

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
September 28, 2015

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

- I. ROLL CALL  
Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt
  
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting, as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mayor Paterson who abstained.
  
- III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL  
Bruce Clouette, Woodland Road resident and representing the Executive Council of the Mansfield Historical Society, explained the Society's request for assistance in meeting the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation's local match requirement for a condition assessment on the Town owned building they currently occupy. (Statement attached)  
Brian Coleman, Centre Street, warned the Town Council of the impact a number of difficult economic situations will have on the State and consequently our local budget. Mr. Coleman also expressed support for the ordinance regarding the storage, disposal and use of fracking waste which is on tonight's agenda.  
Gary Bent, Mansfield Hollow Road, speaking for Eastern Green Action urged support and quick action on the petition for an ordinance regarding fracking waste.  
Peter Millman, Dog Lane, urged positive consideration of the proposed ordinance and asked Council members to access wastefreect.org to view a list of the organizations who are in support of these types of ordinances.
  
- IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER  
Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola reviewed the highlights of the Town Manager's Report.
  
- V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Mayor Paterson commented on the extremely successful Celebrate Mansfield Festival which featured 124 business and organization supporters, over 250 volunteers and approximately 4,000 attendees. Mayor Paterson thanked the Community for their support and participation.
  
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  1. Year End Budget Transfers & Appropriations for FY 2014/15  
Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, offered the following resolution:

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Resolved, effective September 28, 2015, to adopt the Yearend Budget Transfers and Appropriation for FY 2014/15, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated September 10, 2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Capital Improvement Program Closeouts/Adjustments

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee moved, effective September 28, 2015, to approve the adjustments to the Capital Projects fund as of June 30, 2015, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated September 10, 2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Proclamation in Honor of the Mansfield's Senior Center's 40th Anniversary

Mr. Marcellino moved and Ms. Moran seconded, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of the Mansfield Senior Center's 40th Anniversary. (Proclamation attached)

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Proclamation Designating October 4-10, 2015 as Mental Illness Awareness Week

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective September 28, 2015, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the Week of October 4-10, 2015 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

(Proclamation attached)

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Petition for an Ordinance Regarding the Storage, Disposal or Use of Fracking Waste or any Derivative Thereof in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Raymond seconded, effective, September 28, 2015, to refer the proposed ordinance regarding "The Storage, Disposal, or Use of Fracking Waste or any Derivative Thereof in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut" to the Town Attorney for review.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective September 28, 2015, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on October 13, 2015, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed ordinance regarding "The Storage, Disposal, or Use of Fracking Waste or any Derivative Thereof in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut."

Motion passed unanimously.

Council members requested the following information be presented in conjunction with the public hearing:

- A report from the Director of Public Works regarding the Town's ability to ensure that products used on the Town's road comply with the ordinance
- Assurance that nothing in the proposed ordinance would prohibit fracking in the process of installing a regular water well

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- Information on existing and future plans of both UConn and DEEP regarding the use of any fracking waste or derivative thereof on roads in Mansfield under their control
- Information on the operation of UConn's water treatment plant with regards to the use of any fracking waste or derivative thereof.

6. Mansfield Historical Society Request for Matching Funds for CTHP Technical Assistance Grant

Mr. Kegler moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolved, to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 from the Capital Fund Deferred Maintenance Account as the match for an Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation; this appropriation is conditional upon the Mansfield Historical Society applying for and receiving the grant.

By consensus the Council agreed to invite Mr. Clouette to the table for the purpose of answering questions.

Ms. Wassmundt moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to amend the motion to appropriate \$15,000, the entire amount of the required match.

The motion to amend the motion passed unanimously.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

7. FY 2015/16 Compensation and Benefits Adjustments for Non-union Personnel  
Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee moved, effective September 28, 2015 to approve the proposed changes in wages for non-union regular staff, effective July 1, 2015, and for health insurance premiums, effective with the October 21, 2015 payroll.

Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola recused herself from any discussion on the compensation and benefits adjustments as she is a non-union staff member, but will be available to answer questions of fact.

Council members discussed the compensation structure for non-union personnel.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to call the question. The motion to call the question passed with Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Shapiro in favor and Kegler, Kochenburger, Raymond and Wassmundt in opposition.

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

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

No comments offered

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Peter Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee on Committees, moved the recommendation of the reappointments of Bettejane Karnes and Wilfred Bigl to the Commission on Aging for terms ending on September 30, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kochenburger reported on the Committee's successful booth at the Festival and thanked Councilor Kegler and the Town Clerk for their efforts.

X. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORT

No comment offered.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. W. Bigl re: Mansfield Commission on Aging

9. G. Bent re: Fact Sheet on Fracking Waste

10. D. Whitehead re: Progressive Care Unit at Windham Hospital

11. D. Manning re: Town Support of United Services

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(a), Town Manager Performance Review. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(a), Town Manager Performance Review

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened in regular session. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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Dear Members of the Town Council:

The Mansfield Historical Society has asked the Town to commit funds for a Conditions Assessment of two Town-owned buildings at 954 Storrs Road: the Old Town Hall, built in 1843 as a place to hold town meetings, and the Town Office Building, built in 1935 for administrative offices. These buildings served the Town until the end of the 1970s, when the building we are in tonight was converted for Town offices. In 1980, the Mansfield Historical Society began leasing the Storrs Road property from the Town and currently uses both buildings for its museum exhibits, collection storage, library, and offices.

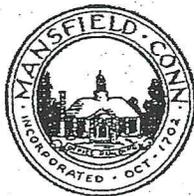
The Mansfield Historical Society is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "discover, collect, and preserve whatever pertains to the history of the town of Mansfield and the surrounding area." We typically put on two new exhibits every year and present at least four programs on various historical topics. This year, we are undertaking a "Museum Box" outreach program in which objects from the Society's collections are made available for use in the schools. We are also in the process of organizing a walking tour for next month which will allow people inside the Kirby Mill, the new hydro facility, and the flood-control dam at Mansfield Hollow. The Society has about 300 dues-paying members.

Over the years, the buildings occupied by the Society have developed condition problems, including failing paint and water damage, and there is a lack of handicap accessibility. The Society would like to partner with the Town in addressing these issues and hopes to apply for grants that will help defray the costs of necessary repairs. As a first step, a Conditions Assessment is needed to identify, prioritize, and estimate costs for the work items. The Society is planning to apply for a grant of approximately \$15,000 from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to carry out the Conditions Assessment, for a total cost of about \$30,000. In order to apply, we need to identify a source of 50-50 matching funds. The motion on your agenda tonight would provide half of the local match for the Conditions Assessment.

We know that the town is going to undertake a comprehensive survey of all town-owned buildings sometime in the near future, but in order to get going with grant applications, the Society feels it cannot wait without further risk to the buildings and the Society's collections and programs. The information, site plan, and floor plans produced by the Conditions Assessment will no doubt be useful for the town's larger project.

Thank you for considering our request.

BRUCE CLOUETTE, Mansfield Historical Society Executive Council Member  
483 Woodland Road



*Town of Mansfield*

*Proclamation in Honor of the Mansfield's Senior Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Whereas*, in 1974 a small group of dedicated Mansfield Residents started a conversation about the elderly in Mansfield; and

*Whereas*, the Mansfield Senior Center opened on September 14, 1975 in the then vacant Storrs Grammar School, now the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building; and

*Whereas*, the community celebrated the grand opening of the current Senior Center on February 10, 1980; and

*Whereas*, we honor all of the volunteers who forty years ago had the insight and energy to create the Mansfield Senior Center, and the Mansfield Senior Center Association; and

*Whereas*, what started as a conversation has grown into a wonderful community resource with a wide variety of social, recreational, and enrichment programs; and

*Whereas*, over the last 40 years, the Mansfield Senior Center has always been a place where seniors learn, grow, laugh, and connect with each other; and

*Whereas*, the Mansfield Senior Center will be hosting numerous special events in recognition of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of Mansfield issue this proclamation in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mansfield Senior Center.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this September 28, in the year 2015.

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Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor  
Town of Mansfield  
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*Town of Mansfield  
Proclamation Designating October 4– 10, 2015 as Mental Illness Awareness Week*

*Whereas*, mental health is part of an individual's overall health and wellness; and

*Whereas*, one in five adults experiences a mental health problem in any given year and one in 17 adults lives with mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia; and

*Whereas*, approximately one-half of those with chronic mental illness experience symptoms by the age of 14 and three-quarters by the age of 24; and

*Whereas*, long delays- sometimes decades- often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when the individuals get help; and early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

*Whereas*, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

*Whereas*, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the fear, ignorance and shame that for too long have surrounded mental illness, and discouraged people from getting help; and

*Whereas*, public education and civic activities can demystify mental health issues, promote early intervention, and help to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, hereby proclaim October 4 through October 10, 2015 as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in Mansfield, Connecticut to increase public understanding of the importance of mental health and to promote identification and treatment of mental illnesses.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens, businesses, schools, and community organizations are encouraged to recognize Mental Illness Awareness Week by promoting mental health awareness activities, and by participating in the grassroots activities of the Eastern Regional Mental Health Board, to make their communities' mental health needs known to the decision-makers of the State of Connecticut.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2015.

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Elizabeth C. Paterson  
Mayor, Town of Mansfield  
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