



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
June 23, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Special Meeting
Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Toni Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Meredith Lindsey, Toni Moran, Bill Ryan

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Ryan to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION OF MANSFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE CHARGE

Chair of the Agriculture Committee Al Cyr and Staff member Jennifer Kaufman discussed the proposed changes to the Committee's charge noting that the proposed charge now reflects the current activities of the Committee. Mr. Cyr described some of the activities the Committee has been involved with including monitoring the farm plans for Town owned properties, identifying farm land in the Town and advising the PZC on potential zoning changes. The goal of the Committee is to advocate for farm preservation and viability.

Mr. Cyr agreed to present to the Agricultural Committee the addition of the oversight of use agreements for Town owned properties to the charge. He will email the revised charge to the members of the Committee on Committees.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to accept the proposed changes, as amended and discussed, to the charge for the Agricultural Committee and to recommend its approval to the Town Council. Motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEES

Members discussed the concept of establishing an oversight committee comprised of members representing the various constituents served by the Human Services Department. Committee members will reflect on the draft charge and make it an item of business at the next meeting.

6. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE FOLLOW UPS

Ms. Lindsey reported that she has contacted the Communication Department at UConn and has, to date, been unable to find any staff person willing to serve. Ms. Lindsey has spoken to John Reisen who is interested in serving on the Community Quality of Life Committee. Ms. Moran, who has recently been appointed as chair of that Committee will call Mr. Reisen. Ms. Moran will call Anne Smith to see if there are any League of Women Voter members who might be interested in serving on a committee. Mr. Ryan reported he has made numerous calls to Joshua Trust members regarding the Open Space Preservation Committee, but has had no luck. He will keep trying. The Town Clerk will ask Jennifer Kaufman if there is a member of the Parks Advisory Committee willing to serve on the Open Space Preservation Committee and will ask Mike Nintean to contact member of the Building Board of Appeals to ascertain their interest in continuing to serve. Ms. Lindsey will ask John Hankins and Ms. Moran will contact Vicki Wetherall and Meg Reich to see if they have any suggestions for the Open Space Preservation Committee.

7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee members agreed to present the following nominations to the Council:

Katherine Paulhus will be recommended for reappoint as a member of the Mansfield Advocates of Children.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the Conservation Commission and Director of Planning Greg Padick will be invited to the July 19th meeting to discuss the Town Council's policy on communicating with outside agencies.

The Human Service Advisory Committee will be discussed at the next meeting

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk