

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 15, 2015

Deputy Mayor Paul Shapiro 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, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt
Excused: Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Raymond, who abstained. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Raymond who abstained.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to move Item 3, Introduction of Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Mansfield Schools, immediately following public comments. The motion passed unanimously

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments offered.

Deputy Mayor Shapiro requested the Council continue with their agenda as Ms. Lyman was en route. By consensus the Council agreed.

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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

- The Town Manager offered condolences to Doryann Plante and her family on the passing of Peter Plante, noting that Peter contributed to the Town in many ways, including years of service as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner.
- The Senior Center is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with many special events planned.
- The Town Manager will schedule a session with the Council to discuss the ongoing firefighters' contract negotiations.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members discussed the schedule for the Celebrate Mansfield Parade. Mr. Kegler and Mr. Kochenburger outlined the plans for the Committee on Committees volunteer recruitment and recognition booth at the festival.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager reported that the last 3 residential units in Phase 3 of Storrs Center are expected to receive their Certificate of Occupancy approvals on

Wednesday September 16, 2015. The commercial and retail sites will be built out over the next few months and repairs to the roads will be made by the developers. Mr. Hart commented that adjustments continue to be made to the parking plans for Storrs Center and a tax analysis, at full build out, will be provided to the Council later this fall.

2. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

Mr. Hart commended staff for their quick and inclusive actions regarding water usage alerts. The restrictions remain in effect until further notice. Mr. Hart also noted that the EIE for the Four Corners Sewer Project has been submitted to DEEP and outlined the process, including opportunities for public comments, going forward.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Introduction of Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Mansfield Schools

Ms. Lyman introduced herself to Council members and briefly described the hiring process which led both Ms. Lyman and the Town to conclude that it would be a good fit. Ms. Lyman is enjoying her new position and is looking forward to working with the Town Council.

4. Proclamation Honoring the Town of Tolland's 300th Anniversary Celebration

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation Honoring the Town of Tolland's 300th Anniversary Celebration (Proclamation attached)

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2015

Mr. Marcellino requested a copy of the plan be sent to the Sustainability Committee and the Climate Action Task Force and moved that the reading of the motion as found beginning on page 15 of the September 15, 2015 Town Council Packet be waived in order to proceed to the motion as presented.

Hearing no objections the Deputy Mayor waived the reading of the motion and entertained Mr. Marcellino's motion which was seconded by Mr. Ryan. The motion, as referenced, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has historically experienced damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g. dam failure, drought, earthquakes, flooding, hurricanes, ice jams, severe winter storms, thunderstorms, tornadoes and wildfires) resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS the Town of Mansfield has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its hazard mitigation plan update entitled Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2015 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between January 2013 and March 2014 regarding the development and review of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Mansfield, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Mansfield eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it RESOLVED by the Mansfield Town Council:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Mansfield;
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution; and
4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Town Council by the Emergency Management Director.

In accordance with Section C303 (B) of the Town Charter, the Town of Mansfield Town Council hereby adopts the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council members discussed the importance of forwarding the approved Plan to the Sustainability Committee and the Climate Action Task Force so that they will be aware of its contents.

6. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2015

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee moved, effective September 15, 2015, to accept the Financial Statements dated June 30, 2015.

Mr. Ryan commented that the Committee has concerns regarding the Health Insurance Fund and will continue to monitor its status.

The motion passed unanimously

7. Year End Budget Transfers & Appropriations for FY 2014/15

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to table this item until the Town Council meeting immediately following the next Finance Committee meeting which discusses this issue.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Capital Improvement Program Closeouts/Adjustments

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to table this item until the Town Council meeting immediately following the next Finance Committee meeting which discusses this issue.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Kochenburger, Committee on Committees Chair, reported that the Committee will be meeting on September 18, 2015.

Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported the Town Manager's evaluation will be discussed in the executive session scheduled for later in the meeting.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORT

No comments offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to enter into executive session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(D) and Personnel in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(a). The Town Manager will be included in the first discussion of open space. The 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, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

Also included: Town Manager Matt Hart

Personnel in accordance with CGS§1-200(6) (a)

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

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened in regular session. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Kegler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

September 15, 2015



Town of Mansfield

Proclamation Honoring the Town of Tolland's 300th Anniversary Celebration

Whereas, Tolland was settled in 1715 as Connecticut's 49th chartered town; and

Whereas, the Tolland Green Historic district was placed on the National Register in June 1997; and

Whereas, a new courthouse was erected on the Tolland Green in 1822 and is recognized as one of five early civic architectural constructs in the State of Connecticut; and

Whereas, the Town of Tolland is rich with Civil War era history and artifacts; and

Whereas, the Town of Tolland maintains and operates three museums in historical buildings - the Daniel Benton Homestead (1720), the Old Tolland County Jail and Museum (1856), and the Old Tolland County Court House (1822); and

Whereas, the Town of Tolland was known historically as the region's county seat and has always been a good friend and neighbor to its adjoining municipalities; and

Whereas, the Town of Tolland has been named three times in the past 10 years by CNN/Money Magazine as one of the top 40 places to live in America; and

Whereas, today the Town of Tolland is a vibrant community boasting beautiful conservation areas, farmland and parks, attractive neighborhoods and commercial areas, award-winning schools and municipal programs, and an excellent quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor, on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of Mansfield issue this proclamation in honor of the Town of Tolland's 300th anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 15th day of September in the year 2015.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor
Town of Mansfield