Center (Storrs Road, Parking Garage and Intermodal Center)

Ms. van Zelm said a meeting will be held at the CT Department of Transportation with Town, Partnership and BL Companies staff on August 27 to review comments on Storrs Road.

Ms. van Zelm said there are seven firms that have been shortlisted to receive a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the parking garage, and three firms that will receive an RFP for the intermodal center and the Village Street.

6. Topics for Next Meeting and Set Meeting Date

The Committee will meet next on October 19.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Paterson made a motion to adjourn. Karin Randolph seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Committee adjourned at 6:40 pm.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
August 26, 2010
10:00 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of Apartment Units

An emergency meeting was called to address the bidding on available HUD properties known as Mansfield Scattered Sites. They include Clubhouse Apartments, Maplewood Apartments, Millbrook Apartments, Knollwood Apartments and Oakwood Apartments. These properties all lie within the Housing Authority's jurisdiction. A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Christison-Lagay to authorize the Executive Director to bid on the HUD owned properties comprised of 231 units, subject to analysis of the properties and reasonable commitment for financing by the State. The bid must be subject to adequate financing. Motion approved unanimously.

Emergency Meeting

An emergency meeting is called for August 31, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. by the Chairperson to discuss and evaluate and additional information that has been received on the property purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
August 31, 2010
8:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by the Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of Apartment Units

Ms Fields shared some of the information she had access to from HUD. Mr Simonsen created a spreadsheet with which the different financial scenarios were entered to assess, on a macro level, how much the Housing Authority could bid for the properties. Some of the options were rents, percentage at market versus moderate income, vacancy rates, amount of debt, etcetera. There was also a cursory review of the long term and immediate physical needs assessment of the properties. The bid for the properties is scheduled for September 9, 2010.

It was decided that Ms Fields will correspond via email with all Board members with updates throughout the week prior to the next emergency meeting.

Emergency Meeting

An emergency meeting is called for September 7, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. by the Chairperson to discuss and evaluate and additional information that has been received on the property purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
September 7, 2010
8:00 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by the Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of Apartment Units

Ms Fields stated that she had received an email from Kathleen Malone, Director of Asset Sales Office, at HUD that the bid date had been changed to September 22, 2010. This was in response to Ms Fields' request for more time to put the financing together. During the previous week, Ms Fields spoke with Lynn Koroser-Crane at CHFA, Andy Sacco at Citizens Bank, Gene Arnold at TD Bank, Julie Fagan and Suzanne Piacentini at HUD in Hartford, and Denise Merrill's office to seek financing.

Ms Fields will continue to correspond via email with all Board members keeping Board members informed.

Finance Meeting

The regular finance meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2010. All Board members have been invited to attend as the main topic of discussion will be the apartment purchase.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
September 22, 2010
8:00 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by the Chairperson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Christison-Lagay to re-elect all officers to their current positions with the exception of Ms Christison-Lagay. Ms Christison-Lagay shall be the Assistant Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms Hall and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion approved unanimously

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the July and August bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports –A (General)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the July Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded Mr. Eddy to accept the August 2010 Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Resident Advisory Committee

Mr. Eddy reported that he is gathering comments from the survey review. Mr. Eddy requested all comments from the office be returned by next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Budgets

The Finance Committee moves that the budgets as presented be approved by the Board and the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it is necessary that the Housing Authority of the Town of Mansfield increase the base rent at Holinko Estates and Wrights Village to meet increased cost of management and capital needs of the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD THAT:

The Base Rent at Holinko Estates will be increased, effective May 1, 2011 as follows:

- a. Two Bedroom Flats from \$495 to \$545 per month.
- b. Two Bedroom Townhouses from \$523 to \$575 per month.
- c. Three Bedroom Flats from \$550 to \$610 per month.
- d. Three Bedroom Townhouses from \$578 to \$640 per month.
- e. Four Bedroom Townhouse from \$633 to \$710 per month.

