



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.**

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SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

March 9, 2015

DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keger, Kochenburger (6:37 p.m.) Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. WORK SESSION

Town Manager Matt Hart introduced Lee Huang, Econsult Solution Senior Vice-President, stating that the firm has been hired to look at UConn's NextGenCT project and a few prior projects and assess both the economic benefits and anticipated future service impacts.

Mr. Huang discussed the purpose of the report, introduced his consulting team, and provided an overview of the research approach. He expects the final finding to be completed in May 2015. The report will provide growth scenarios so that no matter what the level of implementation of NextGenCT is, the Town will have enough information to nimbly react to the reality.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, asked if the modeling will include the effect of new technologies for offsite learning and opportunities for increased partnerships with off campus entities and if so, are those entities broken down by research interest and any effects on the community.

Pat Suprenant, Mansfield Independent News, commented that there was no reference to quality of life issues and asked if they will be addressed in the report. Ms. Suprenant asked if the carbon footprint of the project will be addressed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Mansfield Town Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

March 9, 2015

DRAFT

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

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Kegler, Marcellino and Paterson who abstained. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 regular meeting, as amended. The motion passed with all in favor except Marcellino and Paterson who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Claire Hart, Sylvia Halbrooks, Eleanor Martin, Sarah Bober, and Simonne Thibeault, students from Southeast School, addressed the Council asking for help in getting the word out that the monarch butterfly population is declining and suggested ways in which people can mitigate that decline.

Rochelle Strimple, resident and Southeast School staff member, noted the work of fellow staff members Diane Hutton and Lisa Cackowski who have worked with the girls on this project. Ms. Strimple commented that they exemplify the wonderful teachers in Mansfield.

Julia Delapp, Lynwood Road and Fundraising Chair for the Playground Committee, spoke to the importance of the project as a place for families of all levels of ability to meet and interact. Ms. Delapp commented that there is tremendous support in the community for the project and thanked the Council for their time and feedback.

Jeff Smithson, Samuel Lane, declared himself to be a proponent of play describing it as a powerful tool for a community. Mr. Smithson asked the Council to allocate the necessary funds.

Sam, a third-grader at Goodwin School, expressed his support for the playground because it will be accessible for all and will be good for all ages, allowing him and his sister to play at the same location. Sam is looking forward to enjoying the playground soon.

Lyndzy Passmore, Middle Turnpike and Mansfield Middle School student, commented that the playground will be a good way for children to get the exercise they need in a safe environment.

Ellen Tulman, Ball Hill Road and an original member of the Playground Committee, read a letter into the record from Pallas Wong. Ms. Wong is the mother of a child in a wheelchair and is looking forward to a place where both of her children can play.

(Statement attached)

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Shayne Anderson and daughter Erin, Ellise Road, asked the Council to provide the funds needed for the playground. Mr. Anderson commented that the entire process of building this playground is a lesson in positive civic engagement.

Paige Passmore, a Mansfield resident, recently heard about the playground and agrees that it would be an achievement for Mansfield as the Town needs more places for youngsters to enjoy activities.

Brendan Franz, Minnesota Road, reported that last year he, at the suggestion of his art teacher, volunteered to do some work for the playground project making handprint tiles. Mr. Franz commented on the importance of having a place to get exercise in this area of Town.

Kelly Zimmerman, member of the Committee and Blake Lane resident, spoke to the importance of establishing a build date and noted the Committee is exploring ways to involve every child in Town in the project. Ms. Zimmerman noted the fundraising efforts of the Committee have been extensive.

Cristina Colon-Semenza, Woods Road, reviewed some of the literature on exercise, pediatrics and children's health which provides evidence of the physical and social health benefits of a multifaceted approach to activities like playgrounds.

Margaret Ferron, Gurleyville Road, thanked the Town Council members for meeting with playground advocates this week and addressed a number of misconceptions regarding the history of this Parks and Recreation project, the amount of money raised by the Committee, the inclusion of children in the design and fundraising aspects of the project, the current scope of the project and the chosen site. Ms. Ferron thanked staff members Sara Anderson, Pat Schneider and Curt Vincente for their enthusiasm and diligence. She also thanked the Ossen Foundation, State Representative Gregg Haddad and Council members.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, questioned how many of those present have to use the bus to get to the playground and objected to the cost, but asked the Council to provide the money. Mr. Hossack commended Mr. Hart for his presentation to the legislature regarding the Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS), called for the firing of the Finance Director and requested a meeting on shared services.

Drew, who lives on Middle Turnpike, requested the Council provide the money for the project for people who do not have access to playgrounds.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, commented that there seems to be a lot of support from people when they want the government to spend money and lamented that the same is not true when the issue is staying within our means. Playgrounds are important but not essential. Mr. Freudmann urged the Council to direct the Town Manager to send a letter to E.O. Smith stating that an increase in their budget is unacceptable and urged people to vote no on the Region 19 budget. He commended Mr. Hart on the letters regarding MERS.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, spoke to how choices are made and urged a Parks and Recreation Master Plan be developed prior to authorizing the playground. (Statement attached).

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, applauded the program at Southeast School noting that he read an article on how genetically modified food affects monarch butterflies and urged sparing use of pesticides. Mr. Coleman commented on the high price of housing in Storrs Center and civility at meetings.

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Charles Naumec, Riverview Road, stated the Town and State have two high priority issues to deal with – the resident state trooper program and PILOT funding. Mr. Naumec also asked the Town to address Election Day Registration for local elections. He does not believe it is proper to allow students, who have no financial obligation, to vote on Town financial issues and suggested the University institute a residency fee for students who live on campus.

Miles Anderson spoke in support of the playground and asked that the Council consider that the Town will be getting a \$500,000 playground for a \$100,000 investment.

Jason Anderson, Ellise Road, is looking forward to playing at the new playground and meeting new people.

Asher Anderson, Ellise Road, reported that he has helped raise funds for the playground by asking for donations for his birthday but that there is still not enough money to build the playground.

Ben Wiles, Browns Road, commented on how remarkable it is to see so many people in attendance but lamented the fact that the Council would not have to be dealing with this issue if the STEAP grant had been approved. Mr. Wiles also expressed, given the reporting on the 50th anniversary of the civil rights march in Selma, disappointment in an earlier public comment which suggested disenfranchising a large group of voters in our Town.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his written report the Town Manager offered the following comments:

- Mr. Hart requested that a letter he received from department heads expressing concerns about behaviors at Council meetings be added to a future agenda for discussion. Mr. Hart requested the letter become part of the record. (Letter attached)
- Mr. Hart requested feedback on including the Council's discussion on Mansfield Tomorrow as part of the regular March 23, 2015 meeting.
- Mr. Hart reminded members of a UConn scoping meeting on a variety of projects in the South Campus area which will be held on March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 146 of the Bishop Center. This meeting will only discuss projects that have been previously addressed and that have plans underway. The location of the hockey rink will not be discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Ryan requested that the letter from the department heads be added as an agenda item in the near future.

Ms. Wassmundt asked that specific behaviors be identified in the discussion of the letter from employees and that she be allowed to explain some of the situations she has encountered which she called derogatory and demeaning. Ms. Wassmundt commented on remarks made by Council members at the last meeting.

Mr. Shapiro raised a point of order as the subject was not on the agenda nor was it responsive to the Town Manager's report.

The Mayor upheld the point of order.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Ms. Wassmundt commented on issues brought up regarding the Finance Director and the request for her resignation. Ms. Wassmundt referred to the Town's Annual Report and comments made by a MBA in Finance regarding that Report.

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, commented that the mistake to which Ms. Wassmundt referred was discovered by the Town after the books were closed and corrected. Mr. Ryan reiterated that the Town received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors which means that no mistakes were made.

Mr. Shapiro stated that any comments made by him at the last meeting had no hidden meaning.

Mr. Shapiro moved to switch Item 1, Storrs Center Update, with Item 2, Community Playground Update. Seconded by Ms. Moran the motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storrs Center Update
No report offered.

2. Community Playground Update

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to appropriate \$132,070 from unappropriated FY 14/15 state revenue, with the understanding that any additional fundraising or cost savings would ultimately decrease this liability.

Council members discussed the budget with Parks and Recreation Director Curt Vincente and Early Childhood Coordinator Sara Anderson.

Mr. Kegler moved and Ms. Wassmundt seconded to amend the motion by substituting the following: Appropriate \$92,070 from current unappropriated FY 14/15 state revenue and budget \$40,000 in next fiscal year's CIP, which is currently listed for future playground project reserves.

Councilors discussed the pro and cons of appropriating the funds from this year's budget or splitting the appropriation between this fiscal year and next fiscal year.

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

Ms. Wassmundt moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to amend the motion by adding that the Town's Purchasing Ordinance must be compiled with for all materials and professional services.

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

Ellen Tulman, Special Needs Coordinator for the Playground, at the request of the Council, commented on the various components of the playground which provide numerous features for a variety of children based on input from parents and professionals who work with children with a wide range of needs.

The original motion passed unanimously.

The Council offered their thanks to Eileen Ossen of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation, for her donation to the project.

3. Community Water and Wastewater

The Town Manager remarked on the following:

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- A Public Scoping Meeting for the Four Corners Project will be held on March 18, 2015 in the Council Chamber. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the session beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- A public hearing on water diversion permit application of the Connecticut Water Company and the University of Connecticut will be held on March 25, 2015 in the Council Chamber. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- A Mansfield/UConn Wastewater Agreement will be needed for the Four Corners Project and the Town's existing sewer and water service agreement with UConn will need to be updated. The Storrs Center pump station will be included in the agreement. Director of Public Works John Carrington addressed questions on the path of the Four Corners sewer line. The engineering drawings will be available at the next Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

4. Department of Human Services Update

Director of Human Services Patricia Schneider described some of the services which are provided to the clientele the department serves.

5. Boundary Line Agreement – Bradley-Buchanan Property

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Raymond seconded, effective March 9, 2015, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the boundary line agreement with Joshua's Trust to establish the boundary between the Trust's Bradley-Buchanan property and the Town's Buchanan Center Library property at 54 Warrentown Road. The motion passed unanimously.

6. UConn South Campus Development

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to authorize the Mayor to co-sign a letter to the University of Connecticut with the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the South Campus Development scoping process. Such letter shall address the issues identified in the memo from Town Manager Hart dated March 9, 2015 as well as any additional comments identified by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Interlocal Agreement – Boundary Line Survey with Chaplin

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded effective March 9, 2015, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Chaplin to jointly commission a survey of the common boundary line between the two towns.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No comments offered.

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IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REQUESTS

No reports offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Community Playground Letters
9. T. Luciano (2/23/15)
10. C. Naumec (2/27/15)
11. Mansfield Self & RV Storage (2/26/15)
12. Sustainability Committee – 2/18/15 Minutes
13. M. Hart re Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System (CMERS)
14. M. Hart re House Bill No. 6824
15. M. Hart re House Bill No. 6931
16. R. Leclerc re Superintendent's Proposed Budget
17. State Project No. 32-148: Replacement of Bridge over Willimantic River

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Wassmundt requested a discussion of the PILOT program and the guidelines used when varying the formulae be added to a future agenda. Ms. Moran suggested the Council wait until Econsult Solutions provides their report as this is one of the items they will be reviewing. The Town Manager will review how the program is supposed to work.

Ms. Wassmundt requested the issue of how the Town Council and Town Manager respond to questions from the public be added to an agenda.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to move into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D) and to include the Town Manager in the discussion
Motion passed unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D)
Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt
Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened in regular session. Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m.
The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

March 9, 2015

February 23, 2015

We are so excited to play at new playground at community center. We have been looking for a playground that both my girls, Serena who is 9 and uses wheelchair to transfer and Ilene is 6, can "get in" and "play".

Most times all I can do just sit there with Serena and watch Ilene playing "all by herself" and Ilene can only play some of the equipment, because the grass or wood chip are not good for pushing wheelchair, so Ilene can only play the equipment that I can see her.

Moreover, most playgrounds are designed for those kids, like Ilene, nothing for Serena. They told me the new playground will have something Serena can play too. I just can not wait to take my both girls to new playground and have fun.

Peilan

introduce family - Serena 9 @ Baldwin
Ilene 6
2 The impact playground
could have on whole family

Arthur A. Smith
74 Mulberry Road
Mansfield, CT 06250

Mansfield Town Council

March 9, 2015

Dear Town Council Members:

Included in tonight's packet is 1989 contract between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut. Also included is a recent letter from the Town Manager Matthew Hart to the University of Connecticut asking to modify that agreement.

At issue here, is whether at any time the 1989 contract(page 30) was modified to allow for the inclusion of other entities to which the Town of Mansfield would be responsible for providing the cost of pumping and maintenance?

If not, were additional entities serviced by the Town of Mansfield after the new expanded pumping station was built, what entities were serviced, for how long and at what cost to the town?

When did the Town Council approve of this expansion of service after the original contract?

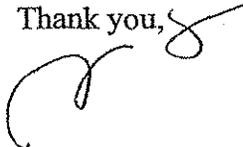
Without Town Council approval how does the Town Finance Department have authorization to issue payments?

On another note, the Mansfield Tomorrow draft plans are now being formed into final proposals and after much work, it is anticipated that the Parks and Recreation Department will be developing a Master Plan. Presumably, that plan will address the needs of all of Mansfield children and Adults in the area, one hopes that it would provide a comprehensive plan of inclusion for all populations in the town. Addressing more than just play space but creating an environment for social engagement with "Circle of Friends" inclusion strategies, "You Can Say You Can't Play" guidelines for the younger children and no bullying workshops for older students and to address self identify and suicide prevention, and how to include senior adults into the playground socialscape.

The Playground is a great community effort, but more planning is needed to see where it fits into long-term planning for the leisure activities of young and old in town. Kudos to all who have worked so hard to date, it's the foot work for the bigger picture. Dr. Raynor is right given the amount of money needed it needs more time for consideration,

for playground, perhaps for over \$100,000

Thank you,



Sports Safety

ISSUES

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Internal Memorandum

TO: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
FROM: Department Heads
DATE: March 9, 2015
SUBJECT: Town Council Meetings

As municipal employees, we understand that our work will be scrutinized by the public, and rightly so. We welcome constructive review of our collective efforts so that we can provide the best possible service to the Town, understanding that not everyone will agree with all our actions or decisions.

We recognize the importance of public scrutiny, and wholeheartedly concur with the Council's policy of allowing public comment during their regular meetings. However, there has been a disturbing trend towards misuse of the opportunity for public comment. Members of the public have used this time as an opportunity for personal attack and intimidation. In addition, tones of disrespect, jeering, and disorderly conduct have become regular occurrences throughout Council meetings. The behavior has recently reached a level that has caused some employees to be concerned for their safety. The Town Council Rules of Procedure (Rule 5) state the following:

All meeting participants including Councilors, citizens and staff should confine their remarks to the substance of the issue at hand. Participants should avoid discussing personalities and not impugn the motive, character or integrity of any individual. The Town Council supports the right of a resident to criticize its local government, but this should be done appropriately and responsibly, with civility and discretion. All participants should address their remarks to the Mayor and maintain a civil tone. These rules of conduct shall also apply to all written correspondence.

We ask that this rule be enforced at future meetings, and that a state trooper be present at all Town Council meetings.

More disturbing is the fact that certain of our elected officials frequently display the same types of behaviors, including disruption of testimony and personal attacks as well as unsupported accusations of incompetence, malfeasance, and dishonesty.

In addition, presenting staff are frequently asked to provide follow-up information. All departments are happy to spend time providing information that will help the Council make an informed decision. However, it often happens that much of the information requested has already been provided or is considered superfluous by most Council members. It would help our efficiency if the Council as a whole would decide what information they require to make an informed decision.

These actions by Councilors have had a detrimental effect upon the efficiency and morale of the entire organization. The potential for adverse effects on employee health and well-being cannot be ignored. This behavior makes employee retention and succession planning more difficult and more costly. It is clearly in the Town's interest to attract and retain quality employees.

The Town's Anti-Harassment Policy includes the following definitions of harassment:

- *Repeated, unscheduled demands for attention and time regarding matters of a non-urgent nature that interfere with an employee's ability to perform his other routine job duties in a timely and effective manner;*
- *Any communication or action that is demeaning, rude or inflammatory or otherwise incites anger, hurt, fear or embarrassment in the receiver of the communication or action;*
- *Unwanted questions of comments pertaining to any aspect of an employee's person or personal*

life;

- *Unwanted contact at an employee's home or in public when an employee is off duty.*

We ask that the Town Council thoroughly review the Anti-Harassment Policy.

Further, an increasing number of residents are approaching Town staff to express their disgust at the disrespect shown to our Town officials, both public and staff. These residents are reluctant to participate in meetings for fear of similar treatment and the high level of tension evident at Council meetings. Despite their concerns, most residents are very satisfied with the level of service provided by the Town and are proud of the positive reputation that Mansfield has among other municipalities in the state. In order to thrive, a democratic system must encourage all residents to participate in its processes. As fewer citizens are willing to participate in Town activities, it will be more and more difficult to maintain the quality of life of which Mansfield is justifiably proud.

In closing, we cannot express strongly enough our belief that, under your leadership, the Town management, structure and operations are run at a highly professional level. It is painful to witness your professionalism and integrity questioned without merit, often in the most uncivil manner. We appreciate the support you have given to all Town staff under difficult conditions. Please forward our concerns and recommendations to the Town Council, in the expectation of working together to create an atmosphere in which the peoples' work can be done in an efficient, respectful manner.

In the meantime, we will continue to serve this wonderful community to the best of our abilities. It is important for the Town Council to know the negative impacts on employee morale and productivity caused by the unchecked behavior of a few individuals.

Respectfully submitted, Mansfield Department Heads

W B W...

Cheri...

Joe W...

M C...

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May Stanton

Chris Vincent

Pats...

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Mike Winkler *PR*

David Dagon *PR*



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; John Carrington, Director of Public Works; Kevin Deneen, Town Attorney
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Community Water and Wastewater Issues

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find a reply from UCONN concurring with the suggestion that we negotiate a comprehensive sewer service agreement. I will now proceed to negotiate with the University in consultation with the Town Attorney and will regularly update and seek input from the Town Council on this important subject. It is possible that the Town Attorney may want to retain special counsel for this matter, but we have not made a determination on that issue yet. The appointment of special legal counsel would need to be endorsed by the Town Council.

Attachments

- 1) T. Callahan re: Mansfield/UCONN Sewer Agreement



March 18, 2015

Mr. Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager
Audrey P. Beck Building
Four South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268-2599

Re: Mansfield/UConn Wastewater Agreement

Dear Mr. Hart:

Thank you for your letter of March 5th.

This matter is of considerable interest to UConn and of critical importance to our respective futures. Your suggestion to craft a new comprehensive agreement is a good one with which we concur.

I will contact your office soon to schedule an appointment to explore our mutual ideas for reaching a mutually beneficially and timely agreement. Reviewing Mansfield's 2010 agreement for wastewater services with Windham may be helpful in establishing a framework for further discussion and agreement.

Sincerely,

Thomas Q. Callahan
Associate Vice President of Infrastructure Planning
& Strategic Project Management

Cc: S. Jordan
M. Jednak
M. Kirk



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Robert Miller, Director of Health
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: UCONN Landfill, Long-term Monitoring Program

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find information regarding the UConn Landfill. The Council is not required to take any action on this item.

Attachments

- 1) R. Miller re: UConn Landfill Long Term Monitoring Plan, Report dated February 2015
- 2) Long-Term Monitoring Plan, February 2015



Eastern Highlands Health District

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Memo

To: Matt Hart, Mansfield Town Manager

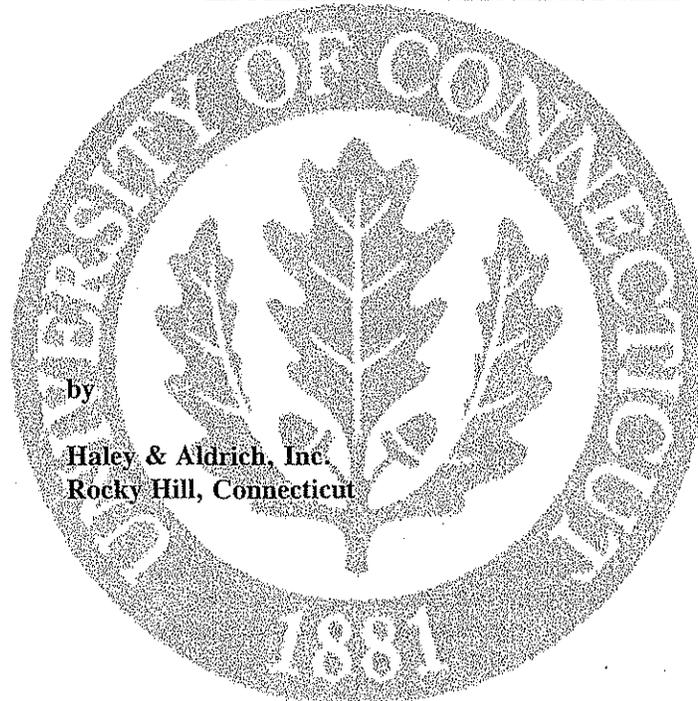
From: Robert Miller, Director of Health 

Date: 3/11/2015

Re: UConn Landfill Long Term Monitoring Plan Report - Fall 2014, report dated February 2015

Per your request, I have reviewed the above referenced report. The results reported do not suggest an imminent or immediate risk to public health. No material changes in the monitoring program were identified. The results are generally consistent with the historic body of data available for this project. This office will continue to monitor this situation. No action is recommended at this time.

**LONG-TERM MONITORING PLAN
FALL 2014 SEMI-ANNUAL SAMPLING ROUND #21
UCONN LANDFILL
STORRS, CONNECTICUT**



by

**Haley & Aldrich, Inc.
Rocky Hill, Connecticut**

for

**University of Connecticut
Storrs, Connecticut**

**File No. 91221-685
February 2015**

1. INTRODUCTION

This Long Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP) was prepared pursuant to the Consent Order # SRD-101 between the State of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut (UConn) regarding the solid waste disposal area on North Eagleville Road (Landfill and Former Chemical Pits) and the former disposal site in the vicinity of Parking Lot F (F Lot). An Interim Monitoring Program (IMP) was performed in order to monitor shallow ground water, surface water and bedrock groundwater quality in nearby domestic water supply wells until the LTMP required pursuant to paragraph B.4.e of the Consent Order was implemented. In September 2005, the University transitioned from the IMP to the LTMP. As part of this process, samples were collected from both the IMP and LTMP locations for three sampling quarters. These quarters, referred to as "transition rounds" were conducted in September and December 2005 and May 2006. Beginning with the October and November 2006 monitoring quarter, samples were only collected from the LTMP locations.

The objectives of the LTMP are:

- To assess the effectiveness of the remediation
- To monitor groundwater and surface water quality and trends, and
- To act as sentinel wells to protect human health and the environment.

Groundwater, surface water and soil gas samples are being obtained to verify that the remediation systems are working as planned. The Plan is also designed to protect human health and the environment by evaluating the concentrations of contaminants in groundwater and surface water over time. If increasing concentrations are observed, UConn and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) will reassess the remediation system design, expand the monitoring program, and/or take additional measures to protect human health and the environment, if necessary.

The LTMP includes sampling of media at multiple locations as shown on Figure 1:

- (1) six surface water locations;
- (2) five shallow groundwater monitoring wells;
- (3) five deep bedrock monitoring wells;
- (4) six active domestic wells on Meadwood Road and Separatist Road; and
- (5) four soil gas monitoring locations.

Installation of the landfill cap and leachate interceptor trenches (LITs) was completed in the spring of 2007. To date, slight improvements in groundwater quality have been observed. Analytical results continue to be evaluated and reported to the key parties and to the public.

This report documents the sampling round conducted in October 2014, also referred to as Round #21. In a letter to the University dated 16 April 2010, CTDEEP approved a reduction in the LTMP sampling frequency from quarterly to semi-annually to be conducted in the spring and fall seasons. The next sampling event is planned for March 2015.

2. SCOPE OF PROGRAM

The following paragraphs describe the rationale for each sampling location for the Long Term Monitoring Program based upon the approved Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Investigation and Remedial Action Plan, Addendum No. 2, dated July 2004.

2.1 Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Three shallow wells [B401(MW), B403(MW) & B404(MW)] were constructed in the overburden south, southeast and north of the landfill respectively, and downgradient of the LITs in February and March 2007. These wells function to monitor shallow groundwater quality migrating out of the landfill area and to assess the effectiveness of the landfill cover and LITs.

Two previously existing shallow monitoring wells, MW-3 and MW-4, were reinstalled in August 2007 in the same general area in F Lot however; they were offset several feet from their original locations. They function to monitor shallow groundwater quality downgradient of F Lot.

2.2 Deep Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Five bedrock (125 to 300 ft) groundwater monitoring wells are included in the LTMP. Three existing wells, MW-105R, B201R(MW), and B302R(MW) are located south and west of the landfill and former chemical pits. These wells were selected because they are situated in the direction of either suspected historical or known bedrock groundwater flow. Since permanent packer systems for discrete fracture interval sampling are installed in B201R(MW) and MW-105R, two samples are collected from each well. Two former residential water supply wells, located at 156 Hunting Lodge Road and 202 North Eagleville Road, are included in the LTMP because of their locations and construction depths. The University has not received permission to access the well at 156 Hunting Lodge Road therefore; it continues to be excluded from sampling events.

2.3 Surface Water Monitoring Locations

Six surface water-monitoring locations (SW-A through SW-F) are selected to assess surface water quality migrating from the landfill, former chemical pits, and F Lot areas SW-A through SW-E are strategically placed at the primary surface waters north (wetland and Cedar Swamp Brook drainage) and south (western tributary of Eagleville Brook drainage) of the landfill and former chemical pits area. SW-F is located downgradient of F Lot on an eastern tributary to Eagleville Brook.

2.4 Active Residential Water Supply Wells

Six active residential water supply wells are included in the LTMP:

- 38 Meadowood Road
- 41 Meadowood Road
- 65 Meadowood Road
- 202 Separatist Road
- 206 Separatist Road
- 211 Separatist Road

These residential wells are the closest active bedrock wells to the landfill and former chemical pits in the direction of suspected historical and known groundwater migration pathways in the fractured bedrock aquifer. The homeowners of 38 and 65 Meadowood Road have changed. Although UConn has attempted to get permission to continue monitoring these locations, permission was not granted at the time of this monitoring event therefore; they were not sampled.

2.5 Soil Gas Monitoring Locations

Four soil gas-monitoring points B501(GW), B502(GW), B503(GW) and B504(GW) were installed in the east, southeast, southwest and northwest quadrants of the landfill immediately outside the cap perimeter to monitor for potential gas migration away from the landfill. The monitoring points are 4-in. diameter PVC wells extending to depths ranging between 7.5 and 9.5 ft bgs with a slotted screen interval from the surface seal (approximately 2.5 ft bgs) to the depth of completion. The locations are lateral to the LITs where the likelihood of soil gas migration is presumed to be greatest.

2.6 Sampling Parameters

During the course of the Hydrogeologic Investigation, a comprehensive suite of analytical methods was selected to determine the nature of the contamination in the Study Area. A wide range of methods were used to ensure that any potential contaminant identified during review of historical records or interviews with knowledgeable personnel would be detected if present. Multiple rounds of groundwater and surface water sampling have shown that the contamination is confined to a few classes of compounds. Monitoring a select number of analytical methods accomplishes the objectives of the LTMP, that is, to assess effectiveness of remediation, monitor groundwater quality and trends and be protective of human health and the environment.

Groundwater and surface water samples were analyzed for the following parameters:

- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) by EPA Method 524.2

- Total metals by EPA Method 200 Series

- Total mercury by EPA Method 7470/E245.1

- Other Inorganic Parameters

 - ammonia, nitrate and nitrite, total phosphorus, total dissolved solids, total suspended solids, alkalinity, hardness, chloride, sulfate, chemical oxygen demand, total organic carbon, biological oxygen demand and cyanide

- Field Screening Data

 - turbidity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, oxygen reduction potential (ORP), pH, and temperature

Soil gas monitoring points were analyzed for methane and carbon dioxide using a multiple gas detection meter.

2.7 Sampling Frequency

As previously mentioned, to date, slight improvements to the groundwater quality have been observed. This round represents the Fall 2014 sampling and we anticipate Spring sampling to occur in or about April 2015.

3. SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Sampling procedures and analytical methods for the groundwater monitoring wells and surface water samples were conducted in accordance with the Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Investigation and Remedial Action Plan, Addendum No. 2, dated July 2004.

Sampling procedures for the residential water supply wells were conducted in accordance with procedures previously established by CTDEEP and the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the health consultation study completed in 1999. Samples were collected from the water supply system prior to treatment after running the tap for approximately eight minutes.

Samples from the residential water supply wells were analyzed using EPA drinking water methods as noted on the enclosed Table I.

4. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The analytical results from the October 2014 LTMP round #21 sampling are summarized in Table I. VOC Concentration and Conductivity vs. Time Plots for selected bedrock wells [MW105R, B201R(MW), and B302R(MW)] and selected overburden wells [B401(MW) and B403(MW)] are included in Appendix A. A discussion of the results below is organized by general sample types and locations.

4.1 Shallow Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Samples from monitoring wells B401(MW), B403(MW) and B404(MW) were collected and submitted to Phoenix Environmental Laboratories (Phoenix), Manchester, Connecticut for analysis of VOCs, total metals, and nutrients. Both LITs and associated pumps were in operation at the time of this sampling event.

Similar to results from previous rounds, several VOCs including benzene, 1,4-dichlorobenze, chlorobenzene and/or toluene were detected in monitoring wells B401(MW) and B403(MW). Concentrations of these compounds are below Remediation Standard Regulations (RSR) criteria. No VOCs were detected above laboratory reporting limits in the samples collected from B404(MW). Metal concentrations in all samples were below protective criteria. In general, concentrations of selected parameters and compounds appear consistent with previous sampling rounds.

VOCs were not detected in the samples collected from MW-3 or MW-4. Metal concentrations were below protective criteria. For quality control purposes, a duplicate sample was collected from MW-4. Results from the original and duplicate samples were in general agreement.

4.2 Deep Bedrock Monitoring Wells

Samples from these wells were collected and submitted to Phoenix for analysis of VOCs, total metals, and other inorganic parameters. VOCs were detected in discrete samples collected from the deeper fracture zone of MW-105R and both fracture zones of B201R(MW). VOCs were not detected above laboratory reporting limits for the shallow fracture (74 ft) in MW105R. Concentrations of 1,2-dichloroethane, benzene, and trichloroethene exceeded the GWPC in the sample from the deeper fracture zone in MW-105R. Concentrations of 1,2-dichloroethane and benzene exceeded the GWPC in both the upper and deeper fracture zones of B201R(MW). Analytical results of groundwater quality at MW105R and B201R(MW) are consistent with previous sampling events. Monitoring wells 202-NERD (unused domestic well at 202 N. Eagleville Road) and B302R-MW were completed at depths of 275 and 200 ft respectively and do not have discrete sampling systems installed, therefore integrated samples were collected. VOCs were not detected in the sample collected from 202-NERD or B302R-MW. Metal and nutrient parameters were within typical groundwater water ranges in all of the bedrock well samples.

For quality control purposes, a duplicate sample was collected from the deeper zone of MW105R. Results from the originals and duplicate samples were in general agreement.

4.3 Surface Water Samples

During this sampling event, surface water was collected from the four of the six (SW-B and SW-C were dry) monitoring locations and submitted to Phoenix for analysis of VOCs, metals and nutrients. VOCs were not detected. Metal and nutrient parameters were within typical surface water ranges and consistent with previous sampling rounds for these locations.

4.4 Active Residential Domestic Wells

Four of the six active domestic wells were sampled as part of this quarterly event. Both 38 and 65 Meadowood Road properties have been sold. UConn has attempted to contact new homeowners for permission to sample their well however; permission has not yet been granted. Results of the domestic well sampling were consistent with most previous rounds. VOCs were not detected above method reporting limits at any of the locations sampled. Metal and nutrient concentrations at all locations were within acceptable drinking water ranges.

4.5 Soil Gas Monitoring

Landfill gas is the natural by-product of the decomposition of solid waste in landfills and is comprised primarily of carbon dioxide and methane. A GEM2000 Landfill Gas Meter was used to sample and analyze methane, carbon dioxide and oxygen content at soil gas monitoring locations B501(GW), B502(GW), B503(GW) and B504(GW). Oxygen concentrations ranged from 14.3% at B504(GW) to 20.9% at B501(GW). Carbon dioxide readings ranged from 0.2% at B501(GW) to 6.5% at B503(GW). Methane gas concentrations ranged from 0.0% at B501(GW), B503(GW) and B504(GW) to 1.4% at B502(GW). These readings are generally consistent with previous monitoring events.

4.6 Consent Order SRD-101 Progress Report

During the period of March 2014 through October 2014, minimal amounts of leachate were collected and pumped to the UConn Water Pollution Control Facility from both the north and south Leachate Interceptor Trench systems (LITs). Evaluation of the leachate collection data shows a significant decrease in volume collected from the north LIT beginning in Fall 2013 and from the south LIT beginning in Summer 2012.

The following actions were taken to address decreased leachate recovery:

- engaged Haley & Aldrich to perform an investigation of equipment maintenance and operating procedures, including recommendations regarding options for increasing efficiency of the LITs;
- replaced the electric submersible pump in the north LIT; and
- replaced the control panel at the north pump station for the new electric pump.

During maintenance of the leachate collection system, recovery well discharge piping was determined to be nearly clogged with iron precipitate. UConn has retained Environmental Services, Inc. (ESI) to clean piping and perform necessary maintenance and repairs to restore system efficiency. In addition, UConn is currently evaluating options for pump replacement. Pump replacements will likely coincide with services being provided by ESI. Work is anticipated to be completed by late March 2015, weather permitting.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MwH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Jennifer Kaufman, Sustainability and Natural Resources Coordinator

Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Draft: Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development

Subject Matter/Background

On Monday, December 15, 2014, the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) referred the Mansfield Tomorrow draft Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD) to the Town Council for review and comment. Since its release of the PoCD in December, the PZC has received extensive comments on the plan through informal community information meetings, written correspondence and public hearings held by both the Council and the Commission. Copies of written correspondence and minutes for the public hearings are attached for the Council's information. Comments and questions received during a series of community information meetings are summarized in the February 26, 2015 memo from Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter to the Commission.

Town Council Review

In accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 8-23(g), the Town Council may endorse or reject the entire PoCD or a portion thereof and may submit comments and recommended changes to the Commission. Any portion or recommendation of the plan that is not endorsed by the Council may only be adopted by the PZC by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the members.

In my January 12, 2015 memo, I noted that staff would recommend that the PZC refer any comments received on topics that are within the jurisdiction of the Town Council or Board of Education to those elected bodies for guidance on how they should be addressed. For example, comments related to financial goals, strategies and actions would be referred to the Town Council and comments related to educational objectives would be referred to the Board(s) of Education.

The following is a summary of comments received to date that fall primarily under the jurisdiction of the Town Council; as such, the Council's action on the plan should identify whether it would like to see any changes in response to these

comments. As many of the Town Council's advisory committees have provided comments on the plan, I would also suggest that the Council review those memos in detail to determine if there are any comments with which it disagrees.

- Requests that the PoCD be amended to recommend construction of a new senior center
 - Requests that the Town adopt a resolution to oppose the expansion of natural gas pipelines and facilities and the development of any facilities for disposal of fracking waste
 - Questions regarding the inclusion of fiscal goals and recommendations and on the identification of potential financing tools such as lease/purchase agreements and tax increment financing, and public private partnerships
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- Use of tax abatements for open space acquisition
 - Concern with potential for future public private partnerships and transparency of those partnerships
 - Need for third party involvement to protect open space in perpetuity
 - Concern with impact of climate change and the need for Town to develop a specific plan to address this issue (resident comments)
 - Suggestions from the Sustainability Committee that the action calling for a Climate Action Plan be changed to focus on implementation of actions in the PoCD related to climate
 - Concern that adoption of regulations and ordinances on lifestyle issues such as smoking and dog waste are contrary to the desire to preserve rural character
 - Concern with impacts of growth on community services and state revenues
 - Suggestion that the Bergin Correctional Facility could be of use to the Town for an emergency operations center or other uses
 - Suggestion for tolls at town boundaries on local roads as a way to address traffic congestion
 - Concern with future utility infrastructure expansions such as the electric transmission and gas lines and potential impact on rural character
 - Interest in developing a municipal energy system such as a solar farm
 - Awareness of state and regional issues and coordination with area communities and state agencies
 - Need for back-up generators at critical facilities and those serving the elderly and special needs populations (See CRCOG comments)
 - Impact of open space and agricultural land preservation on economic development (see OSPC comments)
 - Process for amending conservation easements (see Conservation Commission comments)
 - Concern with statements identifying a potential conflict between scenic road designations and walking, bicycling and electric reliability objectives (see Conservation Commission comments)

- Use of community septic systems – would require change in Town/WPCA policy
- Suggestion for one new elementary school
- Call for partnerships with UCONN on development of specific properties at campus edges such as the Depot Campus and Mansfield apartments site (see Sustainability Advisory Committee comments)

Recommendation

Based on the Town Council's review of the PoCD to date, staff recommends that the Council either: 1) endorse the draft plan in its entirety; or 2) endorse the plan with any recommended changes.

~~In accordance with the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 8-23(g), the following motions have been prepared for the Council's consideration:~~

Move, effective March 23, 2015, to endorse the December 2014 Public Hearing Draft of the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development in its entirety.

Move, effective March 23, 2015, to endorse the December 2014 Public Hearing Draft of the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development, with the following recommended changes:

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Attachments

- 1) Director of Planning Memo to PZC
- 2) Correspondence on Plan
- 3) February 23, 2015 Public Hearing Minutes (Town Council)
- 4) March 2, 2015 Public Hearing Minutes (PZC)



Department of Planning and Development

Date: February 26, 2015
To: Planning and Zoning Commission
From: Linda M. Painter, AICP, Director *LMP*
Subject: Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development

On December 15, 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission scheduled a March 2, 2015 public hearing on the December 2014 Draft of the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development. Since that time, staff has conducted four community information sessions and met with several advisory committees to assist in their review of the plan. Included in your packet are copies of written correspondence received since the release of the plan. On February 17, 2015, the PZC voted to extend the comment period until April 6, 2015. Given the extension of the comment period, staff anticipates receiving additional correspondence from the Town Council, other committees and residents.

As part of your packet for the April 6th meeting, staff is preparing a matrix of all comments received and organized by chapter to assist the Commission in their deliberation of suggested changes. Staff will also summarize the list of technical/editorial changes that have been identified at that time and identify potential changes to Maps based on comments received as well as errors identified by staff, such as the designation of the Bergin Correctional Facility as Rural Residential/Agriculture/Forestry when the Commission had discussing having the frontage along Route 44 designated as Institutional consistent with the current POCD but not including the entire parcel, which is significantly larger.

Written Correspondence

The following is a list of all correspondence received as of the date of this memo, copies of which are attached for your information.

Committee and Agency Referrals

- January 20, 2015 Letter from the Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission
- Undated Letter from Mansfield Commission on Aging
- January 15, 2015 Memo from the Transportation Advisory Committee
- February 3, 2015 Memo from the Agriculture Committee
- February 22, 2015 Memo from the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee
- February 17, 2015 Memo from the Open Space Preservation Committee
- February 18, 2015 Memo from the Conservation Commission
- January 6, 2015 Minutes of the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee

Resident and Property Owner Comments

- Comment form from Donald B. Hoyle, 125A Bassetts Bridge Road (with attachments on fracking and oil pipeline extension article)
- Comment form from Meg Reich, 343 Bassetts Bridge Road
- Comment form from Julia Barstow, 139 Woodland Road
- Comment form from Bettejane Karnes, 353 North Eagleville Road
- Comment form from Pat Hempel
- Comment form from Miriam Kurland, 287 Wormwood Hill Road
- Undated Letters from Wilfred T. Bigl, 17 Hill Pond Drive (one addressed to the PZC Chair, one to the Director of Planning and Development)
- December 22, 2014 Comment from William Shakalis submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- ~~December 29, 2014 Comment from John Perch submitted through Joomag on-line portal~~
- January 30, 2015 Comment from Mansfield Resident submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- January 2015 Letter from Charles Galgowski
- February 3, 2015 Email from Joan Buck
- February 9, 2015 Letter from Anthony Gioscia, 1708 Stafford Road
- February 10, 2015 Email from Emile Poirier
- February 12, 2015 Email from Vicky Wetherell
- February 20, 2015 Comment from John Fratiello submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- February 22, 2015 Email from Tulay Luciano to the Town Council and Town Manager
- February 24, 2015 Comment from Virginia Walton (Mansfield Recycling Coordinator) submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- February 25, 2015 Comments from Celeron Square (received in an email from John Sobanik)
- Draft Minutes of February 23, 2015 Town Council Public Hearing

Should additional correspondence be received prior to the start of the March 2, 2015 meeting, a supplemental list will be generated and copies will be distributed to the Commission at the meeting.

Community Information Meetings

Attendees at the community information meetings were encouraged to submit written comments or provide testimony at the public hearing. The following is a summary of the major issues and concerns that were raised at the information meetings. This summary is not intended to be a comprehensive list of every question. I have categorized them by relevant chapters of the plan.

General Comments

- *Population Growth.* Question as to whether the Town had identified a target or ideal population.

Chapter 2 – Natural Systems

- *Common Driveway.* Need for changes to common driveway regulations to prevent forest fragmentation.
- *Dam Inspections.* Need for Town and Windham to coordinate with US Army Corps of Engineers on dam inspections for Mansfield Hollow.

Chapter 5 – Community Life

- *Bergin Correctional Facility.* Suggestion that the closed prison could be of use to the Town as an emergency operations center as well as other potential uses.

Chapter 7 – Housing

- *Neighborhood Quality of Life.* Need to track how location of rental units has changed over time and what impact the change in the definition of family to limit number of unrelated individuals to three has had on conversion of owner-occupied single-family homes to rental units.

Chapter 8 – Future Land Use and Community Design

- *Future Land Use Map.* Concerns/questions were raised with regard to certain areas of the proposed future land use map including Compact Residential on South Eagleville Road in the vicinity of Maple and Separatist Roads; Mixed Use Center in the vicinity of Riverview Road; and designation of Eagleville as a Rural Residential Village given the number of commercial businesses in the area.
- *UConn Growth.* Several comments were received with regard to UConn's proposed master plan, including concerns with the proposed location of the multi-purpose arena at the intersection of Routes 275 and 195; future use of the Depot Campus and Bergin Correctional Facility; extent of environmental contamination at the Depot Campus and the impact of any contamination on future redevelopment; concern with the potential for a Biosafety Level 4 Lab at UConn; and questions as to whether UConn could reclaim the E.O. Smith High School property in the future.

Chapter 9- Infrastructure

- *Traffic Impacts of University and Town Growth.* Need to address increasing traffic congestion and work with DOT to understand their plans for various roadways. One suggestion was for tolls at town lines.
- *Walkway/Bikeway/Trail Network.* Need to identify how the trail network integrates with and becomes a part of the walkway/bikeway network.
- *Windham Airport Expansion.* One resident who lives in the Riverview Road neighborhood expressed concern with the potential expansion of Windham Airport, including a proposed future runway extension that could increase air traffic over that neighborhood.
- *Impact of Utility Expansions.* Concern with impact of the Northeast Utilities transmission line extension on the town's character and need for stronger policies discouraging utility expansions that do not serve the community and have negative impacts on scenic character and surrounding properties, such as potential natural gas pipeline expansions due to fracking in other states.
- *Municipal Energy System.* Interest in development of a municipal energy system such as a solar energy farm to mitigate rising energy costs.

Chapter 10 – Stewardship and Implementation

- *Awareness of Regional Issues.* Need for Town to be aware of various state and regional initiatives and coordinate with applicable agencies and other communities.

- *Financing Tools.* Questions were raised with regard the proposed use of certain financing tools such as tax increment financing and lease-purchase agreements.
- *Communications.* Suggestion that the Town improve the way in which it communicates the status of various projects such as the Route 195 sidewalk project.

Next Steps

Once all testimony has been taken on March 2, 2015, the Commission needs to continue the hearing to April 6, 2015. The following motion would be in order:

_____ MOVES, _____ seconds to continue the public hearing on the December 2015 draft of the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development to the Monday, April 6, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.



January 20, 2015

TO: MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

REPORT ON POCD REFERRAL POCD-2014-7: Proposed comprehensive update of the Town of Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development.

COMMISSIONERS: Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned referral. Notice of this proposal was transmitted to the Planning Division of the Capitol Region Council of Governments under the provisions of Section 8-23 (g)(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

COMMENT: The staff of the Regional Planning Commission of the Capitol Region Council of Governments has reviewed this referral and finds no apparent conflicts with regional plans and policies, the growth management principles of the State Plan of Conservation and Development, plans of conservation and development of other municipalities in the region, or the concerns of neighboring towns. We commend the Town of Mansfield on drafting a thorough and informative Plan of Conservation and Development which strives to protect and strengthen its rural/rural village character including efforts to support and encourage agriculture, protect culturally and historically significant resources, and protect natural resources while encouraging compact development appropriate to specific areas. We also commend the Town for its proposals to promote use of renewable energy sources, to advance Complete Streets and bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts, and to collaborate with UConn on economic development, housing, and other issues. The Town might find useful the CRCOG/EPA Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development (2009) as a resource on implementation of sustainable practices. These guidelines can be found at www.crcog.org/community_dev/sustainable-dev.html. The Town might also find the recent CRCOG Sustainable Land Use Code Project Model Land Use Regulations as a resource. These guidelines can be found at <http://www.sustainableknowledgecorridor.org/site/content/sustainable-land-use>. We note that the proposed POCD includes goals, strategies and actions related to natural hazard mitigation. We also are aware that efforts are underway to update the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Town. We would encourage the Town to integrate natural hazard mitigation efforts of both plans and specifically to call out the need for coordination of the two plans perhaps in the POCD's discussion of Goal 10.2 - "The Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development is integrated into decision making at multiple levels." We commend the Town for its support of microgrids to minimize power disruptions to critical facilities and also encourage the Town to consider identifying installation of backup generators at critical facilities and in developments serving the elderly and special needs populations as elements of various actions in the Community Life section.

In accordance with our procedures this letter will constitute final CRCOG action on this referral. The public hearing date has been scheduled for 3/2/2015. Questions concerning this referral should be directed to Lynne Pike DiSanto.

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Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bobowski, Chairman
Regional Planning Commission

Karl Robert Profe, Vice Chairman
Regional Planning Commission



Lynne Eike DiSanto, AICP
Senior Planner and Policy Analyst

Town of Mansfield
Ms. Linda Painter, Town Planner
4 South Eagleville Rd.
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Ms. Painter,

Members of the Commission on Aging commend you and your team for the thorough and exciting production of Mansfield Tomorrow. It is a vision of excellence which makes citizens proud to live in Mansfield.

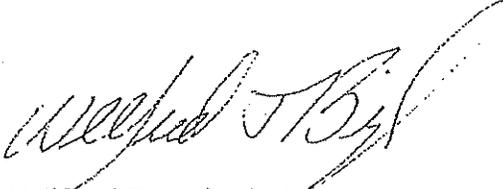
We notice, however, that although there is mention of increased senior housing and human services, there is no mention of a new Senior Center to accommodate the huge influx of those over 55 which will occur in the next ten years. The 2010 census estimated there will be 2971 senior citizens in 2020. Recognizing that this figure did not factor the number of new seniors resulting from the UCONN plan to increase the faculty by 240 to accommodate NextGen CT X initiative, the Tech Park planned to locate on the road presently being built, the new senior residents in the apartments built in the downtown Storrs area and the arrival of water and sewerage in the northern part of town, we conclude this figure is obsolete and should be increased significantly.

Our present Senior Center was studied in 2008 by a committee from the Commission on Aging, headed by Tim Quinn. At that time, the Senior Center was proven to be lacking in several areas and a report was sent to the Town Council. However, due to a nationwide economic crisis, action on the study was temporarily tabled. A later examination reported and placed on file October 2014 by Mike Nintean, Director of Building and Housing Inspection, details the deficiencies which could cause serious hazards to both structure and people using the facility.

It is painfully apparent that the SC is woefully inadequate to serve the needs and aspirations of present seniors. To imagine it would serve in its present state as part of the ambitious plan of Mansfield Tomorrow is not realistic.

Please consider including a new Senior Center in the final plans for Mansfield Tomorrow.

Members of the Commission on Aging appreciate your consideration.



Wilfred T. Bigl, Chairman
Mansfield Commission on Aging

MEMO (sent via email)

Date: January 15, 2015

To: Matt Hart, Town Manager

From: Transportation Advisory Committee, Lon Hultgren Chair

Re: TAC Comments on the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development

Copies to: TAC members, Director of Public Works, Director of Planning, File

In accordance with the recent referral, at its January 8, 2015 meeting, the Mansfield Transportation Advisory Committee discussed and compiled comments from its members regarding the draft Mansfield Tomorrow POCD.

Here is the compilation of the comments on the Transportation section of the Infrastructure chapter (Chapter 9) which were endorsed by a consensus of the committee members:

Sustainability and "infill" goals make transportation sense, and the committee supports these principles.

We support expanded public transportation, expanded transportation alternatives (including rail access in the future), expanded bicycle and pedestrian facilities and the complete streets concept. We think the plan should mention and support the Town's efforts to become a designated "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists.

Since the TAC has recently reviewed and endorsed the request that additional sections of local and state roads be added to the Town's existing bike routes, we would like to see the bicycle section of the plan at least mention that the Town's bike route system may be modified in the future as needs dictate (this refers to bike routes, not bike lanes or bike paths which are already discussed in the plan).

In the paragraph about Traffic Calming (page 9.8), emergency services approval of traffic calming improvements should be added to the criteria listing.

At the beginning of the section on Public Transportation (page 9.12), we would like to see the statement "as there is insufficient density to support public transportation in other parts of the town" modified so that innovative new ways of public or quasi-public transportation in rural/suburban areas are allowed for. Given the growing popularity of social media, transportation alternatives like ride share boards and Uber may be feasible in Mansfield's less-dense areas in the not-too-distant future. Additionally, since all forms of public transportation are supported in one form or another, it is more a question of how much support a community (or region) is willing to pay for when it comes to choosing which areas should be served by public transportation. The committee would like to see some mention of the transportation needs for seniors (and possibly the volunteer driver program) as well.

In the roadway improvements section, we believe roundabouts should be considered (in place of signals) at intersections that will require upgrading, in particular Rte 275 at Separatist Rd, Rte 275 at Rte 195 (the Town has already purchased the right-of-way for this intersection), Rte 195 at N. Eagleville Road, and Hunting Lodge Rd at N. Eagleville Rd (as is already noted in the Roadway Improvements section). Also in this section, possibly on pages 9.6 and 9.7, the need to coordinate the signals on Route 195 to alleviate traffic congestion from North Eagleville Road to South

Eagleville Road should be mentioned. Finally, the pavement condition paragraph at the top of page 9.8 could be strengthened – for example, ending the last sentence with “in the interim the miles of roadway resurfaced each year should be increased” would help highlight this growing problem.

Thank you for referring this important document to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Please let us know if you need more detail on any of the above comments.

TO: Town of Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM: Town of Mansfield Agriculture Committee
RE: Draft of Town of Mansfield Plan of Conservation and Development
DATE: February 3, 2015

The Agriculture Committee is pleased to have had the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The Committee greatly appreciates all of the efforts by Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter and Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Kaufman to create a comprehensive plan for our community.

The Agriculture Committee has been involved in developing the Town's POCD since early 2013. Committee members have attended nearly every public session and workshop through the course of developing this plan including the first Farmers' Forum held in February 2013. At the Farmers' Forum, participants helped develop an Agriculture Strategy for Mansfield, approved later in 2013, which is the basis for the agriculture-related Goals in the POCD.

The Agriculture Committee is committed to preserving existing farmland, encouraging restoration of prime agricultural soils, supporting farming families, encouraging new farmers, and supporting the viability of agricultural businesses in the Town of Mansfield. The Committee conducted its review of the Draft POCD with these priorities in mind.

The Mansfield community has expressed its strong desire to retain the rural character of the Town. The Agriculture Committee supports the POCD's emphasis on agriculture not only as a source of said rural character but also as an important part of the Town's economy.

In the POCD, farmland and forest land are treated separately, however, both types of land provide related economic and environmental benefits. The Agriculture Committee would like the POCD to state that agricultural uses are appropriate for some forest land.

In addition, some areas labeled forest land contain prime agricultural soils. The Committee recommends that the POCD should allow for the restoration of prime agricultural soils that are not currently in development but were farmland in the past.

Overall, the Agriculture Committee supports the emphasis on developing built-up areas, such as the Planned Development Areas, as a means of conserving rural areas including farmland.

The process of creating the new Plan of Conservation and Development has been understandably lengthy. Since the work on the POCD began, a new threat to farmland has emerged in other parts of Connecticut which the Agriculture Committee would like to see addressed in the Plan. Solar farms are a new source of development pressure on farmland as they are often sited on large, level, open areas. The Committee recommends that solar farms be included in the POCD as a type of development to discourage on farmland. The Committee also recommends that, when sites are considered for sources and/or production of alternative energy, consideration be given to the effects on existing and potential farmland both on and around the proposed site.

TO: Mansfield PZC

RE: Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development T

FROM: The Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee

DATE: February 22, 2015

At its February meeting the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) reviewed the Mansfield Tomorrow: POCD, paying special attention to those sections where PAC was assigned as one of the groups carrying out the actions. As we went through the document, we gave Jennifer Kaufman our comments and proposed changes.

The committee felt that the plan will be a useful tool as Mansfield moves into the future and especially appreciated the detailed attention given to open space and parks. The action plans developed for those sections were so thorough that we had very few suggestions for improvement.

One item that PAC was especially pleased to see included in the plan is the development of an Environmental Education Center to enhance the enjoyment of the parks. Goal 2.1, Strategy A, Action 4 addresses this need and we even propose to move up the timetable to make this a reality sooner.

PAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft and applauds everyone involved in its writing.

February 17, 2015

To: Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development

From: Open Space Preservation Committee

Re: Comments on the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development

The committee reviewed the Plan at their January 20 and February 17 meetings. The committee supports the Plan and appreciates the efforts of the community, staff and advisory committees to create a vision for Mansfield's future success. We recommend that this Plan be approved with some revisions and additions noted below.

Natural Resource Protection Zoning

CHAPTER 2

Need to add Strategy for NRPZ zoning to Goal 2.6. See Goal 3.4, Strategy A for example.

CHAPTER 3

1. The section on Tools for Preservation of Open Space (pp 3.19-20) should include a brief section C about regulatory tools, such as the current subdivision regulations with open space dedications and potential alternatives for open space preservation, such as Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ), which is already referred to in the Goals for this chapter (Goal 3.4, Strategy A.) This text should include a reference to the NRPZ material in Chapter 4 (pp. 4.14-16) and in Appendix D.

CHAPTER 4

The NRPZ material on pp 4.14-16 discusses the layout for an entire parcel. This text and Goal 4.2. need to include a reference to Appendix D for examples of layouts for clustered housing within an NRPZ parcel.

The committee recommends that common driveways be allowed only within the clustered housing area to prevent development in the natural resource areas in the rest of the parcel.

Related recommendation for Appendix D:

- In Appendix D, need to state that the illustrations are examples of layouts for clustered housing, not for the layout of an entire parcel.
- It would be most useful if Appendix D included all the information about NRPZ in one place. Therefore, recommend providing a second copy of the NRPZ material from Chapter 4 here so it is clear how the parcel layout and cluster layout work together, and so all the concepts can be found in one place.
- If do not include Chapter 4 material in Appendix D, there needs to be a reference back to the material in Chapter 4 for information and for an illustration of an entire parcel with NRPZ zoning.

Conservation/Recreation Definition and Map

CHAPTER 8

1. Map 8.3, (p 8.14) is titled "Future Land Use." The Conservation/Recreation Land designated on this map gives the impression that future land use for these purposes will be restricted to only the areas shown on this map. Since a priority in the Plan is to continue to preserve land and expand recreation resources, having such a restriction on the map for Future Land Use would be incompatible with the goals in the Plan. Recommend that the legend be revised to "Current Conservation/Recreation Land" or "Conservation/Recreation Land as of 2014" so it is clear that future land uses for this purpose will not be restricted to the areas currently shown on the map.

2. The definition of Conservation/Recreation (p. 8.17) needs to be clarified and made consistent with other parts of the Plan, such as page 3.17. This may be the only place where someone would read about this topic, so it is important that it include all basic information. The statement should include private land and make it clear that "agricultural" includes forest land. A recommended revision (added words in boldface):

"Land that is currently held by a public entity or land trust as a preserve, park or conservation land, including (~~delete agricultural~~) **private farm and forest** lands protected by easements. Land in this category is not necessarily permanently protected by easement or deed restriction.

3. This category includes land identified as "preservation" or "conservation" in UConn's 2004 East Campus Plan of Conservation and Development and ECSU's recreation fields " This category should also include UConn conservation and preservation areas on the North Campus (as shown on Map 8.3), and these areas should be listed or referenced in the text on page 8.17.

Connection Between Conservation and Development

The connection between the C and the D of the POCD needs to be strengthened. Chapter 2 includes many references to the role of natural resources in the success of the Town's health and economy. Chapter 6 misses opportunities to make this connection. Some suggested additions to Chapter 6 to improve this connection:

Page 6.5 The second paragraph should include agricultural land's contribution of services and fiscal support to the economy. Suggested addition:

"The Town must take a more active role in economic development activities...In addition, growth of the agricultural sector has been identified as a key objective by the community, both to increase food security and community resiliency, and also because of the scenic and rural character of the community. **Farm and forest lands also contribute to the Town's economy by providing "eco-system services," such as clean water, and by requiring lower levels of Town services than residences.**

Page 6.11

In footnote 3, the cited document's title is *Planning for Agriculture*, so agricultural data should be included to give the message that agricultural/open space uses have equal fiscal importance as other land uses. Including this data helps balance an overemphasis on commercial/industrial development on page 6.11. Suggested addition:

"See, for example, *Planning for Agriculture*.....population ranging from 5,000 to 25,000 that show commercial and industrial properties costing municipalities a median of \$0.27 in services per \$1.00 in tax revenues compared to costs of \$1.09 for residential properties. Agricultural land/open costs a comparable \$0.31 in services. It also cites national data showing a median of \$0.29 in services for commercial and industrial properties and \$0.35 in services for agricultural land/open space versus \$1.16 for residential properties. ~~The data also show similar variations between agricultural land/open space and residential property.~~"

Page 6.16

Need to include the large quantity of agricultural lands and their environmental benefits.
Suggested addition:

"While not a major economic driver in terms of income or jobs, agriculture remains important to Mansfield. 22,175 acres of farm and forest (75% of Mansfield) contribute to the Town's economy by providing "eco-system services," such as clean water, and by requiring lower levels of Town services than residences. Preserving these benefits is critical to Mansfield's businesses and fiscal success. Agriculture enterprises use the most business-related acreage in town (16%).....

Page 6.31

There are no Goals in Chapter 6 to address the positive impact of agricultural lands on the Town's economy. The Plan needs to include open space preservation as an important tool to maintain the economic benefits of farm and forest (see notes for page 6.16). The agriculture-related goals in Chapter 6 are only about business issues, so we suggest adding an Action to Goal 6.1, Strategy A, which states: "Ensure that Mansfield has sufficient resources and capacity for economic development." We recommend including agricultural land as a resource for the Town's economy. Use the wording below or refer to Goal 10.3, Strategy B, Action 4. -

Goal 6.1, Strategy A, Action 3 Continue the Town's open space preservation program to maintain the ecosystem services and revenue benefits from farms and forest lands.

We also recommend adding a measure of effectiveness: Increase in preserved farms and forests.

Conservation Commission Recommendations

The Open Space Preservation Committee reviewed a draft of the Conservation Commission's recommendations at their February 16 meeting and endorses these recommendations.

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission, Town of Mansfield

SUBJECT: MANSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION comments on the
Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)

Date: February 18, 2015

The Mansfield Conservation Commission (CC) is assigned responsibilities by the Connecticut General Statutes (Sec. 7-131a). CCs are established for "the development, conservation, supervision, and regulation of natural resources, including water resources," within the Town's territorial limits. In this spirit we make the following comments:

The CC is pleased to see that the Mansfield Tomorrow "visioning process" has resulted in a POCD that affirms the community's high appraisal of and commitments to conservation. Indeed, our water supplies, forests, wetlands, and agricultural lands and soils are our most valuable resources, and they can never be replaced or replicated. To that point, the CC is encouraged by sections that promote the preservation and protection of our natural resources, such as: Action Plans in Chapters 2 and 3; discussion of Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ); collaboration with the University of Connecticut to protect water resources and reach conservation goals for East Campus and other University-owned farms and forests; and repeated mention of prioritizing site redevelopment to protect farmland and forest.

The CC also recognizes the POCD's emphasis on the many opportunities that exist for conservation and resource protection through the review, update, and/or creation of Town regulations. As is their intent, these recommendations – if implemented – would significantly improve the Town's ability to make measurable progress on short- and long-term conservation goals. The recommendations address goals in climate adaptation (carbon neutrality, renewable energy, stormwater management), resource management (Town forests, deer population), growth (building code, subdivision regulations, transportation, water/sewer planning, community gardens), and economic development (agriculture). Regulations of particular importance to the CC are those concerning land use and water resources. Updated land use regulations (and zoning) will have significant impacts; for example, remedying the misuse of common driveways, as the POCD endorses in Goal 3.4, Strategy A, Action 4, will realign this regulation with its intended conservation objectives. A notable recommendation on the protection of water resources is in Chapter 9, promoting the "...adoption of independent [of the University's] water conservation policies to ensure conservation remains a priority." Given the focus of the CC's charge, detailed comments on Mansfield's water resources are to follow.

In addition, the CC feels that some sections may become valuable resources to the entire community. Table 3.1 "Parks and Preserves with Public Access in Mansfield" is a readable summary that could be reproduced as a Town pamphlet. Similarly, Action Plans at the end of each chapter deal with huge amounts of information, yet they are well-presented, accessible, and navigable. For these accomplishments and many others, the CC thanks Town staff and volunteers for their contributions and dedication to this project.

However, the CC has concerns that the overall tone of the POCD is somewhat unbalanced. Outside of Chapters 2 and 3, it seems that topics are described from the perspective of development – even limited development – rather than from a perspective that chooses, when appropriate, to clearly state that conservation/ preservation values are more important to the community's future. Where this balance is absent, the POCD misses opportunities to explain, caution, and otherwise remind readers about the impacts of the inter-dependence between natural resources and the economy, transportation, housing, etc. This idea of inter-dependence is presented in Chapter 1 as Sustainability Principle #1 (POCD page 1.11):

"Preserve natural systems and resources...the focus is on maintaining natural systems, including wildlife habitat, forests, and water resources such as wetlands, stratified drift aquifers, rivers and streams. These resources and systems provide Mansfield residents and adjacent areas with 'ecosystem services,' such as clean air and clean water. Mansfield's abundant natural resources support residents' desire to maintain the town's 'rural character,' mostly conceived as the rhythm of forests, farms, hills and waterways that provide scenic vistas and a living legacy of forests and farms."

This CC embraces this principle and, through our comments below, aims to strengthen its place in the POCD.

Comments regarding Water Resources

The CC appreciates the reference to "connectivity" in the Natural Systems chapter (p. 2.6). This includes the impact on the quality of available water from connected systems, from small streams and aquifers to rivers, reservoirs and, eventually, Long Island Sound. What seems to be missing from the draft POCD is the connectivity of clean water with the other sections of the POCD. Without an adequate supply of water there can be no growth, economic development, etc. The CC appreciates that it will be the PCZ and the updated zoning regulations that will be responsible for insuring that Mansfield continues to have a sufficient supply of clean water for future growth. The CC urges a pro-active approach to protecting Mansfield's water resources. Currently most residents rely on individual wells for water; these groundwater wells must be protected. There will be individual cases where the Department of Public Health standard separations may not be sufficient (e.g., in sandy soils, including runoff from impermeable surfaces or septic systems will migrate more readily into drinking water than under ordinary circumstances).

Protection of Mansfield's aquifers must be a priority. The State of Connecticut does not adequately protect its aquifers and emphasizes only those public water supply aquifers that have been Level A or Level B mapped according to the DEEP's aquifer mapping regulations. These regulations utilize an outdated and inappropriate model (March 1, 2004, CC letter to Connecticut DEP's Corinne Fitting). A telling result of this model may be seen in Map 2.2: Hydrology (p. 2.7). This map shows that parts of the top of Horsebarn Hill, nearly a mile from the Fenton River aquifer utilized by University, are protected as direct recharge areas. By contrast, the model leaves areas immediately adjacent to the aquifer unprotected. The Town of Mansfield has a State-mandated Municipal Aquifer Protection Agency, but it is charged only with the protection of the University's currently utilized aquifers that have been subject to Level A mapping. The majority of the aquifers in Mansfield that may be needed to provide water in the future remain largely unprotected.

The Town's aquifers and rivers are resources of great value to both the Town and the University, as has been recognized in various actions and agreements. It continues to be in our joint interests to protect them. Because of the University's significant land holdings in Mansfield, the protection of many of the Town's aquifers must be a joint effort. The University's water system is shared with the Town. This is appropriate, for none of the land in which the aquifers are found, or the aquifer recharge areas in question, are wholly owned by the University. The cooperation between the University and the Town has a long history. In the early 1900s, the University chose to separate its water supply and waste systems, primarily to avoid the possibility of contaminating the Willimantic reservoir with typhoid germs. It was at that time the wastewater disposal was moved from the Fenton River watershed to the Willimantic River watershed. We note that later, in 1923, 1925, 1927 and 1929, the State Legislature appropriated sums for "Water Supply, Mansfield and Connecticut Agricultural College..." This cooperation continues to this day.

Both the Town and the University need to go beyond the minimal protections mandated by the State. Not only must those aquifers utilized by the University be better protected, but the other, even more significant, aquifers in Mansfield must be protected, as well. The aquifers not currently used as sources of community wells enjoy relatively little protection at the present time, even though their viability is crucial to the growth

of both Mansfield and the University. Again, these aquifers and their associated recharge areas (potentially Class I lands) must be protected through zoning in the Town of Mansfield and conservative land-use policies.

The uses of private land must be regulated so as to protect the aquifers. Zoning regulations appear to be the primary tool available to the Town. Mansfield did institute two-acre zoning in most of the Fenton River watershed to minimize the impact of development on the watershed. The CC is recommending that the area within 500 feet of a stratified drift aquifer be a regulated area, administered by the IWA in the same manner as is currently done for wetlands (within 150 foot feet of wetlands). The protections afforded this regulated area might parallel those dictated by the State to the Municipal Aquifer Protection Agencies (e.g., forbidding gas stations and dry cleaning establishments in the regulated area). Future development must not impact negatively upon the ability of the land to recharge the aquifers with useable water.

In Chapter 9 on Infrastructure, under the themes on p. 9.2 comments are displayed about the public concerns for water (importation of water and the impact of continued development on water quality and availability), but little more is said about water in Chapter 9. At the very least on p. 9.17., the text box "Water Needs" should repeat that most homes in Mansfield depend on wells for water and the viability and purity of these and future wells must be protected.

Recommended Changes (listed by POCD chapter and page number):

Chapter 2

2.9 – ADD: "To this end, the IWA regulates land use activities within 150 feet of a wetland, watercourse or water body. Advisory to the IWA is the Mansfield Conservation Commission, an unelected body that may openly discuss and make recommendations on land uses and impacts on wetlands and other surface waters."

2.17 – Regarding the growth of deer herds, ADD "...widespread distribution of Lyme disease-causing ticks, damage to agricultural crops (& residential plantings), and increasing hazard to our roads."

2.18 – Include a citation for this statement: "From an economic standpoint, private forest tracts usually provide more tax revenue than they cost in Town services."

On the same page, ADD: "...and the aquatic fanwort and water chestnut..."

2.24 – In Map 2.4 Dams, ADD explanation for why certain dams ("Lowell Dam, Nasansky Pond, Cone Pond, Tifts Pond (Hanks Hill Reservoir), and Separatist Rd detention basin") are "not shown" on the Map.

2.31 – In Strategy A, ADD a new Action: "Encourage the University of Connecticut to establish a preservation area for their well field along the Willimantic River, as they have done for their Fenton River well field."

2.33 – In Strategy A, Action 1, ADD "Conservation Commission" to the WHO list.

2.35 - ADD a new Action to Goal 2.4 that specifically addresses goals in forest preservation. The second "Measures of Effectiveness" for Goal 2.4 states "Acres of forest permanently preserved," The CC strongly supports this Measure but finds no corresponding Actions to preserve forest preservation.

2.36 – Revise Action 1 as follows: "Seek funding for climate adaptation and mitigation projects, including the conservation of forested lands."

2.37 – In Chapter 2, include a description of the Town’s process for identifying trees for removal as well as definitions of the labels mentioned in the Measure below.

This is in regard to the Measures of Effectiveness in Goal 2.5: “Increase in number of dead, dying, dangerous, or diseased trees removed from our town rights-of way.”

Because of the high value placed on roadside trees (preserving rural character, cooling effect of canopy, etc.), information on the Town’s tree removal process would foster a clearer understanding of how and why trees are removed.

2.41 – In Strategy B, Action 1, ADD descriptive text and/or examples regarding “innovative regulations...avoiding forest fragmentation.”

~~2.42 – In Strategy B, Action 6, ADD “Conservation Commission” to the WHO list.~~

Chapter 3

3.3 – In describing the benefits of open space, ADD to the first bullet: “Open space supports and protects the town’s natural resources...”

3.4 – In the third paragraph, below the bullets, CHANGE as follows: “...information on the various purposes of open space and tools for long-term preservation and stewardship. The goal is to ensure that future generations continue to reap the benefits that a robust open space network provides, and then build upon it.”

3.6 – ADD Horsebarn Hill Road to list of important existing viewsheds in the last paragraph.

3.9 – CHANGE the acreage of Spring Manor Farm from “N/A” to the actual acreage as known by the Town or the University.

3.19 – In 3) Private land protected through conservation easements, CHANGE as follows: “Town-owned conservation easements ... can only be amended by action of the Town Council. To ensure the permanent status of open space, the Town should improve the policy for such amendments by requiring a public hearing and passing the measure by a supermajority of the Town Council.”

3.20 – Include more detail about Public Act 490’s “open space option” and recommend that the Town make this option available to residents.

This is in regard to the section describing PA 490 as one of our Tools for Preservation of Open Space, which the CC strongly supports. The last sentence, however, reads “The PA 490 use value assessment for...open space is optional for municipal property tax; Mansfield does not currently offer this PA 490 assessment.”

3.26 – In Strategy E, Actions 1 and 2, ADD “Conservation Commission” to the WHO list.

Chapter 4

4.4 – In Map 4.1 Archeological Assessment, revise the Map to include important historic sites, currently not identified on the Map, in northeastern Mansfield. The following changes will include the remains

of the mills on Codfish Falls, established around 1700, and many historic sites along Codfish Fall Road (Wade Cross house site, Hartshorn house site and shop, Daniel Cross house and barn site; *per 1769 road survey*).

The revisions are:

- extend Gurleyville historic site area to reach Fisher's Brook historic site area to the north.
- extend Fisher's Brook historic site to the west to Codfish Falls.

4.15 – Regarding the concepts and objectives of Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ), the CC recommends that:

- common driveways, a design strategy of NRPZ, be given special attention. Previous efforts to promote cluster development in Mansfield has permitted the use of common driveways. However, in many of the approved subdivisions common driveways have not led to clustered housing but rather, as the POCD accurately states, have become "... an inexpensive way for developers to develop back acreage which could otherwise only be accessed by a new road, thereby allowing development of land that previously would not have been economically feasible." Consequently, subdivisions of this design result in forest fragmentation and completely fail to meet the Town's goals for open space preservation. If developers are permitted to design using common driveways, NRPZ will need to use unequivocal language to address these problems. This need was verified by the consultants hired for Mansfield Tomorrow, who evaluated the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for effectiveness in promoting sustainable development principles. They found that "One deficiency... was that while many issues are mentioned ..., in many cases this is limited to soft intent statements with no specific, enforceable requirements to back up the intent."
- NRPZ be mandatory whenever the land being developed can support it, and deviations are by special permit only.
- NRPZ include the preservation of agricultural lands (and designated agricultural soils), stone walls, and historic structures or ruins.
- the key variables listed in Appendix D be established at levels that ensure the best effort to pursue the preservation of open space and protection of natural resources.

4.23 – Regarding Scenic Roads: "While preservation of these scenic vistas remains a priority, there have been recent concerns regarding the potential for scenic road designations becoming a barrier to achieving other objectives, such as expanding the bicycle and pedestrian network and maintaining electric reliability. Competing objectives will need to be addressed prior to future designations of new scenic roads."

The CC disagrees with this statement. The Scenic Road Ordinance is a valuable tool for ensuring and maintaining the Town's rural character, a priority voiced repeatedly by the community in the Mansfield Tomorrow visioning process.

With regard to bicycle and pedestrian network, it is inappropriate to say that Scenic Roads are a barrier to this objective. They are not competition and in fact can be mutually beneficial. Some Scenic Roads are regularly used by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists (some being commuters); it is likely that the roads' low speed limits and scenic qualities play a role in their choice. In this way, Scenic Roads are an asset.

With regard to electrical reliability, the Scenic Road Ordinance does not restrict the utility in any way. While the ordinance has a procedure for tree services on Scenic Roads that takes more time than a road not designated, the procedure follows the intent of the ordinance (to provide special consideration and opportunity for public comment) and still fully supports the maintenance of

electrical reliability. Last year, this process took place exactly as intended, and it seems that residents and the utility were heard and decisions were made. If this process is more difficult than it appears, the CC requests that a detailed description of its challenges is made available, so that revisions rather than moratoriums can be employed.

