

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Dwight Codr, Lucy Aldrich, Sarah Dufresne, Brian Lynch, Nancy McKenney, Linnea Nikitas, Lane Watson
Staff Present: Steve Ferrigno

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Dwight Codr called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 11, 2025

B. January 15, 2026

Brian Lynch moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2025 and January 15, 2026. Lucy Aldrich seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

4. REPORTS

A. Staff Updates

Steven Ferrigno provided updates on the Taste 2 Towns Mansfield – Windham Restaurant week. He said that 28 restaurants participated in the promotion, offering a range of dining experiences from takeout deals to table service pre fixe menus. The group discussed the success of the event and the advertising campaign.

Mr. Ferrigno discussed the Gameday Shuttle program. Mr. Codr suggested the program be expanded to include hockey games.

Mr. Ferrigno offered additional updates on the upcoming free dental clinic, the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament, and the Mansfield Builds Business networking series.

Lane Watson entered the meeting at 6:15 PM.

B. Business Updates

Mr. Ferrigno said that Nautical Bowls will close soon. He also updated the Commissioners on the Action Packed expansion and grand opening, as well as a potential new restaurant.

C. Housing Updates

There were no housing updates.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS AT MEETING

A. Communication Best Practices – Email & Meetings

Mr. Ferrigno reminded the Commissioners of best practices for communications via email and meeting invitations.

B. Community Center Collaboration – Kids Night Out Debrief and Discussion on Future Events

Mr. Codr said that the Kids Night Out program sold out with a substantial waiting list. He discussed the connection between Taste 2 Towns and community center childcare. Mr. Ferrigno also discussed the future of the program and how to fund more events. Sarah Dufresne suggested ways to get more Town departments and the Town Council involved.

Nancy McKenney provided her perspective as a local restaurant owner on the program and how to improve an ongoing version of Kids Night Out.

C. Mansfield Builds Business: Let's Collaborate – Discussion on Run of Show

Mr. Ferrigno summarized the plans for the first installment of Mansfield Builds Business and future programs. The group discussed networking opportunities for business owners and avenues for collaboration.

D. Additional Goals / Priorities for 2026

The Commissioners planned goals and priorities for 2026 including business visits, recruitment, and coordination with the Northeast Chamber of Commerce.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no updates to Communications.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

A. Future Meeting Topics

No future meeting topics were discussed.

B. Next Meeting Date – March 19th, 2026 – 6:00 PM – Virtual

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Aldrich seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Rosemary Watson