The Base Rent at Wrights Village will be increased, effective January 1, 2011 as follows:

- a. Small One Bedroom from \$215 to \$265 per month.
- b. Large One Bedroom from \$225 to \$275 per month.

Mr. Eddy recused himself from the vote. Motion approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Maintenance Vehicle

Ms. Fields stated that Ms Piette has spoke with Tony's Garage and they will be looking for a vehicle for the Housing Authority at the auction. After review the vehicles at the auction this past week, the estimated cost for a 2008 or 2009 with around 35,000 miles will cost approximately \$18,000 to \$23,000. Tony's Garage will look each week and should a vehicle become available that meets the needs of the Housing Authority, Ms Fields will need to act immediately.

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to authorize Ms Fields to approve up to \$23,000 to purchase a truck for the Housing Authority. Motion approved unanimously.

Method for Responding to Comments from the Public

Ms Fields stated that she had not had an opportunity to incorporate the comments from the last meeting and will endeavor to do so for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

December 2010 Meeting Date Change

The December Regular Board Meeting has been rescheduled from December 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. to December 17, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Dates for next year

Due to time constraints this item will be moved to the next Regular Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Review Bid Letter to HUD

The Board reviewed and made changes to the letter which will be sent to HUD to accompany the bid for the Mansfield Scattered Sites properties. Ms Fields will send the letter to the HUD representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

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POST OFFICE BOX 825, STORRS, CT 06268

October 28, 2010

Elizabeth C. Patterson

Item #4

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

4 South Eagleville Road

Mansfield, CT 06268.

TownCouncil@mansfieldct.org.

Dear Mayor Patterson,

As president of the newly formed ASTRA Club of Altrusa International, Inc. of Northeastern Connecticut, I would like to inform you of the club's existence, purpose and events. ASTRA, a volunteer organization for young people, stands for Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility, and Achievement. Our club, composed primarily of UConn students aged 18-24, is supported by our local Altrusa International, Inc. of Northeastern Connecticut. ASTRA is an opportunity for us as young people to use our time and talent to better the community, to collaborate with other volunteer and civic organizations within the community, and to develop leadership skills with the guidance of the professional and civic leaders who are members of our sponsoring Altrusa Northeastern CT Club.

This semester, in honor of Make a Difference Day, October 23rd, we organized a magazine collection for the women of Next Step of Perception Programs in Willimantic. Among other projects and events, we are advertising a benefit concert hosted by the UNESCO Student Ambassadors for Human Rights at UConn, and donating our time to the Covenant Soup Kitchen.

We look forward to establishing our club's presence within Mansfield and within the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pickett, ASTRA Club President

UConn Undergraduate 2010

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF MANSFIELD

Item #5

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

To: Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Cc: Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010
Re: 8-24 Referral: Hunting Lodge Road Bikeway/Walkway

At a meeting held on 10/18/10, the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLVED, that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Mansfield approves the following project pursuant to Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut:

Bikeway/walkway improvements along the western side of Hunting Lodge Road from its intersection with North Eagleville Road to the intersection of Carriage House Road.



PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF MANSFIELD

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

To: Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Cc: Matthew Hart, Town Manager
Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance
From: Planning and Zoning Commission
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010
Re: 8-24 Referral: Salt Shed

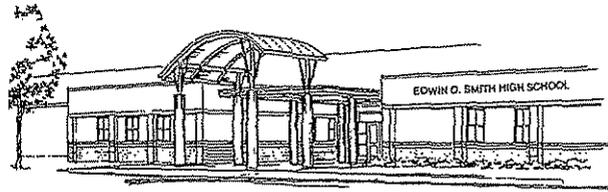
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OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLVED, that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Mansfield approves the following project pursuant to Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut:

The construction of a salt shed, storing approximately 2,000 tons of de-icing materials and sand/aggregate mixtures and associated site work at the Mansfield Public Works Department property, 230 Clover Mill Road in Mansfield.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #19
Board of Education
Memo



To: ✓ Ralph Fletcher, First Selectman, Town of Ashford
Matt Hart, Town Manager, Town of Mansfield
Christina Mailhos, First Selectman, Town of Willington

From: Bruce W. Silva, Superintendent of Schools

Date: October 15, 2010

Subject: District/Municipal Budget Information Sharing Meeting

Item #6

This memo is to confirm the budget information sharing meeting to be held on Thursday, December 2, 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to again provide an opportunity for an informal discussion regarding district and municipal budget priorities, constraints and possible legislative actions.

