

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
January 12, 2015

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, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Raymond moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Lon Hultgren, Woodland Road, spoke in favor of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center Commuter Club and asked the Council to review the hours and determine if the shower and locker facilities should be available the same hours as the bike locker storage. Mr. Hultgren also clarified that it is not a “club” but rather membership.

Kate Vallo, Tolland resident and Community Children’s Center program director, asked for support for the three non-profit early childhood centers. Ms. Vallo commented that there is a lot of community support for the entities and asked those in the audience who support the centers to stand.

Margaret Ferron, Gurleyville Road resident and General Coordinator of the Community Playground, clarified that the expected maintenance cost for the playground is \$1500 per year, not the \$15,000 referenced by Councilor Wassmundt in her editorial in the Mansfield Independent.

Lisa Dahn, Mulberry Road, provided a historical context for the request for Town funds for the centers. The funds the centers have been receiving from UConn are scheduled to be gradually reduced over the next few years and they are looking for partners to help keep the centers stable.

Rebecca Boncoddio, Mansfield City Road and Mansfield Discovery Depot parent, explained that the funding from UConn allows the centers to offer a sliding fee schedule which makes the centers accessible for all and creates a diverse population.

Monica van Beusekom, Candide Lane, emphasized the importance of high quality education, dedicated staff, and low staff turnover. Her family decided to live in Mansfield for those reasons.

Ric Hossack, asked the Mayor to instruct the Town Manager to offer an apology to residents for refusing to answer questions regarding the issuance of warrants and wished Ms. Wassmundt a happy birthday.

Elena Schreiber, Coventry Road, moved to Mansfield because of the child care and education opportunities and noted a cut in the funds will seriously impact those offerings. David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, does not support the Town’s subsidization of private day cares. He feels it is not a core government function and stated that the Town should wean itself from its collaboration with the Discovery Depot.

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, stated that having children requires sacrifices and that he and his wife worked alternating shifts to be home with their children. Mr. Coleman is opposed to providing funding to the centers and stated that parenthood requires sacrifices.

Jennifer Petro, Courtyard Lane, voiced her support for the centers and stated that her children love the education they receive there. Ms. Petro asked the Town to be part of a partnership which would support children.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, spoke to his concerns regarding the disclosure of information regarding a warrant and posed a series of questions. (Statement attached, additional materials to be included as a communication in the 1/26/2015 Town Council packet.)

Ben Wiles, Brown Road, commented that the early childhood educational opportunities at the Community Children's Center were one of the determining factors which caused his family to move to Mansfield. Mr. Wiles stated that these centers offer a service to the Town, the welcoming of new families and that the return on any investment by the Town is significant.

Susan Daley, a Tolland resident and Executive Director of Willow House, noted that all the centers in Mansfield are unique and offer choices to families.

Ravid Stein, Woodmont Drive and alumni of the Community Children's Center, came back to town to raise a family. As an educational consultant she frequently hears about the importance of early education for children with special needs.

Chris Anderson, a Coventry resident and Willow House parent, described the importance of diversity, student teacher ratio and the curriculum. All of which are items these funds allow the centers to provide.

#### IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Town Manager reported he received notification that UConn has reviewed the funding for the early childhood centers and has decided to step down their support, providing two thirds of the amount for 2015/16 and one third of the amount for 2016/2017.

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

Ms. Wassmundt questioned the Town Manager's response to questions regarding whether or not Town property has been seized or Town documents subpoenaed.

Ms. Moran responded to public comments regarding conversations between the Mayor and Town Manager during meetings noting that it is perfectly appropriate for elected officials to consult with staff regarding the running of meetings.

Ms. Moran requested that the Council continue the discussion regarding funding for the non-profit early childhood learning centers as they provide a great value to the Town. Councilors agreed to discuss the issue at a future meeting. Questions which should be included in that discussion include the percentage of funds the future cuts are of the total budgets, the percentage of students from Mansfield, the cost of adding staff to the Town's healthcare and the need for a business and self-sufficiency plan.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager reported that bids for the light fixtures and pavilion will be opened on January 13, 2015. Mr. Hart will provide an update at the next meeting.

##### 2. Community/Campus Relations

The Town Manager reported a consultant has been hired for the Impact Study and data collection has begun.

##### 3. Community Water and Wastewater Issues – DEEP Notice of Tentative Determination for CWC/UCONN Diversion Permit Application

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective January 12, 2015, to authorize the Mayor to issue a letter to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection stating that the Town of Mansfield finds the draft diversion permit (no. DIV-201404187) to the Connecticut Water Company and the University of Connecticut for the interconnection and diversion of water from the Connecticut Water Company public water system in Tolland to the University of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield to be consistent with the environmental impact evaluation conducted for this project and the water supply definitive agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Water Company, and has no objections to the issuance of the permit.

Councilors, who serve on the Four Corners Advisory Committee, reported that the Advisory Committee voted to recommend the extension of the comment period for the CWC/UCONN Diversion Permit Application.

