MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Ausburger, Berthelot, Bruder, Coleman, Kochenburger, Moran, Schurin, Shaiken
Excused: Fratoni

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to approve the February 28, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to approve the March 9, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Coleman moved and Mr. Shaiken seconded to amend the minutes of the March 9, 2022 special meeting to include discussion and debate about the MMS water system.

Mr. Coleman stated that the details he gave should be included with the minutes. Mr. Shaiken clarified that the minutes should be amended to include the document Mr. Coleman shared during the meeting.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.
Motion to approve the March 9, 2022 special meeting minutes as amended passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING
A. Proposed Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Allocation
The Town Clerk read the legal notice. Mayor Moran noted the following individuals submitted written comments for the public hearing: Barbara Scott, Paul Stern, Susan Green, Will Bigl, Laura Austin, Devon Hock, John Riesen, Michael Soares, and Brenda Shaw.

After a brief summary by Mr. Aylesworth, Mayor Moran asked for comments. James Morrow, Hanks Hill Road, Chair of the Parks and Natural Resources Committee, spoke in favor of funding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, commented on several potential projects and asked the Council to concentrate on one-time projects that will benefit the most people.
Dave Stevens, Bassetts Bridge Road, member of the Commission on Aging and speaking as an individual, expressed concern over the reliability of the survey data and asked for more to be done to address the immediate needs of the seniors. Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
None.

6. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to rearrange the agenda by moving item 10C and item 11A to follow item 9A and move the Town of Mansfield Voter Redistricting Plan to follow item 11A. Motion passed unanimously.

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. In response to councilor questions and comments, Mr. Aylesworth stated that he will look into drain work on Chaffeeville, Guryleville and the Town Hall parking lot and that restaurant week was a success.

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
Mayor Moran reported that Wallet Hub has ranked Mansfield the second best town in the country for basketball lovers. She also reported her attendance at the first and final sessions of the Mansfield Citizen’s Academy and thanked department heads and staff for making the Academy highly successful.
Mr. Coleman reported that Mia Mitoma, on behalf of the Eastern Regional Tourism District, posted a request for ideas to rename the region on the Mansfield Connecticut Connections Facebook page.
Mr. Bruder thanked the Mansfield Community Center for doing a great job planning and organizing softball tryouts this past weekend.

8. CONSENT AGENDA
None.

9. OLD BUSINESS
A. COVID 19 Update (Item #7A, 02.28.22 Agenda)
Robert L. Miller, Director of Health, Eastern Highland Health District (EHHD), provided the Council with an update on COVID-19 in Mansfield including information about local case trends and vaccination rates. Mansfield cases continue to trend downward.

B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding / Investment Deliberation (Item #7D, 02.28.22 Agenda)
Mr. Aylesworth reminded the Council that the deadline for reporting what the Town will use its first tranche of ARPA funding for is due April 30th and staff will need time to prepare the details of the report.
Mr. Shaiken proposed excluding 1) the MMS water project as more information is needed, 2) the facilities schematic design project since the necessary preceding step has not yet been completed, and 3) the Hunting Lodge Road neighborhood plan absent input from the neighborhood and further details.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to authorize the Town Manager to begin implementing the following components of the ARPA allocation plan as presented to the Council:

- Mansfield Public Library Facility Improvements (353k)
- Mansfield Community Center Facility Improvements (91,5k)
- Mansfield Municipal Offices HVAC Upgrades (45k)
- Fire Station 307 Sleeping Quarter Upgrades (130k)
- DPW Garage Sleeping Quarters and Restroom (200k)
- Fire & Emergency Services Apparatus and Equipment Upgrades (415k)
- Enhanced Funding for Human Services Programs (150k)
- In the Parks & Recreation Master Planning and Improvements to Open Space Assets item, the funding to support the hiring of a consultant to create a master plan for Mansfield's parks. (100k)
- Replacing Revenue Loss (1,125m)

Mr. Shaiken explained that the proposed projects address needs arising from or identified during the pandemic.

Mr. Coleman spoke against allocating the money until there is further discussion, a line by line review and site visits.

Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Coleman.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Ms. Berthelot seconded to express the Council's support for the following components of the ARPA Allocation Plan as presented to the Council and to direct the Town Manager to plan for the implementation of these components following the Council's review and approval of the implementation of each of the items:

- Human/Social Services Mobile Outreach (60k)
- Funding Support for Area Social Services Agencies (350k)
- Funding for Affordable Housing (500k)
- Local Business Assistance, Marketing & Economic Vitality (400k)
- Direct Financial Assistance to Economically Distressed Individuals (150k)
- Digital Inclusion Initiative (300k)
- Arts Relief Fund (75k)
- In the Parks & Recreation Master Planning and Improvements to Open Space Assets item, investments in priority enhancements to existing recreation and/or parks/open space assets as identified in the master plan. (750k)
- Eagleville Green Project Funding Support (750k)
Mr. Shaiken explained that he agrees with these projects but needs to see implementation details before proceeding.
Mr. Ausburger stated he wants funds to be allocated to road repair.
Mayor Moran reiterated that funding for infrastructure is coming.
Mr. Aylesworth reminded the Council that road projects are not an eligible use of ARPA funds.
Ms. Berthelot stated she wants input from committees and the business community.
Mr. Bruder agreed that community members should share what would be useful to them.

Motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS
A. Town of Mansfield Proposed Voter Redistricting Plan
Registrars of Voters Anne Greineder and Vera Ward presented Mansfield’s voter redistricting plan.
Mr. Shaiken raised concerns about current polling location issues and expressed a desire for a polling location to be established on the UConn campus. In light of state deadlines and the ability to make changes later, further discussion on the matter was postponed.

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded, effective March 14, 2022, to approve the proposed attached redistricting plan for the Town of Mansfield as presented by the Registrar of Voters. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Capital Improvement Program Adjustments FY 21/22
Mr. Kochenburger, Chair of the Finance Committee, explained the recommended adjustment to the Capital Projects Fund to procure a grapple truck.

By recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Kochenburger moved, effective March 14, 2022, to approve the adjustments to the Capital Projects fund, as presented by the Director of Finance in her correspondence dated March 7, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

C. New School Building Construction Update
Randy Walikonis, Chairman of the School Building Committee, provided the Council with an update on construction progress for the new elementary school building. Scott Pellman and Adam Levitus of Colliers answered Councilor questions about construction and provided further construction updates. Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Schools, spoke about the preparations teachers are making for the transition to the new school.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B)
Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Bruder seconded to enter executive session regarding Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Pending Claims or Litigation, in accordance with CGS §1-200(6)(B) and to include the Town Manager, Randy Walikonis, Kathy Ward,
Scott Pellman, Adam Levitus, Kevin Deneen and Kelly Lyman. Motion passed unanimously.
The executive session concluded and the Council reconvened in open session. Mr. Schurin moved and Mr. Coleman seconded to adopt the attached Statement from the Mansfield Town Council about the State’s Office of School Construction Controversy. Motion passed unanimously.

12. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Ms. Berthelot reported that the Committee on Committees met and appointment recommendations will be on the next Council agenda. The Affordable Housing Committee still has one vacancy. Mr. Kochenburger reported that in addition to the CIP adjustment voted on this evening, the Finance Committee met with a finance advisor regarding bond issuance.

13. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

14. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. Z. Anglin 02.25.22
B. E. Wassmundt 02.28.22
C. K. Kelly 02.28.22
D. Press Release - Mansfield Lifts Mask Mandate 03.01.22
E. E. Wassmundt 03.09.22
F. B. Coleman 03.10.22 – Mr. Coleman moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to rescind the vote made by the Town Council during the regular meeting on February 28, 2022 regarding the contract between the Town of Mansfield and the Mansfield Discovery Depot. Mr. Coleman reiterated the points of his communication. Mr. Kochenburger and Mr. Shaiken clarified that a conflict of interest must be financial in nature in order to be considered a conflict according to Mansfield’s Code of Ethics. An opinion from the Town Attorney is forthcoming. Ms. Berthelot indicated that the motion regarding the contract would have passed even without her vote and therefore rescinding the vote would be unkind to the Mansfield Discovery Depot. Motion failed with all against except Ausburger and Coleman who voted in favor.

15. FUTURE AGENDAS
- Senior Housing Update with Masonicare

16. ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Bruder moved and Mr. Ausburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor
Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk
To: Mansfield Town Council
From: Barbara Scott, 101 East Road
Date: March 13, 2022
Re: ARPA grant for East Road storm drains

I am writing regarding the ARPA grant being discussed on March 14.

I would like to propose that the town use some of those funds for the installation of storm drains on East Road, a steep, heavily trafficked access route between 195 and the eastern parts of town. The existing storm drains are grossly inadequate, resulting in damage to the shoulders and the roadbed itself. This in turn is making East Road increasingly dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians.