The feedback that we received from everyone at last year's meetings has lead us to believe the discussions were helpful. If there are others you would like to invite, please feel free to do so.

A tentative agenda has been attached for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

Attachment

- c. Cherie Trahan, Mansfield Director of Finance
Regional School District #19 Board of Education

Regional School District #19
Board of Education

District/Municipal Budget Sharing Information Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2010
E.O. Smith High School Library Media Center
1235 Storrs Road
Storrs, CT

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Participants
2. Discussion of District/Municipal Priorities and Constraints
for the 2011-2012 Budget Year
3. Discussion of Legislative Issues
4. Other Items



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Item #7

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October 27, 2010; No. 10-10

Proposed Stream Flow Regulations Unanimously Rejected by the Regulations Review Committee

After heavy lobbying by CCM and municipal officials, in collaboration with a coalition of other affected parties, the legislature's Regulations Review Committee *unanimously rejected* DEP's proposed stream flow regulations without prejudice, after more than an hour of discussion.

Lawmakers directed DEP to go back to the drawing board and narrow the scope of the regulations, particularly with respect to regulating groundwater. In addition to concerns regarding groundwater, much of the discussion focused on problems regarding (1) the uncertainty of the classification process and (2) that it would be difficult to assess the impact of the regulations until the classifications were done. Several members questioned why DEP couldn't first complete the classification process and then determine compliance requirements. Lawmakers directed DEP to include all stakeholders in the process of revising the regulations to ensure that the interests of municipalities, agriculture, the business community, golf courses, and water companies were addressed.

Under the rulemaking procedures, DEP has 35 days from the date of rejection to resubmit the regulations to the Regulations Review Committee, although it could request an extension. If no extension is granted, the revised regulations will be voted on by the Regulations Review Committee on December 21, 2010.

CCM will keep you apprised of any future actions.

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If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Kachina Walsh Weaver, CCM Senior Legislative Associate, at (203) 498-3000 or at kweaver@ccm-ct.org

This bulletin has been sent to all CCM-member Mayors, First Selectmen, Town/City Managers, and Public Works Directors.

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Info session on Storrs Center roads is Monday

By MIKE SAVINO
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — With hopes of breaking ground on the proposed Storrs Center Project next year, project representatives and town officials will meet with the town council later this month to discuss some of the road work.

The council will host the informational meeting as part of its regular meeting on Monday, which starts at 7:30 p.m. in the council's chambers in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

The meeting will give the council and members of the public a

look at some of the preliminary designs for road work along both Storrs Road and Dog Lane.

Storrs Road and Dog Lane are two of the roads that lead into the roughly \$220 million proposed Storrs Center project, which would be a mix of residential developments, retail shops and commercial buildings.

Mansfield Downtown Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm said the informational session is part of the state Department of Transportation's permitting process.

The partnership is a nonprofit

public organization that includes officials from Mansfield, the University of Connecticut and the surrounding community that is coordinating the project.

The DOT needs to approve work along both roads because Storrs Road is a state road and the projects are also being funded by federal grants dispersed by the DOT, van Zelm said.

She said designers for each of the projects will discuss preliminary designs and the public will also have the chance to provide input.

"This is a great opportunity to

see where the plans are as we move ahead," van Zelm said.

She also said the partnership and designers need to submit plans to the DOT at various stages and the Storrs Road designs have reached 30 percent completion, while Dog Lane designs are close to that point.

Mansfield Public Works Director Lon Hultgren said the two projects will include benches, wider sidewalks, medians and other aspects to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists.

"It'll be more of a Main Street look than a rural highway," he said.

He said the visual changes typically encourage drivers to slow down, but turning lanes and other road improvements are intended to prevent traffic congestion.