Therefore, the CC recommends:

- Before deciding if these objectives are exclusive of one another, it would be useful to evaluate and rank Town roads considering both objectives (unless it has already been done). Such a study could reveal that roads ranking well for bicycle/pedestrian planning do not conflict with roads ranking well for the Scenic Road designation.
- If the PZC or Town Council (or other Town representative) supports a moratorium on further designation of Scenic Roads, the CC will urge that the PZC or Town Council publicly recognize the decision by putting the item on their agenda and voting on a motion to proceed with such a moratorium.

4.29 – CHANGE the first Measures of Effectiveness in Goal 4.2 to “At least 75%...” or “A minimum of 75%...”

4.32 – Reconsider Action 3, which states “Consider expansion of the Storrs Special Permit District.”

Given the current restrictions to the physical footprint of Storrs Center (slope, University and Town land holdings, residential properties, lands in conservation), the feasibility of this Action appears to be quite limited. Secondly, it is the position of the CC and many residents that the current extent of Storrs Center is satisfactory and need not be expanded. The POCD has identified other mixed-use centers in town that can better absorb further development.

Chapter 5

5.5 – Correct, if necessary, Map 5.1 Public Facilities. It appears that the shaded area surrounding Mansfield Middle School and the Public Works Garage/Dog Pound (#5) includes portions of Bicentennial Pond and Schoolhouse Brook Park.

Chapter 6

6.5 – In Guiding Economic Development in Mansfield:

- CHANGE the last bullet on the left as follows: “Support sustainable, productive agriculture and forestry, farmland preservation and farmland restoration. Tax revenues from these land uses exceed the cost of community services for the Town.”
- ADD a final bullet: “Protect the water resources that economic growth depends upon.”

Chapter 7

7.1 – Emphasize Sustainability Principle #1 in the Overview of Chapter 7.

Given the experience of the unintended use of the Shared Driveway Ordinance (SDO), the CC believes it is important clearly identify Mansfield’s commitment to this principle within any section of the POCD that deals with development. The vision contained hereon to handle varied and changing housing needs is commendable. It would be unfortunate if this vision were subverted in a

fashion similar to the SDO. The CC suggests adding the following to the end of the third sentence, "...while maintaining the commitment to preserving natural systems and resources."

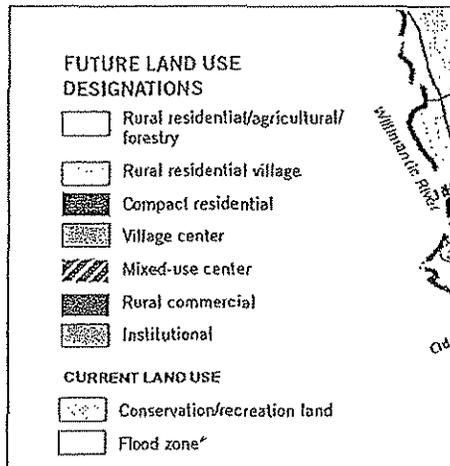
- 7.10 – Regarding issues that occur when the off campus student housing and residential neighborhood environments adjoin one another or are commingled, the CC would like to see a portion of the training school campus zoned for apartment style student housing. The POCD states that UConn currently houses a higher percentage of students on campus than most universities. The POCD also projects an increase in student population. It seems fair that the university should help minimize the impact of this growth on Mansfield.
- 7.21 – Reference Sustainability Principle #1 in the neighborhood design bullet for the same reasons mentioned regarding the Overview (Ch. 7).

Chapter 8

- 8.3 – In Map 8.1 Existing Land Use, update the Map to show the Kessel and Deveraux properties as Ag/forest land (with the exception of the house lots).
- 8.7 – In Common Themes, ADD a new Theme: "Protection of our groundwater and surface-water supplies, including stratified-drift aquifers."

It is apparent, from comments at public meetings and those summarized in the POCD (Chapters 2, 3, and especially 9), that residents have concerns about the Town's water resources and see their protection as an essential theme to guide future land use strategies.

- 8.10 – In Plant trees in mixed-use and compact development areas, ADD: "Trees, preferably native species, should be chosen for suitability to these tasks."
- 8.14 – Regarding Map 8.3 Future Land Use, revise the Map as follows:
 - In the Map legend:
 1. SEPARATE the designations Conservation/recreation lands and Flood zone from the designations above them. This will differentiate the actual future land use designations (the seven above) from those showing only the current status of a designations' land use (the two mentioned here).
 2. INSERT the sub-heading "Current Land Use" above Conservation/recreation lands and Flood zone.



- ADD footnote to Conservation/recreation lands and Flood zone: “This designation shows the status of this land use as of 2015 and is subject to change.”

The purpose of this change is to reinforce that these designations show only current land uses and not projected uses (as the designations above do).

- ADD footnote to Rural residential/agricultural/forestry (or ADD footnote to all designations in the legend): “Future land conservation projects (e.g., purchases/donations of development rights, open space acquisitions) will occur within this category.”

The purpose of this change is to state clearly that future land conservation projects are permitted and will occur within the other designations. This information is missing, and this footnote will achieve this without identifying areas of Mansfield or privately owned parcels.

The CC strongly recommends these changes, as the Map is frequently referenced and described as the “guidance document” that “will help to guide decisions on new zoning and land use regulations designed to achieve the vision and goals of this POCD.” These changes are recommended in order to clarify the Map’s information. While the title designations are defined as “future” land use, the Map shows *only current* conservation and recreation lands. To put it another way, the Map does not – and cannot – show which parcels will become parks or open space acquisitions by the Town or Joshua’s Trust. If left unchanged, the Map will suggest for decades that Mansfield had reached its conservation goals at this time.

- 8.17 – Under Design Characteristics, CHANGE the first sentence by removing the word “open,” or as follows: “These areas are characterized by open, forested, or otherwise undeveloped land.”

ADD: “Unless prohibited by an easement or deed restriction), buildings, structures...”

- 8.19 – Under Design Objectives, ADD a new bullet: “Where applicable, promote and actively pursue land conservation to preserve rural character and natural resources.”

- 8.38 – In Tree Canopy in Table 8.1, change the following:

- CHANGE first bullet to: “Establish tree protection regulations that limit tree removal and begin a replanting program.”
- ADD to last bullet: “...healthy trees, including the selection of native species.”

Chapter 9

- 9.8 – Include a map of Mansfield’s extensive trail system and discuss how certain trails will be a part of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

- 9.8-9 – Regarding the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, DELETE the following sentence: “The Town may wish to postpone any future designation of scenic roads until this plan is complete to avoid the potential for conflicts.”

As mentioned in comments earlier (see comments on POCD page 4.23 on Scenic Roads), the CC strongly supports the Scenic Road Ordinance as a regulation that ensures the maintenance and encouragement of Mansfield’s rural character.

9.15 – In the second paragraph under Potable Water, ADD: “There are two major public water supply systems in town: one... the other ...serving southern Mansfield. Upon completion in 2016, the Connecticut Water Company will own and operate a third supply serving the University of Connecticut and some areas near campus, as well as northern Mansfield.”

9.31 – In Goal 9.1, Strategy B (“Develop an integrated network of sidewalks, bikeways and trails that connect residents with key community facilities and services.”), change the following:

- DELETE Action 2: “Postpone consideration of future scenic road designations until the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan has been completed.” See comments on POCD page 4.23 regarding such postponements of Scenic Road designation.
- ADD a new Action: “Identify walking trails, an existing infrastructure, that improve connectivity and include them in transportation planning.”

Regarding this Strategy, Town trails are mentioned in the POCD but are not well represented in Chapter 9’s Action Plan or other chapters, such as The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and “active transportation” planning. Action 3.3, Strategy B states “Continue to develop a safe network of walking and biking trails to improve connectivity and provide opportunities for...alternative transportation.” The objective of this Strategy should be repeated here in Chapter 9.

Endorsement of OSPC Comments

The CC reviewed a draft of the Open Space Preservation Committee’s (OSPC) comments on the POCD and fully supports these recommendations.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ■ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes ■ January 6, 2015
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: Rawn (chair), M. Hart, J. Colte (representing T. Tussing), P. Ferrigno (arrived at 6:48 PM), V. Raymond, M. Reich, W. Ryan

Staff Present: Carrington, D[ilaj]

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rawn.

Approval of Minutes

August 5, 2014 Minutes – Hart MOVED, Ryan seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously with the exception of Reich who abstained.

August 26, 2014 Minutes – Hart MOVED, Reich seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously with exception of Ferrigno who was not yet present.

November 6, 2014 Minutes – Ryan MOVED, Reich seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously with the exception of Colte who abstained.

Public Comment

- Pat Suprenant provided several questions about the Four Corners Sewer Project. She requested information concerning the requirements for CEPA, clarification on the award, process, and use of STEAP grant funds, use of eminent domain to obtain easements, and clarification regarding a reference to extending water and sewer to the Depot area if passenger rail service was restored at Mansfield Depot.

Old Business

- a. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning. Hart provided an update on the water project, noting a Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve an Application for Diversion of Water Permit and Intent to Waive Public Hearing was published on December 16, 2014. Colte provided an overview of the permit conditions. Discussion ensued about providing comments regarding the conditions of the permit. Mr. Colte recused himself from discussion about providing comments about the permit conditions noting a potential conflict of interest. Raymond and Reich expressed concern over the timing of the issuance of the Notice and not providing the public with adequate time for comments due to the holidays.

After discussion, Raymond MOVED and Reich seconded, for the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee advise the Town Council to seek an extension of the 30 day comment period from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on the Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve an Application for Diversion of Water Permit and Intent to Waive Public Hearing. Raymond, Ryan, and Reich voted to approve the motion; Ken Rawn against; Ferrigno, Colte, and Hart abstained.

- b. **Committee Membership.** Hart reported the committee on committees may support a reduction in membership from 11 to 9 due to these positions remaining vacant or lack of attendance. Discussion ensued about which positions would be eliminated. The Downtown Partnership and one of the citizen positions were recommended for removal. By consensus the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee request the committee on committees reduce the membership from 11 to 9.

New Business

- a. **Four Corners Sewer Project Workshop Session.** Dilaj presented an updated action plan for future milestones and tasks to the committee. The Staff presented as part of the action plan a review of the current Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) ordinance for assessment and request the membership continue thinking about means to amend the ordinance. Dilaj and Carrington provided a summary of the next steps for the CEPA review. Colte provided insight concerning adequate timing about comments and the public scoping meeting. Discussion regarding timing proceeded and timing for providing comments if the CEPA Scoping Notice was published in February. A date for a public scoping meeting was discussed but no date was selected.
- b. **Mansfield Tomorrow (Other).** Reich discussed that the current draft of the Mansfield Tomorrow document does not acknowledge the hard work that the Four Corners Committee has done over the past 6 years or include reference to the committee continuing to work in an advisory role as the water and sewer projects move into construction. Hart indicated it may have been due to the committee being Ad-Hoc that it was omitted from the plan.

After discussion, Reich MOVED and Raymond seconded, for the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee request from the Planning and Zoning Commission acknowledgement in the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan and be identified in the Action Plans and Goals. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Meeting Reports

No updates.

Future Meetings

The next scheduled meeting is February 3, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development
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Please tell us what you think of the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development

What do you like? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

I like the way our town has listed our rural character with small quaint villages. I do hope we can keep this aspect of our town. As I look at Mansfield Center, the village I live in, I find it has lost its rural character as I see a power line that looks more like an industrial zone going through the state park, Mansfield Hollow, that the town did little to oppose.

What would you like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider changing? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

That we start building a case ^{against} for the new expanding gas lines going through our town, many of which are going to Nova Scotia, to export it to foreign countries for economic gain for large gas companies. I feel the vision for a healthy future is to develop our hydroelectric and sun powered volta-photocell (solar farms) as our neighbors in Lebanon / ^{Franklin} ~~Chatham~~ are doing. Clean energy is the hope of our future so we don't poison and destroy our scenic and rural area for modernization or high tech.

Other Comments

I strongly support the concept of multi designed cluster housing rather than 2 core ~~suburban~~ ^{suburban} sprawl type zoning that would destroy the rural village concept we have and is in ^{our} the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan. It is a sight of like the European model of people living in small villages and preserving the surrounding areas for farming, recreation and open space.

new zoning rights do not seem appropriate in quiet New England villages. it takes away some of the charm.

WASTE: The Soft & Dirty Underbelly of Fracking

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Drilling and fracking a single shale well can produce millions of gallons of toxic wastewater and hundreds of tons of potentially radioactive solid waste. Disposal of these wastes poses serious environmental and public health risks.

The Fracking Nightmare

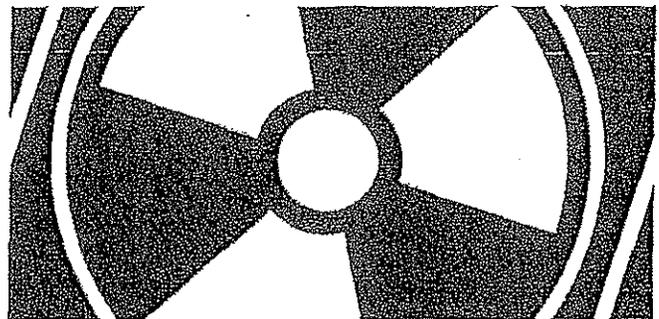
New drilling and fracking technologies have made it feasible to extract large amounts of oil and gas from shale and similar underground rock formations.¹ While this shale development has been a boon for the oil and gas industry, it has been a nightmare for communities living with the water pollution, air pollution, explosions and fires, and ruined landscapes. Fracking for oil and gas also contributes to climate-threatening levels of greenhouse gas emissions.

Rivers of Toxic Wastewater

To frack a shale gas well, millions of gallons of fracking fluid — a blend of water, sand and chemicals — are pumped underground at high pressure to break up shale rock, allowing gas to flow into the well.² The technology for shale oil development is essentially the same.³ Some of the fracking fluid stays underground indefinitely and the rest flows back up out of the well, mixed with naturally contaminated waters from deep below ground.⁴

Fracking wastewater contains numerous chemical additives, many of which are far from safe:

- Known and suspected carcinogens that have been present in fracking fluids include naphthalene, benzene and acrylamide.⁵ Other environmental toxins present in some fracking fluids, such as toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes, can result in nervous system, kidney and/or liver problems.⁶
- Since fracking fluid recipes are proprietary, and since there is no federal requirement for disclosure, fracking fluid can contain unknown chemical additives.⁷ This means the full threat of fracking wastewater is also unknown.



Fracking wastewater contains potentially extreme levels of often naturally occurring but harmful contaminants that are brought to the surface:

- Harmful contaminants can include arsenic, lead, hexavalent chromium, barium, strontium, benzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, toluene, xylene, corrosive salts and naturally occurring radioactive material, such as radium-226.⁸

The *New York Times* reviewed documents on gas wells in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and found that at least 116 wells produced wastewater with radiation levels that were a hundred times the U.S. EPA's drinking water standard; at least 15 of these wells had wastewater at more than a thousand times the standard.⁹

Since conventional treatment facilities are not equipped to treat radioactive material and other contaminants in fracking wastewater, many of these contaminants simply flow through conventional treatment facilities and get discharged into public rivers and streams.¹⁰ This could contaminate drinking water supplies for downstream communities and could harm aquatic life essential to sustaining recreational and commercial fisheries.

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh tested water being discharged, after treatment, into a creek from a facility in Pennsylvania and found average concentrations of benzene at twice the U.S. EPA's drinking water standard, barium at 14 times the standard, total dissolved solids at 373 times the standard, strontium at 746 times the EPA's recommended level for drinking water and bromide at 2,138 times the level that triggers regulatory reporting requirements under the treatment plant's permit in Pennsylvania.¹¹

Bromides cause particular problems for downstream drinking water utilities. Bromides can react during water treatment to form brominated trihalomethanes, which are linked to cancer and birth defects and which are difficult to remove once they've been added to drinking water supplies.¹²

Mountains of Toxic Waste

New York estimated that drilling a typical shale gas well would generate about 5,859 cubic feet of rock cuttings — enough to cover an acre of land more than 1.5 inches deep.¹³ These cuttings, about the size of coarse grains of sand, are coated with used drilling fluids that can contain contaminants such as benzene, cadmium, arsenic, mercury and radium-226.¹⁴

Dumping this toxic waste in landfills could expose workers to harmful levels of some of these environmental toxins.¹⁵ Radium-226 contamination would persist for more than a thousand years after the landfill closed, ruining the productivity of the land for many generations.¹⁶

Dumping loads of drilling cuttings in landfills could lead to operational problems as well. The landfill linings could be degraded, resulting in leaks of radioactive material and other harmful contaminants.¹⁷ Also, layers of drilling cutting wastes could plug up the flow of landfill fluids, causing spills out the sides of the landfill.¹⁸

Take Action

Fracking wastes are clearly hazardous, yet they are not regulated as hazardous waste under federal law.¹⁹ Disposing of these wastes by injecting them deep below ground is believed to have caused numerous earthquakes, and such disposal can also mean the wastes are hauled long distances over public roads, risking accidents and spills.²⁰ If the oil and gas industry succeeds in bringing drilling and fracking to new areas of the country, the problems with disposing of these wastes will only grow.

To find out how you can help the nationwide effort to ban fracking, visit:

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Yockshire	Cattaraugus
Genoa	Cayuga
Levyard	Cayuga
Locke	Cayuga
Moravia (Village)	Cayuga
Scipio	Cayuga
Sennett	Cayuga
Copake	Columbia
Germanstown	Columbia
Traghtanic	Columbia
Cortlandville (expired)	Cortland
Homer	Cortland
Sidney	Delaware
Solden	Erie
Oppenheim	Fulton
Stafford	Genesee
Little Falls	Herkimer
Danube	Herkimer
Polkville	Herkimer
Manheim	Herkimer
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Conesus	Livingston
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Snaron	Schoharie
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Waterloo	Seneca
Wayne	Steuben
Owego (Village)	Tioga
Lansing	Tompkins
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Barrington	Yates
Berlin	Yates
Middletown	Yates
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Illes	Columbia
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Oxford (Village)	Chenango

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Wisport	Niagara
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Kirkland	Oneida
Marshall	Oneida
New Hartford	Oneida
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Ulster	Oneida
Camillus	Onondaga
DeWitt	Onondaga
Florida	Onondaga
Fabius	Onondaga
Lafayette	Onondaga
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Analytical Test Could Underestimate Radioactivity in Fracking Wastewater

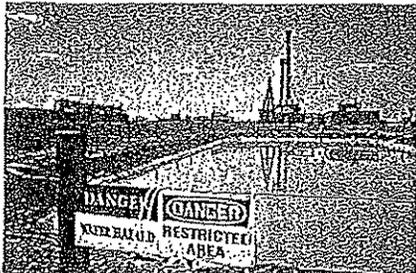
Water Quality: Study shows that a test commonly used to analyze drinking water is inappropriate for monitoring radium in the wastewater from hydraulic fracturing

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WATER HAZARD

Wastewater from the hydraulic fracturing process can contain radioactive isotopes. Credit: Mladen Antonov/AFP/Getty Images/Newscom

When energy companies extract natural gas from shale using hydraulic fracturing, they generate flowback wastewater, a brine solution that contains naturally occurring radionuclides, including radium isotopes. Because some of this wastewater is diverted to treatment plants and eventually discharged into local waterways, state environmental agencies have started to establish procedures for monitoring radium levels in the wastewater. However, a new study cautions that one test state agencies are considering could underestimate radium levels by as much as 99% (*Environ. Sci. Technol. Lett.* 2014, DOI:10.1021/ez5000379).

Environmental protection departments in Pennsylvania and New York have used or suggested others use a radium-measurement technique that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends for analyzing drinking water. In the test, researchers add a spike of barium to a water sample and then mix in sulfuric acid to precipitate out sulfate salts of the two metals. By measuring the radioactivity of the precipitated solids, researchers can calculate the amount of radium present.

Michael K. Schultz, a professor of radiology at the University of Iowa, and his colleagues decided to test the method's accuracy because studies have shown that the drinking-water method is unsuitable for solutions with high concentrations of ions, which is the case for fracking wastewater.

His team used several methods to measure amounts of radium isotopes in a sample of flowback water from the Marcellus Shale, a large formation being exploited for shale gas in the northeastern U.S. Besides the coprecipitation technique, they also tested high-purity germanium gamma-ray spectroscopy, which gives a direct measurement of several radium isotopes, and a portable spectrometry technique to detect radon isotopes that are decay products of radium.

Compared with gamma-ray spectroscopy—considered the gold standard for radium analysis—the coprecipitation method recovered less than 1% of ^{226}Ra , the most abundant radium isotope in the sample. The radon isotope method detected 91% of it.

The EPA method is ineffective for analyzing fracking wastewater because it produces unmanageable amounts of precipitate. In the flowback water, concentrations of barium and other divalent cations are “so high that when you add a little bit of sulfuric acid, you get a mountain of material,” Schultz says. The solution can bubble over, and the amount of precipitate is hard to dry for accurate radioactivity measurements. The method is useful for drinking water, because radium and other ion levels are typically low in those samples. But radium levels are high enough in fracking wastewater that they can be directly measured with gamma-ray spectroscopy, Schultz says.

Avner Vengosh, a geochemist at Duke University, says most researchers who study radium isotopes in fracking waste, including his lab and the U.S. Geological Survey, directly measure them with gamma-ray spectroscopy. “People have to know that this EPA method is not updated” for use with fracking wastewater or other highly saline solutions, he says.

Last year, Vengosh and his colleagues found that sediments downstream of a Pennsylvania plant that treated fracking wastewater had ^{226}Ra levels about 200 times as high as those upstream. To avoid this contamination, gas companies have started to recycle the wastewater in drilling operations or inject it in deep wells instead of sending it to treatment plants, Schultz and Vengosh say.

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Matrix Complications in the Determination of Radium Levels in Hydraulic Fracturing Flowback Water from Marcellus Shale

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The rapid proliferation of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing for natural gas mining has raised concerns about the potential for adverse environmental impacts. One specific concern is the radioactivity content of associated “flowback” wastewater (FBW), which is enhanced with respect to naturally occurring radium (Ra) isotopes. Thus, development and validation of effective methods for analysis of Ra in FBW are critical to appropriate regulatory and safety decision making. Recent government documents have suggested the use of EPA method 903.0 for isotopic Ra determinations. This method has been used effectively to determine Ra levels in drinking water for decades. However, analysis of FBW by this method is questionable because of the remarkably high ionic strength and dissolved solid content observed, particularly in FBW from the Marcellus Shale region. These observations led us to investigate the utility of several common Ra analysis methods using a representative Marcellus Shale FBW sample. Methods examined included wet chemical approaches, such as EPA method 903.0, manganese dioxide (MnO₂) preconcentration, and 3M Empore RAD radium disks, and direct measurement techniques such as radon (Rn) emanation and high-purity germanium (HPGe) gamma spectroscopy. Nondestructive HPGe and emanation techniques were effective in determining Ra levels, while wet chemical techniques recovered as little as 1% of ²²⁶Ra in the FBW sample studied. Our results question the reliability of wet chemical techniques for the determination of Ra content in Marcellus Shale FBW (because of the remarkably high ionic strength) and suggest that nondestructive approaches are most appropriate for these analyses. For FBW samples with a very high Ra content, large dilutions may allow the use of wet chemical techniques, but detection limit objectives must be considered.

Enhanced Formation of Disinfection Byproducts in Shale Gas Wastewater-Impacted Drinking Water Supplies

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Abstract:

The disposal and leaks of hydraulic fracturing wastewater (HFW) to the environment pose human health risks. Since HFW is typically characterized by elevated salinity, concerns have been raised whether the high bromide and iodide in HFW may promote the formation of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) and alter their speciation to more toxic brominated and iodinated analogues. This study evaluated the minimum volume percentage of two Marcellus Shale and one Fayetteville Shale HFWs diluted by fresh water collected from the Ohio and Allegheny Rivers that would generate and/or alter the formation and speciation of DBPs following chlorination, chloramination, and ozonation treatments of the blended solutions. During chlorination, dilutions as low as 0.01% HFW altered the speciation toward formation of brominated and iodinated trihalomethanes (THMs) and brominated haloacetonitriles (HANs), and dilutions as low as 0.03% increased the overall formation of both compound classes. The increase in bromide concentration associated with 0.01–0.03% contribution of Marcellus HFW (a range of 70–200 µg/L for HFW with bromide = 600 mg/L) mimics the increased bromide levels observed in western Pennsylvanian surface waters following the Marcellus Shale gas production boom. Chloramination reduced HAN and regulated THM formation; however, iodinated trihalomethane formation was observed at lower pH. For municipal wastewater-impacted river water, the presence of 0.1% HFW increased the formation of *N*-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) during chloramination, particularly for the high iodide (54 ppm) Fayetteville Shale HFW. Finally, ozonation of 0.01–0.03% HFW-impacted river water resulted in significant increases in bromate formation. The results suggest that total elimination of HFW discharge and/or installation of halide-specific removal techniques in centralized brine treatment facilities may be a better strategy to mitigate impacts on downstream drinking water treatment plants than altering disinfection strategies. The potential formation of multiple DBPs in drinking water utilities in areas of shale gas development requires comprehensive monitoring plans beyond the common regulated DBPs.

Impacts of Shale Gas Wastewater Disposal on Water Quality in Western Pennsylvania

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Abstract:

The safe disposal of liquid wastes associated with oil and gas production in the United States is a major challenge given their large volumes and typically high levels of contaminants. In Pennsylvania, oil and gas wastewater is sometimes treated at brine treatment facilities and discharged to local streams. This study examined the water quality and isotopic compositions of discharged effluents, surface waters, and stream sediments associated with a treatment facility site in western Pennsylvania. The elevated levels of chloride and bromide, combined with the strontium, radium, oxygen, and hydrogen isotopic compositions of the effluents reflect the composition of Marcellus Shale produced waters. The discharge of the effluent from the treatment facility increased downstream concentrations of chloride and bromide above background levels. Barium and radium were substantially (>90%) reduced in the treated effluents compared to concentrations in Marcellus Shale produced waters. Nonetheless, ^{226}Ra levels in stream sediments (544–8759 Bq/kg) at the point of discharge were ~200 times greater than upstream and background sediments (22–44 Bq/kg) and above radioactive waste disposal threshold regulations, posing potential environmental risks of radium bioaccumulation in localized areas of shale gas wastewater disposal.



Al Marja
Demonstrators against using fossil fuel braved 26-degree weather Tuesday afternoon. Local activists gathered at the intersection of South Eagleville Road and Route 195 from 4 to 5 p.m. From the left are Miriam Kurland, demonstration leader, Gloria Benn of Mansfield, Don Hoyle of Mansfield, Marg Mollar of Mansfield, Andy Ames from Eagleville, Cindy Moeckle from Ashford and Jean de Smet from Willimantic. They were rehearsing an anti-fossil fuel song at this moment.

Local protestors oppose oil pipeline

BY CHRIS DEHNEL
Chronicle Staff Writer

STORRS — A small group gathered in the center of town Tuesday to protest the latest proposal to extend an oil pipeline from Canada into the United States.

Those in the group described themselves as environmental activists.

The rally took place at the southern edge of Storrs Center, near the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building and just down the road from the University of Connecticut.

The target was Phase IV of the Keystone XL distribution system and the rally was part of a nationwide day of action calling on President Obama to reject the pipeline, along with a local action to stop all tar sand oil and fracked gas pipeline expansion.

The activists called on Obama to reject the Keystone XL project immediately.

The Keystone XL pipeline would be a huge source of carbon pollution, and clearly fails the climate test set by President Obama by threatening to seriously exacerbate climate change, the activists said in distributed literature. Our local action will be also be to stop all tar sand oil and fracked gas pipeline

expansion projects. Most citizens are unaware of the dangers of the large fracked gas pipeline projects that are quietly being planned in our state and throughout New England.

The rally was part of a national campaign sanctioned by organizations like the Rainforest Action Network, the Sierra Club and 350.org.

The keystone pipeline system begins in Alberta and slaps onto the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin and its route stretches to refineries in Illinois, Texas and Oklahoma, according to a project description.

The proposed Phase IV project would run from Hardisty, Alberta, through Montana, to Steele City, Neb.

The use of fossil fuels was a primary topic of protest. "We are convinced that any serious attempt to address climate change means that a large portion of the natural gas, oil and coal currently locked underground remain unexploited," protesters said in distributed literature.

Unfortunately, rather than aggressively deploying renewable energy resources, the Obama administration has opted to allow polluters to continue burning these dirty, polluting fossil fuels.

Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development Comments

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Please tell us what you think of the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development

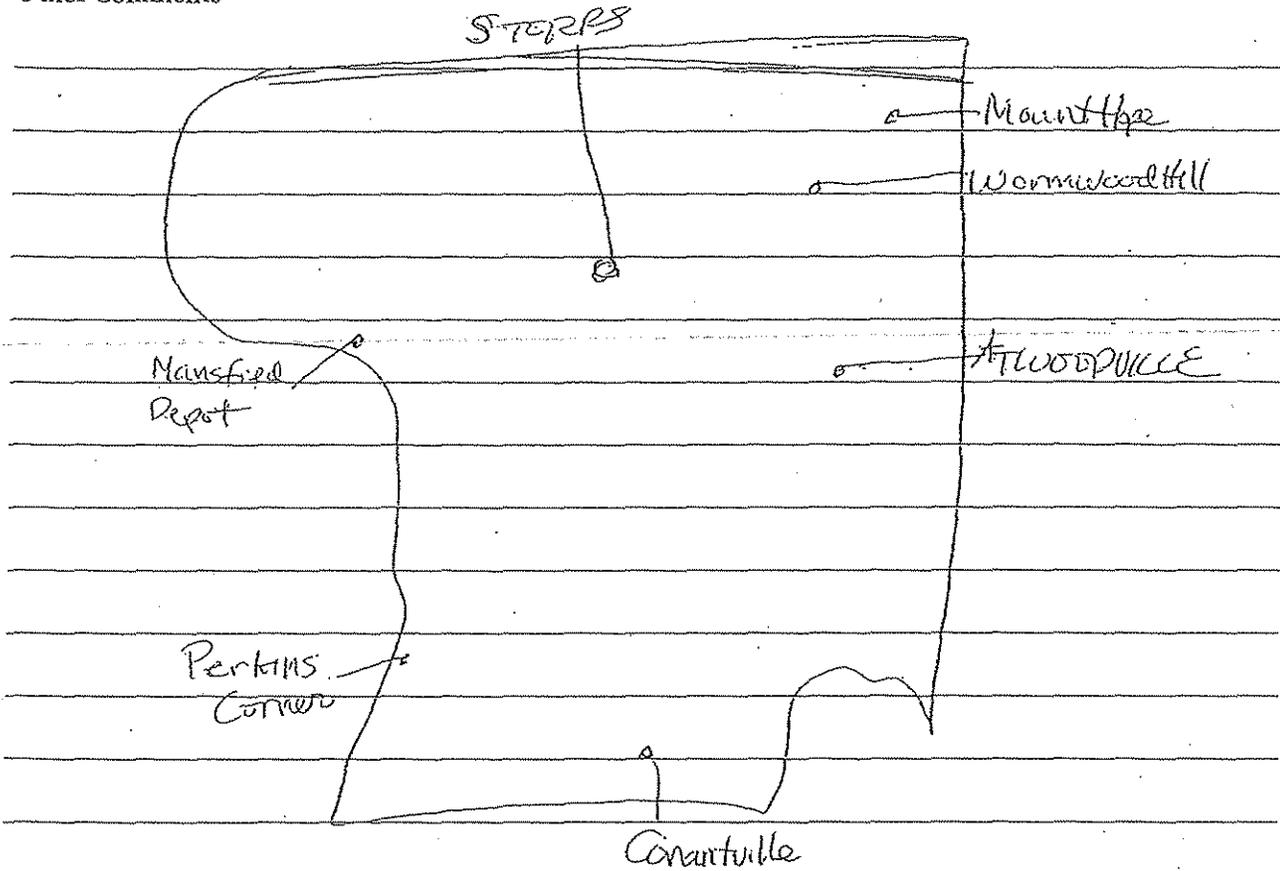
What do you like? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

- ① Color! Use of color in photos + type + text & maps
- ② Lots of illustrations - photos, tables, boxes
make document readable... a real improvement over the 2006 plan... which will make it easier to use... but it will need an index

What would you like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider changing? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

- ① DRAFT MAP - Future LAND USE
The 2006 MAP listed all the major "villages" ...
(Pertins Corner, Mansfield Depot, Conantville,
Hewoodville, STORRS, MANSFIELD CENTER, ETC.)
This draft map does not. I recommend adding
these geographic markers - although many can
be placed in the "whitespace" surrounding the map,
instead of on the base map. (see next page)

Other Comments



② Need a good index since topics are addressed in multiple sections of the plan.

Example:

TERM	TEXT page	PHOTO	MAP
- Rural			
• area	X	X	Z
• character	XX	YY	ZZ
• definition	XXY	YYY	ZZZ

* Need an index to help make the plan more useable for people to refer to frequently * and therefore to use on a day to day basis.



Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development
Comments

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Please tell us what you think of the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development

What do you like? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

There is a lot of very good stuff in the plan -
I hope that much of it can be implemented.
As for the skating center - the corner of 195 & S. Eagleville
is a terrible idea. If the Conference insists on
such a facility on campus, then put it truly on campus
next to the existing rink & not at the Town Centre.

Please tell everyone what we can do to get this
message to UConn
What would you like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider changing? Please be
specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development
Comments

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Please tell us what you think of the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development

What do you like? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

General: -Ease of maneuvering through info
-Excellent for ease of copying
-Sectioning of info organized the thinking
-Maps

Specific pg. 8.25 Compact residential is important
for best use of land to serve workers
at UCT and CSU
Entire chapter on housing was excellent

What would you like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider changing? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

Please include a new Senior Center on a
bus line and close to recreational and cultural
activities. Looking ahead, the Gen X people will
need a bigger and much wider scope of
activities than ever imagined before. They will
be livelier and more wide spread in interests
It is wise to prepare for that now.

OVER

Other Comments

Seniors are considered to be from 55 to 90's and programs need to be useful to the full age range, this is impossible in the present senior center. I am fearful that prime locations will be used for other structures before a new center is begun.

1/21

Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development Comments

Name Pat Hemphill
Address _____
Email _____
Phone Number _____

Please tell us what you think of the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development

What do you like? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

*Your mention that there were favorable
comments to state issues in Mansfield
was about air quality.*

*There is a great deal of opposition to
the job you have on 11th - I was told
over 1000 votes which have toward the
Mansfield United Work; we need to provide this
essential enhancement of the facility as always being
announced.*

What would you like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider changing? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

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Draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development
Comments

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Please tell us what you think of the Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan of Conservation and Development

What do you like? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

I like the comprehensive plan & how ~~that~~ it has been responsive to the interest of citizens for ~~to~~ conservation, open space, agriculture & only limited development with the env. comment a main concern.

What would you like the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider changing? Please be specific and indicate page numbers if possible.

I would like consideration of ~~a~~ municipal energy based from a ~~municipal~~ solar energy ^{farm}. I would also like a resolution & plan to stop the Algonquin Pipeline from coming through out town with their fracked gas expansion ~~plans~~. A resolution to ~~stop~~ demo our resistance to fracked gas, pipeline expansion & waste. please educate ~~my~~ yourselves by going

Other Comments

to websites from the
following organizations &
link to their gas pipeline
pages:

nofrackedgasinmass.org
sierraclubct.org
Food and Water Watch, Ct. ~~ct.org~~

Jo Ann Goodwin, Chair
Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission
4 South Eagleville Rd.
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Ms. Goodwin;

Speaking as a resident of the Town of Mansfield and a member of the senior community, I must voice my opinion that this town is in need of a new senior center.

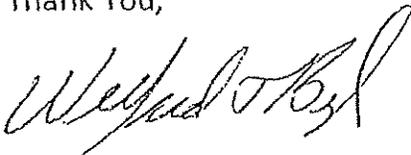
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It is painfully apparent that the Senior Center is woefully inadequate to serve the needs and aspirations of present seniors.

There are several locations that would keep the center in a central location that is approximate to the one there now. This will continue to give seniors a place to get to without driving a great distance while continuing to have bus transportation available.

If possible I wish you and your commission would take this matter to heart and find that we indeed need a new center and are willing to support it.

Thank You;



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Ms. Linda Painter, Town Planner
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Linda

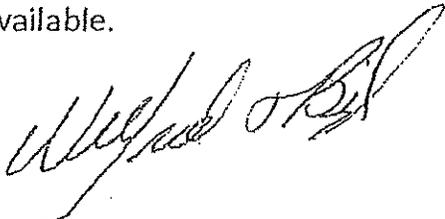
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It is painfully apparent that the Senior Center is woefully inadequate to serve the needs and aspirations of present seniors.

Please consider including a new Senior Center in the final plans for Mansfield Tomorrow.

There are several locations that would keep the center in a location that is approximate to the one there now. This will continue to give seniors a place to get to without driving a great distance while continuing to have bus transportation available.