The motion passed with Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Shapiro in favor and Raymond and Wassmundt opposed.

Connecticut Water Company representatives outlined their new communication plan for the project which includes email alerts, service updates on the webpage and a construction project page. Maureen Westbrook also summarized the activities of the Water Advisory Committee.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### 4. Amendment to Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee Charges

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

Resolved, to amend the resolution establishing the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, initially approved on October 14, 2008 and most recently amended on January 12, 2015.

Accepted as a friendly amendment the resolution now reads:

Resolved, to amend the resolution establishing the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, initially approved on October 14, 2008, amendment attached.

Mr. Kochenburger reported that the Committee on Committee reviewed the changes and by consensus agreed with the proposed changes.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

The Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee Charge now reads:

FOUR CORNERS SEWER AND WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Approved October 14, 2008

Modified October 13, 2009 by RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE CHARGE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FOUR CORNERS SEWER PLANNING PROJECT

Amended November 23, 2009

Amended January 11, 2010

Amended January 12, 2015

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AND ISSUE CHARGE TO AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FOUR CORNERS SEWER PLANNING PROJECT

WHEREAS, THE TOWN HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A FACILITIES PLAN INDICATING THE FEASIBILITY OF SEWERING THE AREA SURROUNDING THE ROUTE 195/ROUTE 44 "FOUR CORNERS" AND DEFINING THE EXTENT OF SAID SEWER SERVICE AREA;

WHEREAS, PLANNING FOR THIS PROJECT IS CONTINUING AND WILL LIKELY RESULT IN A BOND REFERENDUM WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS;

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED A COMMUNITY BASED STRATEGIC PLAN, WHICH AMONG OTHER GOALS ENDORSES THE PRINCIPLE OF SUSTAINABILITY WITH RESPECT TO PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

WHEREAS, THE INPUT OF PROPERTY OWNERS, OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT THAT MEETS THE TOWN'S SUSTAINABILITY GOALS,

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WHEREAS, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FOUR CORNERS SEWER PLANNING PROJECT CAN BE APPOINTED AND SET TO WORK WHILE THE TOWN COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, AND MAY BE COMBINED WITH OR REPLACED BY A PERMANENT COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL;

WHEREAS, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WOULD ASSIST THE TOWN IN PLANNING FOR THE SEWERING PROJECT, MOST IMPORTANTLY BETWEEN THE PRESENT TIME AND THE BOND REFERENDUM, WHEN AND IF SUCH A REFERENDUM IS SCHEDULED; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN COUNCIL DESIRES TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH THIS SEWER PLANNING PROJECT:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A nine-member Four Corners Sewer Study Advisory Committee is established for the term of the Four Corners sewer project (or until it is replaced by a permanent committee or commission by the Council) and is authorized to perform the following charge:

1. Advise the Town Council, the Water Pollution Control Authority, the Planning and Zoning Commission and staff in its sewer and water planning efforts for the Four Corners by reviewing plans, proposals, studies and analyses;
2. Assist the Town staff in creating and reviewing economic development scenarios and preliminary fiscal impact analyses for the Four Corners area;
3. Communicate with the Mansfield Downtown Partnership so that the proposed Storrs Center development and any Four Corners development are coordinated;
4. Coordinate with the Town Council's Finance Committee on any recommendation for the Town's financial participation in the sewer project;
5. Assist with information sharing and public input for the project amongst sewer service area property owners, other interested parties, and the Mansfield community.
6. Assist the staff and Planning and Zoning Commission in the review and expected adoption of a Four Corners special design district (in an advisory role as the PZC is statutorily charged with this activity).

#### RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE FOUR CORNERS SEWER STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to appoint a Four Corners Sewer Study Advisory Committee to assist with the planning for sewers in the Four Corners area:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED TO:

Appoint a Four Corners Sewer Study Advisory Committee with the following members:

1. Two members of the Town Council
2. One representative from the Planning and Zoning Commission
3. The Town Manager
4. One representative from the University of Connecticut

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5. Four citizens (preferably at least one from the Mansfield business community and one with water expertise) (Amended 1/11/2010 increasing citizen members by two) (Amended 1/12/2015 eliminating MDP representative and one citizen member)

RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY THE CHARGES TO THE FOUR CORNERS SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 14, 2008

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Four Corners Sewer Advisory Committee shall be renamed the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee
2. The Committee will continue to perform the duties as outlined in the Committee charges dated October 14, 2008.
3. The Committee will continue to disseminate information to Mansfield Residents through public informational meetings, workshops. Town web sites and other modes as deemed timely and appropriate.
4. The Committee may assist the staff and will participate in discussions concerning sewer, water and economic development issues that have a direct impact on the Four Corners area.
5. The Committee will disseminate information of its discussions in a timely and appropriate manner (i.e. minutes, workshops, memos, town web site) to all Town Boards and Commissions with an interest or statutory responsibility to items discussed.