Dog Lane will also be reconstructed to intersect with Storrs Road roughly 60 to 80 feet north of the current intersection, Hultgren also said.

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Editor: 10/21

In the Oct. 18 edition, *the Chronicle* editor gave a needle to the Town of Mansfield for leaving a \$20,000 Bobcat on a job site only to have it stolen.

I would kindly like to differ with the editor on this. A properly secured piece of construction equipment is next to impossible to steal. The larger equipment has metal panels that protect the windows and secures it from damage and theft. A properly stored piece of smaller equipment, as the skid steer is, would be extremely difficult to steal if time is taken to secure it.

I have left equipment on job sites and most construction companies do as well. We own this equipment and take precautions to secure it when we leave it. Have you ever driven by a construction site to see a large generator hanging from a crane, or dozers and excavators lined up nose to tail. Different pieces of equipment chained to each other. Secure.

We have been told the town now "mandates" all equipment be returned to the garage daily. This is costly. It can take up to half a day to bring large equipment to and from job sites. Last year I had asked the town management why workers drove the two largest pieces of equipment to the same job site for eight days and was told "they do not leave them on job sites." Now the Bobcat has been stolen, and a backhoe was left at the Gurleyville cemetery for a week. Town management can spend one whole day instructing how to secure these things properly and save us a bunch of money.

Mike Sikoski
Storrs

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Senior housing to get second look

By MIKE SAVINO *p/20*
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The preferred developer for a proposed assisted living center plans to conduct two assessments to determine, before the end of the year, if it will continue to pursue a possible site.

Margaret Steeves, vice president of marketing and communications for Masonicare, said the developer's board of directors did approve the budget for the project, which will include two assessments in coming months.

The town council selected Masonicare, a not-for-profit health-care provider based in Wallingford, as its preferred developer for an assisted-living facility for seniors in July 2008.

The designation means the town will work to facilitate the project, but will not commit any funding to the project or grant Masonicare

any exemptions from land-use regulations or permits.

Steeves said a board of director's decision at a meeting earlier this month authorizes the company to study the potential market for the project and potential environmental issues associated with any development.

Masonicare conducted an initial feasibility study as part of the process when it was selected as preferred developer, but Steeves said the company would want to conduct a second analysis.

She said the company also wants to study the environmental impact of a proposed project, including securing a water supply.

Steeves noted there are concerns about securing water, as Masonicare currently hopes to connect to the University of Connecticut water supply.

But the environmental assessment will study if the UConn water system could support the development or if Masonicare could find other feasible alternatives.

Steeves said Masonicare will then decide whether it wants to

purchase the property "if both of those studies go well," as the developer's option for the property on Maple Road expires at the end of the year.

She added "we wouldn't be doing these things if we weren't interested" in going forward with the project, which, according to preliminary estimates after the first market study, could include between 50 and 100 units.

Steeves and other company officials have said the complex would include a combination of assisted-living and independent-living units and the Maple Road location would place it close to other services used by seniors.

Masonicare has said the economy has been especially tough for housing projects targeting seniors, but seniors in town recently raised concerns to the town council about delays in the project.

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Editor:

10/22

I found it interesting that the University of Connecticut is proposing a "moratorium" on Spring Weekend. What exactly does this mean? Can all the people of Mansfield vote on this "moratorium?"

If the students agree to this, does that mean that we will not have Spring Weekend celebrations on campus and all celebrations will be off campus: i.e. Carriage House and Celeron? Or does it mean that the students will agree to not have a Spring Weekend celebration off campus?

Does it mean that students who do not abide by this decision will be ... what?? a.) slapped on the hand?; b.) dismissed from the university? or c.) tarred and feathered?

With a moratorium should the Town of Mansfield and area fire and police services continue to prepare for the usual glut of drunken and injured students or should they plan to spend a quiet evening at home with their families?

This sounds like a great idea, but I think there needs to be much more thought put

into it than is currently being generated by a committee that probably has little idea about which they are talking.

