

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
September 22, 2014

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, questioned the location and use of shotguns and noise meters purchased a number of years ago; the line item for the Council Chamber furniture renovation; and commented on a statement by Ms. Moran during the Finance Committee meeting regarding the formation of public opinion.

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, spoke to the proposed tree removal on Dog Lane and Gurleyville Road by CL&P and the approach taken by some states to deal with the Emerald Ash borer. (Statement attached)

Steve Child, Arborist with Connecticut Light and Power, described the process by which the trees were identified for trimming and removal. Mr. Child thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission and Tree Warden Mark Kiefer for their work.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, posed a number of questions and asked those who note a problem with the microphone to contact the Information Technology Department.

(Statements attached, other submitted documents to be included in the October 14, 2014 packet.)

Pat Suprenant, Mansfield Independent News, requested updates on the property revaluation process and UConn's request for an additional three million dollars for upgrades and repairs to the wastewater plant.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Town Manager offered the following comments including responses to questions posed during public comments:

- UConn staff will be invited to the October 14, 2014 Council meeting to discuss and update the Council on the Master Plan including plans for an Environmental Impact Evaluation
- The Town Manager will provide an update on the shotguns and noise meters purchased a number of years ago
- The updates to the Council Chamber will be charged against a 270 account funded through recording fees
- The Town Manager is not aware of any plans for development of Biosafety Level 4 Laboratories but noted that would be an appropriate question when UConn staff meets with Council on October 14, 2014
- The Town Manager has not heard of any concerns regarding the Attorney General's review of the agreement with the Community Council for the Arts
- There are no plans for the Town Manager to retain private legal counsel regarding travel records for the Board of Education as Mr. Hart sees no need to do so
- The Personnel Committee will address the Town Manager's evaluation and provide a summary statement which is shared with the public in public session

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- The pump station in Storrs Center was financed and built with state and federal grant money received for the Storrs Center project and under the rules of those grants the infrastructure needs to be owned and maintained by the Town
- An update on the revaluation is planned for October
- The Town Manager is not aware of any recent requests by UConn for additional funds for the wastewater treatment plant but will find out more details
- Ashford's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday is in October, Council members wishing to participate in the parade should let the Town Manager's office know.

Mr. Shapiro asked if the bus shelter will be all encompassing and asked if the contract for the Community School for the Arts has been completed. The Town Manager reported the shelter will be similar in style to those in Storrs Center but will provide additional protection, have a bench, and be wheel chair accessible. Mr. Hart will provide an update on the status of the contract.

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

Ms. Moran reported that she was recently invited to speak to journalism students and welcomed members of that class to the meeting. Ms. Moran addressed questions raised regarding her comments during the Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Paterson noted the very successful 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival and thanked all the volunteers who participated. Ms. Moran noted that business people she spoke to in the area reported a positive impact on their traffic.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

The Town Manager and Director of Planning and Development attended the quarterly UConn Water and Wastewater Policy Advisory Committee and Mr. Hart updated the Council on the subjects discussed.

Ms. Raymond asked about the status of Connecticut Water Company's permit for the transfer of water from the Tolland aquifer. Mr. Hart reported the permits are expected to be received by the end of the calendar year. He will keep the Council updated.

##### 2. Storrs Center Update

Mr. Hart thanked parade chairs Millie and Ric Brosseau for their efforts as well as the tireless work of the Mayor, Cynthia vanZelm and Kathleen Paterson. Mr. Hart noted the successful event affirmed the vision of Storrs Center. Mr. Hart also noted a panel discussion sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) will be held on September 23, 2014 to discuss public-private partnerships and reported the Storrs Center parking garage yielded a net income of \$180,120.94 for the year. In response to Councilors' questions, Mr. Hart described the current construction projects; reported the garage is used by residents, patrons, construction workers and employees with monthly passes; and will provide details as to expected net revenues from the entire Storrs Center Project.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

##### 3. MRRA, Multi-family Trash & Recycle Rates

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to constitute as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Resolved, by the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority, to amend section A196-12(G) of the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations, which amendments shall be effective September 22, 2014 with language, as written in the October 22, 2014 Town Council packet on pages 9,10, and 11 to be included as part of the resolution.

Motion passed unanimously.

Level of Service	Description	Monthly Fee
64 gallon service	<p>Weekly automated refuse pickup of a 64-gallon cart per dwelling unit at a designated area for said cart</p> <p>Automated pickup of single-stream recycling (newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, household cardboard, glass and metal food and beverage containers, plastic containers) at the same designated area every week</p> <p>Unlimited refuse pickup on the regular pickup day 1 week in the winter, as designated by the Town</p>	\$25.25
96 gallon service	<p>Weekly automated refuse pickup of a 96-gallon cart per dwelling unit at a designated area for said cart</p> <p>Automated pickup of single-stream recycling (newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, household cardboard, glass and metal food and beverage containers, plastic containers) at the same designated area every week</p> <p>Unlimited refuse pickup on the regular pickup day 1 week in the winter, as designated by the Town</p>	\$31.75
96 gallon service (six times per week) - extra handling	<p>Refuse pickup requiring extra handling of a 96-gallon cart six times per week</p> <p>Pickup of single-stream recycling (newspaper, magazines, corrugated cardboard, household cardboard, glass and metal food and beverage containers, plastic containers) six times per week that requires extra handling</p>	\$240.00
8-cubic-yard recycling container (six	<p>Providing and emptying an 8-cubic-yard covered recycling container six times per week</p>	\$590

