

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
January 28, 2013  
Adjourned to February 4, 2013

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Buchanan Auditorium of the Mansfield Public Library.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Freudmann, Keane, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer, Shapiro  
Excused: Kochenburger, Ryan

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative with the exception of Mr. Schaefer who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 special meeting as amended. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Ms. Keane and Mr. Schaefer who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Dr. Rebecca Hennessy from Community Health Resources described a program offered by her organization which she described as family and community supported foster care. The program strives to move older children with more complex issues from residential living to family living. (Submitted materials will be included in the February 14, 2013 packet as a communication.)

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, asked about Council policies regarding supporting private citizens' projects and the role of consultants in the development of Town projects and their roles in the eventual project. Ms. Wassmundt asked if there is an agreement between the Town and UConn regarding bringing additional water to the area and requested the details of the rental car partnership with UConn. (Statement attached)

Tulay Luciano, Warrenville Road, questioned the meaning of word "collaborately" as used in Town Manager Matt Hart's letter to Jason Coite of UConn and urged the Council to defend Mansfield, not collaborate with UConn. (Statement attached)

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move Item 4, Mansfield Housing Authority Update, as the first item of New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to add item 7a, Appointment of Paul Aho to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Matt Hart presented his report and addressed a number of issues raised during public comments:

- The Town is awaiting a purchase power proposal from the Shifrins at which time the proposal will be evaluated. There is no stated Town Council policy regarding taxpayer support of private projects.
- Under the current policies using the same architect as a consultant and later as a provider is not prohibited
- No written agreement exists between the Town and the University regarding bringing additional water to Mansfield
- The Town does not have a rental car agreement with UConn
- The word "collaboration" as used in the Town Manager's letter to Jason Coite means trying to work together to gain an economy of scales which meets the needs of both the Town and UConn

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The Town Manager's office will poll members to determine the best date for the joint meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the actions to be taken regarding maintenance/renovations at the elementary schools. The item will be discussed at the next Council meeting which will be prior to the joint meeting.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Town Manager will pass on any invitations received from UConn's President's Council on Corporate Social Responsibility to Council members. The Town Manager has not attended any meetings, to date.

Mr. Paulhus left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storrs Center Update

Recycling Coordinator Virginia Walton described the development of the car rental program which recently culminated in the addition of 2 Hertz rental cars housed at the Town's parking garage. These rentals are part of the larger intermodal program planned for the Storrs Center project.

Mr. Freudmann requested an accounting of the funds the Town has received to date as part of the agreement which provided tax abatements. The Town Manager will provide.

2. Community Water/Wastewater Issues

Town Manager Matt Hart and Mayor Paterson attended the EIE public hearing held in Farmington and offered testimony. UConn consultants Milone and MacBroom will prepare responses to the comments presented at the public hearing, which will be reviewed by the Town and UConn, after which a preferred provider will be chosen. The Town has issued an RFQ to secure the assistance of experts to help guide the Town through the process.

Council members discussed the response of Willimantic Water Works, the need for additional water in Town, and the future role of UConn as a water supplier.

3. Municipal Brownfield Grant, Letter of Intent between the CT DECD and the Town of Mansfield

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, to authorize the Town Manager Matthew W. Hart to sign the letter of intent between the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the Town of Mansfield, for receipt of a \$450,000 Municipal Brownfield Grant.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

4. Mansfield Housing Authority Update

Commissioner Bill Simonsen introduced the members of the Housing Authority present at the meeting and described the Authority's role in both the owned housing (Wrights Way and Holinko Estates) and the Section 8 vouchers they administer. Mr. Simonsen outlined the challenges the organization is facing as they incorporate the structural funding changes being made by the Federal Government. The Authority is appointed by the Mansfield Town Council and serves Ashford, Chaplin, Coventry, Willington and Mansfield, with about 70% of their Section 8 clients in Mansfield.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Simonsen and the other Commissioners for their work to provide affordable housing in Mansfield.

