

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: J. Armstrong, P. Barry, B. Chandy, C. DeVecchis, M. Kirk, J. Patel, E. Paterson, N. Silander, W. Simpson

Staff: M. Capriola, L. Painter (*Town*), van Zelm (*MDP*), J. Coite (*UConn*)

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. October 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Barry made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Silander. Motion passed unanimously. Simpson was not present for the vote.

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm reported on business opening dates for Phase 1A commercial spaces. An update was provided on apartment rental leasing for the next phase of the project. Musical offerings will be held on Saturday afternoons for approximately 10 weeks on Dog Lane. Most of the sidewalk construction will be complete by Thanksgiving.

b. *MCCP*: Armstrong reported on a new initiative between the Mansfield Resident Trooper's Office, UConn Off-Campus Student Services, UConn Community Standards Office, and UConn PD. The parties are now meeting weekly to address matters related to off-campus behavioral concerns, problems, and (activity) hot-spots. MCCP will educate students about the dangers of walking on roads without sidewalks during evening hours.

c. *UConn Main Accumulation Area*: No report.

d. *Neighborhood Policing and Code Enforcement Activities*: Tabled to a future meeting.

4. Town/UCONN Water Supply EIE

Coite and Painter provided a high-level overview of the report. The Water Supply EIE report was released to the public on November 6th. The 45 day public comment period will conclude December 21st. A public hearing will be held on December 11th at 7pm at the Bishop Center. Looking at water needs for a 50 year horizon, it was determined that an average of 1 ¼ million gallons will be needed per day and up to 2 million gallons of water per day during peak times. Various potential water sources were evaluated and ultimately 3 feasible sources were identified. The 3 options have varying degrees of environmental impact which can be mitigated. The 3 options are estimated to cost between \$20-51 million and take between 3-4 ½ years to complete. A number of legal,

governance, financing, and affordability questions still need to be addressed and are being researched.

5. 2013 Meeting Schedule

Simpson made the motion, seconded by Silander to approve the recommended 2013 meeting schedule (second Tuesdays of February-June and August-December at 4:30pm). The motion passed unanimously. Capriola will forward to the Town Clerk per the Committee's request.

6. Other Business/Announcements

Painter announced that on December 6th, 2012 at 7pm in Council Chambers, UConn will present on the Tech Park Master Plan.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

Quentin Kessel, Codfish Falls Road. Mr. Kessel disclosed his affiliation with the Conservation Commission but indicated he was speaking as an individual. Mr. Kessel advocated for UConn to quickly notify the Conservation Commission and the public regarding matters related to the Water Supply EIE.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road. Mr. Freudmann disclosed his affiliation with the Town Council but indicated he was speaking as an individual. Mr. Freudmann concurred with Mr. Kessel's remarks. Mr. Freudmann spoke to several issues including: the percentage of the UConn Co-op property that is considered taxable property; Storrs Center project relocation costs for a local salon; and UConn water bottles contributing to litter in the community.

8. Adjournment

Barry made the motion, seconded by Silander to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A.
Assistant Town Manager, Town of Mansfield