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Linda M. Painter

From: Jennifer S. Kaufman
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Magazine Feedback

Hello,

William Shakalis has sent feedback on your "Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development" magazine.

E-mail: wshakalis@gmail.com

Message: Section 2.6, Plan B, no. 6: regulations relating to dark skies: the Model Lighting Ordinance of the International Dark Skies Association has an excellent guide to developing regulations for dark skies and using IDA compliant lighting fixtures. See: <http://darksky.org/guides-to-lighting-and-light-pollution/model-lighting-ordinance>

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Magazine Feedback

Hello,

John perch has sent feedback on your "Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development " magazine.

E-mail: jperch@charter.net

Message: Open space acquisition: acquire property between Dunhamtown Forest to the Saw Mill Brook Preserve, resulting in unbroken open space between South Eagleville Rd. and Puddin Lane. This area is now undeveloped open space bounding the brook.

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Subject: Feedback on Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development



Magazine Feedback

Hello,

Mansfield Resident has sent feedback on your "Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development" magazine.

E-mail: mansfield@resident.com

Message: Mansfield needs more retail/commercial establishments in Town. Some examples include a Brew Pub, Restaurants, and a gas station centrally located in Town. Too often Mansfield residents have to leave Town to access retail/commercial establishments; this unfortunately wastes time, consumes gas, and deprives our communiyt of tax renvenue. We should promote and encourage more commercial development, particularly in areas such as Storrs Center and the Eastbrook Mall. Thank you.

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Mansfield Tomorrow Draft Plan Comments C. Galgowski Jan. 2015

To the Ag Committee,

I might not make it to Tuesday's meeting, because I might be accompanying Heidi in St. Francis hospital as she starts recovery from her hip replacement surgery that day. Hence, I have written down my comments regarding the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan. I hope my comments do not come off as overly pessimistic. Along with other engineers and technicians, my duties during my career spanning 38 years with the NRCS have involved turning broad plans into physical realities. The final product hopefully on budget, on time, and providing it's desired function. This was not always the case. What looked fairly simple during the planning phase often became much more arduous while bringing it to physical reality. Complying with the objectives of larger numbers of commissions and review agencies and building projects in a more densely populated place has also made the process considerably more challenging over the years. I have also been involved trying to get projects done on farms with farm operators under severe financial distress. Many of these farms have gone out of business. Some of the farmers have died broke and some are still alive in somewhat perilous financial circumstances. These were for the most part hardworking and intelligent people who's heart's desire was to pursue a farming career. This is a very hard game to win. As we try to encourage young people to start up new farms and farming careers in Mansfield, let's not sugar coat the reality of it. In fact, let's encourage them to consider having at least one member of the family having a good off farm job. If they try to pursue farming as a single person, my recommendation is to steer them to much needed career counseling. This would be the most considerate and humane thing to do.

Chapter 2 – Natural systems

Goal 2.1, Strategy B, Action 2 – In heavily forested areas, sometimes clear cutting has positive benefits. Converting some woodland to grassland can increase bird habitat. Promoting eastern cottontail habitat often involves clear cutting 10 to 20 acre tracts of wetland. Clear cutting some forest land will enable an increase in agricultural production. Many people see a patchwork mix of forest land and open agricultural land as an aesthetically pleasing viewshed. The question remains what is the appropriate balance of forest land and open hay or cropland.

Goal 2.3, Strategy C – To a certain extent we already do this and should continue to do this. Many of these agencies are already over booked with their existing workload. Hence utilizing private consultants is another available resource. This will cost money.

Goal 2.6, Strategy A – Action 1 could require a large time commitment on the behalf of all these committees. Action 2 could also be extremely expensive depending on what level the testing goes to. Consider if standard well water tests already necessary for certificates of occupancy and perhaps an

UConn soil test for heavy metals are adequate protection. One of the housing goals is to provide economical housing. Excessive testing goes against this.

Chapter 3 – Open Space, Parks, and Agricultural Land

Pages 3.3 to 3.6, including map 3.1 These 4 pages give a very good description of agricultural land. Still more could be done to help clarify the subtle relationship between agricultural land, forest land, and the overlap between the two. This is important, because from my experience, there is a fairly prevalent viewpoint held by many people that forests are natural and being natural are good and agriculture performed by man is not natural and not as good. To help alleviate some misunderstanding or tension between natural resource preservationist and agriculturists, consider modifying the end of paragraph 1 on page 3.6 as follows:

When combined with forested areas that do not contain any agricultural soils (change "agricultural" to "farmland", because map 3.1 uses the term Farmland Soil Classification, not Agricultural Soil Classification), approximately 74% of the town's land area could potentially be used for agriculture. Add, "Since forestry areas do provide agricultural products such as timber, firewood, maple syrup, shade and windbreaks for livestock, partial shade to aid growth of cool season grasses, nuts for pigs, medicinal plants, and other crops, they are a valued type of agriculture. Agroforestry is a land use that utilizes a mixture of trees and partially open areas on the same field. The 74 % of the Town's land classified with farmland soils or other forested land with non-farmland soils both provide significant ecosystem services".

Goal 3.1, Strategy A, Actions 1 to 5.

Given limited resources of time, this should be the highest priority of actions the ag committee works on. Once a piece of land is converted to residential, or other non-farm building use, it is usually no longer useable from a farming or open space perspective.

The following justifies this course of action whatever the outcome of the economics of farming.

While we as a Town strive to preserve this land, we need to realize there are very significant economic issues regarding making farming on a full time basis or part time basis a significant part of a farmer's income. It is costly to live in Southern New England. There is a high probability many of these small farms will continue to be lifestyle farms and the bulk of the farmer's income will come from off farm income.

As the Town preserves more development rights, and the existing farmers or novice beginning farmers are beset with the reality of farming economics, many might quit. What happens to this land then?

The few bigger hopefully still surviving farms can rent these farmlands. Or the land can revert to forestland with less management input requirements. This will still preserve ecosystem services, and help keep Town tax rates lower. So if a reinvigorated local agricultural economy does not become a reality we desire, we can still show tax payer dollars were prudently and usefully spent.

Goal 3.2, Strategy A and B

Both of these strategies strive to put more land into production. A few local farmers have expressed concern to me that they have already experienced significant competition in selling local products. Having more local farmers enter the game will increase this competition. The marketing and sales problems have to be solved as more land is put into production.

The Town staff and committees already struggle with their existing responsibilities. Doing the total actions desired in the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan with quality is a huge job. Build success by doing the easier tasks first. Talk to the Towns of Simsbury and North Hampton about the time, money, and management commitments necessary to sponsor a Community Farm. If this is undertaken, be careful it does not seriously impact the markets of existing farmers.

Goal 3.4, All Strategies

These are all admirable strategies and goals. As they are pursued, consider, 1) The devil is in the details. 2) The enemy of the good is the perfect. 3) There is no free lunch. If Mansfield's zoning regulations to do a project become too onerous, developers could be steered to going to other towns. For commercial properties this hurts our already stressed tax base. For residential properties this keeps people out of Town which many people would like and would keep taxes down. It also makes it harder to bring in affordable compact housing desired. Based on past zoning revisions, coming to a consensus on an agreed to zoning code incorporating all these features will be a challenge.

Chapter 4 – Community Heritage and Sense of Place

pages 4.12 – 4.16. Goal 4.2, Strategies A, B, E, Action 1

These are all vital strategies and goals and need to be pursued.

Chapter 5 – Community Life

Goal 5.4, strategy A action (see 5.25 to 5:26)

Teaching children to grow fresh food and eat fresh food will help us bend down the health care cost curve down the road. This is absolutely a must do.

Providing fresh food choices in schools and community buildings is also very important. Because all children have transportation access to the schools, hopefully all children can have access to this food. One challenge is many kids really do not care for vegetables. So let them eat locally produced meats, yogurt, and low sugar ice cream.

Having SNAP payments at Storrs Market is necessary to help people on income assistance obtain this food and to give our local farmers an equal competitive advantage to the chain stores. One difficulty is people on a limited income might not have transportation to the Storrs Farmers Market. Or their work schedule at a low paying job might not allow them time on a Saturday to get to the market. Food at Price-Rite in Willimantic in many cases might be lower than Storrs Farmer's market.

Chapter 6 – Diversifying the Economy

Goal 6.2 Strategy A, Action 2, Strat B and D

These are all desirable. Challenge will be to find the time, staff, and volunteers to help achieve this.

Goal 6.3 Strategy A, Action 1 and 3, Strat D, Action 3

Promoting economic vitality through these measures is all vitally important. If these other organizations can help do the bulk of the work, that would be great.

Goal 6.4 All strategies

These are all wonderful strategies and goals. Big challenge is to find time and resources to do them all. It is hard to decide where to begin. Perhaps the highest priority is Strategy H, Support marketing of agricultural products and agriculture-related businesses.

Goal 6.5 Strategy B

By all means make the zoning regs as farm friendly as possible. Definitely look to Eastern RC&D, RIDEM, and perhaps other towns as to what might be reasonable regulation. Left to its own devices, Mansfield will have a strong tendency to over regulate.

Chapter 8 – Future land Use and Community Design

Goal 8.1 strategy D, Action 4 – Town Council and PZC should definitely approach UCONN on this. Dean Weidemann has already stated this is a goal of the College of Ag, Health, and Natural Resources, so a

letter or other support from the Town could help CAHNR keep these lands used for agriculture. Other parts of the University might compete for these lands.

Goal 8.2 strategy B, Action 8 – The Ag Committee is not listed as one of the advisory committees that will review early in the design process. Without Ag Committee input, there will be no voice for ag land either on the proposed development or land adjacent to it. The Ag Committee needs to get more members to handle this workload and to provide this function. Another major potential problem with review by multiple Committees and with rotating committee members is consistency of guidance in the review process. Town staff could probably provide more consistency, but this might require hiring more staff and/or more training which in turn would increase taxes.

Chapter 9 – Infrastructure

Goal 9.5, strategy B, Action 2 – Who will pay for the density bonus? Cost of doing this upfront planning and engineering might be substantial as will the permitting and review by the State. On the other hand, reducing numbers of wells, septic systems, and lengths of driveway might reduce construction costs. Annual operation and maintenance costs for landscaping and snow plowing should go down as well. So perhaps, Mansfield pays upfront fees to the State for the permit fees. And then when a unit of the property is sold, the buyer pays a tax to Mansfield to reimburse the Town for the State permitting and review fees. Somebody needs to estimate typical costs of community systems versus individual systems. By the way, since large expanses of land are preserved with this method, can those areas be used to absorb grey water from the development?

Chapter 10 - Stewardship and Implementation

Goal 10.3, Strategy B, Action 4

This statement is over simplistic and does not necessarily produce the desired reduction in services or taxes. Here is why. The Mansfield Tomorrow Plan strives to reduce single family developments on large lots in outlying rural areas. Meanwhile, it strives to cluster single family homes into smaller lots in rural areas or into compact residential zones. These housing units wherever they are will hold people and some will have children in the public education system which is expensive. Whether the homes are on large lots or in a cluster, they still demand pretty much the same Town services. In addition, if the new housing is built on a smaller square footage per living unit to make housing more affordable, the newer homes property taxes paid will actually be lower than if they were living in a larger home. But the services they demand does not decrease.

Building strategies that actually can help reduce the tax load on existing and future residential owners are:

1. Definitely create more profitable commercial and industrial businesses with high value property.

2. Study if undergrad housing generates more taxes than services required. Most undergrads do not have children in the school system. If undergrad housing provides a positive tax benefit, build more undergraduate student housing off campus, where these units can be taxed. Keep the units near campus, where transportation to campus can be by bike or local bus to reduce traffic congestion.
3. Review the service demand of senior housing. Perhaps this housing pays more in taxes than services required. If so, encourage this housing.

Linda M. Painter

From: Joan Buck <buckj3000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Linda M. Painter
Subject: Mansfield Tomorrow comments from Joan Buck

Dear Linda,

Enclosed are my comments on the material I received from Jennifer:

p. 2.8 line 6 of para 1 should read "mostly west of Route 195".

p.2.11-2.13 I would suggest putting the description of "Eagleville Brook Innovative Watershed Management Plan" in a box, and in larger type to emphasize its importance.

p. 2.19 Is an update needed for the town landfill?

p.2.28 Action 3 is a great idea. Should inspire others to practice environmentally friendly buildings and landscaping.

p. 2.31 All the actions under Strategies A and B are of prime importance.

p. 2.35 A Climate Action Plan is essential.

p.2.42 Can Strategy C, Action 1 be worded to be clearer? "

p. 3.7 and on. Table is so informative that it should be included in the pamphlet "Discover Mansfield's Parks and Preserves" or be available as a separate pamphlet.

p. 3.24 Strategy B Very important to seek permanent protection of natural resources.

p.3.29 Strategy A,2 A "Parks and Rec Master Plan" will serve as a guide for future acquisitions as well as for current programs.

p. 3.34 Strategy B,3 Very important to mandate open spaces in Mixed Use Centers and Compact Residential Areas.

p.4.15 Discussion of "Natural Resources Protection Zoning" is flexible while guaranteeing optimum use of land and protection of open space.

p.9.43 Strategy B Providing density bonuses as a "reward" for "preserving larger amounts of open space" is a good idea.

p.10.17 Strategy B The town should always stress to skeptics that open space requires less in community services.

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February 9, 2015

I would like to take this opportunity to comment regarding the proposed Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development. I appreciate the time spent by the council member's, staff, and others, drafting this plan; I understand this was a very difficult and lengthy undertaking.

I own a property at the intersection of route 195 and 32, and agree with and support the designation of Rural Commercial for this area in the proposed PCD. As you are aware, part of this intersection, and a percentage of route 32 in both directions away from the intersection are currently zoned commercial. Clearly this intersection of two highways is far from ideal for a residence. Designating this area as rural commercial would be desirable and beneficial to the community for many reasons.

For one, this designation would allow the home that currently sits on the property to be revitalized as a small scale office location. This intersection is the first intersection encountered traveling to Mansfield from the North on Route 195. It would be esthetically appealing to have a small scale development that is designed to reflect the rural character of Mansfield here, among the other businesses in the area. The quiet nature of our practice would be a more productive use of the property, and blend seamlessly to the surrounding area.

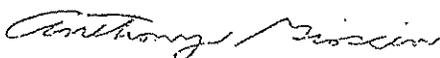
Secondly, the taxes derived from a rural commercial designation would be greater than now derived as a residence.

Last, much of the proposed PCD pertains to economic development. I am an optometrist; I am affiliated with a practice that has been located in Mansfield for over forty years. We provide a valuable service to many of the residence of Mansfield. We provide jobs; our employees utilize goods and services of other local businesses. As an optometric practice we have a small footprint, very limited environmental impact, and utilize no more services from the town than a resident would. We are exactly the kind of business that has been outlined as beneficial to the economic development of Mansfield. Our current leased location is far from ideal, we have had several interruptions to business due to issues with the structure. I have no desire to continue under current conditions, we need a location we can be responsible for maintenance and upkeep so that we can provide services at the level and in the manor we feel is important.

In regard to concern about water usage, I understand and agree with restrictions on water usage that would be placed on any development in this area. There is a 140 foot drilled well on the property. This well is more than sufficient to provide water needed for a residence. The usage of water for office space is dramatically less than residential usage.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gioscia

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To: PlanZoneDept
Cc: Emile Poirier
Subject: Suspected Spam:Fw: Senior Center
Attachments: Mansfield tomorrow letter.docx

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From: Emile Poirier <poirieremile@yahoo.com>
To: "PlanZoneDept@mansfield.org" <PlanZoneDept@mansfield.org>
Cc: "bjkarnes@charter.net" <bjkarnes@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:52 AM
Subject: Senior Center

There has been much presented about u-conn but not enough about Seniors

Ms Linda Painter,

I am extremely disappointed in the fact that Mansfield Tomorrow has hardly mentioned the needs of its seniors. Although the median age is 21 in Mansfield, because of U-Conn, the senior population is 25% according to Mansfield tomorrow. An essential part of Mansfield Tomorrow should include the building of a new Senior Center. The present Senior Center has served its purpose and is now antiquated. Its size, usefulness and safety are now in question. With the senior population increasing and older people living longer there should more emphasis being taken to accommodate the people who have made this town what it is. If you look at volunteers in this town I think you'll find most of them are seniors. It's about time we take care of them by taking a more serious look at senior housing, senior center, wellness and activities to keep them healthy.

Emile Poirier

A concerned senior citizen.

Recommended corrections/changes in Public Hearing Draft, Feb. 12, 2015

Notes on maps are at the end.

About the Plan

- Page vii (in heading and in text)) and page viii -- replace "open spaces" with "open space." Use of the word "spaces" is not compatible with rest of Plan or with general use.

CHAPTER 2

- Page 2.15 Map 2.3 (see below)
- Page 2.30 Goal 2.1, Strat D should refer reader to Goal 5.1 Strat C, not Strat D
- Page 2.40 Need to add reference to NRPZ zoning to Goal 2.6. See Goal 3.4, Strat A for example.

CHAPTER 3

- Photo on Overview page is view from Browns Road of Mt. Dairy land
- Replace "open spaces" with "open space" on page 3.2 in first and second bullets
- Page 3.9 – in UConn list, footnote says that all are managed by NRME. Spring Manor Farm is not managed by that dept. Perhaps place *** beside the other items rather than by UConn at the top.
- Page 3.11 – Map 3.2 (see below)

CHAPTER 4

Page 4.31 Goal 4.2, Strat D, Action 2 – Add to reduce...

CHAPTER 5

- Page 5.33 Goal 5.1 Strat E – Need to revise Strategy statement. It is too general to relate to Goal 5.1. Recommend use instead: "Provide improved access to services for senior residents."

CHAPTER 6

Page 6.17 Remove Towills Tree Farm?

Page 6.44 Goal 6.4 Renumber Action items

Page 6.52 Goal 6.5, Strat A, Action 2 – Refer to Goal 6.1, Strategy B, not Strategy A

CHAPTER 7

Page 7.23 Goal 7.1, Strat A, Action 1 –Reference to Goal 7.4, Strategy B is not relevant to the topic.

CHAPTER 8 (many items)

Page 8.1 List of topics in sidebar does not match numbered topics in the chapter

Page 8.3 Map 8.1 (see below)

Page 8.6 in first para -- remove the last word --“classifications”

Page 8.7 in second-to-last para, add page reference for Map 8.3 (page 8.14)

Page 8.14 Map 8.3 (see below)

Page 8.16 Flood zone photo caption -- remove the word “river”

Page 8.17 Definition of Conservation/Recreation needs to be clarified and made consistent with other parts of the Plan. Replace “agricultural land” with “private farm and forest land.”

Page 8.19 Reference to UConn East Campus as being in Rural Res/Ag/Forestry is incorrect. This area has Institutional or Conservation/Rec designation on Map 8.3. (One of the Institutional areas is missing from Map 8.3—see notes below.)

Page 8.32 UConn East Campus area includes some Institutional areas (see Map 8.3), so need to revise text. (see comment about page 8.19)

Page 8.36 Add Rural Commercial to list of growth areas?

Page 8.38 In the Food Production list, revise “Permit the raising of small livestock.” “Small livestock” could include a wide range of life forms. There should not be specific wording (such as small livestock) in the Plan. If you want to include this topic, recommend something general like “Permit raising animals” and then deal with definitions and restrictions in the zoning regulations phase.

Page 8.45 Goal 8.2, Strat A. (three items)

In list of related Goals, 3.3 should be 3.4

In Action 1, reference to section 8.B should be 4.A

In Action 3, reference to section 8.3 should be 4.B

CHAPTER 10

Page 10.19 Goal 10.4, Strat A, Action 3 Change "school teachers" to schools because other staff can be involved in this action. Also, school teachers are now referred to as educators.

APPENDIX D Need to state that the illustrations are examples of layouts for clustered housing, not for an entire parcel. There also needs to be a reference back to the material in Chapter 4 for information and for an illustration of an entire parcel with NRPZ zoning. Suggest providing a second copy of the NRPZ parcel illustrations here in Appendix D so it is clear how the larger parcel and cluster layout work together, and so all the concepts can be found in one place

CORRECTIONS TO MAPS

Page 2.15 Map 2.3 (Forest Land)

Need updated Public and Protected Open Space layer from Map 3.4 (example: southern part of Sawmill Brook Preserve is not included on Map 2.3, but is on Map 3.4)

Page 3.11 Map 3.2 (three items)

Fix legend title.

UConn farmland at Horsebarn Hill and on North Campus is designated as agricultural conservation land, so should be shown on map. Also, the Red Maple Swamp Preserve in North Campus is not shown.

Some UConn forest tracts are shown as Town land.

Page 8.3 Map 8.1 (two items)

Add Open Space/Recreation graphic to Attwood property? (land trust)

Prison land should not be shown as University land

Page 8.14 Map 8.3 (four items)

Add Institutional graphic at southeast corner of Horsebarn Hill Road for barns and biobehavioral buildings

Prison land on Route 44 is not shown.

Add Conservation/Recreation graphic for Merrow Meadow Park and River Park.

In legend, revise text to Current Conservation/Recreation to make it clear that these uses are not limited to these areas in the future.

Linda M. Painter

From: no-reply@joomag.com on behalf of Joomag <no-reply@joomag.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 8:18 AM
To: MansfieldTomorrow
Subject: Feedback on Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development



Magazine Feedback

Hello,

john fratiello has sent feedback on your "Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development " magazine.

E-mail: jayfrat1@aol.com

Message: Many of the goals involving education, energy conservation, and " reason cost" to taxpayers cannot be achieved with three small elementary schools. One new large school could achieve these goals and provide quality programs with support staff with a significant reduction in operating costs. A new school built with grade level wings around the core facilities can give children and parents a small school feel in a large building. numerous other advantages ca't be listed here for lack of space.

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Linda M. Painter

From: Sara-Ann Bourque
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:00 PM
To: Linda M. Painter
Subject: FW: Mansfield Tomorrow

From: tulay luciano [<mailto:tulayluciano@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 12:04 AM
To: Town Mngr; Town Council
Subject: Mansfield Tomorrow

February 22, 2015

Dear Mansfield Town Council Members and the Town Manager Matt Hart:

"Support for use of clustered development patterns to help preserve open spaces and natural resources" –p.3 of Mansfield Tomorrow Draft, chapter 2: This goal is one of the underlying concepts of the plan. Unfortunately, it could get out of hand as in the example of Storrs Center. For some of us, it is the exhibition of dangerous greed and how the town management might handle the future "smart growth" projects.

Therefore, I would like to say, "Please no more "smart growth" initiatives.

My objections are as follows:

Environmentally: University's growth ambitions are forcing Mansfield to grow against its natural resources. Any "smart growth" building" is destined to be large to reflect this demand and bring large population into the town. The presumed planned or promised open space will not be there.

Socially: Any "smart growth" building will be "mixed" to house university's students and faculty. The town's elderly will not be able to compete against this population. They will be forced to leave the town in which they have lived and shaped its fine tradition.

Politically: This new population will be largely temporary outsiders who will affect the town's political decisions.

Financially: The town will have additional burden to serve this population growth.

With warm regards,

Tulay Luciano

Linda M. Painter

From: no-reply@joomag.com on behalf of Joomag <no-reply@joomag.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:10 PM
To: MansfieldTomorrow
Subject: Feedback on Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development



Magazine Feedback

Hello,

Virginia Walton has sent feedback on your "Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development " magazine.

E-mail: waltonvd@mansfieldct.org

Message: Goal 9.5 - Recommend adding a strategy to update Zoning and Subdivision regulations to reflect changes due to climate change.

Example: setbacks in relation to flood zones.

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POCD – Celeron Square – Comments for Public Hearing

1. Calculating the Number of Allowable Units for Compact Residential: Celeron Square requests that the new regulations do not subtract ELURs & Landfill Closure Encroachment areas and public ROWs such as Bicycle Pathways areas when calculating the buildable area, as this will significantly reduce the number of student housing units near campus on the Celeron Square site.
 - The existing Buildable Area Calculation currently allows for 5,000 SF/unit exclusive of watercourses, waterbodies, inland wetland soils and slopes of fifteen (15) percent or more for each proposed dwelling unit.
 - A change to regulations that reduces the buildable area calculation by subtracting the area of ELURs & Landfill Closure Encroachment areas and public ROWs such as Bicycle Pathways may significantly reduce the number of units that are allowed to be built in the Compact Residential district. Such a change would be counter-productive to the Town's goal of locating more student housing opportunities closer to campus within the Compact Residential district at sites such as Celeron Square.
 - Calculating the potential loss of units at Celeron Square: Using the existing DMR zone density of 5,000 SF/unit, eliminating the ELURs & Landfill Closure Encroachment area of 4.52 acres would result in a loss of 39.4 units. Eliminating and the public Bicycle Pathways ROW area of 0.33 acres would lead to a loss of another 2.85 units. – An effective total loss of 43 units.
 - Celeron Square encourages the Town not to penalize it or other properties, simply for being in close proximity to a closed landfill. The Celeron site has always been planned in a manner which envisions the Landfill and ELUR area as a large rear setback area. Like other front and side setback areas, these rear areas should be included in the site density calculations, thereby allowing Celeron Square to build the same number of units as would be permitted on a parcel that doesn't abut a landfill, provided the units can be located appropriately on the site and all other zoning requirements are considered and addressed.
2. Setbacks for Compact Residential: Celeron Square requests that the new regulations revise setbacks as follows.
 - Sideline - 25 ft for adjoining Compact Residential properties (existing DMR is 50 ft sideline setback)
 - Rear Lot - 25 ft for adjoining Compact Residential properties (existing DMR is 50 ft rear lot setback)
 - Frontage – Allow parking in frontage area (existing DMR is 100 ft frontage setback) to allow more freedom in site design.
3. Frontage Requirement for Compact Residential: Celeron Square requests that the new regulations reduce frontage requirement to 250 ft or less in order to allow back lots with large acreage to be utilized (existing DMR is 300 ft frontage).
4. Building Height for Compact Residential: Celeron Square requests that a building height of 48-50 be allowed in the compact residential zone. This additional building height would allow for higher ceilings in a three-story building and more architecturally pleasing roof-line appearance. The existing DMR building height limit is 40 ft. While this height is adequate to construct a

three-story building, it may force a building designer to limit ceiling heights within units to 8' and it will lead to buildings that have shallower roof pitches than would otherwise be recommended and designed. Such buildings may have both aesthetic and functional shortcomings including less market appeal and potential snow build-up.

End Comments

TOWN OF MANSFIELD ▪ FOUR CORNERS WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT Meeting Minutes ▪ March 10, 2015
Town Council Chambers

Members Present: K. Rawn (chair), J. Coite (representing T. Tussing), P. Ferrigno (arrived at 6:46 PM), V. Raymond, M. Reich

Staff Present: Carrington, Dilaj, Painter

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Rawn.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was held during public comment upon arrival of Ferrigno at 6:48 PM.

January 6, 2015 Minutes – Coite MOVED, Reich seconded to approve the minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Hossack provided a statement that the property owners that will benefit from the Four Corners Sanitary Sewer Project should bear the cost of the project.

Mr. Freudman asked questions concerning the size of the piping and possible sleeving for the proposed forcemain between the Jensen's Pumping Station and the University of Connecticut collection system.

Ms. Supernant asked questions regarding the status of the agreement between UConn and Storrs Center, the landfill easement language and its impact to the project, a potential conflict of interest for one of the members of the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, and a question on the conservation easement for UConn.

Ms. Wassmundt expressed concern regarding the changes in assessment and a potential conflict of interest for one of the members of the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

Old Business

- a. **Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Planning.** Coite provided an update on the water project, noting a Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve an Application for Diversion of Water Permit was published on December 16, 2014. A petition, with greater than 25 signatures, requested a public hearing be held regarding the Application for Diversion Permit and such the process for the public hearing in underway. Coite indicated a site visit was completed earlier in the day with the adjudicator and interested parties visiting each of the critical sites in the Application. He explained that the public hearing will be held on March 25, 2015 in the council chamber and the evidentiary portion of the public hearing is to be held on March 26, 2015 at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) Office in Hartford. The adjudicator will then review the testimony and make a determination.

Dilaj provided an update concerning the wastewater project indicating the CEPA process is underway. The Scoping Notice was published in the March 3, 2015 edition of the Environmental Monitor with a public scoping meeting to be held on March 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM with the doors opening at 6:00 PM to review informational materials. Public comment is open until April 3, 2015. Weston & Sampson continues to update the design for the most cost effective alignment. Town staff met and/or discussed the sewer alignment with the owners of those affected

properties that provided authorization to complete survey along the property and would entertain the Town to provide sketches of the easements. These easements will then be appraised. Rawn asked if Staff was satisfied with the movement of the easements and design. Dilaj indicated that the project is moving forward and the CEPA process will require time to complete.

New Business

A motion was made by Reich and seconded by Raymond to switch New Business a and b on the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

b. **Mansfield Tomorrow.** Painter reviewed highlights within the plan regarding water and wastewater strategies with the committee. The Committee provided several comments concerning the plan including:

- 9.18 Water Conservation and Reuse – The Plan indicates that the off-campus properties will no longer be subject to UConn water conservation policies that restrict water usage during low streamflow periods. It was recommended the plan include language from the Connecticut Water Company on their water conservation measures.
- 9.19 Water Pollution Control – The plan could be read that a 1991 wastewater facilities plan would indicate the Four Corners Area has adequate wastewater disposal. This language should be clarified, if required.
- 9.20 – The plan may want to include “since the 1960’s” to provide quantification for “longstanding”.
- Coite clarified what the reclaimed water is being used for and that the reclaimed water is being implemented into future projects.
- It was recommended that Chapter 10 include a discussion on maintaining rural character and prevent unwanted growth.
- It was recommended that language be added specifically referencing the use of overlay zones along pipeline corridors to limit service connections in rural residential areas.

a. **Sewer Assessment.** Staff made a presentation on the current method for determining sewer assessments. The current method of Units and Adjusted Front Footage is common within the State of Connecticut. Staff responded to concerns raised by the WPCA (Town Council) and public feedback during the informational sessions regarding the impacts to single family home property owners and presented one means of varying the distribution between Units and Adjusted Front Footage. The establishment of a Four Corners District was contemplated so that varying this ratio could be applied only to the district. The committee was concerned about the impacts to specific properties within the district by varying the distribution.

After discussion, the committee wants to minimize the impact to the residential properties within the sewer district. One option presented was to vary the unit size for commercial properties. It was requested that staff prepare additional scenarios by varying the size of the commercial units.

Correspondence and Meeting Reports

No updates.

Future Meetings

The next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2015.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek M Dilaj, PE
Assistant Town Engineer

To: Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
From: Mansfield Sustainability Committee
Regarding: Comments on the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan
Date: March 12, 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to provide final input into the Mansfield Tomorrow plan. The Mansfield Sustainability Committee has been included in the development of the Mansfield Tomorrow plan for the past few years, so we recognize and appreciate the tremendous work of the Planning staff and Town to make this plan become a reality. We applaud the collaborative process and the development of a draft plan that addresses a very broad range of important issues for the town with sustainability as its foundation. Sustainability is present throughout all parts of the plan providing the framework for nearly every action and decision we make as a community. We offer strong support for a number of specific goals and actions, particularly the following:

Goal 2.2 B6 (page 2.32) – update Town’s Engineering Standards and Specifications to include green infrastructure practices...

Goal 5.4 A (page 5.43) – increase access to healthy foods

Goal 5.5 A1, A2, A4 (pages 5.46-5.47) – use physical design to foster community interaction

Goal 6.1 B4 (page 6.32) – support improvements to...transportation infrastructure in four commercial target areas....

Goal 7.4 A6 (page 7.31) – update zoning and subdivision regulation to allow for co-housing and other alternative housing models

Goal 8.1 C (page 8.43) – direct medium to high density development to appropriate areas

Goal 9.1A4, A5, A6, B1, B4, B5, D1 (pages 9.30-9.33) –complete streets, Bike/Pedestrian Master Plan, Bike Friendly Community, regional transportation planning

Goal 9.2 B, C (pages 9.35-9.36) – water conservation, regional water planning

Goal 9.4 (pages 9.40-9.41) – waste reduction and resource conservation

Goal 9.5 (pages 9.42-9.45) – policies that support smart growth

Goal 10.6 (pages 10.24-10.25) – collaboration with area communities and UConn

There are some areas where we see a need for fine-tuning. In general, we would like to see:

1. A stronger emphasis on partnering with groups, particularly schools and UConn, to achieve the Town’s goals,
2. The idea of forest stewardship repeated throughout the plan, with an emphasis on more sustainable human uses of resources such as maple sugaring, forest gardening, etc., and
3. Greater flexibility built into permitting requirements.

Specifically the committee suggests the following changes:

Goal 2.1 A (page 2.28) – Add demonstration projects on town properties and include the number of demonstration projects as a measure.

Goal 2.3 Measure (page 2.33) – Change from “number of forest management plans” to “acres of town-owned land that is following a forest management plan.”

Goal 2.3 A (page 2.33) – Include urban forests as a natural system.

Goal 2.3 A (page 2.33) – Add an action to encourage the reduction of lawn and highly maintained landscapes in favor of low/no-mow, meadow or woodland landscapes.

Goal 2.4 Second Measure (page 2.35) – Eliminate “permanently preserved” so that it reads “acres of forest” [this can be determined from UConn CLEAR Land Use Cover maps]. A forest sequesters carbon regardless of whether it is permanently preserved or not.

Goal 2.4 A1 (page 2.35) – Change heading to: “Identify and prioritize climate action items within the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan.” Change description to: “Appoint a task force to identify and prioritize actions within the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan that support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and resilience of town

infrastructure, natural systems, and community service/support systems. The task force will be charged with identifying the multiple benefits of climate actions (e.g., operational efficiencies, cost savings, etc)."

Goal 2.5 A (page 2.37) – Add an action: "Collaborate with UConn as part of the hazard mitigation strategy."

Goal 2.6 Measures (page 2.40) – Change first bullet so that this measure shows that we value "working lands" (i.e., being used to grow food, forested, etc.), not just "preserved" lands.

Goal 2.6 (pages 2.40-2.43) – Develop clear requirements for protecting natural resources, as appropriate, carefully balancing natural resource protection with a permitting process that acknowledges flexibility in requirements depending on proposed development and existing land characteristics and use. For example, **2.6 C2** should be changed to something like: Work with developers on design solutions to provide shading of large parking areas in business and mixed use districts [rather than "require a minimum amount of shade on all parking and driveway surfaces."]

Goal 3.1 A5 (page 3.23) – Add "outreach to **agricultural and forestland** owners..."

Goal 3.1 B1 (page 3.24) – Regarding "priority list of properties" – questioning the potential impacts on the market/cost of property once the town lists it on the priority list. The market value of the property may increase once the Town publicizes the value of the property to the town ("priority"). Consider revising this action to: "Establish criteria to evaluate key natural resources on Town-owned land and to evaluate future open space property acquisitions."

Goal 3.2 Measure 2 (page 3.27) – Delete, we should not necessarily be converting forest to agricultural use (although converting turf is a great idea). Same comment for actions **A4** and **B4**. The plan should not value agricultural land more than forest land.

Goal 3.2 (page 3.27) – Broaden the language from "agricultural land" and "farmers" to include gardening, working lands, etc., not just those selling agricultural products. Let's encourage use of land to grow food, whether small-scale to feed one's own family or larger for commercial agriculture.

Goal 3.2 Second Measure (pages 3.27- 3.28) – delete. We should not necessarily be converting forest to agricultural use (although converting turf is a great idea). Same comment for actions **3.2 A4** & **3.2 B4**. The plan should not value agricultural land more than forest land.

Goal 5.4 A (page 5.43) – Revise to "increase access to healthy foods, **with strong support for locally grown foods.**"

Goal 5.5 A, B (pages 5.46 & 5.48) – Are exactly the same.

Goal 5.5 B4 (page 5.49) – This seems to refer mainly to buildings and not to the sites they are within. Give more attention to site planning and improvements in master planning.

Goal 6.1 B4 (page 6.32) – Revise to specifically reference bike/pedestrian infrastructure under transportation infrastructure.

Goal 8.1 Measure (page 8.42) – Add the number of businesses in mixed use areas as a measure.

Goal 8.1 C (page 8.43) – Add an action that specifically calls for pursuing Town/University partnerships in guiding the development of critical juncture areas such as South Campus to Moss Sanctuary, Four Corners, Mansfield Depot, King Hill Road.

Goal 9.1 A (page 9.29) – Add funding for sharrows in the greater Storrs area.

Goal 9.1 C (page 9.32) – Add an action stating the Town coordinates closely with UConn and regional transit system on high capacity events.

Goal 9.3 A1 (page 9.37) – Add as an example a purchasing protocol that uses product energy consumption as a criteria to determine if the product should be purchased.

Goal 9.3 A2 (page 9.37) – Revise to "Strive for zero net energy buildings for renovation and new construction of municipal and school buildings."

Goal 9.3 A6, A7 (page 9.38) – Revise to make more proactive, such as: "Maximize energy efficiency in town schools and buildings. Take full advantage of State of CT resources and incentives provided through Energize Connecticut to implement energy reductions."