Does a "moratorium" stop the gathering of hundreds and thousands of students and non-students in one specific area?

Carol L. Pellegrine
Storrs

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Weekend blaze damages home

By MIKE SAVINO ^{10/25} smoke damage to one corner.
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — A house on Stafford Road suffered significant damage Saturday morning after a fire started as the result of what town officials said is a "common problem."

Mansfield Fire Chief David Dagon said the blaze occurred shortly before 9 a.m. at a home at 604 Stafford Road. The town assessor's office said records show the home is owned by David and Kathryn Watson.

Mansfield Fire Marshal John Jackman said the fire was caused by some ashes in a wood stove placed in a container adjacent to the house.

He said the occupants believed the ashes were cool and placed them into a trash can, but the ashes still had enough heat to spark the blaze.

Dagon said the house can be "fully repaired," but the structure is currently "uninhabitable" after causing significant fire and

He said firefighters, with help from Willimantic, University of Connecticut, Columbia, Coventry and Tolland fire departments, were able to get the fire under control within about 20 minutes, but remained on scene for approximately two hours.

Dagon also said two people were home at the time, but were not injured and the town called the Charter Oak Chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance.

Red Cross chapter spokesman Paul Shipman did not have information about the assistance provided this morning.

Jackman said he is concerned about the number of residents improperly handling wood ashes, a problem he estimates causes one or two reported fires each year in town.

"This is a common problem, more common than it should be for our residents," he said,

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Blaze damages home

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adding there are probably more instances that never get reported.

Jackman said wood ashes are "particularly dangerous" because they can hold heat for between two and four days and residents need to take extra care.

He said people should place the ashes in a metal container with a lid, which will help keep oxygen out of the container and carbon monoxide inside.

After a period of a few days, people should then empty the metal container into another container or onto the ground in a

location away from their homes, Jackman added.

He also said he has seen more residents utilizing wood and other alternative heat sources in the last few years due to rising fuel prices, followed by a sharp decline in the economy.

"Over the last few years ... (with a drop in the economy) we've seen more and more wood stoves," he said.

Jackman also said there are fire safety tips under the fire marshal's page on the town's web site, www.mansfieldct.gov.

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Editor: 10/28

I encourage Mansfield voters to approve bonding for open space and farmland preservation.

This program will allow the town to issue bonds for purchase of land or development rights if a parcel that fits the plan of conservation becomes available.

Food contamination scandals over the last few years have dramatized the importance of fostering local agriculture.

Public open space protects water quality, clean air, natural ecosystems, and a rural quality of life, all of which make Mansfield such a desirable place to live.

The town has leveraged similar funds in the past to acquire grants and work with conservation groups such as Joshua's Trust, the Last Green Valley and Connecticut Forest and Park Association.

Having the right mix of development and conservation is essential to our economic well being. Open space ends up costing taxpayers far less for services than residential development.

**Madge Manfred
Mansfield**

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Experts sought for Four Corners water projects

By MIKE SAVINO *10/28* a firm selected when the Four Corners sewer and water advisory committee is scheduled to meet again Nov. 10.

Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD. — Looking to boost commercial development in the area known as Mansfield Four Corners, town officials already have one consultant to help look at water issues.

And, they are close to hiring a second consultant to look at sewer improvements.

Mansfield Public Works Director Lon Hultgren told the town council Monday that Environmental Partners Group, of Quincy, Mass., has been hired to study potential water sources for the area.

He also said town officials will begin interviewing consultants to help the town locate and design a sewage pump station.

Hultgren said he hopes to have

The committee is looking at ways to improve water and sewage systems at the intersection of routes 44 and 195, an area once home to restaurants, shops and other businesses.

But the area has become nearly vacant in recent years and Hultgren said improving water supplies and providing sewage to the intersection is "critical" to any future development success.

"You can't build stuff without water and sewers," he said.

Four Corners committee chairman Gene Nesbitt could not be reached for comment this morning.

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Residents approved a \$330,000 appropriation during a town meeting in June for the design of a proposed revamping of the water and sewer systems.