In September 2021, while everywhere in town was impacted by torrential rains, East Road became a hazardous river of water. The entire surface was flooded in places, and fast moving streams with large amounts of soil and debris overwhelmed the gutters on each side of the road, all the way down the hill, causing significant erosion and undercutting of the road bed as well as overflowing onto residential properties. Although the gutters in general are now obscured with leafy debris, the erosion is quite visible at the culvert to the stream opposite 101 East Road, where the edges of the roadway are crumbling into the stream bed. (That stream for some reason does not appear on the town wetlands map.)
Much of the water that floods East Road appears to be surface flow coming across the UConn agricultural fields at the top of the road. A large percentage of those fields is turf, which is not readily permeable to rain. Instead of penetrating the soil, rain becomes sheet flow moving across the fields and right onto the road, unfortunately at the very top of the East Road hill. Once in the road the floodwaters rapidly accumulate and accelerate downhill causing the flooding and erosion as described above. The few existing catch basins are widely spaced and completely insufficient to manage regular rainstorms let alone larger ones.

The current flooding situation will only be exacerbated if UConn proceeds with its plans to clearcut and develop the existing arboretum on their land on the south side of East Road. I ask for your serious consideration of the need to overhaul the storm drains here before additional damage is done during future rain storms.

Thank you very much for your attention to this.

Barbara Scott
101 East Road
To Mayor Tony Moran and Members of the Mansfield Town Council
From Paul Stern, 614 Storrs Road, Mansfield Center

Re: Support for several items on the ARPA proposal

In the interest of saving public hearing time, please allow me to comment here on several elements of the town’s $7.5 million ARPA proposal.

While the entire plan seems comprehensive and carefully developed, I would like to endorse in particular:

The proposed improvements to the Mansfield Community Center and the development of a parks master plan to identify other beneficial parks and recreation improvements. Mansfield’s parks and recreation system is an important asset for people from the entire region and, by virtue of its quality, helps support property values over the long term. I also support using other ARPA funds to offset losses the community center sustained during the pandemic shutdown.

Eagleville Green funding support. Mansfield needs affordable housing for families (not college students) and the nonprofit Eagleville Green project would supply a relatively high number of units toward meeting the state’s requirement that at least 10 percent of the town’s housing be affordable. This funding, coupled with money derived from the Havens project at Four Corners, will hopefully make the project more competitive in applying for other grant funds.

While I don’t know if this meets the eligibility requirements, I would also like to see the town devote resources to study ways the Plan of Conservation and Development and zoning code can be modified to allow for more so-called “middle housing” and smaller building lots that make for more economical development of new and affordable housing stock.

Either of these uses would be a step toward building an economic recovery and healthy economy over the long term.

Extension of public water to the Mansfield Middle School. I listened to your March 9 meeting when you discussed the notion of bringing public water to the Middle School. While it seems the case that the well and pump system now in use could be repaired and maintained for considerably less money than this proposal, there may never be a better time or source of funds for undertaking a permanent improvement that will, over time, more than pay for itself in savings in maintenance costs and preventing disruption of daily school activities. This expense — which fits squarely into the ARPA eligibility requirements — is also in keeping with Mansfield’s tradition of providing a school system of the highest quality — one that makes our town a place where families choose to live.

I don’t think it would be unfair to observe, either, that bringing a water line down Maple Road is the potential beginning of more urbanized environment in that area, allowing for greater housing density, for instance.
As for Hunting Lodge Road neighborhood planning, I have to question the eligibility rationale for spending $150,000 to attempt to offset the neighborhood's longstanding slide into the student rental housing market. While restoring a more balanced use of housing stock to this neighborhood may indeed be beneficial, it is hard to see how the economic phenomenon described is pandemic related or how planning for its reversal comports with any of the five criteria listed in the city manager’s report. I suppose you could argue that this spending would be similar in nature to providing more affordable housing. If so, articulating a better reason for this expenditure might be helpful.

