



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
September 20, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Room B

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order by Paul Shapiro, Chair of the Committee.  
Present: Meredith Lindsey, Bill Ryan, Paul Shapiro
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS  
No members of the public were in attendance.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. DISCUSSION ITEM- ADHERENCE BY COMMITTEES TO FOIA  
Mr. Shapiro began the discussion by reviewing the allegations made by Mr. Kotula regarding his treatment at the Open Space Advisory Committee, the Agriculture Committee and the Conservation Committee. Jennifer Kaufman, who staffs the OSP and Agricultural Committees, stated that her recollections, and that of another member present at both meetings, were not the same as Mr. Kotula's. Mr. Kotula was not asked to leave either meeting. Ms. Kaufman will call the Chairs of the Committees and relay their memories of the meetings to the Town Clerk.  
Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to recommend to the Council that the Town Manager invite a representative of the Freedom of Information Commission to Mansfield to address the basics of FOIA law. This training would be mandatory for employees that staff Committees, optional but strongly recommended for Committee Chairs, and available for all volunteers.  
The motion passed unanimously.  
Mr. Shapiro will present the motion as part of the Committee on Committees' report.
5. ELIMINATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE/CLOSURE OF BERGIN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION  
Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to deactivate the Public Safety Committee effective upon approval of the Council.  
Motion passed unanimously.
6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to recommend the appointment of Lorraine Kenowski as a citizen member of Human Services Advisory. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to recommend the appointment of Liz Vitullo to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to recommend the appointment of Tonya Ohlund to the Mansfield Advocates for Children. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro will call the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities to discuss possible appointments and current membership.

## 7. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CASES AND DECISIONS

Mr. Shapiro moved to add a discussion of FOI complaints against the Ethics Board to the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Lindsey, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro outlined his intentions to request copies of all Freedom of Information cases and decisions.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to recommend to the Council that a practice be established to forward all Freedom of Information complaints against the Town or Committees of the Town to the Council. Additionally, all final Freedom of Information decisions will be brought to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk