

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
July 9, 2012

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Freudmann, Keane, Kochenburger, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer, Shapiro

Excused: Moran, Ryan

Mayor Paterson thanked Councilors Freudmann, Kochenburger and Paulhus for the ceremonial presentation in honor of Independence Day conducted prior to the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2012 meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Revisions to Traffic and Parking Ordinance and Regulations

Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren and Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien presented an overview of the changes and additions to the proposed ordinance and regulations, including regulations for parking at Storrs Center.

Joe McLaughlin, Lorraine Drive, asked for clarification regarding an article in the Chronicle which stated there would be no on street parking. Mr. McLaughlin expressed his concern for the handicapped, if this is true.

Steve Rogers, Old Turnpike Road, also referencing the same article, stated on street parking is critical for the businesses in the area and asked that the midnight threshold for on street parking be modified.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Rudy Favretti, Middle Turnpike, spoke in favor of naming the green area at the top of Wormwood Hill Road in honor of the Atwood family. Mr. Favretti reviewed the history of the Atwood family in Mansfield and itemized some of the many contributions to the Town of one of the remaining members, Isabelle Atwood, has made.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, again requested the Mansfield Middle School renovations be separated from the elementary schools project and asked where the 20% local matching funds for the STEAP grant is coming from.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, requested the public be allowed to ask questions and provide information at the upcoming meeting on water issues and questioned whether or not the bays at the new Storrs Automotive facility are too short. (Statement attached)

V. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report, Town Manager Matt Hart discussed the scheduling of an update on the assisted/independent living project and the scheduling of a discussion of some issues being raised regarding the UConn Technology Park. By consensus the Council agreed to discuss the assisted/independent living project in September and the technology park in August and to include our State Representatives and Town Assessor in that discussion.

The Town Manager also responded to a number of questions raised in the public comments. The matching funds for the FTA grant will be provided by EDR via the abatement agreement. Initially there were concerns about the size of the bays at Storrs Automotive. These concerns have been addressed, the Town was not involved.

Mr. Hart extended his condolences to the family and friends of Richard Pellergrine, who recently passed away. Mr. Pellegrine served the Town in many capacities over the years

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as a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Town Council. Mr. Hart will miss his conversations with Mr. Pellegrine.

#### VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson also offered condolences to the Pellegrine family. The Mayor worked with Richard Pellegrine in many venues and will always remember his wit and willingness to discuss issues. Mr. Pellegrine served the Town as a member of the Board of Education, the Town Council, the Republican Town Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and as an original member of the Communication Advisory Committee, to name a few. He was also a constable, volunteer fireman and a teacher. Mayor Paterson commented that both Dick and Carol Pellegrine have been wonderful citizens of the Town and he will be missed.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

##### 2. Proposed Revisions to Traffic and Parking Ordinance and Regulations

Mr. Hultgren discussed the free on street parking being provided in the Storrs Center project and noted nothing in the regulations, other than snow removal, mentions an ending time. Council members discussed the wording for the snow removal provisions and the length of time in which fines are payable.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to suspend Rule 6(d) of the Town Council Rules of Procedures to allow the Town Council to vote on the Proposed Revisions to Traffic and Parking Ordinance and Regulations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved, effective July 9, 2012, to accept the proposed revisions to the Motor Vehicle Traffic and Parking Ordinance and the proposed revisions to the Motor Vehicle and Parking Regulations, which revisions shall be effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Shapiro offered the following amendments:

- Section 182-3A and Section A-198-7– remove the period and add “whenever snow plowing is required.”
- Section A-198-5a (A) – remove “the road to the post office (now or formerly known as the extension of South Eagleville Road)” and substitute “Charles Smith Way”.
- Section A-198-5 a(A) – remove “the new Village Street” and substitute “Royce Circle/ Wilbur Cross Way”

Mr. Kochenburger offered the following additional amendment for consideration:

- Section A-198-5a (D) – after “entities” add “including consideration of being added as an “Additional Insured” under the requesting party’s liability policy...”

The proposed amendment by Mr. Kochenburger was accepted.

Mr. Paulhus seconded the motion to amend. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the original motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

##### 3. School Building Project

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report in accordance with CGS§8-24, the conceptual school building project consisting of the following elements:

- Renovations to the Mansfield Middle School
- Construction of two new elementary schools on the Goodwin and Vinton sites, including demolition of the existing buildings and the acquisition of adjacent property if necessary
- Closure of Southeast Elementary school, the future use of which is undetermined at this time

Council members discussed the purpose of the motion which is to refer the issue back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for additional review under CGS§8-24.

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The motion passed unanimously.

4. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager updated members on the progress of the project and will provide an update on the garage cost overruns next month. The residential properties and most of the businesses are on schedule to open mid-August. The Director of Public Works updated members regarding street renovations and construction. Mr. Kochenburger requested the Mansfield Downtown Partnership update its website to reflect expected business openings and delays.

5. Community Water/Wastewater Issues

The water supply workshop to be held on July 12, 2012 will consist of representatives of both state and local agencies who will discuss a number of issues and take questions from the public.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution to Approve \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant for Storrs Center Wilbur Cross Way/Royce Circle Streetscape

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, authorizes the submittal of the 2013 STEAP grant application to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the Storrs Center development project in the amount of \$500,000.

The motion to approve passed unanimously.

7. Naming of Wormwood Hill Green

Mr. Schaefer moved that those who do have or may have ownership rights to any part of the roughly triangular green just below Ms. Isabelle Atwood's home, between Wormwood Hill Road and Gurleyville Road, be asked if they have any objections to the green being called "The Atwood Green." And that this be done before the next Council meeting (July 23, 2012).

Mr. Schaefer read a statement in support of his proposal (Statement attached). The Public Works Department will send a notification letter to all abutters within 500' of the green.

Seconded by Mr. Paulhus the motion passed unanimously.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

At the next meeting, Mayor Paterson will appoint Councilor Freudmann to additional committee memberships formerly held by Meredith Lindsey.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

8. P. Suprenant (6/25/12)

9. Commission on Aging re: Bus Stop and Shelter – referred to the Transportation Advisory Committee

10. Human Services Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, Mansfield Advocates for Children re: Public Transportation Plan

11. M. Hart/F. Baruzzi re: Policy for Meeting the Procurement and End-of-Life Management Requirements of the State Electronics Challenge

12. M. LaPlaca re: Code of Ethics – previously referred to the Personnel Committee

13. D. O'Brien re: Code of Ethics Revisions

14. L. Painter re: University of Connecticut Technology Park

15. Legal Notice: Notice of Primary

16. Legal Notice: Zoning Board of Appeals

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17. Mansfield Minute – July 2012
18. L. Rhoden re: Heinz Hermann Trust
19. State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture re: Statement of Dog License Survey
20. State of Connecticut Library re: Historic Documents Preservation Grant
21. Connecticut Water re: University of Connecticut Water System 2011 Consumer Confidence Report
22. Important Information from CL&P about Work in Your Neighborhood

XII. FUTURE AGENDA

Council members will be polled regarding the possible cancellation of one of the August meetings.

Mr. Freudmann requested the Council add the subject of moving the Town's employee pension plan from MERS as a future agenda item. The Personnel Committee is currently reviewing the issue.

Mr. Schaefer requested the naming of the Wormwood Hill green be added to the next agenda.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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