

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 3, 2015
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Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kochenburger (arrived 6:30 p.m.), Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt
Excused: Kegler

II. WORK SESSION

1. Four Corners Sewer and Water Project Update

Director of Public Works John Carrington, Assistant Town Engineer Derek Dilaj, Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee Chair Ken Rawn, Chris Weston of Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc., and Janine Gouin of Milone and MacBroom, Inc. were on hand to present information and address any questions.

Project milestones, grant requirements, design status, local permitting, the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) process, and the project schedule were discussed.

To insure that all members were referencing the most recent map, staff distributed copies of the May 21, 2014 Public Information Session packet which included the sewer layout map that was used in discussions leading up to the referendum on the project. In response to questions staff noted the project will neither generate nor mitigate storm water levels in the area and that there is adequate capacity in the UConn collection system.

Town Manager Matt Hart noted that if the Town Council, acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, is considering amending the funding structure a change to the regulations would be required. Mr. Hart suggested the assessment structure be referred to the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

2. Mansfield Tomorrow Update

Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter identified those chapters in the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan which pertain to strategic planning elements and are therefore more the purview of the Town Council.

Following a discussion regarding whether or not the Council should conduct a separate public hearing and the timing of said public hearing, by consensus the Council agreed that the Director of Planning would contact the Town Attorney to clarify the public hearing advertising requirements and that the scheduling of a public hearing would be added to the February 9, 2015 agenda.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT

George Rawitscher, Codfish Falls Road, questioned how many additional establishments could be added before the UConn collection system reaches capacity and what affect the

increase in storms, as predicted by global warming trends, will have on the storm water management plans.

Patricia Suprenant, Mansfield Independent News, questioned how far into the Cedar Swamp the current wetland mapping extends. Ms. Suprenant also asked if UConn was accommodating the Town by seeking a change in the wording of the landfill conservation easement in order to allow utilities.

Ms. Moran left the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

The Town Manager will ask staff to prepare written responses to the comments offered by the public.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk