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Dear Town Council Members:

In reviewing the packets provided to the public for this Town Council Meeting of today's date, I have a number of questions. But, I would like to begin by asking that all hand out provided to the Town Council members in open sessions, that are not included in the Town Council packets, be disseminated, in a reasonable number, to the attending public. The attending public should not be an after thought, and one would hope that we all agree the public oversight should be welcome.

(1) In the March 27, 2014 Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Administration Committee Chaired by Tom Callahan of UCONN Harry Birkenruth asked why police costs are not shown in operating costs, Mr. Hart responded that "a fiscal analysis had been conducted by HR&A for the town that reviewed and accounted for anticipated on-going costs including police & fire." (pp.6-7) does that adequately answer the question when in an earlier March 6, 2014 Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board meeting Mr. Hart asked, "how do other downtowns fund their operations?" This Johnny come lately questions begs the questions, was this the first time Mr. Hart posed this fundamental Question?

(2) The over-run costs of the parking garage to the Town of Mansfield are now, pursuant to a new agreement, at \$329,000. is that the total over-run cost to date to the town of Mansfield for parking garage over runs?

(3) On page 18 of the 5/12/14 Departmental and Advisory Committee Reports, there is reference to heating problems at the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, what problems have been encountered since opening and what has been the cost to resolve those problems, if they have been resolved, was there any cost to the Town, what was the cost..

(4) On p.39 of the general packet tonight, there is a re-appointment of the Blum Shapiro account firm, which of the audit recommendations from the last review have not be followed and why? When were those followed recommendations first implemented?

(5) On p.48, there is reference to the "settlement of custodian contract" was this another CHRO dispute? If not, what was the basis of the dispute?

(6) On page 47, the Solid Waste Fund was up by \$142,955, what accounts for this increase?

(7) Also on page 47, it was noted that the Mansfield Downtown Partnership operating expenditures exceed revenues by \$13, 149, what accounts for this failing?

(8) On page 109, smoking is now to be eliminated at Mansfield outdoor parks, where will smokers go to exercise? Will this discourage parent support at group sports for their kids? Will new initiatives to help smokers quit be initiated at the same time outside park exercise is being eliminated? Would this include the town green at Storrs Center?

Thank you,

