
Council Chamber | Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Antonia Moran called the meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Cotton, Dufresne, Kueffner, Moran, Shaiken, Tomecko
Virtual: Mullen, Zaicek
Excused: Bruder

Mayor Moran held a moment of silence in honor of the late Michael Shore.

Shaiken **moved** and Cotton seconded to reorder the agenda so that old business item 6B Adoption of Town Council Goals and Objectives will occur after the last item of new business. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Shaiken **moved** and Kueffner seconded to add an agenda item prior to the consent agenda called Town Manager's Report Regarding Train Derailment. Motion **passed** unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing – Proposed Changes to Solid Waste Ordinance and Regulations

Shaiken **moved** and Kueffner seconded to recess as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority. Motion **passed** unanimously.

The Town Clerk read the legal notice. Mayor Moran asked for comments. No comments were offered and the public hearing was closed.

Shaiken **moved** and Cotton seconded to recess as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority and convene as the Town Council. Motion **passed** unanimously.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ann Williams, Brookside Lane, spoke in support of the Digital Navigators at the Mansfield Public Library and asked the Council to continue funding the positions.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT REGARDING TRAIN DERAILMENT

Ryan Aylesworth, Fire Chief John Roache, and Fire Marshal Adam Libros shared information about the train derailment incident and ongoing operations and answered Councilor questions regarding mutual aid, federal, state, and local authority, the Code Red emergency notification system, and working with the media.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Quarterly Financial Statements Dated December 31, 2025

B. 01.26.2026 Minutes

Kueffner **moved** and Cotton seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Motions approved by consent:

- Move to accept, effective February 9, 2026, the Quarterly Financial Statements dated December 31, 2025.
- Move to approve the January 26, 2026 regular Town Council meeting minutes as presented.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Changes to Solid Waste Ordinance and Regulations

Shaiken **moved** and Kueffner seconded to suspend the rules to consider the changes to the ordinance. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Shaiken **moved** and Kueffner seconded that the Council recess as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator, summarized the proposed changes to the ordinance and regulations.

Shaiken **moved** and Kueffner seconded, effective February 9, 2026, to approve the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance and Regulations (Section 40-6(B)(1)) which amendments shall be effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Shaiken **moved** and Kueffner seconded that the Council recess as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority and convene as the Town Council. Motion **passed** unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Municipal Services Campus Master Planning - Project Update

Aylesworth summarized the planning process to date. Chris Wante, Ernest Nepomuceno, and Melissa Roy of EDM Studio presented regarding the steps completed thus far including site analysis and space needs analysis and discussed the next step of community engagement. In response to Councilor questions, Aylesworth discussed project scope development and EDM Studio discussed the space needs for the senior center, community center, town hall, and library, the use of existing feedback from the Parks and Recreation study and Plan of Conservation and Development, and national trends for senior center designs.

B. Public Works Department Update

John Carrington, Director of Public Works, and Derek Dilaj, Assistant Town Engineer, provided the Town Council with an overview of the Department's responsibilities and operations, as well as an update on priority projects and initiatives. In response to Councilor questions, Carrington and Dilaj discussed the traffic calming and pedestrian safety project on Rt. 275.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Town Council Goals and Objectives for 2025-2027 Term (Item #5B, 01.12.26; Item #5A, 01.26.26)

Kueffner **moved** and Tomecko seconded, effective February 9, 2026, to adopt the Town Council's goals and objectives for the 2025-2027 term as presented, and authorize the inclusion of these goals and objectives in the "Legislative" section of the FY 2026/27 budget book and the Council Policy index on the Town website. Motion **passed** unanimously.

10. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth presented and discussed his written report. The report is available online at www.MansfieldCT.gov and is on file with the Town Clerk.

11. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Moran reported that she attended the production of The Music Man at E.O. Smith High School and it was remarkable. She also enjoyed the Taste2Towns event.

Cotton reported that she attended the inaugural Mansfield Veterans meeting. She also had the honor of attending the UConn Opening Ceremony Dinner for Black History Month featuring Lynae Vanee as the main speaker.

12. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Shaiken reported that the Finance Committee met this evening to consider the quarterly financial reports which the Council approved on the consent agenda.

Cotton reported that the Committee on Committees will next meet on March 3rd.

13. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Memo - Timeline – Town Manager Performance Review Process

B. B. Coleman - East Haddam Solar Project

C. M. Bunnell - Mansfield Joining Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA)

D. Human Rights Commission Annual Report

E. Declaration of State of Emergency - Train Derailment (February 5, 2026)

F. Feb-Mar 2026 Mansfield eNewsletter

14. FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Kueffner **moved** and Dufresne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk