

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
June 27, 2016

Mayor Paul M. Shapiro called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro  
Excused: Peter Kochenburger

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Marcellino who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Alison Hilding, Southwood Road and member of the State Council of Environmental Quality but speaking as an individual, asked the Council to address the idea of bringing water from the Shenipsit Lake to a potential brew pub in Town, the product of which would be sold elsewhere. Ms. Hilding also noted that DEEP is accepting comments on the integrated town water plans and asked the Council to request DEEP include the Nelson Brook, Weaver Brook and Cedar Swamp Brook in their next plan. (Handouts regarding draft alcohol and live music regulations and SB 422 will be included in the July 11, 2016 Town Council packet as communications. A copy of the Willimantic River Watershed Summary and various documents on the Willimantic Watershed, Eagleville Brook land Cedar Swamp Brook are filed with the June 27, 2016 Town Council packet in the Town Clerk's office)

Gary Bent, Mansfield Hollow Road, updated the Council on the infusion station proposed for Andover. Mr. Bent noted that a problem with the turning radius into the driveway caused the applicant to withdraw the application but expects that the application will be resubmitted. Mr. Bent is in favor of the Route 6 safety study.

Peter Millman, Dog Lane, echoed Mr. Bent's comments calling the proposed infusion station both dangerous and unnecessary especially give the most recent report of the Governor's Council on Energy which downplayed the state's reliance on natural gas.

Thomas Briggs, Foster Drive Windham, asked the Council to reconsider the vote to end the Mansfield Fare Free program. (Statement included as a communication in the July 11, 2016 Town Council packet)

IV. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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

- Clarified, in response to Councilors' questions, that a person affiliated with UConn who lives in Mansfield and meets the income criteria is eligible for a bus pass.
- The Town Manager will try to schedule a special meeting of the Council to complete the discussion of Town Council Goals.

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- Announced that on July 11, 2016 representatives of Masonicare will be attending a luncheon at the Senior Center and a 6:00 p.m. special meeting of the Council.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Shapiro reported that he participated in the inaugural meeting of the Willington/Mansfield Task Force regarding K-8 Education in Willington. The Mayor commented that it will be a long hard process to look at all the issues but that this was a good first step to see if there is common ground in an effort to provide the best education for all students.

Mr. Shaiken reported that he, Mayor Shapiro, Councilor Marcellino and Town Manager Matt Hart attended the June 23, 2016 vigil memorializing the victims of the Orlando attack.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No items of old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation Designating the Month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective June 27, 2016, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the Month of July as National Parks and Recreation Month.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Outdoor Wood Furnaces

Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective June 27, 2016, to refer the consideration of a ban against outdoor wood furnaces to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its review and consideration.

Ms. Keane offered an amendment eliminating the words, "...the consideration of a ban against..." and substituting, "...consideration of the regulation of..."

Mr. Shaiken and Ms. Moran accepted the change as a friendly amendment.

Councilors discussed the role of the Council, the health effects of these stoves on the general population, and the current use within the Town.

The amended motion passed with all in favor except Keane, Raymond and Sargent who voted in opposition.

3. Petition to Ensure the Safety of Route 6

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Sargent seconded, effective June 27, 2016, to:

1) request that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) conduct a safety study of the operation of the infusion station to be proposed by Global CNG Holdings (also known as Pentagon Energy);

2) request that Mansfield's state representatives request the same from the CTDOT; and

3) refer the matter to the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission to monitor future developments regarding this issue.

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to add the following wording to item 1, "...Route 6 in regards to..." The item now reads: request that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) conduct a safety study of Route 6 in regards to the operation of the infusion station to be proposed by Global CNG Holdings (also known as Pentagon Energy).

The amendment passed unanimously.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

4. Bus Garage Lease Agreement with M&J Bus, Inc.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded, effective June 27, 2016, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the attached Agreement of Lease between the Town of Mansfield and M&J Bus, Inc., for a term to commence on July 1, 2016 and to expire on June 30, 2021.

Finance Director Cherie Trahan provided an overview of the history of the leasing of the garage and the results of the responsive bids.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee will not be meeting on July 11, 2016 but will schedule a special meeting on July 28, 2016.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments offered.

X. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. L. Petrus (6/20/16)

6. Agriculture Committee re: MBOE food services director

7. Letter to Governor Malloy re: Crumbling Foundations

8. M. Hart re: Appointment to Mansfield Conservation Commission

9. M. Hart re: Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission, Municipal Liaison Position

10. Eastbrook Heights Condominium Association re: Special Permit Application

11. Government Finance Officers Association re: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No items offered.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Marcellino seconded to move into executive session to discuss Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(B) and to include Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, Town Manager Matt Hart and Director of Planning Linda Painter.

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS§1-200(6)(B)

Present: Keane, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro

Also Attending: Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, Town Manager Matt Hart, and Director of Planning Linda Painter

The Council reconvened in regular session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk



Designation of July 2016 as Parks and Recreation Month  
Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mansfield Town Council that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut.

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*Paul Shapiro, Mayor*

*Date*