Goal 9.5 (page 9.42) – Even though there is a parks and open space chapter, the networks of green space and public space needs to be considered vital infrastructure (similar to the way the UConn Master Plan is proposing green corridors for multiple reasons – recreation, habitat connectivity, water quality, etc.). Could Goal 9.5

include a strategy that stresses the importance of networks of public space (green space or more urban space like the town square, depending on the context) as a critical component of smart growth that needs to be supported?

Goal 9.5 C1 (page 9.44) – Some of the bullets seem to be based solely on aesthetics – we want to maximize renewable energy and should not promote the idea that solar panels and wind turbines should not be visible.

Goal 10.4 B (page 10.20) – Add an action to develop effective models for working collaboratively with the University on implementing both the Mansfield Vision Plan and UConn Master Plan. Use the Downtown Partnership as one existing model that has worked well.

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2015
DRAFT

Deputy Mayor Paul Shapiro 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, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development, presented an overview of the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Draft: Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development

Deputy Mayor Shapiro called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Brian Coleman, Centre Street, commented on sections of the plan having to do with housing, including setbacks in rural residential villages, the lack of affordable housing and the increase in multifamily and commercial assessments.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, questioned whether it is typical to include fiscal concerns in a Plan of Conservation and Development; asked about overlays zones; and questioned whether the Town has the expertise to engage in more partnerships.

The hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

The Council thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for accommodating the Town Council's schedule and leaving the PZC hearing open until April 6, 2015.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

February 23, 2015

DRAFT MINUTES
MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2015
Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: B. Chandy, J. Goodwin (Chair) R. Hall K. Holt, G. Lewis, B. Pociask, K. Rawn, B. Ryan,
Members absent: P. Plante
Alternates present: V. Ward, S. Westa
Alternates absent: P. Aho
Staff Present: Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Jennifer Kaufman, Natural Resources and Sustainability Coordinator; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

Chair Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., appointing alternate S. Westa to act in the absence of P. Plante.

Minutes:

- a. 2-17-15 Meeting Minutes –B. Chandy MOVED, B. Ryan seconded, to approve the 2-17-2015 meeting minutes as presented. The Chair noted for the record that she listened to the audio recording of the meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Zoning Agents Report:

There were no questions or comments on the Zoning Agent's report.

Public Hearing:

Mansfield Tomorrow: Plan of Conservation and Development (December 2014 Public Hearing Draft)

Chair Goodwin convened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter read the public hearing notice, noted the following correspondence and read the January 20, 2015 letter from the Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission into the record:

Committee and Agency Referrals

- o January 20, 2015 Letter from the Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission
- o Undated Letter from Mansfield Commission on Aging
- o January 15, 2015 Memo from the Transportation Advisory Committee
- o February 3, 2015 Memo from the Agriculture Committee
- o February 22, 2015 Memo from the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee
- o February 17, 2015 Memo from the Open Space Preservation Committee
- o February 18, 2015 Memo from the Conservation Commission
- o January 6, 2015 Minutes of the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee

Resident and Property Owner Comments

- o Comment form from Donald B. Hoyle, 125A Bassetts Bridge Road (with attachments on fracking and oil pipeline extension article)
- o Comment form from Meg Reich, 343 Bassetts Bridge Road
- o Comment form from Julia Barstow, 139 Woodland Road
- o Comment form from Bettejane Karnes, 353 North Eagleville Road
- o Comment form from Pat Hempel
- o Comment form from Miriam Kurland, 287 Wormwood Hill Road

- Undated Letters from Wilfred T. Bigl, 17 Hill Pond Drive (one addressed to the PZC Chair, one to the Director of Planning and Development)
- December 22, 2014 Comment from William Shakalis submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- December 29, 2014 Comment from John Perch submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- January 30, 2015 Comment from Mansfield Resident submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- January 2015 Letter from Charles Galgowski
- February 3, 2015 Email from Joan Buck
- February 9, 2015 Letter from Anthony Gioscia, 1708 Stafford Road
- February 10, 2015 Email from Emile Poirier
- February 12, 2015 Email from Vicky Wetherell
- February 20, 2015 Comment from John Fratiello submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- February 22, 2015 Email from Tulay Luciano to the Town Council and Town Manager
- February 24, 2015 Comment from Virginia Walton (Mansfield Recycling Coordinator) submitted through Joomag on-line portal
- February 25, 2015 Comments from Celeron Square (received in an email from John Sobanik)
- Draft Minutes of February 23, 2015 Town Council Public Hearing

L. Painter made a brief power point presentation summarizing the main objectives of the Plan. Copies of the presentation were distributed to members and made available to the public in attendance.

Jacqueline Gryphon, Cedar Swamp Road, asked if an Environmental Impact Evaluation has been or will be scheduled for the Four Corners sewer project and commented that she is concerned about impacts on the area's natural resources and wildlife. She also asked if the identified compact residential areas could include condominiums.

Gary Bent, Mansfield Hollow Road and representing the Eastern Connecticut Green Action Committee, spoke to his concerns about global warming and the expansion of the Algonquin natural gas pipeline in Town. He stated that natural gas also emits carbon dioxide and urged the Town to request of its legislators that they oppose the expansion.

Lois Happe, Olsen Drive, thanked the PZC and staff for their work and urged everyone to view Mansfield within a larger context. She commented that the expansion of the natural gas pipeline will be felt locally since a larger pipe line will result in more leakage, breaks and emissions.

George Rawitscher, Codfish Falls Road, commented that he is pleased that the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan looks both forward and backward and asked the Commission to focus on plan implementation, particularly Goals 2.4 and 2.5 regarding climate change.

Miriam Kurland, Wormwood Hill Road, complimented the PZC on its efforts on the Plan and urged the Commission to closely review the forthcoming comments of the Sustainability Committee. She also commented on the need to repair existing infrastructure and not build more gas lines and asked that the Town adopt a declaration against pipe line expansion.

David Nelson, Fort Griswold, expressed support for the previous statements adding that the Town should have a committee to address the inevitable changes that will happen as a result of climate change.

Jim Morrow, Chair of the Open Space Committee, thanked the Commission and staff for their work and noted the Open Space Committee comments reinforce the role open space plays in the Town's finances and economic growth.

Pat Suprenant, Gurleyville Road, thanked the Commission and participants in the process and expressed concern with the following aspects of the plan: future plans for development of Mansfield Depot if passenger rail returns; the lack of references to the CWC water project and associated connection restrictions identified in the draft DEEP permit; lack of reference or detail on overlay zones intended to prevent induced development along the new CWC pipeline route; possible locations of cluster development; lack of reference to specific flora, fauna and wildlife species in Chapter 2; the disconnect between sustainability principles and importing water from another area of the state; the lack of metrics such as maximum population or number of units the town can support; and the impacts of growth on cost of community services and state revenues.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, commented on the lack of an identified number for the targeted population size; noted concern that while UConn is part of the community, the Town has very little control over how the university grows; suggested the Town set up a system of rights of first refusal and should use tax abatements for acquiring open space; urged the Town to work with DEEP to assist in monitoring self-reporting on projects; expressed concern with public-private partnerships and financial transparency of those partnerships; questioned the sewage capacity of the UConn system; identified a lack of commitment from UConn with regard to future biosafety labs; identified the need for more detail on the potential use of formulas to establish the number of dwelling units allowed by right; urged a commitment for making all parks in Town handicap accessible; suggested that rural character is also about lifestyle and that the town has been taking on more urban issues such as smoking and dog waste; noted that the WRTD bus program is underfunded resulting in long-term reliability concerns; and suggested that third party involvement is needed to ensure town open space acquisitions are protected in perpetuity and not subject to political changes at the Town Council.

Eva Csejtey, Browns Road, commented on the differences between addressing global warming and being resilient and indicated that the Town needs a specific plan to address the impacts of global warming such as flooding and drought.

Anthony Gioscia, Stafford Road, expressed appreciation for the time spent on the Plan and spoke in support of the rural commercial designation for the corner of Rte. 195 and Rte. 32.

M. Hall MOVED and B. Pociask seconded to continue the public hearing on the December 2014 draft of the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development to the Monday, April 6, 2015 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business:

- a. **Re-Subdivision application, 101 East Road, C. & L. Niarhakos, PZC File #293-2**
Tabled to the 3/16/2015 Public Hearing

New Business:

- a. **Special Permit Application, Commercial Recreation Use with Restaurant, 95 Storrs Road, East Brook F, LLC, East Brook T, LLC, and East Brook W, LLC; PZC File #432-6**
B. Ryan MOVED and K. Holt seconded to receive the Special Permit application File number PZC 432-6, submitted by East Brook F, LLC; East Brook T, LLC; and East Brook W, LLC for a commercial recreation use with restaurant on property located at 95 Storrs Road, owned by the applicants, as shown on plans dated 2/16/15, and as described in other application submissions, and to refer said application to the staff for review and comments, and to set a Public Hearing for 05/04/15.

Mansfield Tomorrow:

- a. Zoning Focus Group Update

Painter updated the Commission on the ongoing work of the Zoning Focus Group and distributed a hard copy of the packet that had been emailed to members prior to the February 23, 2015 meeting. Copies of sections will be provided to the Commission for its review as the staff and focus group complete their edits. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2015.

Reports from Officers and Committees:

- a. **Chairman's Report** – No field trip is needed.
- b. **Regional Planning Commission** – The March 19, 2015 meeting will be in Mansfield beginning at 7:00 p.m.; a tour of Storrs Center will be held at 6:00 p.m.
- c. **Regulatory Review Committee** – The Committee continues to meet as part of the Zoning Focus Group.
- d. **Planning and Development Director's Report** – No additional comments were offered.

Communications and Bills:

The DEEP Water Diversion Permit Public Hearing will take place in the Council Chamber on March 25, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. p.m. by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary

March 2, 2015
Public Hearing
Mansfield Tomorrow

Although the focus of the Planning and Zoning Commission has been the future development of Mansfield proper, I want to encourage the Commission to take into account the larger context in which Mansfield exists.

There are several utilities whose transmission routes pass through the town of Mansfield and while their regulation and management are not immediately accessible to either citizens or the government of Mansfield, nevertheless the decisions about them have a significant impact on land use as well as the lives of Mansfield citizens.

I am most concerned about the proposed expansion of the natural gas pipeline that bisects the town. The Algonquin pipeline is a major conveyor of natural gas through Connecticut and the plans to double its size have serious consequences for everyone adjacent to its route.

There are two significant problems connected with the expansion: the increased level of emissions (associated with "normal" operation) as well as increased risk of leakage or pipeline failure. Both these hazards pose a threat to the health of the citizens of Mansfield as well as potential degradation of the environment generally.

According to the Subra company, an environmental consulting firm, compressor stations like the one just outside town boundaries in Chaplin, emit at least two dozen toxic chemicals into the air, including formaldehyde, benzene, nitrogen oxide, butane and propane. The health risks associated with these emissions are visual impairment, respiratory impacts, severe headaches, decreased motor skills, irregular heartbeat, skin rashes, dizziness and allergic reactions.

In order to protect the attractive character of Mansfield, due attention must be paid to the impact of environmental issues, issues that involve more than what is simply contained within the town limits. The proposed expansion of the natural gas pipeline is detrimental to the health and well-being of the town and its citizens, a significant concern that will affect choices on the part of individuals and businesses who otherwise might find Mansfield attractive.

I urge the Commission to oppose the expansion of the pipeline, voicing that opposition to our state representatives, our governor, as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The quality of the future of Mansfield depends on it.

Lois K. Happe

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Mansfield Department Heads
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Council-Staff Relations

Discussion

At the request of the Town Council, I have included the March 9, 2015 letter from our department heads on tonight's agenda. In an effort to capture the issues at hand, I have selected the heading of "Council-Staff Relations."

Since the last meeting, I have talked with Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, the department head team and Council members from both parties on ways to address the concerns noted by our leadership team and to help ensure a productive working relationship between the Town Council and staff. Here are some suggestions:

- Provide periodic training for the Council on parliamentary procedure, including tips for maintaining order and public decorum. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities regularly sponsors this training and could prove a resource. Attorney Deneen could also participate in the discussion.
- Create a rule of procedure concerning council-staff relations, emphasizing the Town Council's desire to attract and retain quality personnel as well as the importance of professionalism, courtesy and respect between council and staff
- Create a rule of procedure regarding Council information requests, to ensure that Council understands and supports the use of staff and other resources to satisfy the request and to eliminate redundancy

- Revise the existing rules of procedure to clarify the intent and use of the *Reports and Comments of Council Members* and *Future Agendas* sections of the Council agenda. Presently, these sections of the agenda can lead to open-ended conversations and affect the productivity of the meeting.
- Reinforce the point that major projects and initiatives (e.g. Storrs Center; Housing Code; Four Corners sanitary sewer project) are directly linked to Council policy and goals, or policy documents such as the operating budget, the capital improvement program or the Plan of Conservation and Development. Too often staff members are incorrectly perceived as the primary or sole architects of policy decisions made by the Council, another elected body or an advisory committee.
- Emphasize the importance of civility at the beginning of every public comment period
- Introduce more formality to the meetings. An example would be to avoid the use of first names in public session, both between councilors and staff. More formality could help foster an environment of professionalism, civility and respect.

I hope that these suggestions are useful. If the Town Council decides to revise its rules of procedure, it could refer that subject to the Personnel Committee or another committee of the Council.

Attachments

- 1) Department Heads re Town Council Meetings
- 2) Anti-Harassment Policy
- 3) Town Council Rules of Procedure

Internal Memorandum

TO: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
FROM: Department Heads
DATE: March 9, 2015
SUBJECT: Town Council Meetings

As municipal employees, we understand that our work will be scrutinized by the public, and rightly so. We welcome constructive review of our collective efforts so that we can provide the best possible service to the Town, understanding that not everyone will agree with all our actions or decisions.

We recognize the importance of public scrutiny, and wholeheartedly concur with the Council's policy of allowing public comment during their regular meetings. However, there has been a disturbing trend towards misuse of the opportunity for public comment. Members of the public have used this time as an opportunity for personal attack and intimidation. In addition, tones of disrespect, jeering, and disorderly conduct have become regular occurrences throughout Council meetings. The behavior has recently reached a level that has caused some employees to be concerned for their safety. The Town Council Rules of Procedure (Rule 5) state the following:

All meeting participants including Councilors, citizens and staff should confine their remarks to the substance of the issue at hand. Participants should avoid discussing personalities and not impugn the motive, character or integrity of any individual. The Town Council supports the right of a resident to criticize its local government, but this should be done appropriately and responsibly, with civility and discretion. All participants should address their remarks to the Mayor and maintain a civil tone. These rules of conduct shall also apply to all written correspondence.

We ask that this rule be enforced at future meetings, and that a state trooper be present at all Town Council meetings.

More disturbing is the fact that certain of our elected officials frequently display the same types of behaviors, including disruption of testimony and personal attacks as well as unsupported accusations of incompetence, malfeasance, and dishonesty.

In addition, presenting staff are frequently asked to provide follow-up information. All departments are happy to spend time providing information that will help the Council make an informed decision. However, it often happens that much of the information requested has already been provided or is considered superfluous by most Council members. It would help our efficiency if the Council as a whole would decide what information they require to make an informed decision.

These actions by Councilors have had a detrimental effect upon the efficiency and morale of the entire organization. The potential for adverse effects on employee health and well-being cannot be ignored. This behavior makes employee retention and succession planning more difficult and more costly. It is clearly in the Town's interest to attract and retain quality employees.

The Town's Anti-Harassment Policy includes the following definitions of harassment:

- *Repeated, unscheduled demands for attention and time regarding matters of a non-urgent nature that interfere with an employee's ability to perform his other routine job duties in a timely and effective manner;*
- *Any communication or action that is demeaning, rude or inflammatory or otherwise incites anger, hurt, fear or embarrassment in the receiver of the communication or action;*
- *Unwanted questions or comments pertaining to any aspect of an employee's person or personal*

life;

- *Unwanted contact at an employee's home or in public when an employee is off duty.*

We ask that the Town Council thoroughly review the Anti-Harassment Policy.

Further, an increasing number of residents are approaching Town staff to express their disgust at the disrespect shown to our Town officials, both public and staff. These residents are reluctant to participate in meetings for fear of similar treatment and the high level of tension evident at Council meetings. Despite their concerns, most residents are very satisfied with the level of service provided by the Town and are proud of the positive reputation that Mansfield has among other municipalities in the state. In order to thrive, a democratic system must encourage all residents to participate in its processes. As fewer citizens are willing to participate in Town activities, it will be more and more difficult to maintain the quality of life of which Mansfield is justifiably proud.

In closing, we cannot express strongly enough our belief that, under your leadership, the Town management, structure and operations are run at a highly professional level. It is painful to witness your professionalism and integrity questioned without merit, often in the most uncivil manner. We appreciate the support you have given to all Town staff under difficult conditions. Please forward our concerns and recommendations to the Town Council, in the expectation of working together to create an atmosphere in which the peoples' work can be done in an efficient, respectful manner.

In the meantime, we will continue to serve this wonderful community to the best of our abilities. It is important for the Town Council to know the negative impacts on employee morale and productivity caused by the unchecked behavior of a few individuals.

Respectfully submitted, Mansfield Department Heads

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
POLICY MEMORANDUM

To: All Town Employees
From: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager *M. W. Hart*
Date: July 17, 2012 (Revised); June 1, 2010 (Original)
Subject: Anti-Harassment Policy

I. Purpose

The Town of Mansfield (Town) is committed to providing and maintaining a work environment in which everyone is treated fairly and with respect and dignity. The Town strictly prohibits sexual harassment and harassment towards anyone, including, but not limited to, legally recognized and protected classes based on race, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, ancestry, military service, veteran status, or disability except in the case of, bona fide occupational qualification or business necessity. All Town officials and employees are expected to comply with this policy. The principles and complaint procedures set forth in this policy apply to sexual harassment and all other forms of harassment involving agency employees.

The Town of Mansfield will not create or tolerate a hostile work environment or harassment in any form. Management will not use its authority to harass employees, take or fail to take personnel action as a reprisal against an employee for resisting or reporting any act of harassment, or tolerate any harassment, verbal or physical, of an employee towards another employee. Anyone who engages in such conduct will be subject to discipline up to and including immediate discharge. All supervisory staff members are responsible for regularly reminding employees of this policy, and all are responsible for seeing that our workplace is free of harassment.

- A. **Sexual Harassment.** As the prevention of sexual harassment deserves special attention, some sections of this policy focus directly on sexual harassment. The policy establishes a zero tolerance standard for all forms of sexual harassment towards any employee.
- B. **Other Forms of Harassment.** This policy is also applicable to the harassment of members of a legally protected class and other harassment visited upon a Town employee, as such behavior is not only unfair, but also may impede the Town's service to the public.

II. Prohibited Conduct

The Town of Mansfield will not tolerate harassment as defined in this policy by anyone, including any supervisor, co-worker, vendor, citizen, resident, client or customer, whether in the workplace, at assignments outside the workplace, at Town-sponsored (social) functions or elsewhere.

III. Effective Date

This policy shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded.

IV. Definition

- A. "Sexual harassment" is a form of sex discrimination, prohibited by both state and federal law (see C.G.S. § 46a-60(a)(8) and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964). "Sexual harassment" means any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where:
1. submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's employment;
 2. submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for an employment decision affecting the person; or
 3. such conduct interferes with a person's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

The offender or the victim of harassment may be either a man or a woman. Also, harassment can involve people of the same or the opposite sex.

- B. "Harassment" is unwarranted and unwanted verbal or nonverbal conduct which threatens, intimidates or unduly annoys or insults another person, where such conduct has the purpose or effect of creating an offensive, intimidating, degrading or hostile environment, or interferes with or adversely affects a person's work performance.

Harassment does not include the conduct or actions of supervisors intended to provide employee discipline, such as deficiency notices, performance evaluations, oral warnings, reprimands or other supervisory actions intended to promote positive performance and/or discourage negative behavior or performance.

V. Examples of Harassment

While it is not possible to list all circumstances that may constitute harassment, the following are some examples of conduct which, if unwelcome, may constitute harassment depending on the totality of the circumstances including the severity of the conduct and its pervasiveness.

A. Sexual Harassment Examples

- Unwanted sexual advances and explicit sexual proposals;
- Demands for sexual favors in exchange for favorable treatment or continued employment;
- Suggestive comments, sexually oriented teasing or practical jokes;
- Foul or obscene body language or gestures;
- Display of printed or visual material that is foul, obscene or offensive;
- Sending or viewing jokes, pictures or other information by e-mail or the internet where the information is sexually-explicit, or where it ridicules a person's ethnicity, religion, sexual-orientation or other unchangeable characteristics;
- Physical contact, such as touching, patting, pinching or brushing against another's body.

B. Other Forms of Harassment Examples

- Jokes about ethnicity, religious beliefs or practices, accents or gender-specific traits;
- Repeated, unscheduled demands for attention and time regarding matters of a non-urgent nature that interfere with an employee's ability to perform his or her routine job duties in a timely and effective manner;

- Any communication or action that is demeaning, rude or inflammatory or otherwise incites anger, hurt, fear or embarrassment in the receiver of the communication or action;
- Unwanted questions or comments pertaining to any aspect of an employee's person or personal life;
- Unwanted contact at an employee's home or in public when an employee is off duty. Examples of unwanted contact may include but are not limited to: calling an employee at their personal cell phone or land line; emailing an employee at their personal email address; and physically approaching and/or berating employees about work matters when the employee is off duty.

VI. Reporting Harassment

A. Victims of Harassment. If you believe that you are being harassed, you should clearly and promptly tell the offender that you want him or her to stop the behavior. If for any reason you do not wish to confront the offender directly or if confrontation does not successfully end the harassment, you shall immediately report the harassment to any one of the following people:

- Your supervisor or manager; or
- The Assistant Town Manager; or
- The Town Manager

Any employee who believes that he or she has been harassed in the workplace in violation of this policy may also file a complaint with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Eastern Region Office, 100 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. (TELEPHONE NUMBER 860-886-5703; TDD NUMBER 860-886-5707) and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Boston Area Office, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02114 (TELEPHONE NUMBER 617-565-2300; TDD NUMBER 617-565-3204). Connecticut law requires that a formal written complaint be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities within 180 days of the date when the alleged harassment occurred. Remedies for sexual harassment include cease and desist orders, back pay, compensatory damages, hiring, promotion or reinstatement.

B. Employees Who Witness Harassment. Any employee who witnesses harassment or becomes aware that another employee has been subjected to prohibited harassment shall immediately report the conduct to one of the individuals listed above.

C. Supervisors and Managers. Any supervisor or manager who receives a complaint about harassment, retaliation or who believes that someone is engaging in conduct that may be prohibited must immediately report it to the Town Manager or Assistant Town Manager. Ignoring such conduct is not acceptable and may subject the supervisor or manager to disciplinary action.

VII. No Retaliation

The Town strictly forbids retaliation against employees who report harassment or who participate in internal or external investigations of harassment. The Town will not engage in any such retaliation nor will it permit employees to do so. The Town will not tolerate retaliatory citizen behavior/actions towards employees whom have reported harassment or participated in a harassment investigation. All

employees shall report all instances of retaliation to one of the individuals listed in section VLA of this policy.

VIII. Investigating Complaints

The Town's policy is to take all complaints and reports of harassment seriously. All complaints and reports will be investigated promptly, impartially and discreetly. Once a complaint is received, an investigation will be undertaken immediately and all necessary steps taken to resolve the problem. Employees have a duty and are obligated to participate in investigations when asked. Investigation of such matters will usually entail conferring with involved parties and any named or apparent witnesses. Where investigation confirms that harassment has occurred, the Town will promptly take corrective action. Discipline up to and including discharge from Town service, banning from Town facilities or property, or legal action may be implemented by the Town after the respondent to a complaint has had a chance to present his side of the case, and to rebut the claims made against him or her. In all cases, including those in which a harassment complaint is made against someone who is not a town official or employee, every effort will be made to ensure that the principles of due process of law are afforded to every respondent. In this context, depending on the circumstances, due process includes, but is not limited to, the right to sufficient notice of the claims against the respondent, the right to counsel paid for by the respondent and the opportunity to rebut the allegations of the complaint in the presence of a fair and impartial decision maker.

IX. False Reports

Disciplinary action may be imposed if the Town determines that a false complaint was made under this policy.



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE
As adopted by Council 11/25/13¹

BE IT RESOLVED, that under the authority of Section C302 of the Town Charter, the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield does hereby establish its Rules of Procedure as follows. These rules are in effect for the term of office of the Council and shall be adopted at the organizational meeting. Procedural matters not covered by the Town Charter or these Rules of Procedure will be determined by the Mayor, or by the Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor, in accordance with the most recent edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised." Ordinarily, the "In Brief" version of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised will be used.

Rule 1 – Organizational Meeting

Each newly elected Council shall meet for organization at the next regular meeting of the Town Council following the municipal election. During this Organizational Meeting the Town Council shall elect, by a majority vote of all Council members, one of their number to serve as Mayor, who shall preside at Council meetings, and one of their number to serve as Deputy Mayor, who shall serve in the Mayor's temporary absence. If both are absent, the Council may designate from its membership a temporary presiding officer. At this Organizational Meeting, the Council shall also fix by Resolution the time and place of its regular meetings for the following two-year period, which meetings shall be held at least once a month as required by the Charter. The appointment of a Town Attorney may also take place at this meeting, but said appointment shall take place no later than one month after the election of the Council.

Rule 2 – Meetings

- a) All meetings shall be held in compliance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Connecticut General Statutes sections 1-200, et seq.
- b) The presence of five members of the Council is necessary for a quorum. Each Council member is asked to notify the Mayor or the Town Manager as soon as possible if the member expects to be absent

¹ November 25, 2013 (amended); November 14, 2011 (amended); November 22, 2010 (amended); July 26, 2010 (amended); February 22, 2010 (amended); September 8, 2008 (original)

- c) Special Meetings of the Town Council may be called by the Mayor, or on the written request of at least three members of the Council, filed with the offices of the Town Manager and Town Clerk not less than 36 hours (excluding Saturday, Sunday, legal holidays and any day on which the Office of the Town Clerk is officially closed) in advance of such meeting, which request must specify the date, time and business to be transacted at any such Special Meeting. The Town Clerk shall post a notice in the Office of the Town Clerk indicating the time, place and business to be transacted, and copies of this notice shall be served by mail or personally upon each Council member and the Town Manager or left at their usual place of abode at least twenty-four (24) hours prior thereto. The notice shall be placed on the Town's website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- d) Emergency Special Meetings may be called by the Mayor or the Town Manager in case of an emergency with at least two hours notice given to Council members, without complying with the posting of notice requirement, but a copy of the minutes of every such Emergency Special Meeting shall be filed with the Town Clerk not later than 72 hours following the holding of such meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, C.G.S. section 1-225 (d).
- e) Work Sessions are by definition of the Freedom of Information Act, Special Meetings of the Council. In order to preserve the informal and relaxed atmosphere that encourages exchange between members of the Town Council, town government and invited participants, Work Sessions will generally be held prior to the Regular Meeting. Work Sessions may be scheduled by the Mayor or by majority of vote of the Council. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act that pertain to Special Meetings shall be observed for Work Sessions. Work Sessions will be held to discuss, review, research or explore topics for possible later action. No formal votes may be taken, except for a vote to go into Executive Session.
- f) Joint meetings and hearings may be held with the governing bodies of other governmental entities or agencies and such joint regular or special meetings may be held in the jurisdiction of either body.
- g) Ceremonial presentations to individuals or groups that include refreshments, may be scheduled prior to the Regular Meeting time in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. A notice that the presentation will take place prior to the Regular Meeting will be included on the agenda for that meeting. For select national holidays, more specifically, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day, the Council will schedule ceremonial meetings which may include traditional and appropriate activities such as a recitation of the pledge of allegiance. Council members shall participate on a voluntary basis in the planning and scheduling of such ceremonial meetings.
- h) The Town Clerk is the Clerk of the Council and shall, in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, keep for public inspection minutes of all its proceedings, including all roll call votes and indicating deliberations, discussions and

actions which shall be the official record of Council proceedings. The journal shall be authenticated for each meeting by the signature of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor. Notes from the meeting indicating all actions shall be available to the public within 48 hours after the meeting and the minutes shall be available and posted on the website within 7 days of the meeting.

- i) The Freedom of Information Act prohibits a quorum of Council members from engaging in discussion about substantive Council business via email.

Rule 3- Agenda of Council Meetings

- a) The Town Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, shall prepare the agenda
- b) Unless altered by a two-thirds vote of the Council, the regular order of business shall be as follows:
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Approval of Minutes
 - 4. Public Hearing (if scheduled)
 - 5. Opportunity For Public to Address the Council
 - 6. Report of the Town Manager
 - 7. Reports and Comments of Council Members
 - 8. Old Business
 - 9. New Business
 - 10. Quarterly Reports
 - 11. Reports of Council Committees
 - 12. Departmental and Advisory Committee Reports
 - 13. Petitions, Request and Communications
 - 14. Future Agendas
 - 15. Executive Session (if scheduled)
 - 16. Adjournment
- c) Prior to or during the discussion on each item on the agenda the Mayor may call upon the Town Manager, designated staff or other appropriate person for the purpose of background presentation of business to be discussed. Council members may address questions to these individuals.
- d) Unless extenuating circumstances occur, the agenda and all supporting material shall be delivered to the Council not later than the Friday preceding each regular meeting of the Council.
- e) Every effort will be made to ensure that copies of the agenda, minutes and related material distributed with the packet will be made available on the Town's website no later than noon on the Friday preceding each regular meeting of the Council.

- f) Recurring Old Business items shall have an end date to be determined by the Council.

Rule 4 – Public Participation

a) Regular Meetings

The Town Council welcomes comments from the public. On the agenda of each meeting of the Town Council, a period shall be set aside and designated as an opportunity for the public to address the Council on any issue of importance to the Town. Citizen comments may be presented orally or in writing. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak for a maximum of five minutes. Speakers are not permitted to yield any portion of their time to another speaker(s). Any citizen so speaking shall identify him/herself by name and address, and if the speaker is speaking for a group or organization, she/he may so state. Citizen comments will be accepted as presented. Written statements presented by speakers during the public comment section shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Council members are free to ask questions to clarify the intent of the citizens commenting. Citizens should not attempt to engage Council members, the Town Manager or Town staff in debate or line of questioning. Council Members and the Town Manager may offer responses to questions or concerns raised by citizens during the portions of the agenda reserved for their reports and comments, but are not obligated to provide answers to impromptu questions.

Written statements from the public received prior to the completion of the Town Council packet will be included as a communication. Communications received after the packet has been completed will be distributed to members prior to the meeting and be included as a communication in the next packet.

b) Public Hearings

Public hearings are an opportunity for citizens to address the Town Council on a specific issue. Citizen comments may be presented orally or in writing. Written statements received by the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing will be noted on the record and distributed to Council members either in the packet or that evening. Both these letters and written statements presented by speakers during the public hearing shall become part of the minutes. All citizens so speaking shall identify him/herself by name and address, and if the speaker is speaking for a group or organization, she/he may so state. Public comment at public hearings is limited to five minutes per speaker unless otherwise modified by the Council at the beginning of the hearing.

c) Work Sessions

Work Sessions are an opportunity for the Council, Town Government and invited participants to discuss issues. An opportunity for public comment, other than invited participants, may be set-aside at the beginning of the Work Session to hear from citizens who have comments pertaining to the issue at hand.

Rule 5 – Decorum

All meeting participants including Councilors, citizens and staff should confine their remarks to the substance of the issue at hand. Participants should avoid discussing personalities and not impugn the motive, character or integrity of any individual. The Town Council supports the right of a resident to criticize its local government, but this should be done appropriately and responsibly, with civility and discretion. All participants should address their remarks to the Mayor and maintain a civil tone. These rules of conduct shall also apply to all written correspondence.

Disorderly and disruptive conduct will be handled in accordance with Freedom of Information Act, C.G.S. Section 1-232.

Rule 6- Introduction and Public Hearing of Ordinances

- a) Section C307 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield provides that “All ordinances introduced by a member of the Council shall be in written form and shall be limited to one subject, which shall be clearly stated in the title.” A copy of the ordinance shall be filed with the Town Clerk who shall follow the procedures for copying, distribution and notice of the proposed ordinance set forth in Town Charter section C307.
- b) Section C308 of the Town Charter requires that the Town Council shall hold at least one public hearing before any ordinance shall be passed. The Council may also hold more than one public hearing on a proposed ordinance prior to taking final action.
- c) Prior to the Town Council scheduling a public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance, the Town Manager shall present a written fiscal impact analysis to the Council.
- d) The Town Council may discuss a proposed ordinance but may not amend, adopt or reject it on the day the first public hearing is convened in accordance with Section 308 of the Town Charter. This provision may be suspended by a majority vote.

Rule 7- Motions

- a) When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Mayor or the Town Clerk, if requested. If the motion is made in writing, it shall be read aloud prior to being debated. The motion so made and seconded will be in possession of the Council and subject to amendments or withdrawal.
- b) Motions shall be reduced to writing when requested by the Mayor or by a majority of the whole Council.
- c) When a motion is under debate, no further motion shall be received except to adjourn, to recess, to table, for the previous question, to limit, extend or close debate, to postpone to time certain, to refer to committee, to amend or to postpone indefinitely, which motions shall have precedence in the order indicated.

- d) Motions to adjourn, to lay upon the table and for the previous question shall be decided without debate.
- e) Motions to postpone to a definite time and to limit, extend or close debate at a specific time shall be decided without debate, except with respect to the time fixed, which shall be subject to amendment altering the time.
- f) Motions to refer, to postpone indefinitely or to amend shall be debatable, but only with respect to such a referral, postponement or amendment, and not with respect to the subject matter of the main motion.
- g) Any amendment must be germane to the motion.
- h) Motions to table, to postpone to time certain or to postpone indefinitely, once having been decided, shall not be reconsidered at the same meeting, whereas a motion to refer a matter to a committee can be reconsidered only at the meeting of the vote. Any other motion can be reconsidered only at the same or next succeeding meeting of the Council.
- i) Any motion to reconsider shall be in order only upon motion by a member participating in the prevailing vote of the original motion. Motions to adjourn or to reconsider the previous question shall not be reconsidered.
- j) Any motion under debate, which consists of two or more independent propositions, may be divided by a majority vote of the whole Council.

Rule 8 - Debate

- a) During discussion or debate, no Councilor shall speak unless recognized by the Mayor.
- b) Councilors shall confine their remarks in debate to the pending question.
- c) Any Councilor who knows in advance of a meeting that he /she wishes to obtain certain data or have a question answered, or wishes specific figures or expenditures, or the like, should, insofar as possible, inform the Town Manager in writing of the nature and details of the inquiry, so that the Town Manager will have the opportunity to have the answer available at such meeting.
- d) Any member who realizes or anticipates that he/she has or will have a conflict of interest with respect to a matter before the Council for consideration should announce his or her intention to abstain from voting on the matter as soon as the conflict becomes apparent, and should thereafter refrain from further discussion of or involvement in the matter.

Rule 9 – Standing Committees and Other Committees

- a) There shall be the following standing committees of the Council

- Committee on Committees
 - Finance Committee
 - Personnel Committee
- b) The Council may create or dissolve committees of the Council by resolution.
- c) The Mayor shall appoint members of the Council to such committees and shall designate the chair of each. The Mayor may announce any adjustments in membership or chairmanship at a regular Council meeting with such changes to be effective at the next regular committee meeting.
- d) All Councilors shall be ex-officio members of the committees to which they are not assigned, but do not have the authority to make motions or to vote.
- e) The Mayor shall make recommendations for appointments of Council members to committees other than the three standing committees of the Council to the Council as a whole for review and consideration.

Rule 10 – Executive Session

Executive Sessions will be limited to those subjects allowed pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The reasons for such a session and persons to attend shall be publicly stated. A two-thirds vote of the members of the Council present and voting shall be necessary in order to go into Executive Session.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Department of Parks and Recreation Update

Subject Matter/Background

At Monday's meeting, Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, will provide a short update on the operations, challenges and special projects within the Parks and Recreation Department.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator; John Carrington, Director of Public Works
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Near Zero Waste Resolution

Subject Matter/Background

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee began studying the concept of zero waste a couple years ago, researching the work of the Zero Waste Alliance and zero waste communities. The idea of zero waste captured the interest of staff and committee members since it goes beyond recycling by taking a "whole system" approach to the vast flow of resources and waste through human society. Instead of viewing used materials as garbage in need of disposal, used materials are recognized as valuable resources. The zero waste approach seeks to minimize waste, reduce consumption, maximize recycling and ensure that products are made to be reused, repaired, recycled or composted. Zero waste as a philosophy and design principle is gaining traction as more communities are making a commitment to it.

Incidentally, Mansfield has been on the zero waste path before the term was coined with such initiatives as unit-based pricing for trash, school composting, support of state product stewardship laws and most recently a quarterly repair café. Yet after researching the actions of other zero waste communities, staff recommended and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee endorsed the adoption of a resolution that clearly states the Town's intentions to continue to seek ways to reduce waste.

Becoming a 'zero waste' community sets a policy goal of a 90% or more reduction of waste. Because the term is misleading and inaccurate, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommended naming Mansfield's initiative as *near zero waste*.

At its January 8, 2015 meeting, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee endorsed the proposed Near Zero Waste Resolution.

Financial Impact

Signing the resolution will not have a negative financial impact on the solid waste fund. As has been true for all solid waste programs, any new projects will need to be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Legal Review

Attorney review is not required, as this action is non-binding.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached resolution, and to enter the resolution in the Council's permanent policy index.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective March 23, 2015, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Near Zero Waste Resolution. Said resolution shall be entered in the index of Policy Resolutions of the Mansfield Town Council.

Attachment

- 1) Near Zero Waste Resolution
- 2) Policy Index Resolution



Town of Mansfield
A Resolution Declaring Mansfield a Near Zero Waste Community

WHEREAS, Chapter 161, Article 5 of the Mansfield Solid Waste Ordinances empowers the Mansfield Resource Recycling Authority to improve waste reduction, reuse and recycling in the Town and assist with the development and implementation of town wide resource conservation and sustainability programs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has positioned itself as an environmental leader among Connecticut communities, by offering a broad array of recycling and reuse options in the community including a swap shop, a regional repair café, on-site school composting, textile, paint, fluorescent bulb and electronics recycling at the transfer station, offering the Celebrate Mansfield Festival as a low waste event, committing to energy efficiency and renewable energy by participating in the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge and Solarize Mansfield, and pledging to be a Clean Energy Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is committed to protecting and enhancing environmental quality in the community now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, by increasing reuse and recycling, the Town of Mansfield can keep valuable materials circulating in the local economy, spurring economic growth; and

WHEREAS the Zero Waste philosophy accepts that the earth's ability to support life is finite and that natural resources must be used in the most efficient and sustainable way possible; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of Zero Waste are: managing resources instead of waste, conserving natural resources through waste prevention and recycling, turning discarded resources into jobs and new products instead of trash, promoting products and materials that are durable and recyclable, and discouraging products and materials that can only become trash after their use; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 3,300 tons of waste is generated in the Town of Mansfield each year by residents, businesses, and institutions, and approximately 75% of this amount is sent to incineration; and

WHEREAS, Town residents have reached an overall recycling rate of 33 percent, more can be done, especially in removing valuable materials from the waste stream and "closing the loop" by purchasing products made with recycled content; and

WHEREAS, the placement of recyclable materials in waste disposal facilities, such as incinerators and landfills, wastes natural resources, wrongly transfers liabilities to future generations, and has the potential to cause damage to human health; and

WHEREAS, avoiding the creation of waste or discards in the first place is the most economically efficient and environmentally sustainable resource management strategy; and

WHEREAS, waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting are material management options that conserve resources while reducing environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, with the appropriate economic incentives, manufacturers can and will produce and businesses will sell products that are durable and repairable and that can be safely recycled back into the marketplace or nature; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, U.S. and international governments and organizations are adopting the policy that the financial responsibility of collecting, recycling, and disposing of materials belongs with producers; and

WHEREAS, government is ultimately responsible for leading by example and establishing criteria needed to eliminate waste, and for creating the economic and regulatory environment in which to achieve it.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut: The Town Council hereby declares the Town of Mansfield a *Near Zero Waste Community*. A *Near Zero Waste Community* can be achieved through action plans and measures that significantly reduce waste and pollution. These measures will include encouragement of residents, businesses and agencies to judiciously use, reuse, and recycle materials, and motivation of businesses to manufacture and market less toxic and more durable, repairable, reusable, recycled, and recyclable products. The Town hereby establishes an intermediate goal of reducing its residential waste stream and meeting the State's Solid Waste Management Plan goal of 58% by 2024. Be it further

resolved that Mansfield will support initiatives at the state level that move Connecticut closer to 80% diversion by 2030.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 23rd day of March in the year 2015.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield



Whereas from time to time the Council passes resolutions that represent, in whole or in part, broad statements of policy; and

Whereas, although these policy statements are not binding on future Council action, it is advisable to have these statements organized and available to the public:

Therefore be it Resolved, that

The Town Clerk shall maintain a document, in both printed and electronic updateable forms, entitled "Policy Resolutions of the Mansfield Town Council." The printed version shall be available at the Town Clerk's office, the Town Manager's office, and the Mansfield Public Library. The electronic version shall be available via the Town's web site. Updates shall be transmitted to email subscribers who indicate an interest in receiving them.

Resolutions that represent policy statements may be entered into the document by vote of the Council. Such statements shall have a title and contain the words "said resolution shall be entered in "Policy Resolutions of the Mansfield Town Council" or similar wording.

Each resolution or portion of a resolution so designated for inclusion in the document shall be identified by its title and accompanied by the date of its enactment. A portion of a resolution (i.e., policy preamble) shall be accompanied by a statement that places it in the context of the resolution of which it is a part.

Previous resolutions passed by the Council may be included in the document by vote of the Council and shall be entered in the document as above, with an appropriate title. Notations in the document shall include the date of the original passage of the resolution and the date in which it was entered in the document.

Resolutions in the document may be deleted, added to, or otherwise amended by vote of the Council. Notations in the document shall include the date of original passage and the date of amendment or, if the resolution is deleted in its entirety, the document shall retain the title and the date of original passage and a notation as to the date of its deletion.

Adopted March 10, 2008



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Amendment to Sustainability Committee Charge

Subject Matter/Background

In November of last year the Council was asked to consider establishing a Climate Action Committee. The Committee on Committee discussed the issue at its February 13, 2015 meeting and requested the input of the Sustainability Committee. The Sustainability Committee reported back suggesting the formation of a Climate Action Task Force that would report to the Sustainability Committee and focus Mansfield's climate change efforts on the actions included in the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development. The Committee on Committees has endorsed the suggestions of the Sustainability Committee and is recommending an amendment to the committee's charge.

Recommendation

The Committee on Committee recommends that the Town Council add an additional responsibility to the charge of the Sustainability Committee regarding the creation and the work of an Ad Hoc Climate Action Task Force.

If the Council supports this recommendation, staff suggests the following resolution:

Resolved, to amend the resolution establishing the Sustainability Committee, initially approved on January 12, 2009 and most recently amended July 14, 2014.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Resolution Establishing Sustainability Committee
- 2) February 18, 2015 Sustainability Committee draft minutes

- Monitor implementation of principles and policies as adopted by the Town Council and administrative programs, and report to the Town Council annually;
- Coordinate and collaborate with Town boards and commissions, organizations, regional and state agencies to advance sustainability principles, plans, and policies established; and
- Seek information from other organizations to aid in the development of strategies, programs and initiatives that will further the sustainability goals established by the Council by policy or budgetary support of administrative programs.
- *Coordinate the creation and work of the Ad Hoc Climate Action Task Force, which will be composed of up to 8 individuals with interest and expertise in the area of climate change; up to 3 of the 8 Task Force members should be current members of the Sustainability Committee; the Sustainability Committee will seek applicants for the Task Force from the public and recommend candidates to the Committee on Committees. The Task Force membership composition will not alter the Sustainability Committee's existing quorum requirements. This Task Force shall:*
 - *Serve as a resource to the Town and its various committees on climate change issues, coordinate activities and investigate grants and other funding opportunities from the State and Federal government and private foundations, and assist Town committees in applying for relevant grants.*
 - *Evaluate and prioritize the climate change recommendations in the Mansfield Tomorrow Plan and work with the relevant Committees towards their implementation.*
 - *Initiate communications with the Institute for Community Resiliency and Climate Change Adaptation and, if considered useful, organize a public meeting addressing specific concerns or strategies relevant to Mansfield and its residents.*
 - *Within a year of its first meeting, the Task Force shall report to the Sustainability Committee and the Town Council, summarizing its work and providing a recommendation as to how the Town should coordinate climate change activities in the future. For example, the Task Force could recommend the continuation of the ad hoc structure, the creation of an entirely new committee, or some other alternative. The Task Force's recommendation should also address staffing issues.*

Sustainability Committee
Minutes of Meeting
February 18, 2015

Present: Lynn Stoddard (chair), Paul Shapiro, Vera Ward, Shawn Santesiere, Kristin Schwab, Susannah Everett, George & Joyce Rawitcher (guests), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Stoddard.

(Shapiro left the meeting at 6:00 pm.)

Additional feedback on the Mansfield Tomorrow plan was gathered from members, building on the comments from the February 11, 2015 regular meeting. The committee on committees requested guidance from the sustainability committee on whether to form a separate climate action committee. The sustainability committee discussed the great importance of climate change, the need for climate action by the town, and the strong connection between climate mitigation and adaptation and the work of the sustainability committee. The committee members also expressed sensitivity to adding to the growing number of town committees and placing additional burdens on town staff, committee members, and volunteers that a new planning effort would require. The consensus of the group was to recommend the formation of a climate action task force that will report to the sustainability committee and to focus Mansfield's climate change efforts on the climate actions already included in the Mansfield Tomorrow plan rather than initiating a new planning process and developing a new, separate climate change action plan. The task force would be charged with identifying and prioritizing the strategies and actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change woven throughout the Mansfield Tomorrow plan. The sustainability committee would lead in carrying out the prioritized actions identified by the task force. The formation of a task force will be included in the Sustainability Committee's recommended changes to the Mansfield Tomorrow plan. On a motion by Stoddard/Schwab, the committee voted unanimously to accept the comments discussed at the February 11 and 18, 2015 meetings on the Mansfield Tomorrow plan. Walton and Stoddard will draft a letter from these comments that will be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The committee will have an opportunity to review the letter at the March meeting since the public comment period has been extended.

The January 14, 2015 minutes were approved on a motion by Ward/Schwab. The February 11, 2015 minutes were approved, as amended by Stoddard and Schwab, on a motion by Stoddard/Santesiere.

For the March meeting, Walton will invite members of the Stafford Energy Advisory Committee to talk about the strategies they have used to supply their town with 100% solar energy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Walton

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; John Carrington, Director of Public Works
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Application to Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

Subject Matter/Background

In response to a request for proposals issued by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) to be funded under the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, the Department of Public Works has submitted a proposed bikeway/walkway project (titled *Route 275 Walkway Connector*) connecting Separatist Road to Maple Road. By completing the Route 275 Walkway Connector, the Town would have only 0.25 miles of walkway/bikeway remaining to complete the 4.5 mile route from Storrs Center to Four Corners. Completion of this walkway/bikeway would help reduce the need to drive between the two destinations.

The preliminary design was completed years ago and this program would help pay for 80% of the total project costs. CRCOG defines the total cost of the project (federal and local share) as including design, ROW acquisition, construction engineering and operating costs, if applicable. The preliminary cost estimate places the construction of the project at \$300,000.

As some Councilors will recall, the Town had previously included this project in the capital improvement program (CIP) and allowed the project to lapse for a lack of funding. The walkway/bikeway has remained a priority project for the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Financial Impact

If the grant is awarded, the Town would be required to pay approximately \$60,000 as the local share. The local share would be funded out of the existing transportation and walkways account in the capital fund. The annual cost to maintain this stretch of walkway would be minimal (\$1,500 annually) as snow removal vehicles would simply continue on the walkway path instead on driving on Route 275, as currently done.

Recommendation

In order to receive the grant funds, the Town Council as the legislative body would need to endorse the Town's local match.

If the Town Council supports this grant application, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective March 23, 2015, to endorse the Town's local match of \$60,000 for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program grant for the Route 275 Walkway Connector, if the Town's grant application is approved.

Attachments

- 1) Application to CMAQ Program
- 2) Prioritized Mansfield Walkways

CTDOT's CMAQ Application

All information requested below must be furnished by the project sponsor to ensure complete processing of the application. If the information requested below does not apply to your project, indicate so by writing "NA" next to the question being asked. Submit an electronic copy of your completed application to Mr. Grayson A. Wright at grayson.wright@ct.gov.

Attach additional sheets of paper if you are unable to fit the information on the application.

1. Project Title

Route 275 Walkway Connector

2. Project Sponsor

The Town of Mansfield Public Works Department is the sponsor of the proposed Route 275 Walkway Connector project.

3. Date

March 13, 2015

4. Contact Information

Name: *John Carrington P.E., Director of Public Works
4 South Eagleville Rd,
Mansfield, CT 06268*

E-Mail: *CarringtonJC@mansfieldct.org*

Phone: *860 429-3332*

5. Town

Mansfield, Connecticut

6. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)/Rural Council of Governments (COGs)

CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Government)

7. County

Tolland

8. CMAQ Eligible Activities

- Diesel Engine Retrofits & Other Advanced Truck Technologies
Not Applicable
- Transportation Control Measures (TCMs)
Not Applicable
- Extreme Low-Temperature Cold Start Programs
Not Applicable
- Transit Improvements
Not Applicable
- Transportation Management Associations
Not Applicable
- Carpooling and Vanpooling
Not Applicable
- Car sharing
Not Applicable
- Training
Not Applicable
- Congestion Reduction & Traffic Flow Improvements
Not Applicable
- Travel Demand Management
Not Applicable
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Programs

| The Project is a 5 to 8 foot wide 1,440 linear foot walk/bikeway.

Public Education and Outreach Activities

Not Applicable

- Freight/Intermodal

Not Applicable

- Idle Reduction

Not Applicable

- Inspection/Maintenance (I&M) Programs

Not Applicable

- Innovative Projects

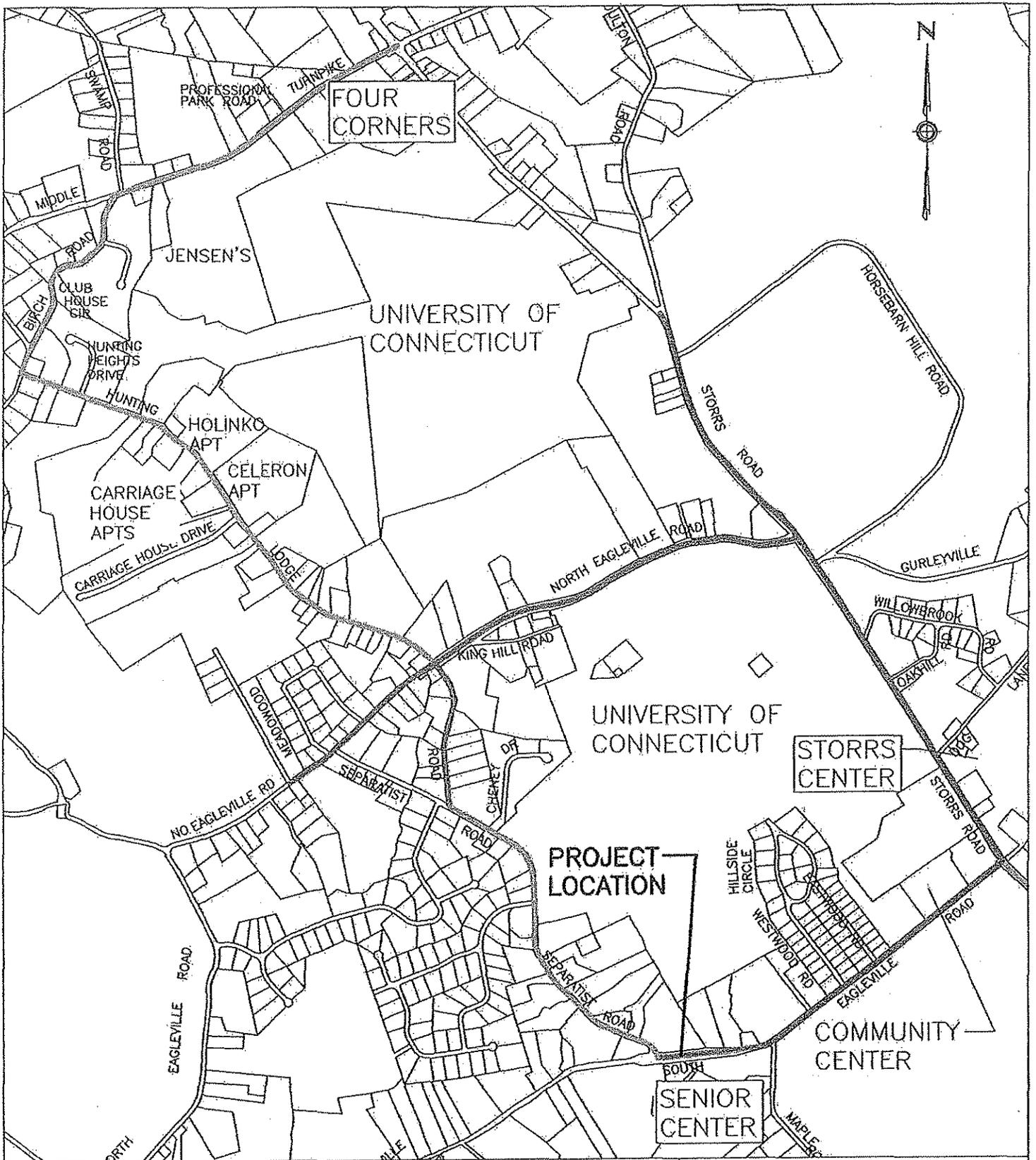
Not Applicable

9. Project Description

The Town of Mansfield, Connecticut is a diverse community that is home to the University of Connecticut at Storrs with a student population of approximately 18,000 undergraduate students and 7,900 graduate students. The presence of the University significantly increases the number residents and visitors in Town considerably during the school year. Consequently the number of vehicles increases, causing queue times from several minutes to travel Route 195 from Route 275 to Route 44 to nearly twenty to thirty minutes during rush hour. The Town of Mansfield is actively pursuing the development of a walkway/bikeway surrounding the University to provide a safe and non-vehicular method for traveling between Commercial Centers, namely Storrs Center and Four Corners. The walkway/bikeway begins at the Nash-Zimmer Intermodal Center in Storrs Center containing 12 bike lockers with showering facilities, continuing west along Route 275, north on Separatist Road, east on North Eagleville Road, north on Hunting Lodge Road, continuing on Birch Road, and east on Route 44 to its terminus in Four Corners.

The walkway/bikeway from Storrs Center to Four Corners will be approximately 4.8 miles in length, to date 4.3 miles have been constructed and maintained by the Town of Mansfield. While this entire route is not yet complete the walkway/bikeway is already heavily used by local residents and students throughout the year. The Town of Mansfield utilizes pickup trucks as part of their standard plow routes to clear snow from the walkway throughout the winter to accommodate this considerable use.

The proposed project will consist of a 5 to 8 foot wide, 1,440 foot long bituminous pavement walkway, beginning at the Separatist Road and Route 275 intersection, proceeding along the south side of Route 275 to the project end at the intersection of Route 275 and Maple Road. The project will be designed by the Town of Mansfield Engineering Division who has designed over 5.0 miles of walkway within the Town and has designed and/or inspected the entire walkway/bikeway.



**CONGESTION MITIGATION AND
AIR QUALITY GRANT APPLICATION
PEDESTRIAN BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS
SCALE: 1"=1500'**

- LEGEND**
- EXISTING BIKEWAY 
 - EXISTING WALKWAY 
 - PROPOSED BIKEWAY 

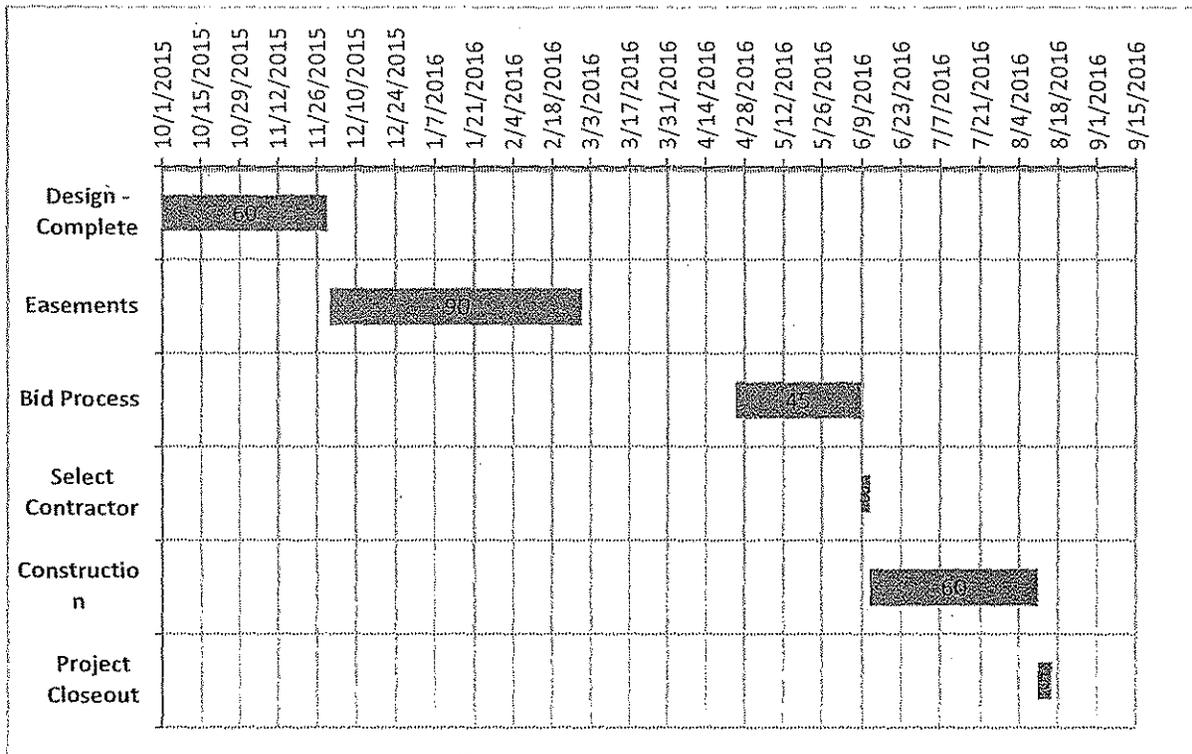
10. Operations & Maintenance Plan

This project will result in a reduction of automotive emissions and potentially reduce queue times on Route 195 for traffic traveling between the two commercial centers, as well as provide a safe biking/walking surface to patrons of the senior center as well as students continuing down Route 275. The Town is budgeting \$1,500 per year for maintenance for this portion of the bikeway/walkway to ensure snow is removed and a safe surface is maintained

11. Project Schedule

Provide the project schedule for all phases, including the start and completion dates, and project milestones. Also, provide the federal fiscal year in which each phase will begin.

A design of this project will begin in FY15/16 with Construction expected in Spring/Summer 2016.



12. Estimated Budget

Town of Mansfield DPW

South Eagleville Road - Separatist Rd to Maple Rd

5' to 8' Walk

Estimate of Cost

Rev 3/13/15 PM

Item	Description	bid unit	bid qty	Unit Price	Extended Cost
2	Earth Excavation	CY	870	\$19.00	\$16,530.00
3	Rock Excavation	CY	5	\$100.00	\$500.00
4	Cut Bitum Conc Pavement	LF	15	\$1.20	\$18.00
5	Trench Excavation 0-10 ft deep	CY	2	\$15.80	\$31.60
6	Formation of Subgrade	SY	1250	\$2.50	\$3,125.00
7	Sediment Control System	LF	1250	\$7.00	\$8,750.00
8	Rolled Granular base	CY	350	\$40.00	\$14,000.00
9	Granular fill	CY	10	\$45.00	\$450.00
10	Proceseed Aggregate Base	CY	130	\$47.20	\$6,136.00
11	Bitum Concrete Class 2	T	130	\$135.00	\$17,550.00
12	Drainage Improvements	LS	1	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
13	Sweeping for Dust Control	HR	20	\$37.60	\$752.00
14	Furnish & Place Topsoil	SY	1860	\$6.80	\$12,648.00
15	Bench	EA	1	\$2,625.00	\$2,625.00
16	Turf Establishment	SY	1860	\$1.80	\$3,348.00
17	Trafficperson	HR	2000	\$23.40	\$46,800.00
18	Barricade Warning Lights-High Intensity	days	60	\$0.80	\$48.00
19	Traffic Drum	EA	8	\$60.20	\$481.60
20	Traffic Cone	EA	10	\$17.80	\$178.00
21	Construction Barricade Type III	EA	2	\$142.00	\$284.00
22	Flashing Type Crosswalk	EA	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
23	Relocate Sign	EA	5	\$100.00	\$500.00
24	Relocate Electronic Warning Sign	EA	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
25	Pavement Markings	SF	1200	\$1.40	\$1,680.00
26	Removal of Pavement Markings	SF	20	\$0.80	\$16.00
27	Constr Signs, Type III Reflective Sheeting	SF	4	\$19.40	\$77.60

subtotal

\$186,029

1	Clearing & Grubbing	LS	1	\$10,501.25	\$10,501.25
29	Maint & Protection of Traffic	LS	1	\$17,502.08	\$17,502.08
30	Mobilization	LS	1	\$24,502.91	\$24,502.91
31	Construction Staking	LS	1	\$7,000.83	\$7,000.83

\$245,536

subtotal

Construction Admin, material testing,
inspection, contingencies, etc. -- 22% of
construction items

\$54,018

Total cost estimate:

\$299,554

Documentation of Local Match

In the Town of Mansfield's Capital Improvement Plan Budget there is \$60,000 available to support this project's construction. The Town Council is scheduled to pass a resolution supporting the expenditure of the budgetary resources to support project construction and annual operations and maintenance.

13. Project Assessment

To facilitate the air quality emission analysis and scoping for the proposed project, please provide the information requested below (as appropriate):

- a. If the project involves the **purchase of vehicles** the following must be included:

Not Applicable

- b. For **signal system updates**, please provide:

Not Applicable

- c. For **Diesel fuel particulate filters** and other **diesel retrofit** devices, please provide:

Not Applicable

- d. **Alternative Fuel Vehicles:**

Not Applicable

- e. If **additional parking spaces** or **new parking lots** are constructed near mass transit stations, provide:

Not Applicable

- f. **Incident Management:**

Not Applicable

- g. For **bicycle lockers or paths:**

- I. Location of project

The Walkway will extend from Separatist Road along the south side of Route 275 to Maple Road in Mansfield, CT.

- II. Length of facility

1,440 Feet

III. Number of potential users

600 / wk

IV. Number of lockers

12 Existing Bike Lockers

V. Survey results if available

Not Applicable

VI. Does facility have an end point in a Central Business Area?

The walkway / bikeway system connects Four Corners and Storrs Center.

h. Transit Projects:

Not Applicable

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____



Date: 3/16/2015

Name: John Carrington, P.E.

Title: Director of Public Works

Data Sheet - Prioritized Mansfield Walkways (Worksheet -- Updated August, 2012)

Priority	Road Name	Section	Length (ft)	Est cost @ \$100/ft (5 ft walkway)	Est cost @ \$150/ft (8ft bikeway)	Est Cost for Design & ROW	Adjacent Homes, Businesses & Apts			Corridor Comments
							Homes	Bus Route?	Apt Bldgs & Other	
#1 Priority -- Funded, in design or under construction	N. Eagleville Rd	Hunting Lodge to Southwood	3,500	\$350,000		\$5,000	43	Yes	12	To Northwood Apts; UConn to design & fund with Town assistance to procure easements and wetland permit

#2 Priority -- High	Route 89	Route 195 to Library	1,300	\$130,000		\$42,000	35		1	Extension of Mansfield Center walkway
2	Route 89	Library to School	2,400	\$240,000		\$68,000	30		2	Further extension of Mansfield Center walkway
2	S. Eagleville Rd.	Maple to Separatist	1,555	\$350,000		\$50,000	6	Yes	Glenn Ridge	Failed referendum Fall 2011;
2	Route 195	Big Y to Puddin La. (West Side)	2,800	\$280,000		\$80,000	30	Yes	11	Will continue sidewalk that begins at the Town line
2	Hunting Lodge Rd	Separatist to North Eagleville	2,010	\$201,000	\$281,400	\$50,000	10			Part of Town's N-S bike route
2	Hunting Lodge Rd	Birch Rd. to Goodwin School	250	\$25,000			10		2	Connects existing walkway to Goodwin School
2	Route 32	Route 31 to Vinton School	1,800	\$180,000		\$50,000	40		1	Connects Route 31 intersection to Vinton School
2	Route 32	Pleasant Valley Rd. to Price Rite Shopping Center	1740	\$174,000	\$261,000	\$50,000	10		1	WRTD bus stop @ Windham Shopping Center -- no safe Mansfield access
2	Route 195	44 to Moulton Rd	4225	\$422,500		\$80,000				2010 student design project
2	Route 195	Bassetts Bridge Rd to Puddin Lane	5600	\$560,000		\$160,000	60	Yes	3	Connects walkway from Mansf Ctr to Puddin Lane
2	Route 195	4 Corners to Holiday Mall	2,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$57,000	27	Yes	10	As per 2004 enhancement grant request. Needed for 4 corners dev.
2	Route 195	89 to Dodd Rd	900	\$90,000	\$126,000	\$60,000		Yes	1	North of Gen Store. Problem with historic fence between the road and the house.

#3 Priority -- Other	Eastwood Rd	Hillside Circ to Route 275	1,150	\$115,000		\$15,000	26			Will continue Hillside Circle walkway from campus that ends at Eastwood.
3	Conantville Rd	Pollack to rear mall entrance	760	\$76,000		\$10,000	18		27	Incl Eastbrook Condos
3	Spring Hill Rd	Maple to Davis	1,640	\$164,000		\$15,000	15			Segment on Town's N-S bike route
3	Maple Rd	Fieldstone Dr. to Spring Hill	1,100	\$110,000		\$31,000	10		10	Incl Millbrook Apts

Data Sheet - Prioritized Mansfield Walkways (Worksheet -- Updated August, 2012)

Priority	Road Name	Section	Length (ft)	Est cost @ \$100/ft (5 ft walkway)	Est cost @ \$150/ft (8ft bikeway)	Est Cost for Design & ROW	Adjacent Homes, Businesses & Apts			Corridor Comments
							Homes	Bus Route?	Apt Bldgs & Other	
3	Maple Rd	Fieldstone Dr to Davis Rd	6,500	\$650,000		\$185,000	80+		30+	Requested by Maple Rd. area residents
3	Route 195	Other pinch points	tbd							shoulder improvements
3	Bousa Road	Chaffeeville Rd to Hillcrest Rd	1320	\$132,000	\$264,000	38000	25+			Connector is now gravel
3	S. Eagleville Rd.	Separatist Rd. to Route 32					45		20 +	Recent request under review
Totals			42,550	\$4,449,500	\$1,232,400	1,046,000				

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find an application in the amount of \$4,000.00 to the State's Historic Documents Preservation Grant Program. As explained in the application, the grant funds would be used to continue a backfile conversion project for existing land records. Upon completion of the project all our land records back to approximately 1994 would be available electronically both in-house and via a portal system.

The State funds the grant program via a specific \$3.00 filing fee charged with the filing of land records, in which the Town retains \$1.00 and remits the \$2.00 balance to the state. The State Library's Office of the Public Records Administrator oversees the fund and coordinates the grant program for Connecticut municipalities.

Financial Impact

The grant program does not require a local "match" or contribution from the Town.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Town Manager to submit the grant application on behalf of the Town. If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following resolution is in order:

Resolved: That Matthew W. Hart, Mansfield Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Grant Application

Historic Documents Preservation Program

Targeted Grant FY 2016 – Mansfield CT

1. The Town of Mansfield installed the Cott operating system in April 2013. Last year's Historic Documents Preservation Grant was used to scan our land records back to June 6, 1996 (Volume 374). This year we would like to use the grant funding to continue this backfile conversion project.
2. Cott Systems will be our vendor for this project. Their duties will include the onsite scanning, evaluation and import of the records into our system. Completion of the project will be prior to June 2016.
3. This project will allow the Town of Mansfield to backfile approximately 22 land record volumes dating back to 1994. This project will provide many benefits for the Town of Mansfield including easier access to our land records both in-house and via the web portal and less wear and tear on our original documents as residents will be able to print pages directly from the index. This project marks the continuation of our efforts to make more and more of our records available electronically. Once we are trained we are planning to scan and link documents to many of our existing indexes in-house.
4. Please see the attached quote from Cott Systems.

APPLICATION
TARGETED GRANT FY 2016
 Historic Documents Preservation Program
 Connecticut Municipalities
 GP-001 (rev. 12/14)



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 Connecticut State Library
 PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR
 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106

This form may be completed and printed for submission at <http://www.ctstatelibrary.org/organizational-unit/public-records>

Name of Municipality: **Town of Mansfield**

Name of Municipal CEO: **Matthew W. Hart** **Title:** **Town Manager**

Phone with Area Code: 860-429-3336

Email: hartmw@mansfieldct.org

Name of Town Clerk: **Mary Stanton** **Title:** **Town Clerk**

Phone with Area Code: 860-429-3303

Email: stantonml@mansfieldct.org **Check if Designated Applicant:**

TC Mailing Address: 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268

MCEO Address if Different:

Grant Application Deadline: Cycle 1: April 30, 2015 Cycle 2: September 30, 2015

Grant Contract Period: The contract period begins after July 1, 2015 AND receipt of the fully executed contract. Grant projects must be completed and funds expended by June 30, 2016.

Maximum Grant Allowed:

\$3,000	Small Municipality	Population less than 25,000
\$4,000	Medium Municipality	Population between 25,000 and 99,999
\$6,500	Large Municipality	Population of 100,000 or greater

Amount Requested: \$ 4,000

Grant Category(ies):

<input type="checkbox"/> Inventory and Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization and Indexing
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage and Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation/Conservation	

Budget Summary	Grant Funds (A)	Local Funds (B)	Total Funds (A+B)
1. Consultants/Vendors (Total cost for all consultants and vendors)	\$ 4000.00	\$	\$ 4000.00
2. Equipment (Total cost for eligible items, i.e. shelving)	\$	\$	\$
3. Supplies (Total cost for eligible items, i.e. archival supplies)	\$	\$	\$
4. Town Personnel Costs (Total cost for all town personnel)	¹ \$	² \$	\$
5. Other (Please specify on a separate sheet)	\$	\$	\$
6. TOTAL	\$ 4000.00	\$	\$ 4000.00

¹ Base pay only for personnel hired directly by the municipality. Personnel costs for vendors should be listed under Consultants/Vendors.
² Personnel taxes, benefits and any overtime must be paid by the municipality if grant funds used for base pay.

Narrative Page and Supporting Documentation

- Answer the narrative questions on a separate page, numbering the answers.
- If applying for more than one project, questions 1 through 3 must address each project separately and distinctly, for example, by numbering the answers 1a and 1b, 2a and 2b, and so on.
- Answers must be provided in the applicant's own words, not by referencing the vendor's proposal.

1. **Describe the project.** Describe what will be done and why; specify the records involved, including volume numbers and dates.
2. **Identify the vendors and/or town personnel.** Include assigned duties and the timeframe for completing the work.
3. **Describe what the municipality hopes to accomplish with the grant.** Describe how the project will impact the records, the office and the municipality.
4. **Provide a detailed budget.** List the detailed expenses that make up each Budget Summary line item (Consultants/Vendors, Equipment, Supplies, and Town Personnel Costs). Specify how expenses will be split between grant and local funds, if applicable. For any Town Personnel Costs, include the job title, hourly rate, and total number of hours for each individual; also see page 12 of the Guidelines.

Note: If applying for only **one project** and using only **one vendor**, you may **omit** the detailed budget provided that the expenses are clearly indicated on the attached vendor proposal

5. **Attach supporting documentation.** For consultants/vendors, provide a copy of the proposal or quote. For direct purchases of equipment or supplies, provide a copy of the product information/pricing.

Designation of Town Clerk as Applicant

This section to be completed only if the MCEO wishes to designate the Town Clerk to make the application for the grant.

I hereby designate, _____, the Town Clerk, as the agent for making the above application.

Signature of MCEO

Date

Name and Title of MCEO

Certification of Application

This section must be signed by the applicant.

If the Town Clerk has been designated above, the Town Clerk must sign. If the Town Clerk is not designated, the MCEO must sign.

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and that all eligibility requirements as outlined in the *FY 2016 Targeted Grant Guidelines* have been met.

Signature of Applicant (MCEO or Town Clerk if Designated)

Date (must be same as or later than above date)

Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager

Name and Title of Applicant

For State Library Use Only

Grant Disposition: Approved Denied

Grant Award: \$ _____

Grant Number: _____

Signature of Public Records Administrator

Date



To: Mary Stanton, Mansfield CT Town Clerk
From: Glen A. Nemeroff, Account Executive
Date: March 10, 2015
Subject: Backfile Conversion Grant Money

Thank you for presenting Cott the opportunity to provide budgetary pricing that will enable you to make some of your historical records available electronically. This is a great step, as you are not only making your records more accessible to your constituents; you are also preserving the hard copy records forever. Cott is pleased to be a part of this major milestone.

As you apply for grant money to help fund this effort, this memo will provide the necessary support to assist you in the application process.

Project Scope

- Complete Backfile Conversion project
- Source: Onsite Scanning
- Town to apply for \$4,000 grant.

