

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2015
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Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Kochenburger, Wassmundt

Staff: Town Manager Matt Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, Director of Public Works John Carrington, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente, Director of Facilities Allen Corson, Fire Chief Dave Dagon, Director of Human Services Pat Schneider and Library Director Leslie McDonough

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revenue and Expenditure Projections – FY 2013/14

2. Early Revenue Projections – FY 2014/15

a. Estimated October 1, 2013 Grand List

Flag – correct graph to read (77%/23%) – Page 6

b. Major State grants analysis

3. Early Expenditures Projections – FY 2014/15:

a. Town Budget Cost Drivers

Flag – Provide information regarding the funding level for the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the building of the Community Center and the funding level for the Parks and Recreation Program now.

Flag – Provide information for optimal staffing for the Fire Department even if it will be necessary to accomplish it in stages.

b. Mansfield Board of Education 2014/15 Budget Data

c. School District 19 2014/15 Budget Data

Flag – Provide number of students enrolled in VoAg program

4. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

a. CIP process

b. Condition of current facilities.

c. Planning options

i. Facilities master plan

Flag – Provide information on the historical energy cost of each building.

Flag – Provide the replacement schedule for the parking garage.

ii. Recreation master plan

d. Oversight – Commission & Committee models

5. Review of Core Services

A list of core services provided by the Town was distributed.

6. Town Council Goal Setting and Policy Recommendations

Mr. Hart reviewed the goals and objectives of the Council providing an update of the accomplishments to date.

7. Budget Calendar – Next Steps

Flag – Change April 2, 2015 date to indicate that it is a Thursday,

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT

Pat Suprenant, Mansfield Independent News, requested an analysis of the expense side of Storrs Center including the cost of snow removal and a projection of what the costs will be when the project is complete. Ms. Suprenant asked if the Town uses the services of an insurance broker to get the best price; that the rental inspection ordinance be reviewed to see if landlords are passing the cost on to residents who cannot afford it; and to see if the Recreation Department is addressing the needs of an aging population.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, commented that since it looks like the Town will be issuing more contracts for services it is important that these contracts be open and transparent and urged the Council to revisit the Ethics Code including the definition of “personal gain” and the ability to appeal a decision. Mr. Smith asked what the Town can do to prevent UConn purchasing land.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton Town Clerk