

July 9, 2012

To: Town Council

From: Betty Wassmundt

Regarding the meeting about water issues scheduled for this coming Thursday, I request that Council modify its procedure so as to allow the public to ask questions of the speakers or, possibly, to provide additional information. I appreciate that Council needs to know what the professionals have to say but it is the case that some people in town have studied water issues extensively. Their questions and comments can be valuable to all of us, including the Council. Also, it is the public that raised the issues; I ask your consideration to allow participation of the public.

Next, I have been told that the Storrs Downtown building which now houses the Automotive facility was built so that the bays are too short by several feet. When the town manager reports on the Downtown, please address this issue. I would like to know who is responsible for this and who will pay to correct the problem. Thank you.

*To Mary*

I move 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 objections to the green being called "The Atwood Green." And that this be done before the next Council meeting (July 23, 2012).

The idea was conveyed to me by Gregory Anderson, and I think it is marvelous.

The Atwoods have been in Mansfield for most of its history and, in that history, have built homes, done and managed mill work, and pretty much all else in Mansfield. This continues today: Ms Isabelle Atwood is doing important work both at UConn, and on various Town committees.

Ms Atwood's grandfather built his home just above what I suggest we call The Atwood Green. The green itself, we assume, was built because going from Gurleyville to Wormwood Hill roads (or the reverse), in a carriage, one needed to make a gradual approach rather than a right-handed approach. And so the green was born, inside these approaches.

We must be clear: We are naming the green The Atwood Green because of what the entire Atwood lineage has done, for and about Mansfield. Finally, I might point out that Atwoodville is named for this family.