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Keane seconded to recess as the Town Council and to convene as the Mansfield Resource and Recovery Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

5. MRRA, Trash and Recycling Rates for Eight Cubic Yard Dumpsters

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

Resolved, effective February 4, 2013, to amend Section A196-12(G) of the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations, to add the following fees for trash and recycling services:

8-cubic-yard container refuse container five times per week (five times/week)	Providing and emptying an 8-cubic-yard covered refuse container five times per week	\$1,485.00
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8-cubic-yard container refuse container six times per week (six times/week)	Providing and emptying an 8-cubic-yard covered refuse container six times per week	\$1,780.00
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8-cubic-yard recycling recycling container five times per week container (five times/week)	Providing and emptying an 8-cubic-yard covered recycling container five times per week	\$460.00
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8-cubic-yard recycling recycling container six times per week container (six times/week)	Providing and emptying an 8-cubic-yard covered recycling container six times per week	\$550.00
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Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Keane seconded to reconvene as the Town Council.  
The motion passed unanimously.

6. Lease Agreement for Tredgold Hall

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective February 4, 2013, to authorize the Town Manager Matthew W. Hart to execute a lease agreement with the University of Connecticut for the use of Tredgold Hall located on the grounds of the Mansfield Training School located at 123 Walters Avenue in Mansfield for cold storage, for a term of one year, commencing on March 1, 2013 and ending on February 28, 2014.

Ms. Keane requested the words "the attached" be inserted into the motion prior to the words "lease agreement" for clarification purposes. Accepted as a friendly amendment, the motion, as amended, passed.

7. Review and Amendment of Town Charter

Council members discussed the lack of public outcry for a review of the Town Charter, the comments by staff which noted no deficiencies with the current Town Charter, and the value of an established threshold for the passing of referenda items. Deputy Mayor Moran read an email from Councilor Kochenburger who expressed his opposition to the establishment of a Charter Revision Commission.

Mr. Shapiro moved that the Town Council record, as shown in the minutes, state the Town Council reviewed Section C701 of the Charter and has determined a Charter Revision Commission need not be established.

Seconded by Mr. Schaefer the motion passed unanimously.

7a. Appointment of Paul Aho as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective February 4, 2013, to appoint Paul Aho to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate for a term ending 11/18/2013.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

8. J. DeLapp re: Support for Goodwin Elementary School
9. T. Luciano re: A Meeting Request
- 10.T. Luciano re: UConn's status not being a water company land
- 11.T. Luciano re: EIE Draft for Additional Sources of Water Supply
- 12.P. Raynor re: School Building Project
- 13.M. Sheardwright re: School Building Project
- 14.J. Sidney re: School Building Project
- 15.A. Smith re: CTFOIA Request
- 16.E. Wassmundt re: School Building Project
- 17.Goodwin PTO re: School Building Project
- 18.E. Paterson re: Disclosure – Ethics Code
- 19.M. Hart re: Draft Environmental Assessment/FONSI and Record of Non-Applicability Transmission Line Easement Expansion, Mansfield Hollow Area, Town s of Mansfield and Chaplin
- 20.M. Hart re: Support for New England Central Railroad's Connecticut Freight Infrastructure Program Application
- 21.Obituary: William B. Thompson Sr.
- 22.Press Release: Gov. Malloy names members of Sandy Hook Advisory Commission
- 23.Press Release: Solarize Connecticut Doubles Amount of Solar in Pilot Program Towns in Just Five Months
- 24.State of Connecticut, "Task Force to Study State Education Funding Final Report, January 2013"
- 25.Report of the Modernizing Recycling Working Group, Presented to Governor Dannel P. Malloy
- 26.CCM Gun Violence Task Force, Recommendations for Reducing Gun Violence – After some discussion on the role of the Council and the wording of some of the objectives, the Council agreed to have Ms. Moran draft a document to be reviewed at the next Council meeting.
- 27.CCM, State and Local News, Legislative actions after mass shootings, January 8, 2013
- 28.CCM's 2013 State Legislative Priorities
- 29 CCM's 2013 State Legislative Program
- 30.Connecticut Wate re: Notice of Environmental Impact Evaluation for Additional Source(s) of Water Supply, University of Connecticut and Mansfield, CT
- 31.Larry and Cindy Alan re: Reimbursement of Legal Expenses

XI. FUTURE AGENDA

Ms. Keane requested Spring Weekend be added to a future agenda.  
The Governor's proposed budget will also be added to a future agenda.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Keane seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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