

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2012

Members Present: W. Ryan, D. Freudmann. C. Schaeffer joined at 6:03pm

Other Council Members Present: P. Shapiro

Staff Present: M. Hart, C. Trahan

Guests: C. vanZelm, Director, Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Phil Michalowski, Milone & MacBroom

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

1. Minutes from 09/10/12 meeting approved as presented.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment – none
3. Storrs Center Relocation costs: Cynthia vanZelm provided a brief history of the relocation process spelled out in the Storrs Center Relocation Plan. Phil Michalowski explained the applicable state statutes, what the process entailed, and answered specific questions as they related to specific relocation reimbursements. It is expected that all relocation expenses will be finalized by Jan/Feb, 2013. David Freudmann expressed his opinion that the costs paid to bring water to the space selected for the relocation of Kathy LaJoie's hair salon (Anthony's Salon, formerly part of Campus Cuts) was excessive and inappropriate for the Town to have to pay for. Phil Michalowski explained that appropriate spaces for relocation in the area are limited and that the Town does not have the authority to dictate where a business relocates to.

Matt Hart added that Phil Michalowski was working in the best interest of the Town and has done a good job controlling our costs and keeping the process moving forward efficiently.

4. The Committee discussed the opinion from Atty. Dennis O'Brien regarding removing/eliminating a capital improvement project approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Atty. O'Brien explained that such an approval can only be undone per Charger section C506(f) through abandonment and not securing bond approval for the project. In the interest of transparency and giving the supporters of the project a chance to hear the discussion and provide their comments, Bill Ryan suggested that this topic be brought to the Council for discussion at a future meeting.
5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Motions:

Motion to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes by David Freudmann. Seconded by Bill Ryan.
Motion so passed.

Motion to request for future Council agenda item the bonding of the South Eagleville Walkway project by Carl Schaefer. Seconded by David Freudmann. Motion so passed.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cherie Trahan
Director of Finance

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