Project Deliverables

1. Cott captures images from hard copy record books.
2. Cott evaluates images for quality and completeness.
3. Cott formats the images for import into customer's Resolution3/Hosted Resolution3 land records system.
4. Cott develops import utility to load the images and link images to existing index records.
5. Cott trains staff and supports issues related to the project.
6. Unit Price is \$0.18 per image.

Project Requirements and Assumptions

- o Onsite scanning:
 - Books are loose leaf (not bound).
 - Page size is less than 11 x 17 (does not include large plats)
- o Cott is not responsible for the integrity of the index data nor is Cott responsible for correcting any anomalies with the index data. Any anomalies in the indexed data that may prevent images from properly linking will be flagged and reported to the customer in a log file during the import process.
- o The pricing is based on a special rate [multiple towns committing to do backfile scanning work with Cott]. The more towns that commit, the lower the rate.
- o The commencement of the project will be contingent on timing of when other towns commit to this effort.

This proposal is intended for use as an estimate. The town specific project deliverables and scope will be defined more firmly upon customer's request and an executable agreement between Cott and Customer will be provided.

Thank you for your interest in this service.

PLEASE NOTE: The pricing in this offer is valid through 9/10/15. After this date, this offer will be priced at the then current rate and will be subject to current costs equal to +/- 10%.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager; SGT Richard Cournoyer,
 Resident Trooper Supervisor
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Resident State Trooper Contract

Subject Matter/Background

As we discussed at the last meeting, the Town's agreement with the Connecticut State Police (CSP) expires on June 30, 2015. I have recently met with CSP command and have presented them with a draft two-year renewal agreement that seeks to expand the Town's authority with respect to the selection of personnel and caps the Town's reimbursement for salary, fringe benefits and overhead expenses at 70% of costs. I am also seeking budget notification by February 1st of each year and improved reporting on the part of the CSP.

The CSP representatives that I met with are willing to consider the Town's proposed renewal agreement but can make no commitment on costs. As you know, the Governor has proposed increasing the statutory reimbursement rate from 70 to 100% for towns participating in the resident trooper program (we are already charged 100% for overtime expenses). The Governor's proposal would impact Mansfield in a significant way and our costs would increase by approximately \$500,000 on a budget of \$1.2-\$1.3 million. Unfortunately, the resident trooper program would lose much of its competitive advantage.

Recommendation

Given the significance of this matter, I believe that the Town Council should begin to discuss service alternatives in the event that the Governor's proposal is approved. Options would include substituting town officers for troopers, reducing the number of assigned personnel or contracting with another service provider. Council could refer this issue to an ad hoc committee or review as a committee of the whole.

I look forward to your input and guidance on this important topic.

Attachments

1) M. Hart re: HB No. 6824

Testimony re House Bill No. 6824, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017, and Making Appropriations Therefor and Other Provisions Related to Revenue

**Appropriations Committee – Public Hearing
February 25, 2015**

**Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager, Town of Mansfield**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding House Bill No. 6824, specifically regarding elements of the bill that relate to the resident state trooper program. Under the bill, the reimbursement rate that participating towns would pay for the cost of the program would increase from 70% to 100% of applicable costs. This would have a significant impact on the Town of Mansfield and would increase our costs by approximately \$500,000.

The resident trooper program certainly provides a valuable service for many of Connecticut's smaller communities. With one sergeant and nine troopers, Mansfield may have the largest contingent of resident troopers in the state. We are very fortunate to have several dedicated and talented troopers working here in Mansfield and within Troop C and the Eastern District.

Like my colleagues around the state, I am concerned about this proposal and its impact on the town's operating budget. A figure of \$500,000 represents half a mill in Mansfield, and would not be easy to absorb. Therefore, the town could very well be in the position of having to reduce the number of troopers assigned to Mansfield or to go out to bid for police services. This would run counter to a police services study we completed in 2012, which recommended that the town increase its contingent of troopers from 10 to 13, recognizing the resident trooper program as the most cost effective and efficient alternative we reviewed at that time. If this provision passes, the resident trooper program would lose much of its competitiveness, especially for municipalities that have other potential service alternatives.

The resident trooper program is one of the few successful service sharing arrangements we have in Connecticut, and allows both the state and its participating municipalities to benefit from an economy of scale. The present 70% reimbursement rate is fair because resident troopers respond to calls elsewhere with their troop's jurisdiction, providing real benefits to neighboring towns that may not have the financial capacity to hire their own troopers. If participating municipalities reduce the number of troopers assigned to their towns, the state will lose revenue, response times will increase and service will decline overall.

Consequently, I encourage the committee to take a hard look at this issue in an effort to determine if other efficiencies may be realized to achieve the bill's projected savings or if other revenue sources are available.

I appreciate your consideration of this issue and am happy to take any questions you might have.

CC: State Senator Mae Flexer
State Representative Gregory Haddad
State Representative Linda Orange
Mansfield Town Council
Commissioner Dora Schriro, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Major Michael Darcy, Eastern District Commander, CT State Police
Lieutenant Scott Smith, Troop C Commander, CT State Police
Sergeant Richard Cournoyer, Mansfield Resident Trooper Supervisor
Michael Muszynski, CCM
Elizabeth Gara, COST

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager
Date: March 23, 2015
Re: Memorial Day Ceremonial Presentation Planning Subcommittee

Subject Matter/Background

Staff has placed this item on the agenda so the Council may appoint members to the planning subcommittee for the Memorial Day ceremonial presentation.

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PLEASE SUPPORT THE PLAYGROUND!

Student

We, the undersigned resident of Mansfield, petition the Town Council to provide in-kind and/or financial support for the Mansfield Community Playground so that it can be built in the Fall of 2015. We believe that this project will benefit our community by bringing people together to meet and share ideas, and we believe that it is a sound investment in the future of Mansfield.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Tom Rawlinson	434 Storrs rd.	Tom Rawlinson
Albert Arel	426 Western Hill Rd.	Albert Arel
Hannah Danoski	240 Richmond Rd. Canaan	Hannah Danoski
Emily Smith	43 Hall Hill Rd. Willington	Emily Smith
Jessie Plank	41 Lake Rd Columbia CT	Jessie Plank
Dani Bosta	16 Kent court	Dani Bosta
Yazmin Rosa	16 Lynwood rd Storrs	Yazmin Rosa
Maribel Beebe	580 Bassette Bridge Storrs	Maribel Beebe
Saskia Martinez	98 Candide Ln. 298 Mansfield	Saskia Martinez
Mary Sheber	City Rd. Mansfield Ct.	Mary Sheber
Jordan Syke	14 Mansfield	Jordan Syke
Spencer Potter	6 Pembroke Dr. Ashford 06-78	Spencer Potter
Anna Martineau	820 Mansfield City Rd. Mansfield	Anna Martineau
Hally Grimason	14 Sunset Dr Ashford Ct	Hally Grimason
Max de Leon	38 Olsen Drive Mansfield Ct	Max de Leon
Mick Cannon	61 Green Rd Willimantic CT	Mick Cannon
Zesmary Flores	Willimantic, CT	Zesmary Flores
Travis Pfl	Mansfield, CT	Travis Pfl

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Kerin Measel	23 Jared Sparks	Kerin Measel
Dyllan Bond	425 Springhill Rd	Dyllan Bond
Jenna Bernard	10 depot rd	Jenna Bernard
Daniel Truss	219 River Rd	Daniel Truss
Andrew Mikolinski	Spencer sq	Andrew Mikolinski
Josh Benton	82 Schellfield Rd	Josh Benton
Amber Muse	281 Turnpike Road	Amber Muse
Anthony Sweeney	104 Lakewood Drive	Anthony Sweeney
Nathan Hunter	119 Highland rd	Nathan Hunter
Jack Wolf	124 Dog Ln	Jack Wolf
Angela Miller	31 Magnus Drive	Angela Miller
Caitlin Gregoire	97 Luchen Rd	Caitlin Gregoire
Hannah Jean	23 Leband Rd	Hannah Jean
Hannah Mitchell	118 Pleasant Valley	Hannah Mitchell
Cassie Perrell	399 rt 87	Cassie Perrell
Yessenia Ross	16 Lynwood Rd	Yessenia Ross
Jess Robichaux	18 Russett Lane	Jess Robichaux
Jess Santos	52 Cisar Rd	Jess Santos
Chelsea Willard	48 Ference Rd	Chelsea Willard
Abi Beauregard	46 Parish Hill Rd	Abi Beauregard
Griffin Wotton	Wilmington, CT	Griffin Wotton

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NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
Madeira Kruger	568 Storrs Rd Mansfield Ctr	Madeira Kruger
Kayla Hart	50 Johnson Rd	Kayla Hart
Caitlyn Murphy	7 west st	Caitlyn Murphy
Megyn Arsellin	35 Armitage Rd	Megyn Arsellin
Alexis Haggerty	144 Meadowbrook Ln	Alexis Haggerty
Matt Mitlitsky	62 Kays Lane	Mr. Mitlitsky
Sarah Gamache	98 Bicknell Rd	Sarah Gamache
Olinia Baker	958 Storrs Rd.	Olinia Baker
Pischa Burkhardt	97 Cemetery Rd	Pischa Burkhardt
Amanda Maloney	183 Armitage Rd	Amanda Maloney
Caroline Olin	73 Lakewood Dr.	Caroline Olin
Loren Pisci	110 Bicknell Rd	Loren Pisci
Mike Silbart	7 Grange Dr.	Michael Silbart
Austin Smith	36 Highland St	Austin Smith
Hayley Gilbert	4 Luchon Rd	Hayley Gilbert
Khouri Parvayan	175 Birch Rd	Khouri Parvayan
Caleb Eichel	879 Middle Trf	Caleb Eichel
Brett Harell	29 Schofield	Brett Harell

March 5, 2015

Dear Councilor,

I am writing in full support of the effort to establish a fully accessible community playground in the town of Mansfield.

While there are excellent playgrounds at the elementary schools, these cannot be used by preschool children and their parents when school is in session. And while existing playgrounds have certain design elements to make them accessible to those with special needs, other elements render them inaccessible to many.

My wife and I have lived long in the area, but specifically moved to Mansfield because we cherish the resources available here to children and families – those established and prized by members of the community and the town Council. A new playground available year-round to those in the community, where families with young children can meet and play, and built to safely accommodate all, would fill a current need in Mansfield and be prized by many in the future.

Thank you for considering my opinions, and please keep them in mind when voting on issues of a Mansfield community playground.

Sincerely,
Edan Tulman
74 Ball Hill Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Steven Ferrigno
28 Greenfield Ln
Storrs, CT 06268

March 5th 2015

Mansfield Town Council
4 South Eagleville Rd
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Town Council:

I wanted to write to you to express my support of the proposed community playground which I understand you are taking into consideration. As a life-long resident of our town as well as a local Realtor, I think this will be a very worthwhile and valuable addition to our town.

In my role as a Realtor I am constantly in touch with buyers moving into our town from out of state. As we drive around looking at different properties, inevitably they inquire about amenities and services that the town offers. The town hall and community center are both fantastic resources and the new Downtown area is another wonderful addition that certainly fills a need and offers a lot, but I have found that families, especially those with young kids are always surprised at our lack of a public playground. While the schools do have play areas, those are more or less off limits during the school day when a parent of a toddler may be looking to get out of the house. I realize that there is a small playground down on the south end of town, but it's certainly not centrally located and definitely not as updated or comprehensive as the one being proposed here.

With the new Storrs Downtown becoming a focal point for our community, it certainly seems like locating a new, accessible and safe playground nearby would be a natural choice. The synergies of such a collaboration I think would be a welcomed addition. As the parent of a young child (14 months) I can personally appreciate the lack of a safe, modern playground area. When my wife and I get together with friends downtown, it's extremely convenient to meet for coffee at Dog Lane Café or for lunch at Moe's, but after that there's really no place for our toddlers to go and play while we chat and catch up. I think this could make a great destination for young families.

I understand that through the Playground Committee's efforts, a very sizable portion of the cost of such an undertaking has already been raised. I also understand that while significant, it's not enough to complete the full scope of the work which is part of the reason they are coming to you, for your support and assistance. I think that my sentiments about the value of this endeavor are evident in the fact that this group has raised so much money this far, and it would be a tremendous shame to see all these resources and support go to waste.

I sincerely hope you will lend your support and approval to this playground initiative as I truly believe it will be a great addition to our town and help to enhance our community. Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this project.

Sincerely,



Steven Ferrigno

Town Council
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road,
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Town Council,

I am writing in support of the proposal to allocate town assets to help build the playground this fall.

We recently relocated from Cincinnati, Ohio to Storrs, and we really miss the community parks and playgrounds that were located throughout Cincinnati. Building a playground here will encourage the community to congregate and meet each other (and our children), and will also provide a safe place for kids to be active. Additionally, a community playground would likely help our town attract new families who are thinking about moving to the area. As such, this playground would not only enhance the quality of life for Mansfield residents, but would also grow our property values. Though state and local budgets are incredibly tight, but we believe that these concrete rewards justify the expenditure.

As such, we would like to strongly encourage the Town Council to support the building of the playground.

Sincerely,



127 Dog Lane
Storrs, CT 06268

Cell: 304-777-0516
Email: alison.kohan@uconn.edu

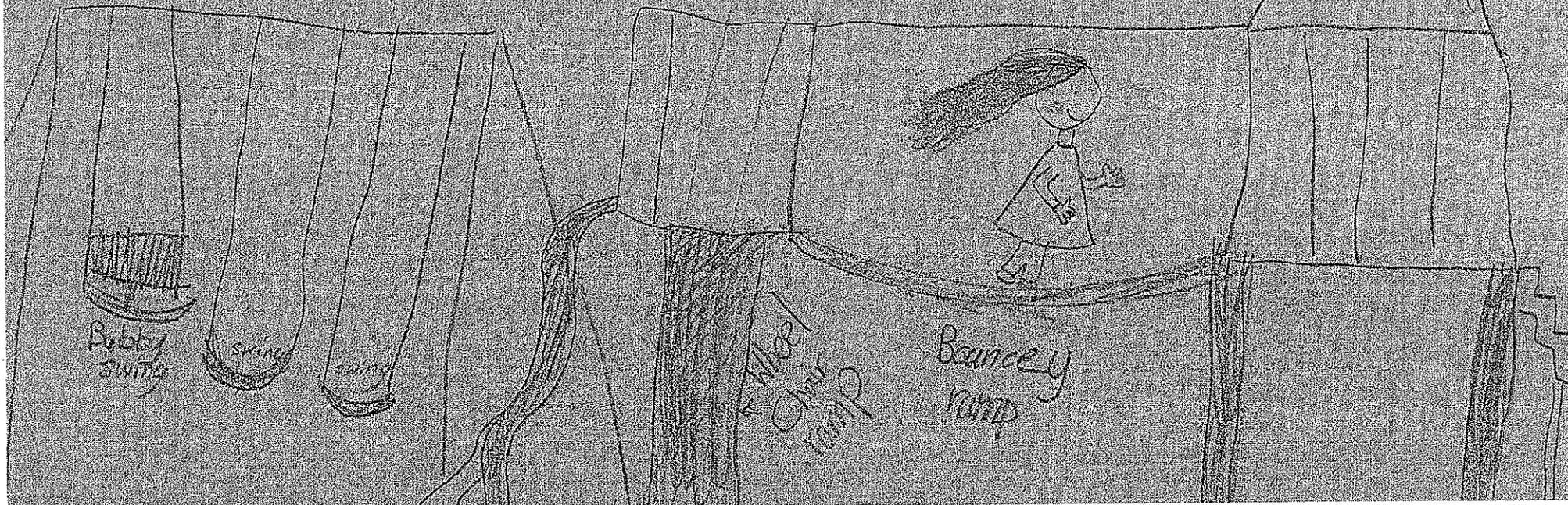
Dear Town Council,

Please support the playground.

From,

Marika Solomon Marcy

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PLEASE SUPPORT ME

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SOLD ROOM MA RUY

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3 March 2015

To the Members of the Town Council:

I write in support of the proposed playground, which will bring a much-needed play area for children of Mansfield and a place for socializing for their parents and grandparents.

We moved to Mansfield almost three years ago because of its education and family friendly policies, its excellent school system, and its supportive and involved community. We could have lived anywhere in the surrounding area, but made the choice to live here, because Mansfield offered us and our children opportunities that others towns – at the time – could not. The vibrant library social and educational programs for children are good examples of what we love about Mansfield, but the library playground is both very small, made mostly for toddlers, and not handicap-accessible.

Mansfield sorely lacks a central, outdoor (and free) place for children and families to gather for play and community, somewhere accessible to very young children during the school day. The proposed playground will fill that need, and make Mansfield even more appealing to families looking for a child-friendly town to reside in. It behooves the town to develop and support pro-family amenities and resources, and to draw families to move here, for the alternate is a town peopled with seasonal residents (UCONN students), cheap student housing, and an aging population that cannot provide an adequate tax base. Above all, we need an inclusive playground that demonstrates the values of most of those living in Mansfield.

I urge you to support this energizing and long-sighted project; it is a wise investment in Mansfield's future and necessary for handicapped children not currently served by the other playgrounds.

Cordially,

Stephen A. Ferruci
72 Beech Mountain Rd
Mansfield Center

Mary L. Stanton

From: jssidney@gmail.com on behalf of Joan Sidney <jssidney@sidneyfamily.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2015 7:51 PM
To: Town Clerk
Cc: me
Subject: Mansfield Community Town Playground

Dear Town Council Members,

As residents of Mansfield since 1972, my husband and I very strongly support the Community Town Playground Project. We wish a playground like this had been available for our for children, but at least it will exist for our grandchildren as well as the Town's children. The location by the Comunity Center is ideal.

We hope that tonight you will vote to approve this project so Mansfield can accept a major donation and break ground as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joan Seliger Sidney and Stuart Jay Sidney

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Joan Seliger Sidney

Mary L. Stanton

From: Jordana Frost <jsfrost@bu.edu>
Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2015 8:38 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Mansfield Community Playground

Dear Council Members,

My name is Jordana Frost and I am a local resident and tax payer. My husband and I are also proud parents of Emma (7 years old) and Rowan (6 years old). **We support the Mansfield Community Playground and urge you to please do the same.**

We were enticed to move to Mansfield about a year and a half ago, after learning about the town's excellent schools, the comprehensive services and facilities offered by the community center, the fabulous children's programs at the public library, the amazing local parks, and the town's commitment to smart growth balancing its charming rural nature with the cultural and business opportunities brought forth by the growing local downtown and the UCONN campus.

Before confirming our decision, we consulted the **Mansfield Advocates for Children (MAC)** website to learn more about local childcare centers, before- and after-care options, as well as other local family-friendly resources. It was as part of this journey that we discovered that Mansfield was in the process of building a community playground!

This was definitely a community where we wanted to raise our children!

Emma and Rowan have been excited about the idea of seeing this wonderful playground become reality. **They can't wait to see the rocket and the dragon slide, to have a place where they can meet up with their friends from across town for a play date, before heading downtown for a snack or meal with other families, perhaps stopping by the farmer's market on the way.**

They often talk about their role during building days. They've asked me: "should we volunteer to hand out sandwiches?" **They ran in the 5k to raise money for the playground. They participated in the local Nutcracker production to raise money for the playground. They contributed to our family's playground picket to raise money for the playground.**

Along the way, they have learned the value of becoming an engaged citizen and the power of community voice.

This is not "just another playground": it is a community-designed, community-built playground. It has come about as a result of a local survey that discovered the need for families with young children to feel more connected to each other. It has been fueled by countless families and individuals, committed citizens, and proud supporters of all ages and backgrounds.

From an **equity perspective**, this is a playground that all can access regardless of whether they have a private mode of transportation or not: it is **the only playground that will be located by a bus stop**. It is also important from an equity perspective because it will be the only local playground that is considered **highly accessible by children with disabilities**... which is important for the children, as well as for their families, who will have the opportunity to become more connected to other parents and families in town.

From a health perspective, research has shown time and time again the **health benefits coming from what we call "social capital" and "community connectedness"**, including lower rates of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and mental health disorders. The convenient location of the playground lends itself to making our town even more of a **"walkable community"** as families will find themselves walking around town from one attraction to the other... which also translates into physical and emotional well-being.

We have come so far in this process... it is time to seal the deal. **We urge you to please support your community's efforts, needs, and amazing civic energy, as we strive to teach our children value-driven leadership, and as we demonstrate to them that Mansfield is indeed a community that cares about its youngest, most vulnerable, and dare I say, most promising citizens.**

This is a video that always warms our hearts. We hope you will watch it again as you prepare to consider our appeal: <http://youtu.be/zqPTF-mIPJc>

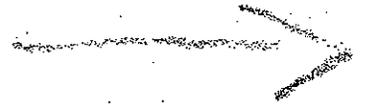
Thank you,

*Jordana and Aaron Frost
687 Browns Road
Mansfield, CT 06268*

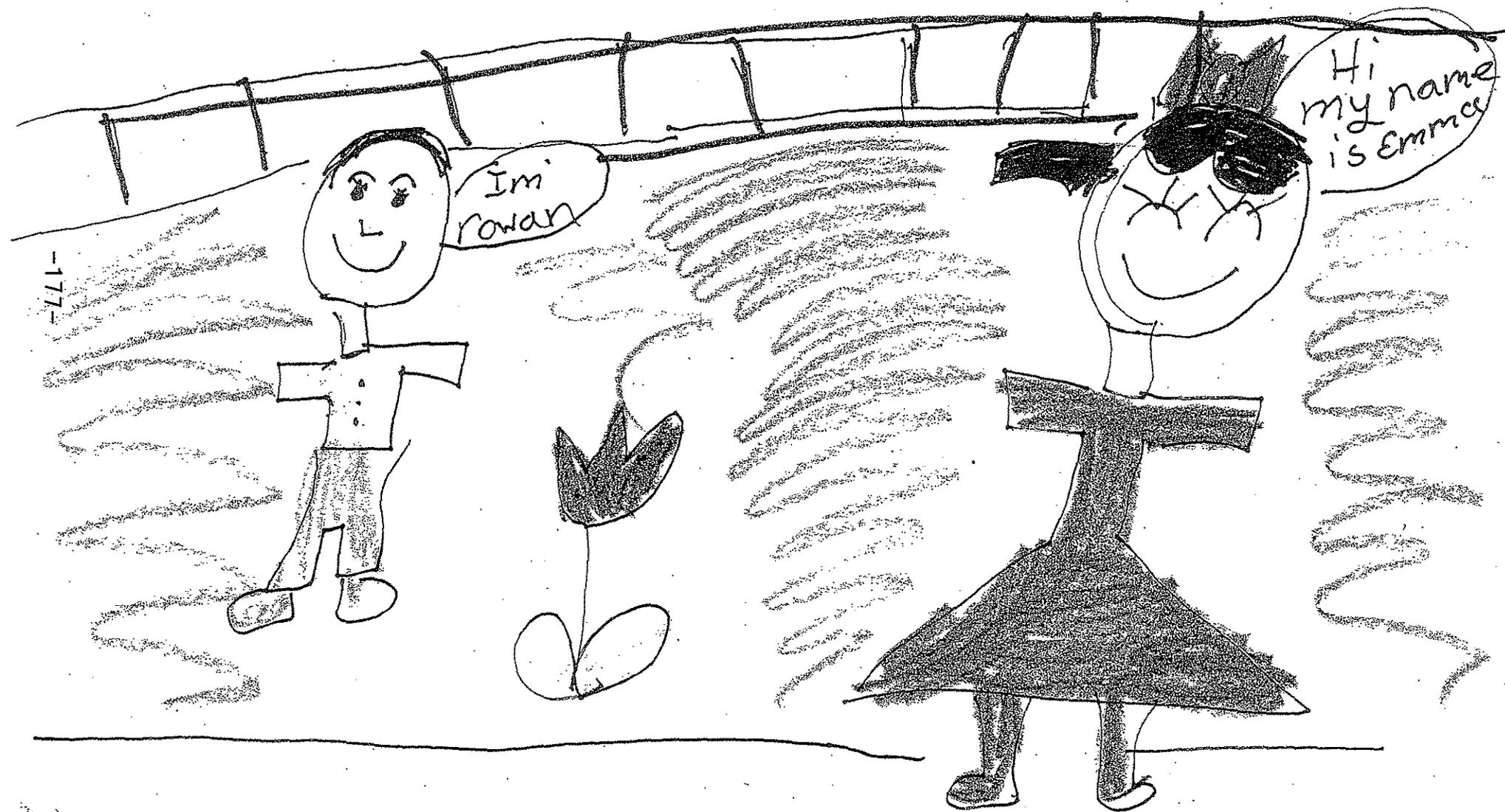
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we support the
great community
play ground because



It is a great place
to meet other people!!



Dear Mansfield Town Council,

3/6/15

I think that we should have a big playground in the town because it will be another way for the kids who don't want to play sports to get the suggested amount of ~~exercise~~ exercise. It will also provide a free, easily found, place for children to get together and have fun. Many parents wish that their children would get outside more, so we should offer a safe environment for the kids to play. So, why sit there and let your child watch TV and play video games all weekend? Let us build a playground!

Sincerely,

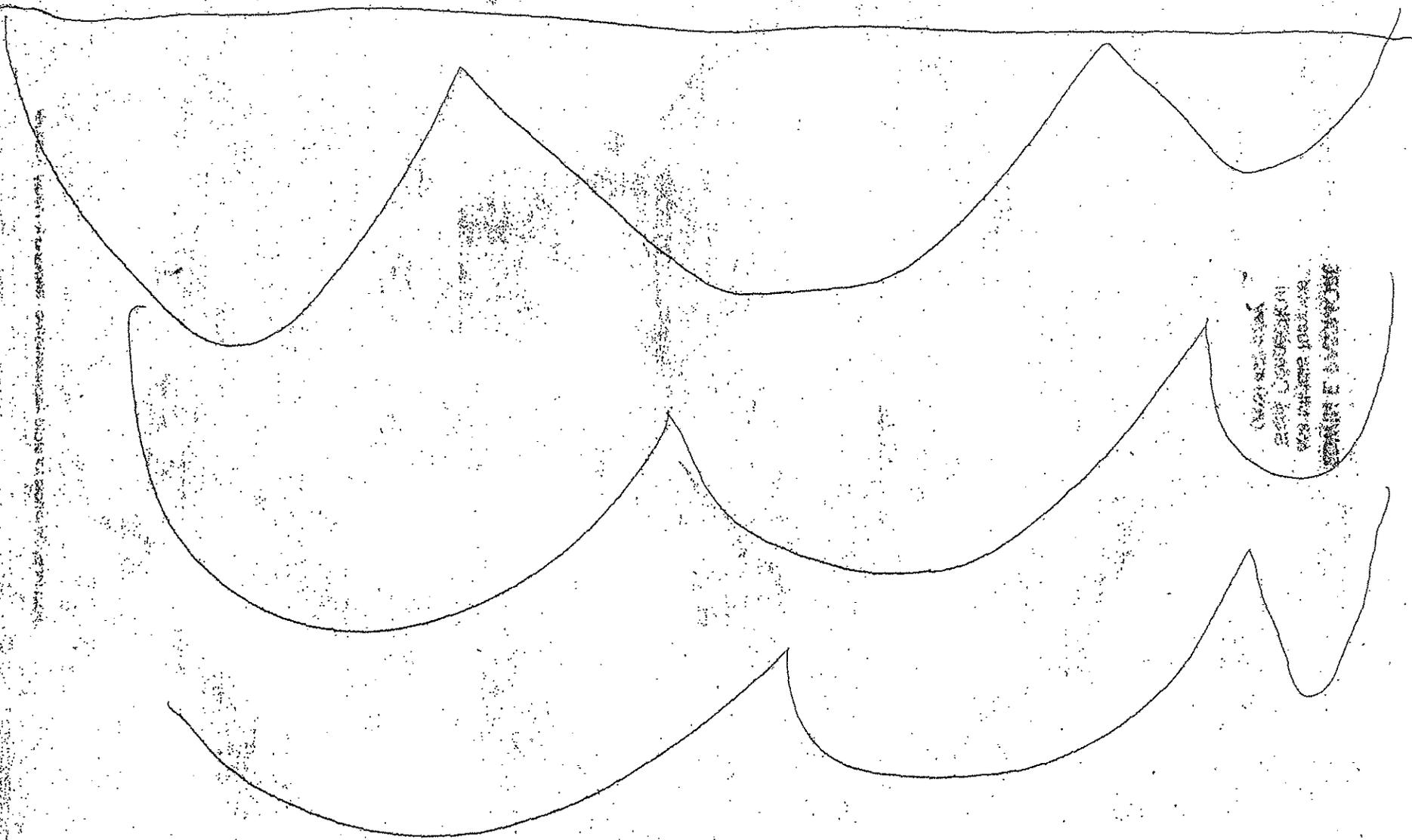
Lyndzy Passmore

Lyndzy Passmore, 7th grade student at
Mansfield Middle School.

new town council

from hantor pass more to goodwin

I want i play gird be kas it is fun to hav in the town.



Handwritten notes or a signature, possibly including the name 'GORDON' and some illegible text.

Mary L. Stanton

From: Ellen Tulman <eldonohue@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 9:14 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Mansfield Community Playground

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Pallas Wang <pallas@snet.net>
Date: Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 9:52 AM
Subject: Re: playground
To: Ellen Tulman <eldonohue@gmail.com>

We are so excited to play at new playground at community center. We have been looking for a playground that both my girls, Serena who is 9 and uses wheelchair to transfer and Ilene is 6, can " get in" and " play".

Most times all I can do just sit there with Serena and watch Ilene playing " all by herself" and Ilene can only play some of the equipment, because the grass or wood chip are not good for pushing wheelchair, so Ilene can only play the equipment that I can see her.

Moreover, most playgrounds are designed for those kids, like Ilene, nothing for Serena. They told me the new playground will have something Serena can play too. I just can not wait to take my both girls to new playground and have fun.

Peilan

This email was written by Peilan, a Mansfield resident & mother of 2 Goodwin Elementary students. It was forwarded, with her permission, by Ellen Tulman.

4 March, 2015

Dear Members of the Town Council,

I'm writing to ask you to support the construction of the Mansfield Community Playground.

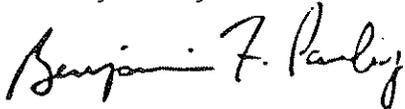
The playground will offer an important service to the children of Mansfield and their families by providing an accessible play space for children of all abilities. Moreover, the playground will be available for families to use even at times of day when most of the other play areas in town (that is, the playgrounds at the three elementary schools) are not. Just as important, the playground will provide a free place for families to meet and make the kinds of connections with others that make for a strong community.

I would also suggest that amenities of this sort are exactly what attract families to move to Mansfield and to stay. When my wife and I were considering where to move when our family outgrew our previous home, we were drawn to Mansfield by what seemed to be a commitment to being a good place for families with children: a reputation for excellent schools with programs that surrounding communities could not match, but also strong community programming at sites like the library and the community center. (Much to our realtor's consternation, we chose to pay more money for "less" house in Mansfield than we could have done in any of several surrounding towns.) I can think of many families who made similar decisions. Building this playground will make Mansfield still more attractive to families.

Although I prefer to focus on the advantages that the playground will bring once it is built, I would also urge the council to consider the possible consequences of any erosion of the town's reputation as a great community for families, particularly at a time when the undergraduate population of at the University of Connecticut is set to grow. Right now, many families choose Mansfield because they see it as the best place they can raise their children. If Mansfield cedes that reputation, families have lots of other options.

A generous contribution from the Ossen Family Foundation and the hard work of a group of committed volunteers have raised the bulk of the money needed to build the playground, and have put a top-flight facility within reach. I hope the town will seize the opportunity to extend the town's reputation for being a great place for families by helping get this important project across the finish line.

Thank you for your consideration



Benjamin Pauley
87 Lynwood Road
Storrs Mansfield

Mary L. Stanton

From: jeff smithson <proponentofplay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 7:26 AM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: YES (please) to the Playground

Salutations!

I write to express my support for the construction of the Mansfield Community Playground.

I believe that one of our greatest responsibilities as adults is to create safe spaces wherein children and community can flourish.

Play fosters discovery, development and socialization. The new and improving downtown Storrs offers many new spaces for adults. Please help create a space for the children of our community. The adults will benefit too!

Thank you,
Jeff Smithson

A few more Play quotes for you:

"Play energizes us and enlivens us. It eases our burdens. It renews our natural sense of optimism and opens us up to new possibilities."

-Stuart Brown, MD
Contemporary American psychiatrist

"Play is training for the unexpected."

-Marc Bekoff; Contemporary American biologist

"In our play we reveal what kind of people we are."

-Ovid; Roman Poet

Jeff Smithson
Play Facilitator Extraordinaire
860.450.6265
Proponent of Play

Dear Mayor Paterson and Members of the Town Council,

I am writing to convey my strongest support for the proposal raised on behalf of the mayor at the 2/23 town council meeting to allocate town funds to support the site preparation for the Mansfield Community Playground. I am a resident of Mansfield as well as a marital and family therapist that works with members of the local community. I believe that this playground is essential to establishing the sense of community that I longed for when I moved here eight years ago and will provide children and adults opportunities not just for play but also for connection.

I grew up in Chatham, a small town in New Jersey that decided to build a playground together as a community. As a young child, my job was to help wash the large tires that became part of the playground. My parents and hundreds of others in the community volunteered their time to build this playground. When the playground was completed I felt like it was mine—not just an asset that the local government provided, but something that I worked for. All those who worked together to make it a reality shared that sentiment. This playground became one of the central gathering places for our community. As a teenager we would still go to the playground to hang out. About three years ago, I returned and was sad to see that our community playground had been replaced with a standard plastic playground. Even though the playground was gone, the town paid tribute to the effort of the community that had build the playground 25 years before by including a façade of some of the old play structures in the new design.

I came to Connecticut from Athens, Georgia where the community had also come together to build a playground using the community-built model. Like the playground that has been designed for our community, the playground there was unique to Athens, and had design elements inspired by the children in the community. While I wasn't able to help build this playground, it too became a gathering place for families in the community. As a father with young children I spent many hours watching my children explore and have fun.

As a therapist I have worked with many individuals and families who long for connection and who feel alone in our community. Currently there are very few places where families can gather to connect. I am excited for the development of the new Storrs downtown and Town Green, but even this new extensive development doesn't fully offer what children and their families need—a place where kids can explore and play and parents can connect. The community playground can change that.

I sincerely hope that the town council will support this proposal and allocate the resources needed to complete this project.

Best regards,
Shayne Anderson
48 Ellise Rd.
Storrs, CT 06268

Mary L. Stanton

From: Jennifer Rose <jennrose82@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Support regarding Playground

Dear Town Council,

I write this letter in regards to the community playground that will once again be discussed tonight.

My family and I are in support of the playground. We have lived in Mansfield for almost 4 years. We have enjoyed our time here thus far and particularly the associations that we have created with others in the community.

Many describe Mansfield as a family oriented community. Although I would agree with this statement in many regards, a playground is one of the key elements that this town is missing in regards to a community that is fit to meet the needs of young families. We have children ages 8, 5 and almost 2. We frequent the elementary playgrounds, but can only use those playgrounds when school is not in session, after 6 p.m., and during weekends and summer months.

We moved to Mansfield from a Community that had multiple parks and facilities available to families. We have seen the benefits in our own lives of having a community playground, and wish for Mansfield to have those same benefits. We wish for the funds already allocated to the playground to be used for that purpose- to benefit the lives of so many families in Mansfield through a community playground.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Rose
6B Eagle Court
Storrs, CT 06268

Mary L. Stanton

From: Bent, Gary <GBent@EOSmith.org>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: community playground

I ask the town council to support the Mansfield Community Playground and to assist with funds for them to accomplish their goals. They have raised a lot of money to create this playground; the town should be able to provide some funds for ground preparation before the grant money disappears because of the time and squabbling about the playground that has gone on.

Sincerely yours,
Gary Bent

Mary L. Stanton

From: Lisa Day-Lewis <lisa.daylewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Support for playground

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to to express my support for the Town Of Mansfield to allocate funds to begin the construction of the playground to be built behind the Mansfield Community Center.

I am a resident of the Town of Eastford, but my husband works in Storrs, and we are in Storrs/Mansfield on a daily basis utilizing the community center, Community School of the Arts, and the businesses in Storrs center. In addition to benefitting Mansfield residents, the playground also will draw more visitors and shoppers from neighboring towns.

Right now the town has a great opportunity to build a wonderful playground utilizing the \$200,000 donation it has received, but that opportunity will be lost if the project is not underway in the next few months.

Please hear the requests of the people of Mansfield and others, like myself, who appreciate the greatness that Storrs/Mansfield offers, as well as the potential for it to be an even better place for children.

Sincerely,

Lisa Day-Lewis

From: Mary L. Stanton
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 9:07 AM
To: Sara-Ann Bourque
Subject: FW: thank you for supporting the playground

Here is one for the next packet

Mary

From: Susanna Cowan [<mailto:cowanconn@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 8:56 AM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: thank you for supporting the playground

To the Town Council:

I apologize that I didn't get a letter to the Town Council in time for last week's meeting, due to illness and out of town travel, but I wanted to express, after the fact, my wholehearted support for the Town of Mansfield's decision regarding the Community Playground.

