

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
December 9, 2013

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: Kegler, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt  
Excused: Marcellino

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting, as amended. Mr. Kegler is not a member of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors. Mr. Kochenburger noted that after disconnecting from the November 25, 2013 meeting, he subsequently viewed the video of the rest of the meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Brian Coleman, Centre St, suggested that future occupants of Storrs Center be non-redundant and diverse businesses. (Statement attached)

Winkie Gordon, Charter Oak Square, addressed President Herbst's reply to the Town Manager. Ms. Gordon believes the Town should not jointly fund an impact study and that the issues addressed in the study should include land use and environmental impacts.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, feels the letter from President Herbst is an insult to the Town and that the study should be funded by UConn.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, referred to an MIT study regarding the privatization of water supplies and asked the Town Council to consider hidden costs.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written comments, Town Manager Matt Hart thanked Council members who were able to attend Lon Hultgren's retirement party, thanked Lon for his 35 years of service, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson reported that Ethan Oliver recently attained Eagle Scout status. His project included building shelves and pallets at the Mansfield Historical Society. Mayor Paterson also noted the Human Services Department is still looking for sponsors for needy families in Town.

There is still an opening for a Republican on the Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Fee Waivers as well as an opening on the Downtown Partnership Board of Directors.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Water Supply Project/Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Connecticut Water Company (CWC)

Attorney Bruce Toby of Pannone, Lopes, Devereaux and West LLC provided an overview of the draft Water Supply Definitive Agreement which, he stated captures many of the concerns and questions raised by Councilors and the public. Eric Thornburg, President and CEO of Connecticut Water Company, and Maureen Westbrook, Vice President of Customer and Regulatory Affairs, answered members' questions.

Councilors discussed the terms and benefits of the draft agreement, the permits and quantity of water needed, the role of the advisory committee, and the route of the proposed water line.

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Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective December 9, 2013, to refer the proposed Definitive Agreement for Water Supply Services between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Water Company to the Conservation Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency, the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee and the Sustainability Advisory Committee for review with a deadline to report back to the Town Council for its January 13, 2014 meeting, and to direct staff to conduct a public information session in collaboration with the Connecticut Water Company to review the proposed Definitive Agreement with members of the public.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt who voted no.

The Town Manager will notify each of the committees to advise them of the public information session to be held next week. The information covered will include an evaluation of the effect of the agreement on the homes currently being provided with UConn water as part of a consent decree.

## 2. Agricultural Leases

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective December 9, 2013, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed leases for Town-owned agricultural properties referenced on page 12 of the Town Council's December 12, 2013 packet.

The leases are as follows:

- Agricultural Lease for Bone Mill Field between the Town of Mansfield and Willard J. Stearns & Sons, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term
- Agricultural Lease for Baxter Field between the Town of Mansfield and Charles Galgowski, for an initial 10-year term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 10-year term
- Agricultural Lease for Commonfields between the Town of Mansfield and Thomas Wells, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term
- Agricultural Lease for Coventry Road Field between the Town of Mansfield and Enviro Enterprises/Bryan Kielbania, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term
- Agricultural Lease for Crane Hill Field between the Town of Mansfield and Willard J. Stearns & Sons, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term
- Agricultural Lease for Eagleville Field between the Town of Mansfield and Willard J. Stearns & Sons, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term
- Agricultural Lease for Mt. Hope Field between the Town of Mansfield and William Varga, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term
- Agricultural Lease for Torrey Field between the Town of Mansfield and Thomas Wells, for an initial 60-month term commencing on January 1, 2014 with the opportunity to renew the lease for one additional 60-month term

The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Meeting of the Council

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective December 9, 2013, to cancel the Town Council's regular meeting scheduled for April 14, 2014.

Motion passed unanimously.

An additional budget meeting may be scheduled for this week.

## 4. Community/Campus Relations

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut and the Town-University Relations Committee

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded, effective December 9, 2013, to authorize Mayor Elizabeth C. Paterson to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut regarding the Town-University Relations Committee.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

- Next Generation Connecticut  
 Town Manager Matt Hart reviewed the issues addressed in his letter to President Herbst requesting an impact study of the effects of Next Generation Connecticut on Mansfield.  
 Council members discussed the advisability of conducting an independent impact study or a joining with UConn to conduct a collaborative impact study. Possible funding sources for a study were also discussed. The Town Manager will contact the Town's state legislators. No consensus emerged from the discussion.  
 Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to table the discussion of an impact study until the January 13, 2014 meeting.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**5. MRRA, Trash Rate for 160 Gallon Can Service and Fee for an Additional Recycle Container**

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority for consideration of amendments to the Solid Waste Regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the following resolution:  
 Resolved, by the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority, to amend Sections A196-12(F) & (G) of the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations as detailed on page 56 of the Town Council's December 9, 2013 packet, which amendments shall be effective December 9, 2013.

The service changes are as follows:

160 gallon service	Weekly curbside automated refuse pickup of a 96-gallon and 64-gallon carts	\$41.75
	Curbside automated pickup of single-stream recycling (newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, household cardboard, glass and metal food and beverage containers, plastic containers) every week	
	Unlimited curbside refuse pickup on the regular pickup day 1 week in the winter, as designated by the Town	
Additional recycling container	Weekly curbside automated recycling pickup of an additional 64-gallon labeled recycling cart	\$5.00

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to conclude work as the Mansfield Resource and Recovery Authority and to reconvene as the Town Council.  
The motion passed unanimously.

6. Deed Adjustment – Wilbur Cross Way at Supermarket Southeast Corner  
Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective December 9, 2013, to refer the proposed revision of the property line between the Supermarket parcel and the Wilbur Cross Way right-of-way to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
The motion passed unanimously.

7. Regional Performances Incentive Program Application  
Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution:  
Resolved, effective December 9, 2013, to authorize the Town Manager to endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposal submitted by the municipalities of Bolton, Coventry, Mansfield and Tolland seeking \$160,000 in funding to support various economic development activities.  
The motion passed unanimously.

8. Proposed FY 13/14 Salary Budget Transfers  
Mr. Ryan moved, effective December 9, 2013, to approve the Salary Transfers for Fiscal Year 2013/14, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated December 4, 2013.  
Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Committee approved the recommendation of the salary transfers.  
The motion to approve passed unanimously.

#### VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, updated the Council on a meeting attended by the Town Sexton, Mary Landeck, at which time they discussed anticipated revenues and the eventual need for a subsidy to support the cemeteries in Town.

#### IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

#### X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

- 9. B. Coleman (11/25/13) 75
- 10. Town Council Rules of Procedure (11-25-13) 79
- 11. State of Connecticut re: Comptroller Lembo says financial outlook continues to improve, but urges caution 87
- 12. Mansfield Minute – December 2013

#### XI. FUTURE AGENDA

In response to a number of suggestions by Ms. Wassmundt concerning possible future agenda items, Town Manager Matt Hart noted the following:

- Concerns regarding jaywalking near Dog Lane will be discussed at an upcoming Traffic Authority meeting. Mr. Hart will report back.
- A dog waste ordinance is being worked on and will be brought to the Council.
- Mr. Hart has heard nothing further from the Shifrins concerning the Kirby Mill Project but will let the Council know if the Shifrins contact him.

Mr. Kochenburger suggested Information Technology and/or Library staff present some information on the use of technology and whether that use is disadvantaging certain segments of the community. Ms. Moran suggested Information Technology staff be invited to discuss new technologies being used or potentially used in Town.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to move into executive session to discuss the following and to include the Town Manager in the discussions:

Sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6) (D)

Personnel, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6) (A)

Motion passed unanimously.

## XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6) (D)

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart

Personnel, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6) (A)

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened in regular session. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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