The town council also approved the funding in June, and, during a meeting earlier in June, supported the funding while acting as the town's water pollution control authority.

Hultgren said Environmental Partners will conduct a "multi-phase" study to determine the best possible water source for Four Corners.

The town has already identified four options, which include drilling in a well field along the Willimantic River downstream from the existing well field that services the University of Connecticut.

The town could also drill a well in the Cedar Swamp area.

The other two options involve building a connection to Windham Water Works for water, which Hultgren said would be expensive, or to the Connecticut Water Co., which has a system in Tolland.

Hultgren said he expects preliminary results from the study in December, followed by a more detailed report later.

The pump station study, meanwhile, should be "fairly quick" because the town is designing the project and is simply looking for input on the plans, he said.

Hultgren also said the Four Corners committee has not met in the last few months because there had been little progress in the project while town officials searched for consultants.

He said he had been providing the committee members with progress reports and he does expect the committee to be more active once the consultants start issuing reports to the town.

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Voters to decide \$3.34M in bond proposals

By MIKE SAVINO
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MANSFIELD — Along with voting for new state and federal officials, Mansfield residents will have the chance to decide the fate of two bonding questions when they head to the polls Tuesday.

The town will ask for approval to seek bonding for \$1.04 million for the town's open space and farmland preservation fund and approval of \$2.735 million in bonding for the replacement of two bridges.

Polling places will be Mansfield Community Center, on Route 275 for District 1, Mansfield Fire Department Station 107, on Route 32 in District 2, and the Buchanan Center/ Mansfield Public Library, on Route 89, for District 3. Poll times are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The town is seeking approval for \$1.04 million in bonding to increase the town's open space fund, which the town uses to acquire and preserve land.

Jennifer Kaufman, parks coordinator for the parks and recreation department, said during an informational session last week that any efforts to spend money from the fund would need to be referred to the town's open space committee.

The town said the fund, which currently has \$98,000, could be used for survey fees, studies and other costs related to acquiring open space, as well as construction of new or maintenance of existing facilities on town property.

Kaufman said Mansfield was referring to pavilions and other facilities on town-owned open

space in a mailer sent to residents.

Town Finance Director Cherie Trahan said during Monday's informational session that the open space committee would then make a recommendation to the town council, who then would vote the expenditure.

The town is also seeking \$2.735 million in bonding for two bridges, but Mansfield Public Works Director Lon Hultgren said the town has 80-percent reimbursement grants for both projects.

He said the town would receive the reimbursements as the projects progress and it would only need to borrow a combined \$383,264 for the two projects to cover its share.

One of the projects would replace the Stone Mill Road bridge that

crosses the Fenton River adjacent to the Gurleyville Grist Mill, and the new bridge would consist of two concrete arches designed to complement the mill.

The town would also replace the Laurel Lane bridge with a new steel and concrete structure that would be slightly upstream from where the current bridge is located.

A resident raised concerns about the project, saying the bridge would lead to a stretch of road that contains only one home.

But Hultgren said the town looked at other options, including building smaller bridge with no federal aid or buying the property and moving the resident, and current proposed bridge project was actually the cheapest for the town.

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Mansfield to look at ^{10/27} Goodwin for school site

By MIKE SAVINO
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MANSFIELD — Looking at possible sites for a new elementary school, the town council Monday agreed to have staffers examine if adding to the Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School property is a suitable option.

Planning Director Gregory Padick told the council Monday he has had contact with town residents who own property adjacent to the school, located on Hunting Lodge Road, and it appeared both owners were "not sure what they wanted to do."

But, with recommendations from Padick and Town Planner Matthew Hart, the council agreed to have town staff and project consultants examine the site to determine if a new school could be placed on the site before the town proceeds in land negotiations.

Councilmen have expressed a desire to have a location on the northern side of town if they opt for a two-school option, as recommended by the school board in May.