I realize that other styles of playgrounds may be less expensive to site and build, but I think this playground will convey a message that Mansfield doesn't just want any playground, it wants the very best kind of playground. By that I mean a playground that is not only accessible for *all* children, but also a playground whose very design comes from sketches done by Mansfield children--a dragon slide! a dairy truck! This playground will say "Mansfield, CT." It will say we care about lighting up children's imaginations while we challenge their bodies. It will say...here's a community that cares about more than the revenue from a new shopping district and a grocery store (although those things are nice and welcome too).

This one says we invest in our community's mental and physical health--and that we're invested in our community ...not just in things that return revenue.

It shows we care.

I applaud your decision. Thank you for giving this attention and for not missing the opportunity (including grant funding) to do such a special thing. Here.

On behalf of myself, my husband, and our three school-aged children, thank you,

Susanna Cowan
85 Ball Hill Rd.
Storrs Mansfield

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March 17, 2015

Dear members of the Town Council,

We are writing to urge you to maintain the current level of programming in Mansfield Public Schools by accepting the Board of Education's request for a 4% budget increase.

When we decided to move from a nearby town in 2010, we chose Mansfield for our new home precisely because of the quality of the schools. Our assessment of the quality was not based merely by word-of-mouth or a comparison of published test scores. We looked for a school district that was committed to educating the whole child—schools where our children would learn how to problem-solve, to think critically, to understand the global world we live in, to get along with others, and to contribute to the greater good. We deliberately chose a school district that emphasized small class sizes, robust programming in the arts, and early foreign language study. We have been very pleased with daily Spanish instruction, twice weekly music classes, and art instruction offered to all Mansfield elementary students. Enrichment and the Suzuki program has also ensured that our oldest child continues to be engaged and stretched academically.

In far too many school districts, small class sizes, enrichment, PE, Spanish, and the arts have come to be considered as “extras” that can be set aside when budgets get tight. We believe this is short-sighted and can result in children who may be able to adequately complete math and reading assignments, but who will be less prepared in the long run to think creatively and flexibly—the very skills that will likely help them succeed in a rapidly changing world.

We sincerely hope that Mansfield will continue to view investing in education as critically important—both for the future of our town's children and for the value of our homes.

Please maintain the quality of our schools by supporting the proposed budget increase.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Pauley and Julia DeLapp
87 Lynwood Road
Mansfield CT 06268

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Mary L. Stanton

Item #16

From: stacieshields@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Community Playground

As Mansfield residents, we want to let you know we support the plans for the Community Playground. We have a two year old and can't wait for it to be completed so we can go play.

-The Ristau
Elizabeth Rd.
Mansfield Center

Sent from Windows Mail

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From: Elle Ouimet <elleouimet@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Town Clerk
Subject: Letter for the Monday Town Council Mtg: To the Town Council re: School Board Budget

Dear Town Council Members,

I emailed two weeks ago to encourage you to fund the new community playground, but in good conscience, I cannot let the even more urgent matter of the school board budget go without comment. I beseech you to INCREASE the school board's proposed budget. Without a school system that can maintain its excellence and reliability, that protects its children's interests and potential, we succeed at nothing.

In my letter to you regarding the playground I mentioned that its construction would encourage new families to settle in Mansfield. I fear however, that with cuts to school activities such as foreign language, enrichment, mathematics curriculum, and music, Mansfield will quickly lose concerned, tax paying citizens.

Please don't let the facet of our community that sets us apart from so many surrounding towns and cities fall by the wayside. It is by the hands of the teachers and administrators that support our schools that Mansfield has earned its reputation for excellent education - it is now on us to help them carry the weight and support their efforts.

Please INCREASE the school board's budget and allow our children to thrive!

Sincerely,

Eleanor Shoreman-Ouimet

82 Mulberry Rd
Mansfield Center, CT

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Eleanor Shoreman Ouimet, PhD
Adjunct Professor
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Department of Anthropology

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

ELIZABETH C. PATERSON, Mayor

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
MANSFIELD, CT 06268-2599
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Fax: (860) 429-6863

March 12, 2015

Mr. Michael Taylor
Taylor Management Corporation
P.O. Box 476
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On behalf of the Town of Mansfield I wish to thank you and the Taylor Management Corporation for your guarantee of \$25,000 towards equipment for the Mansfield skate park. I understand that you will be fundraising to defray this cost and appreciate your willingness to take on this initiative.

As a municipality, the Town of Mansfield may receive donations as a non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible. For your information, the Town's tax identification number is 06-6002032.

I greatly appreciate your long-term interest in this initiative and efforts to make the skate park happen. The park would not have happened without your leadership and involvement. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity and your contributions to the Mansfield community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor

CC: Town Council
Matt Hart, Town Manager
Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation

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March 18, 2015
Mr. Paul Ferri
UConn Office of Environmental Policy
31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055
Storrs, Connecticut 06269

Subject: Proposed South Campus Development

Dear Mr. Ferri:

The Mansfield Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) offer the following comments and recommendations with regard to the proposed South Campus Development (SCD). It is our understanding that UConn will be preparing a full Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) of the proposed projects included in the SCD. The issues and concerns identified in this letter should be fully examined and addressed as part of this EIE process. As the scope of the projects to be included has changed since our December 2014 comments on the scoping for the new honors residence hall, to the extent this correspondence contains additional comments, it should be considered a supplement to the December 18, 2014 letter issued by the PZC.

- **Campus Master Plan and Next Generation Connecticut Impact Study.** In March 2014, the Town requested that the campus master plan and Next Generation Connecticut Impact Study be completed prior to the construction of any future buildings related to the NextGenCT initiative other than the STEM residence hall and engineering/science building. As part of that request, we identified the need for a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation plan for the build-out of the campus that considers impacts to the local transportation network, including off-campus improvements for vehicular, pedestrian, bike and transit circulation. While a draft master plan was completed in 2014, the traffic analysis for that master plan has not yet been completed. PZC requests that UConn inform the Town of the date that this analysis will be completed as it is critical to understanding the potential impacts of UConn's growth on both state and town roads. This analysis must be completed prior to the construction of any new buildings; ideally, the traffic study should be completed prior to the preparation of an EIE for the South Campus Development to ensure that the potential impacts of the projects on the transportation network are known and appropriate mitigation measures identified.

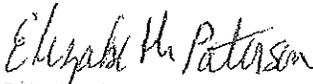
Similarly, the NextGenCT impact study is currently underway; a final report is expected in May 2015. The timing of the EIE should be coordinated with the completion of the traffic impact study to allow the information contained in the impact study to inform the EIE and any recommended mitigation measures.

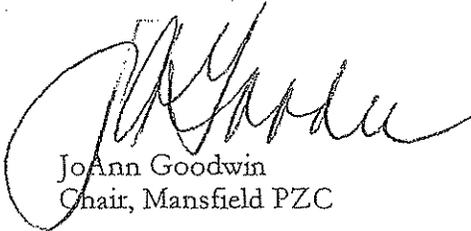
- **Transportation System.** The EIE should address specific measures that will be completed as part of this project to enhance the multi-modal transportation system and reduce off-campus transportation impacts and how such improvements will be coordinated with the overall campus master plan. Consideration should be given to off-campus bicycle and pedestrian improvements as a way to mitigate impacts on local roads.

- **Traffic Analysis.** The EIE should evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed buildings and roadway changes on local roads, as well as the state road network. While the changes are intended to improve the on-campus pedestrian network, they may push additional traffic onto local streets, including but not limited to Hillside Circle, Eastwood Road, Westwood Road, Separatist Road, Hunting Lodge Road and North Eagleville Road. The analysis should identify any necessary mitigation measures including off-campus pedestrian and bikeway improvements and be made available to the Town for review and comment prior to submission to OSTA. Furthermore, as noted in the Commission's May 2014 comments on the STEM residence hall, the EIE should identify needed mitigation measures as well as performance measures and a framework for reporting and modifying approaches as needed.
- **Parking.** The proposed improvements will result in the loss of up to 94 parking spaces. The EIE must address several issues, including:
 - Current parking capacity and demand (number of permits as compared to number of parking spaces on campus);
 - Parking policies for on-campus residents such as restrictions based on number of credit hours;
 - Net number of new beds that are being constructed as part of this project and the STEM residence hall; and
 - Replacement of the spaces over the short and long-term as well as other strategies that will be implemented with regard to use and management of on-campus parking.
- **Stormwater/Mirror Lake and Roberts Brook.** The University should identify specific measures that will be used to reduce impacts on Mirror Lake and the Fenton River/Roberts Brook watersheds. While the project area is not within the Eagleville Brook Watershed, use of Low Impact Development practices should be a focus to prevent impacts on these water bodies.
- **Cultural Resources and Visual Impact.** Given the prominent location of the proposed residence hall, design of the building should be sensitive to and complement the surrounding area. The EIE should also identify mitigation options for removal of the two structures in the University of Connecticut National Historic Register District. One mitigation measure should include working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to protect and restore the façade and exterior of the Major Joseph Storrs House (currently "Rosebrooks House") located on Route 195 opposite Moulton Road. The Major Joseph Storrs House is an early 18th century wooden structure located where the University plans its gateway and Welcome Center. Major Storrs and his family were important to the history of Mansfield. Restoration and preservation of this structure will enhance the planned gateway while preserving an important Town asset. In addition, the University should maintain the exteriors of the Cordial Storrs and Gilbert houses, as well as any other historic structures which will remain intact, in an historically appropriate manner.
- **Trees.** The scoping presentation identified the potential loss of a "Special Tree" along Mansfield Avenue as part of the construction of the residence hall. As design of the building has not been completed, consideration should be given to preserving this tree and creating a courtyard.
- **Cumulative Impacts.** All analysis completed as part of the EIE for the South Campus Development should consider the cumulative impacts of these projects and previously approved buildings that have not yet been completed, including the STEM residence hall, Science and Engineering Building and Innovation Partnership Building, as well as other projects anticipated to be under construction during the same time period.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Paterson
Mayor


JoAnn Goodwin
Chair, Mansfield PZC

Cc: Town Council
Planning and Zoning Commission

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Testimony Regarding Senate Bill No. 1, An Act Concerning Tax Fairness and
Economic Development

Item #20

Planning & Development Committee – Public Hearing
March 18, 2015

Matthew W. Hart (Town Manager)
Town of Mansfield

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 1, specifically those elements of the bill that relate to the payment in lieu of taxes program (PILOT).

Mansfield is home to the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs, with a total population of 26,543 and a year-round population closer to 13,000. Outside of the university, we are still in many ways a rural community with a limited tax base consisting of residential and some commercial properties. With state support, we are building the mixed-use Storrs Center project to serve as our downtown, and this initiative has positively impacted our grand list.

We support the intent of this bill to adequately fund and to stabilize the PILOT grant for those towns that host a significant amount of state property. With the presence of UCONN and the former Bergin Correctional Institute, we are very reliant on the PILOT grant, receiving approximately \$7.65 million in FY 2014/15 under this program. Mansfield is very unique in that the value of state-owned property, at approximately \$1.2 billion, actually exceeds the value of private property in town (our most recent grand list totals approximately \$1 billion).

Under statute, Mansfield should be receiving 45% on the assessed value of state property and the actual grant amount is closer to 24% of that figure for FY 2014/15 and is expected to decline to 22% for FY 2015/16. As detailed in the attached spreadsheet, Mansfield's PILOT grant has fluctuated over the past 10 years and has not approached the statutory calculation of 45% of assessed value. Please make no mistake; state property certainly has an impact on the host municipality. While UCONN offers many benefits to Mansfield in terms of employment, arts and culture and other university-related amenities, it also has a real impact on our municipal services, including code enforcement, community services, education, public safety and public works. To illustrate this point, we have highlighted below several municipal services that are impacted by the presence of the university:

- **Fire department/EMS** – Mansfield maintains a combination fire department with both volunteer and paid personnel. Most towns our size in Connecticut rely on a volunteer fire department with a separate EMS provider. Mansfield employs 13 full-time and 14 part-time firefighter/EMT's that respond to 1,400-1,500 calls per year, most of which are rescue or ambulance calls. If Mansfield did not host the university, with its commuting traffic and associated rental properties, our annual call volume would be much lower. Mansfield's budget for Fire and Emergency Services totals \$2,013,632 per year.
- **Housing inspection program** – Mansfield is home to approximately 1,782 rental units, the vast majority of which house tenants that are students or have a university affiliation. In order to ensure that this housing stock meets minimum safety and related standards, the town maintains a housing inspection program to license residential rental properties. Our program is very comprehensive for a small town our size, and includes the enforcement of litter and certain parking regulations. The budget for this program totals approximately \$113,000 per year.

- **Police services** – Mansfield employs the services of 10 resident state troopers, the largest municipal contingent in the state. Much of the work of the trooper's office in Mansfield involves community policing in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus and responding to large off-campus parties and events such as the former UCONN Spring Weekend. Our budget for police services totals \$1,374,220. By contrast, the town of Tolland, our neighbor to the north with a year-round population similar to Mansfield's, employs five resident troopers.
- **Road maintenance and construction** – The increased automobile and truck traffic on Mansfield roads results in a much higher annual maintenance cost for our municipal roads that carry much of the UCONN traffic. To withstand the additional traffic, these roads must be resurfaced at a higher frequency than other roads in town. Additionally, Mansfield has had to spend money on traffic calming measures on local neighborhood roads that serve as cut-through roads to the campus. The town spends thousands of dollars every year repairing vandalism on its roads near the campus and picking up litter in the off campus student-dominated neighborhoods. Mansfield provides a much higher level of service during the winter on local roads that feed the campus on event nights. Considerable extra dollars are spent by the town plowing and treating roads so that UCONN visitors will be able to get to and from winter events safely. The recently constructed roads in the new Storrs Center downtown development along the eastern edge of the campus are local roads, funded in part by Mansfield. Mansfield has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to relocate and modernize some of UCONN's water pipes in this area.
- **Walkways** – Also to provide for student (and driver) safety, Mansfield has had to construct walkways on Town roads near and adjacent to the UCONN campus. More walkways are needed near the campus for safety. Well over \$1,000,000 of Town funds (not grants) have been appropriated for these walkways.

To summarize, I ask that you support the elements of Senate Bill No. 1 that are designed to adequately fund and to stabilize the PILOT grant for municipalities that are the most significantly impacted by state property. A town like Mansfield is not going to be able to grow its grand list to a size that will adequately fund the service demands associated with a major state institution such as UCONN. As you well know, over the past two decades the state has invested billions into UCONN and it is now one of the nation's premier public institutions. In order for the state to maximize the investment that it has made in our community, it is important to ensure that the town receives an adequate and stable PILOT grant from the state.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PILOT GRANT
STATE OWNED REAL PROPERTY
GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES

October 1 Grand List	1999	2000 *	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
University of Connecticut	\$ 409,901,190	\$ 390,458,450	\$ 443,020,780	\$ 463,020,780	\$ 483,020,780	\$ 941,613,470	\$ 1,002,219,242	\$ 1,007,933,938	\$ 1,047,181,652	\$ 1,047,417,552	\$ 1,060,861,563	\$ 1,064,605,653	\$ 1,074,891,430	\$ 1,126,547,638	\$ 1,154,840,324	\$ 1,204,124,045
DOT & Right of Way													2,337,580	2,337,580	2,337,580	2,337,580
Northeast Correctional Facility	16,964,460	18,089,770	18,089,770	18,089,770	18,089,770	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976
Eastern CT State University	1,995,090	3,049,340	3,049,340	3,049,340	3,049,340	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560
Other Real Property					1,243,760	2,515,660	2,515,660	2,104,396	2,104,396	2,104,396						
Totals	\$ 428,860,740	\$ 411,597,560	\$ 464,159,890	\$ 484,159,890	\$ 505,403,650	\$ 965,378,666	\$ 1,025,984,438	\$ 1,031,287,870	\$ 1,070,535,584	\$ 1,070,771,484	\$ 1,082,111,099	\$ 1,085,855,189	\$ 1,098,478,546	\$ 1,150,134,774	\$ 1,178,427,440	\$ 1,227,711,161
Fiscal Year	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16 Projected	
Calculated PILOT Grant	\$ 5,042,759	\$ 4,880,518	\$ 5,743,979	\$ 6,523,086	\$ 7,034,461	\$ 9,561,593	\$ 10,563,536	\$ 11,077,579	\$ 12,245,857	\$ 12,388,291	\$ 12,991,826	\$ 13,271,322	\$ 13,816,114	\$ 14,465,820	\$ 14,821,671	
Actual PILOT Payment	\$ 5,055,929	\$ 4,549,319	\$ 4,797,040	\$ 6,343,657	\$ 7,703,004	\$ 7,620,956	\$ 8,020,784	\$ 8,396,689	\$ 8,055,354	\$ 7,265,843	\$ 7,058,654	\$ 7,021,354	\$ 6,784,862	\$ 7,648,878	\$ 7,275,531	
Prior Year Mill Rate	.02613	.02635	.0275	.02994	.03093	0.02201	0.02288	0.02387	0.02542	0.02571	0.02668	0.02716	0.02795	0.02795	0.02795	
Reimbursement Rate	45.12%	41.95%	37.58%	43.76%	49.28%	35.87%	34.17%	34.11%	29.60%	26.39%	24.45%	23.81%	22.10%	23.79%	22.09%	

Note 1. The Mansfield Training School Facilities have been combined with UConn Depot Campus

Note 2. Full funding equals 45% of taxes receivable

* Revaluation Year- Mansfield Training School Campus Reduced in Value

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Town of Mansfield Department of Finance

To: Matt Hart, Town Manager

From: Cherie Trahan, Director *CT*

CC: Mansfield Town Council
Amy Meriwether, Accounting Manager

Date: March 16, 2015

Re: Capital Assets Management Comment

In response to comments and criticism of the Finance Department regarding the capital asset management comment (\$7mil asset reclassification), please see the attached email communication from our auditors.

I would like the record to show that the Finance department identified the error and corrected it. The auditor's level of concern is minimal and they do not consider this a material misstatement.

We have had an Unqualified/Unmodified Opinion from two different audit firms (and multiple audit teams) and have received the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for over 25 years – 15 of which I served as Controller and 5 as the Director of Finance. The GFOA established this program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Reports submitted to the CAFR program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee (SRC), which comprises individuals with expertise in public sector financial reporting and includes financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals. For FY 2012, a total of 58 municipalities in Connecticut received this award.

We have solid closing procedures in place. In addition, every year we review those procedures with the auditors, striving to improve and strengthen them as reporting requirements and issues change over time.

Cherie Trahan

From: Vanessa Rossitto <VROSSITTO@blumshapiro.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Cherie Trahan; Amy N. Meriwether; Matthew W. Hart
Subject: FW: Management Comment re: Capitalization

Hello everyone,

I sent this email to Mike Popham, the manager, because he was in the field when this was discovered. As you can see, I sent this to him unsolicited (i.e. no background/no bias). Typically I would scrub his commentary and send back to you, however, in this case I think it is very useful.

From: Michael E. Popham
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Vanessa Rossitto
Subject: RE: Management Comment re: Capitalization

Ok Here we go!

- 1) Bin aka the Town's finance office found the items that were capitalized in error.
- 2) It was corrected by the finance office while they accumulated and summarized their capital asset records for 2014.
- 3) The impact was minimal, resulted in items that had been included as assets in 2013 being reclassified to expenses effective 2014.
- 4) The only items that were impacted were Exhibits 1 and II, the reconciliations to exhibits 3 and 4, and the capital asset footnote. No impact occurred within the fund financial statements.
 - a. I don't know what the council member means by how that report might be used as compared to our GASB statements.
- 5) No we do not consider this a material misstatement. It was a reclassification due to a subsequent review.
- 6) My level of concern about this is minimal, this was something successfully identified and addressed by the Town's control structure. We had added this comment as a recommendation such that the procedures could be strengthened to catch this item, or potentially catch similar items within the fiscal year, rather than in a subsequent year.
- 7) Just between you and I Vanessa, I think them finding this was a GOOD thing, I do agree due to the size that we needed to at least mgmt letter comment it. If most of our clients would even look at their capital assets except for adding in the fewer possible additions once a year I would be very happy ☺.

I hope that helps!

From: Vanessa Rossitto
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Michael E. Popham
Subject: FW: Management Comment re: Capitalization

Hi Mike,
Can you help me with this?

From: Cherie Trahan [<mailto:TrahanCA@MANSFIELDCT.ORG>]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 10:11 PM
To: Vanessa Rossitto

Cc: Matthew W. Hart; Amy N. Meriwether
Subject: Management Comment re: Capitalization

Hi Vanessa,

The issue of the capitalization error was discussed by a member of the Town Council this evening. Can you prepare a communication to our Town Council to clarify this issue for them? I have explained this to them, but I think a communication from you would be helpful. Specifically can you address:

1. Who "found" the error
2. When was it corrected and by whom
3. What impact it has on our GASB statement – and therefore our "books"
4. Explain which statement was affected by the error and how that report might be used as compared to our GASB statements
5. Do you consider this a material misstatement (I assume no since we have an unmodified opinion)
6. Define your level of concern regarding the misclassification and the recommendation.
7. Any other facts you can provide that will put this into perspective

I will be in the office all day tomorrow if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

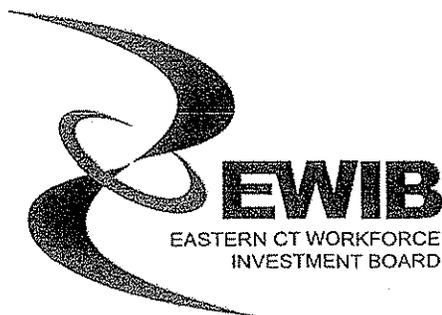
Thanks,
Cherie

Cherie Trahan
Director of Finance
Town of Mansfield
Mansfield Board of Education
Regional School District 19
4 S. Eagleville Road
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268
Phone: 860-429-3344
Fax: 860-429-6863
Email: trahanca@mansfieldct.org

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February 19, 2015

Hon. Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs-Mansfield CT 06268

Dear Mayor Paterson:

Attached is a jobs report pertaining to Mansfield residents that we think you will find interesting. The report identifies the performance of our region's four (4) Job Centers (*Danielson, New London, Norwich, and Willimantic*) in support of Mansfield residents during 2014.

Our Job Centers connected **52 Mansfield residents** to employment last year. This provides positive economic impact to the town of Mansfield via **\$1.4 Million** in direct wages from those who re-entered the labor force. Additionally, we estimate there to be another **41 jobs** created through a "multiplier" effect, a common metric used in calculating total economic impact. Combining the wages from the direct hires and multipliers, the total economic impact is **~\$2.59 Million** for the year 2014 for your residents. Our region's collective efforts to support employment activity have clearly produced meaningful results for our residents and community.

As our state and region continue to face challenging economic issues, our Board is committed to identify innovative ideas to support your residents. Thank you for your support and partnership.

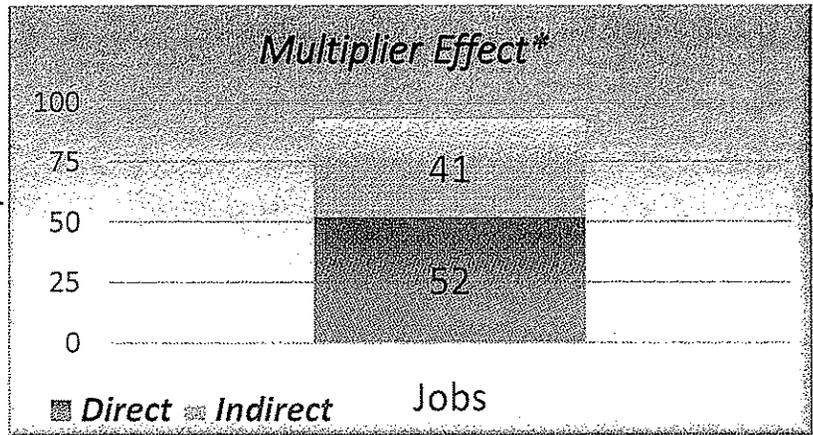
Sincerely,

John Beauregard
Executive Director

EWIB americanjobcenter

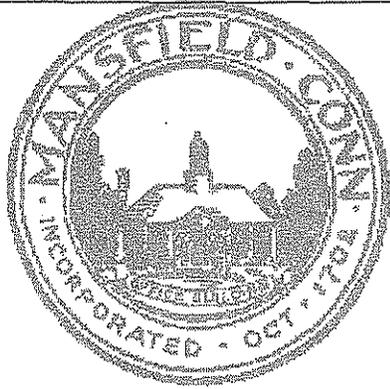
Town of Mansfield (Annual Impact) ^{EAST}

Job Center Usage:	115 people
Job Center Success:	52 secured employment
Annual Earnings:	\$27,800
Annualized Wages:	~\$1,446,000



Direct Added Jobs:	52 employed
Indirect Added Jobs:	41 employed
Total Jobs:	93 employed
Annual Earnings:	\$27,800
Annualized Wages:	~\$2,585,000

* Multiplier effect based upon an average municipal calculation



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- **Town Budget Presentation, Monday, March 30, 6:30 – 9:30 P.M., at the Town Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Winter Storrs Farmers Market at the library, Saturdays, Mar. 14 & 28, 3-5 P.M.**
- **K—8 schools are closed March 16.**
- **The Middle School presents Charlotte's Web on March 27-29.**
- **It's almost spring! April vacation camp registrations are beginning; check out Parks & Rec for Camp Mansfield and Ray Reid Soccer camp.**
- **Sign up for Wowbrary and be among the first to learn about new books, movies, and music at the library!**

Budget Meetings begin March 30.

All citizens are welcome! We urge you to attend these sessions or to take time to read budget information that will be posted on the Town's web site: www.mansfieldct.gov.

Do you have a suggestion or comment on this year's budget? We'd like to hear it! Just fill out the form and click 'submit'.

mansfieldct.org/forms/budget_suggestion.php

UConn Master Plan: Mansfield's Response

In December 2014, UConn released a draft of the proposed 20-year master plan for the Storrs campus. The Town's Conservation and Economic Development Commissions, as well as the Agriculture, Open Space Preservation, Sustainability, and Transportation Advisory Committees spent considerable time during the months of December and January reviewing the plan and identifying recommended changes on a variety of topics. The work done by these committees served as the foundation for the official comments submitted to the University by the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.

In its review, the Town commended UConn for several positive elements of the plan, including:

- A focus on infill development instead of expanding outward into the community;
- The preservation of open spaces and agricultural lands;
- The introduction of woodland corridors through campus;
- A commitment to housing 70% of undergraduate students on-campus;
- A strong emphasis on sustainability;
- The focus on multiple modes of transportation to reduce vehicle congestion both on campus and leading to campus;
- The identification of opportunities for additional housing and commercial development at the Depot Campus; and
- The potential for business growth in Mansfield as the university grows.

While the plan has many encouraging components, committees and staff also provided detailed comments on specific proposals and elements, including:

Traffic and Transportation.

We requested a stronger commitment to the use of alternative modes of transportation for staff and students commuting to campus and offered

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Public Works Update: Storrs Center Streetscape Extension



Construction of a new walkway heading south from the intersection of Rtes. 195 & 275 will be starting in the spring. It will begin at Hanks Hill Road and end at the Liberty Bank Plaza. A spur will head south on Flaherty Road from Route 195, ending at Storrs Heights Road. Pondview Construction, Inc. of Willington has been selected to construct the walkway, which should be complete in the fall. Questions? Please call Project Engineer Timothy Veillette at 429-3340.

UConn Master Plan... cont. from pg. 1

several suggestions. The Town will provide additional feedback on specific proposals after a comprehensive traffic analysis has been completed.

Parking. The plan includes an aggressive strategy to limit the amount of new parking on campus as part of its effort to increase use of transit, walking and biking connections to campus. University support of Town efforts to control parking off-campus will be needed if problems arise.

Open Space Conservation. We requested that additional details be provided on the future use and conservation of outlying parcels such as Spring Manor Farm, the Fenton Forest tract, the Agronomy Farm and Spring Hill as these areas provide significant ecological, agricultural and scenic value to the university and town.

Agriculture. Suggestions were made as to how to better integrate UConn's agricultural past with its future given the importance of agriculture to state, regional and local economies.

Sustainability. UConn's focus on sustainable initiatives provides opportunities for collaboration with the Town as we work toward our own sustainability goals as

identified in the draft Mansfield Tomorrow Plan of Conservation and Development.

Economic Development. We encouraged UConn to continue to support the development of new businesses in commercial areas adjacent to campus and to expand local purchasing programs.

Multi-Purpose/Hockey Arena. We expressed the community's opposition to the proposed location of the new arena at the intersection of Rtes. 195 and 275 and suggested alternative sites for consideration, including Depot Campus, North Campus and the area off Bolton Road near Fine Arts.

New Roadway Connection between Bolton Road and South Eagleville Road. This proposed road is a significant concern for residents in the Hillside Circle/Eastwood Road neighborhoods. Relocation of the arena may eliminate the need for this road; however, if the road is deemed necessary after a comprehensive traffic analysis, the alignment needs to be adjusted to provide a larger buffer to the neighbors. Consideration should be given to limiting access and use of the road.

Residence Hall locations. We requested that two sites identified as potential residence hall locations (Oak Hill Road and Horsebarn Hill Road) be removed from the plan given the impacts buildings would have on adjoining neighborhoods and scenic vistas.

Expansion of Athletic Facilities. We requested that the plans be updated to include event parking to minimize impacts of the expansion of sports stadiums on nearby neighborhoods.

South Gateway District (Mansfield Apartments). While the plan identifies this site as a potential location for the multi-purpose arena as well as housing, we suggested that preferred uses would be multi-family housing or mixed commercial/residential development compatible with Storrs Center and the natural setting of Moss Sanctuary.

Depot Campus. Suggestions for the redevelopment of the Depot campus included protecting agricultural and open space resources, preferred site for administrative uses and other non-student oriented facilities, and coordinating commercial components with the Town to minimize impacts on existing commercial centers.

Bone Mill Road. We advised UConn that Bone Mill Road is not appropriate as a campus gateway or connection to the Depot Campus given its narrow width and gravel surface. Needed changes to expand capacity would change the rural character and would not be supported by the Town.

We expect that UConn will be updating the draft plan over the next few months in response to comments. We will keep you posted on how the items identified above are addressed in the revised plan. More information on the plan can be found at

<http://masterplan.uconn.edu/>.

Town Hall Hours:	
Monday	8:15-4:30
Tuesday	8:15-4:30
Wednesday	8:15-4:30
Thursday	8:15-6:30
Friday	8-12



Public Hearing: Monday, March 2nd at 7 PM, in the Town Council Chambers.

Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing in the following ways:

Via email to mansfieldtomorrow@mansfieldct.org

Via mail to:

Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
c/o Department of Planning and Development
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Online: Use the link at mansfieldtomorrow.com to a digital copy of the plan that allows you to submit comments at the end of each chapter.

Only written comments received by 4 PM on Monday, March 2nd will be provided to the PZC for the hearing and included in the public hearing record.

Oral testimony will be received at the public hearing starting at 7 PM. The public hearing will end after the last speaker has been heard. However, to ensure that the Commission is able to focus on the testimony being provided, the public hearing will stop at 11 PM and be continued to another night and time if there are more speakers than can be heard by then. The hearing may be closed earlier than 11 PM. if all interested speakers have been heard.

If you can't make it to the March hearing, there will be another hearing on April 6.

Organic Land Care Workshop Series

Organic Lawns

Saturday, Mar. 14, 10-11:30 AM (register by Mar. 11)
Learn how to create a lush, healthy yard without the use of pesticides, herbicides and synthetic fertilizers from accredited organic land care professional Rick Brosseau of Milrick Lawn Service.

Rain Gardens/Rain Harvesting

Saturday, Mar. 28, 10-11 AM (register by Mar. 25)
Explore the water resources on your property and learn interesting ways to use them. Learn about the benefits of rain barrels and how to create a landscaped rain garden from Jean Pillo, Coordinator for the Thames River Basin Partnership.



To register, call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org.

Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold meetings at Town Hall on Tuesdays, March 3, 17 & 24 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM; Saturdays, March 7 & 21, from 9 – 12 and 1 – 4 PM. They will hear appeals on assessments for the October 1, 2014 Real Estate and Personal Property Grand Lists, as well as the October 1, 2013 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Grand List. If you want to file an appeal, please contact the Assessor's Office at 429-3311 or visit www.mansfieldct.gov for more information.

Compost Collection Containers Available

Two gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$16.00 through the Town. Since they were purchased in bulk, we can pass along a modest savings to you. Call 860-429-3333 or e-mail waltonvd@mansfieldct.org if you would like to purchase one.

Kill-A-Watt Meters Available

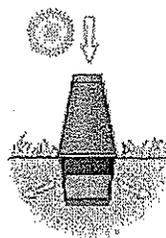
Inefficient appliances can be a significant contributor to your electric bill. Kill-A-Watt meters are a useful tool for showing how much electricity an appliance uses. Simply plug it into the outlet and the appliance into the meter. The Town has Kill-A-Watt meters available for loan. To borrow one call 860-429-3333.



Compost Bin Pre-Order Sale

This spring the Town is offering residents the opportunity to purchase compost bins at a discounted price. The sale ends March 20, and all checks must be received by then. The composters will be available to pick up at the Town Hall in early April.

The *Garden Gourmet* bin is designed to hold a typical household's food scraps. The finished compost can be retrieved through the bottom door. The cost is \$52.



The *Green Cone* bin is an ideal compost container for those who want a way to compost food scraps (including meat and bones) but have no need for the finished compost. Required is a sunny spot with good drainage above the water table. The cost is \$92.

For more information, call Virginia Walton, 429-3333 or visit www.mansfieldct.gov/trash.

March Events and Activities in Mansfield

Parks and Recreation

Winterium

An Exciting Musical Gala

Sunday, Mar. 8, 2-4 PM
CSA will present a musical gala in the von der Mehden Recital Hall. Enchanting theatrical production that includes music, puppets, drumming, and movement!

Winter Family Fun Nights!

Friday, Mar. 13, 4:30-7:30 PM
at the Community Center.
Giant inflatables, ping pong, tot toys, puzzles, open gym & more!
No registration is required.

Free Mansfield Day

Friday, Mar. 13, 6:30-9:30 PM
Have you been wondering what all the excitement is about at the Mansfield Community Center? Well, if you're a Mansfield resident you can find out for FREE.

Recreation Rescue

Monday, Mar. 16, 7:30-5:30
For children in grades K-8, games and activities. **The New England Air Museum** presents the story of aviation, the human genius that made it possible, and the profound effect that it has had on the way in which we live.

Parents'/Kids' Night Out

Saturday, Mar. 21, 3:30-7:30 PM
Drop the kids off for some supervised fun.
Pizza and drinks will be served.
\$20 for Mansfield residents,
\$30 for non-residents.

Mansfield Public Library

Music & Movement at Wonderful Wednesdays

Mar. 4, 11, 25, April 1; 10:30 AM
We'll start with a musical story and continue on with half an hour of musical instruments, rhythm, singing and movement. There will be time after the class for casual play with instruments, as well as coloring and playdough.

What is Hospice Volunteering?

Thursday, Mar. 5, 6:30 PM
Learn about the pioneers of hospice care, hospice's team approach to care, the individuals we serve, and the responsibilities of hospice volunteers. All are welcome.

Ireland to America

Concert by Roger Tincknell
Friday, Mar. 13, 6:30-7:30 PM
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at this special concert of beautiful ballads and lively sing-alongs. Kids, you might even learn a little step-dancing! For school aged children and up, with no limit to the up. Adults, it's OK to come without kids, there's something for everyone in this program!

Seuss and St. Patrick

Monday, Mar. 16, 1:30-3:00 PM
What do Dr. Seuss and St. Patrick's Day have in common? The color green! Come listen to *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and enjoy crafts inspired by the color green and St. Patrick's Day. Make a green on green picture with crayons and paint, a sparkly shamrock painting, or create something out of "oobleck." All ages welcome.

Mansfield Senior Center

AARP Tax-Aid

Mondays and Wednesdays
Free service for local seniors.
Please call 860-429-0262 ext 0.
Morning and afternoon appointments available.

FoodShare

Thursday, Mar. 5 & 19, 11:30 AM
Wrights Way back Parking Lot.
No registration necessary. Please bring your shopping bags.

Overdrive eBook & Audiobook Training

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 10 AM
Learn how to download eBooks on your personal device. Peggy from the library will walk you through it, bring your device.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Friday, Mar. 13, 12 PM
Corned beef and cabbage meal.
The Ringrose and Freeman Celtic musicians for entertainment. Cost: \$7.00, sign up by March 2.

Third Wed. MSCA Event

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 12 PM
Meatloaf meal and **Motion Man** for entertainment. Cost: \$5.00.
Please call 860-429-0262 ext 0 to register by March 10.

Senior Van Trips

Call 860-429-0262 ext 0.

Tuesday, Mar. 3

Timex Watch Museum,

Tuesday, Mar 10

New Britain Museum of Art

Wednesday, Mar. 25

Norman Rockwell Museum

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268
mansfieldct.gov 860.429.3336