AND FURTHER

That this resolution shall be appended to the Resolution establishing the Four Corners Sewer Advisory Committee and shall replace the Resolution to Clarify the Issue Charge to the Advisory Committee for the Four Corners Sewer Planning project dated October 13, 2009.

That a proposed plan of action of Committee activities dated October 28, 2009 shall be appended to this Resolution.

5. Fee Schedule for Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center Commuter Club  
Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective January 12, 2015, to adopt the proposed fee schedule for the Nash Zimmer Transportation Center "Commuter Club."

The hours of the locker facility will be reviewed once a history of use has been established.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Classification – Public Works Operation Manager  
Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded, effective January 12, 2015, to create the classification of Public Works Operations Manager and to set the pay grade for the position at grade 22 (40 hour work week) of the town administrators pay plan, with a current salary range of \$77,799-\$101,080/yr.  
Ms. Moran reported the Personnel Committee has reviewed and is in agreement with the proposed changes.  
The motion passed unanimously.

7. Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development  
Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter described the Plan distribution roll out and the scheduled information sessions. Staff has planned meetings with pertinent advisory committees. The Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for March 2, 2015. Council members agreed by consensus not to conduct a separate public hearing but to schedule a workshop.

8. Agreement Between Regional School District #19 Board of Education and E. O. Smith High School Teachers' Association

Mr. Ryan recused himself from discussion and voting on this agreement.

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to ratify/approve the contract between Regional School District #19 Board of Education and E.O. Smith High School Teachers' Association.

The motion to ratify/approve passed with all those voting in agreement.

9. Approval of 2015/16 Budget Review Calendar

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded, to adopt the Proposed Budget Review Calendar for fiscal year 2015/16 as presented by the Director of Finance and the Town Manager.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

#### VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, noted that the preliminary report from Blum Shapiro shows no large failures but did raise some issues for which they will offer suggestions. A special meeting of the Committee will be held on February 2, 2015 to hear the final report on this section of the review.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported the Committee discussed (the Finance Committee was also in attendance) the cost of healthcare. Although the Town has experienced a few substantial claims, overall the performance of the fund is still better than average.

Mr. Kochenburger, Chair of the Nominating Committee offered the following recommendations:

Alfred Fratoni, Jr. as an alternate on the Parks Advisory Committee for a term ending 8/1/2016

William Simonsen's reappointment as a Housing Authority Commission for a term ending 10/31/2019.

The motion passed unanimously

#### IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

#### X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATONS

10. N. Ferron (12/8/14)
11. J. Goldman (12/8/14)
12. M. Grakowsky Shippee (12/8/14)
13. S. Hertel & D. Swinton (12/30/14)
14. B. Javidi (12/16/14)
15. M. Krcmar (12/29/14)
16. T. Luciano (12/10/14)
17. N. Munro (01/08/15)
18. A. Smith (12/5/14)
19. M. van Beusekom & S. Martinex (01/07/15)
20. W. Ryan re: Preparation of FY 2015/16 Budget
21. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission re: January 20, 2015 Public Hearing
22. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission re: Proposed Honors Residence Hall
23. Legal Notices
24. J. Carrington re: engine braking
25. J. Carrington re: Intersection Left Turn from Route 275 Eastbound to Route 195 Northbound

26. T. Veillette re: Coordination of Traffic Signals Along Route 195 from South Eagleville Road to North Eagleville Road
27. M. Hart re: Appointment to Mansfield Library Advisory Board
28. Landlord Registration Information
29. US Department of Housing and Urban Development re: Mansfield Tomorrow
30. CCM Municipal Management Bulletin re: New Supreme Court Ruling Supports Town of Rocky Hill & Municipalities
31. Connecticut Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve re: Statement of Support
32. Mansfield Minute – January 2015

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Moran requested Item 31, Connecticut Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve re: Statement of Support, be added to the next agenda.

Ms. Wassmundt requested more information on the playground be provided, including the cost of maintenance, life expectancy of the equipment, a detailed explanation of the expense of the playground and the rationale for the identified location.

As agreed to earlier, a discussion of the requests of the non-profit early childcare education centers will be a future agenda item.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded that the Town Council move into executive session and include the Town Attorney, Town Manager, and the Sustainability and Natural Resources Coordinator in the discussion regarding Sale or Purchase of Real Property (2 properties). Mr. Shapiro has recused himself from all discussion or action on the first property and will do so tonight even though the attorney with whom he had a professional relationship is no longer involved in the matter.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded that the Town Council move into executive session and to include the Town Manager and Town Attorney in the discussion regarding Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sale or Purchase of Real Property, in accordance with CGS§1-200-(6)(D)

First Property:

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

Also included: Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, Town Manager Matt Hart, Sustainability and Natural Resources Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman

Second Property:

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

Also included: Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, Town Manager Matt Hart, Sustainability and Natural Resources Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman

Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B)

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

Also included: Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, Town Manager Matt Hart

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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