The potential Goodwin site is part of this two-school option, with Southeast Elementary School off Route 89 being mentioned as the other school site. The two-school option, with an estimated cost of \$59.58 million (the town would fund \$27 million and the rest would be reimbursed by the state), would result in two new elementary schools and renovations to Mansfield Middle School.

The council could also decide to build one large elementary school and perform renovations to MMS. That would cost just over \$48 million, with state reimbursements bringing the town's share to \$19 million.

Should the council decide to simply conduct necessary repairs at all three of the existing elementary schools and MMS, expected repairs would cost a projected \$13.28 million over the next 20 years, Finance Director Cherie Trahan said last month.

Padick said utilizing the Goodwin property could pose other problems, including water issues, but some councilmen said they were not comfortable funding a study at this time.

Two members of the town's sustainability committee, meanwhile, said the town should consider the schools' overall role in the community before deciding which option to present to voters.

Committee member Lynn Stoddard said the council must consider its "long-term vision" for the town and decide how the schools might fit with long-term projects.

She said the school could be located near other developments to share resources, increase pedestrian safety and provide other benefits to the community.

Holly Matthews, the school board's representative on the sustainability committee, said the council could opt for "full service" schools that serve other groups of residents.

But councilmen had questions about how some of those ideas would work. Councilman Antonia Moran said the primary focus should be on security for the children in the school. Councilmen also raised concerns about Stoddard's suggestion about placing schools in highly developed areas to encourage pedestrian traffic, saying parents would not let elementary-aged children walk to school.

Stoddard acknowledged it could be difficult for the council to consider all of the committee's recommendations, which also included a focus on energy and environmental concerns, but said the council should consider resident priorities and desires. "I think it's kind of up to community conversations to determine how you juggle these" siting issues and considerations, she said.

Originally targeted for a vote this November, town officials put off the proposal to garner more information.

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No moratorium — ban Spring Weekend

Every April, dozens of students and youthful visitors are arrested on and near the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus and dozens more are treated for alcohol poisoning and other related injuries as the annual ritual, or ordeal, of Spring Weekend gets under way.

This past Spring Weekend, Jafar Karzoun, 20, a UConn student died about eight days after he was reportedly punched in the face on April 23, the first night of Spring Weekend, by Edi Rappo, 19, of East Hartford.

Karzoun's death alone ought to provide the grounds for banning the annual spring weekend of insanity. The likelihood of something like his death happening has always loomed over the annual party weekend.

His death captures the worst possible results of the alcohol fueled, non-stop partying that attracts students from other colleges and high schools to Storrs to participate in the "fun."

Rappo, the accused, was not a UConn student. He attended Manchester Community College. But he was drawn to Storrs for the same reason hundreds and thousands of area youth flock to UConn — a chance for uninhibited drinking and partying.

For years, officials at UConn argued most of those arrested during Spring Weekend were not UConn students.

But that argument flies in the face of common sense and actual events.

Spring Weekend is what is called an "attractive nuisance" in courts of law. The term refers to swimming pools and other items that attract trespassers, some of whom get injured or drown.

The homeowner who has a swimming pool has the legal responsibility to fence off the pool so trespassers can't get in. But a fence alone does not waive responsibility if someone climbs the fence and injures him- or herself in the pool or drowns.

And those who own UConn — the State of Connecticut and university officials — have to be held to the same legal standard.

Spring Weekend is an attractive nuisance. Unfortunately, UConn can't simply erect a fence to end the problem because most of the worst partying takes place off campus at the Carriage House and Celeron Square apartment complexes that abut the campus, along with X-Lot, where Spring Weekend's final gathering takes place.

Anyone with a normal IQ could have predicted that Spring Weekend would eventually result in a calamity.

One would think that university officials, who lay claim to having a higher than normal IQ, would understand the risks of such heavy drinking and partying.

Those officials are now talking about a "moratorium" on Spring Weekend.

That's too little and too late for Jafar Karzoun and his family.

An outright ban is what is required.

And for that to happen, university officials have to work with Mansfield town officials to make sure Spring Weekend is not allowed to happen off campus after it is officially banned.

One death is one death too many.

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