<b>Level of Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Monthly Fee</b>
times/week)		
2-cubic-yard recycling container (once/week)	Providing and emptying an 2-cubic-yard covered recycling container once per week	\$31.00
4-cubic-yard recycling container (once/week)	Providing and emptying an 4-cubic-yard covered recycling container once per week	\$62.00
6-cubic-yard recycling container (once/week)	Providing and emptying an 6-cubic-yard covered recycling container once per week	\$83.00
Extra dumpster collections		
	2-cubic-yard dumpster	\$35.00
	4-cubic-yard dumpster	\$45.00
	6-cubic-yard dumpster	\$55.00
	8-cubic-yard dumpster	\$65.00
	10-cubic-yard dumpster	\$75.00

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded that members cease to act as the Mansfield Resources Recovery Authority and resume as the Town Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. Scenic Road Alterations, Dog Lane and Gurleyville Road

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Kegler seconded effective September 22, 2014, to authorize CL&P to remove the trees along Gurleyville Road identified as numbers 16-25 on the 8/27/2014 list, subject to the condition that CL&P repair and/or restore any stone walls damaged during the removal process. This action is taken based on a finding that the loss of these trees will not significantly impact the scenic character of the road. CL&P shall not be authorized to remove tree number 15 as CL&P has indicated that the tree can be trimmed instead of removed, an alteration that will have less impact on the scenic character of the road than the proposed removal.

And also move, effective September 22, 2014, to authorize CL&P to remove the trees along Dog Lane identified as numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 on an

8/27/2014 list, subject to the condition that CL&P repair and/or restore any stone walls damaged during the removal process. This action is taken based on a finding that the loss of these trees will not significantly impact the scenic character of the road. CL&P shall not be authorized to remove tree numbers 2 and 6 as CL&P has indicated that these trees could be trimmed in lieu of removal, an alteration that will have less impact on the scenic character of the road than the proposed removal. CL&P shall not be authorized to remove tree number 8 as the removal of this tree would significantly impact the scenic character of the road.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Use of Code Red Community Notification System for Referendum Notice  
Mr. Marcellino moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded, effective September 22, 2014, to authorize the Mayor to approve use of the Code Red community notification system to send a notification in the week preceding November 4, 2014 to remind residents of the time and location of the upcoming bond referendum on the Four Corners Sanitary Sewer Project. The notice distributed may also include the ballot question and explanatory text as prepared by the Town Clerk and approved by the Town Attorney.  
The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt who voted against the motion.

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS ([www.MansfieldCT.gov](http://www.MansfieldCT.gov))

Since these reports were posted today this agenda item will be included on the October 14, 2014 agenda.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Peter Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee on Committees, offered the recommendations of Maggie Ferron and Carol Norrish as appointments to the Mansfield Advocates for Children for terms ending June 30, 2017.

The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported the Town Manager's evaluation statement, including a set of goals will be ready for presentation at the next Council meeting. A copy of the survey instrument will also be made available to the public.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Responsible Contractors, reported that the Committee will be meeting with Attorney Deneen to discuss how identified goals might be met and should have a final report shortly thereafter.

Mr. Shapiro, reporting for Mr. Ryan Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee is considering a thorough review of fiscal procedures and has requested the scope of the proposal offered by Blum Shapiro be expanded to include additional areas. The Finance Committee will consider the proposal at their next meeting.

X. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No comments offered.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA

Ms. Moran suggested that once a month an individual department presents a short 15 minute report identifying issues and achievements, thereby eliminating the departmental presentations during the budget cycle and making the information more available for Council members and the public. Mr. Marcellino suggested the Public Works Department be the first departmental presentation. Mr. Hart was in agreement with the idea.

Mr. Kochenburger requested a presentation from the Zoning Enforcement Officer or the Police to get a sense of the growth of multiple people living in single family houses and to ascertain if there is an increase in the incidences of nuisance ordinance violations.

Based on comments made at this evenings meeting, the Town Manager noted the other issues raised included presentations on the UConn Master Plan and updates on construction, tax revenues, garage operation and design of Storrs Center. Mayor Paterson suggested these subjects be alternated with the aforementioned departmental reports.

Mr. Shapiro recused himself from participating in the executive session due to his professional relationship with one of the attorneys involved.

Mr. Marcellino moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to move into executive session to discuss sale and purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D) and to include Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

XIV EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Wassmundt  
Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart and Natural Resources and Sustainability  
Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman

The Council reconvened in regular session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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