

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

Ad hoc Committee on Regionalism

Monday, June 15, 2009

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Town Manager's Office

2:00 pm

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: B. Clouette, M. Hart, G. Nesbitt

2. Overview of existing regional and shared services arrangements

Matt Hart distributed a draft spreadsheet providing an overview of current regional initiatives and service arrangements, as well as potential opportunities. The members discussed the spreadsheet at some length. By consensus, the members agreed to add a column indicating the primary fund (e.g. General Fund, management services, etc.) associated with each initiative. Also, under *existing initiatives*, the members agreed to add the inter-library loan program, as well as the purchasing coalitions that the Town participates in. Under the opportunities section, members suggested the addition of equipment sharing, probate, recreation and senior services.

The members articulated a short list of guiding principles to assist with the evaluation of new opportunities for regionalism and shared services:

- What is the level of service to be provided?
- How will delivery of the service be governed?

- How important to Mansfield's sense of community is it to deliver the service at a local level?
- Does the initiative require the construction of a new facility?
- What is the proximity of the service to Mansfield residents?
- What is the anticipated return on investment (ROI)?

3. Opportunities for additional regional and shared services arrangements

The members discussed opportunities with respect to public safety, particularly police services. Mr. Clouette suggested that it would be beneficial to discuss this issue at the Town/University Relations Committee; the other members concurred. Mr. Hart agreed to prepare a draft RFQ/RFP for the committee to review to solicit a qualified consultant to conduct a study regarding existing and future police services and demands.

In addition, the members suggested that Mr. Hart conduct an informal discussion with his colleagues in Coventry and Tolland to determine if there were additional partnership opportunities related to service delivery in general.

4. Other

The members asked Mr. Hart to convene the next meeting when he had sufficient information to move forward.

5. Adjournment

The members adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W. Hart

Town Manager