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Paul E. Stern
Hi Ryan! It's Sue from bagel zone. Just wanted to say a few words on the shop's behalf. The last few years Covid has brought pretty much everything to a crawl. We had to close for 3 months with no income what so ever. I applied for the federal grants but unfortunately I wasn't eligible for any because I had no employees. They did offer me an SBA loan with low interest but I declined it because I wasn't sure if were would be able to reopen. We did reopen but with no seating (still have no seating) and are still no back up to where we were before Covid started. I got behind on my bills and no the space I'm in is set to be demolished for housing. This money would help me out tremendously going forward! I truly would appreciate it if you could consider us for a grant. Thank you for your time Sincerely, Susan Green

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 23, 2022, at 10:27 AM, Bagel Zone <bagelzonecafe@yahoo.com> wrote:
> Hi Ryan! My name is Susan Green and I own Bagel Zone here in Mansfield. Sam Bruder came to see me and told me of a grant for small business here in Mansfield that I might want to apply for when it's approved. Could I ask you to keep me informed of this so that I could apply? COVID has been hard on us the last 2 years and we're still not up to where we were before Covid. I'd appreciate any help in this matter. Thank you for your time
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
I am Wilfred T. Bigl
17 Hill Pond Drive
Mansfield, CT
Also member of Mansfield Commission on aging.

Council Members:
I would like to make the following comments on the ARPA Proposal

1—Hunting Lodge Neighborhood Plan
   Use money to look into making either Vinton or Goodwin school property’s into Senior Housing, (Not Affordable) for priority use by Mansfield residents.

2—The incorporation of $92,000 into the human services program sounds like puffing.
   Propose use to increase the mentioned items under the Mansfield Senior Center.

3—The $1,250,000 proposed for Eagleville Green shood be allocated to Senior Housing, (not Affordable) let the State of Connecticut build the Affordable Housing on South Eagleville Road.

Thanking you for the opportunity to speak on this subject.
My name is Laura Austin and I have lived at 430 Bassetts Bridge Road for 33 years. I am a member of the Commission On Aging here in Mansfield. I saw the document with the proposed usage of ARPA funds. I think the Senior Center would become a better hub of activities if there was additional transportation and programming. I believe we will see the number of seniors increasing due to better health connections and reluctance to move away from familiarity. That being said - better health means there is a desire to gather for cultural and social activities for more years in retirement. I hope the initiatives that receive money reflect closely the demographic of long time town residents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Austin
laura4purple@gmail.com
Dear Town Council,

As a resident of Mansfield and a commission member for the Commission on Aging, I would like to write to express concerns raised by the Commission regarding lack of funds allocated specifically for seniors and the senior center for tonight’s meeting regarding ARPA funds. Areas of concern and questions that were brought up at our most recent meeting include:

1. Why aren’t more of the funds directed specifically for seniors?
2. Out of $150,000, $92,000 is going to Farms to Families? Why so much?
3. Where is the senior housing going to be on Hunting Lodge Road?
4. Discussed that the percent of the money that is being designated to make a real impact on seniors, is a very small percentage of the overall budget and it doesn’t reflect what the needs of the seniors are. What can be done regarding this?
5. Senior center would love to have more funds for nutrition, transportation and mental health programming.

Thank you so much in advance for hearing the concerns listed above.

Best Regards,

Devon Hock

Devon Hock, PT, DPT
She/Her
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Devon.Hock@gmail.com
I am John Riesen of 42 Farmstead RD, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-2013. While I am chair of the Mansfield Commission on Aging, I am speaking as an individual.

I am writing in support of the provisions for Human/Social Services Mobile Outreach. I believe this money is well targeted and well justified under the guidelines for use of ARPA funds. While several Town facilities have proposed upgrades, the Senior Center is not in the budget for any upgrades. While upgrading the Senior Center HVAC system to handle viruses better, for example, would be in keeping with the guides for using this money, I agree that it is not cost effective to spend any more than is necessary on this aging and outdated facility and that the focus should be on replacing it.

John Riesen
March 14, 2022

Dear Mayor Moran and members of the Town Council,

I am writing to you to express my support for two of proposed uses of funds to be received through the American Rescue Plan Act. These proposed uses are among those summarized in a 12-page document in tonight’s meeting packet.

I currently serve as Chair of the Conservation Commission, and so I submit this letter as a town resident and not a representative of the Commission. However I am confident that our commissioners, who will discuss these proposed uses of funds at our next meeting, share my support for the two proposed uses described below.

First, I support the use of funds to develop a Parks & Recreation master plan. Similar to the benefits of updating Mansfield’s Plan of Conservation & Development, master planning for these town-owned lands is a valuable process where existing conditions, potential needs, and future uses can be identified and documented. In the coming years and decades, such a master plan will lead to a more successful and cost-effective management program for our parks and preserved open spaces. I also support the second phase of work under this item, which is use the master plan to prioritize enhancements to the town’s existing open space assets.

Second, I support the funding of a Hunting Lodge Neighborhood Plan. With respect to the Conservation Commission’s charge to advise the Inland Wetlands Agency and Planning & Zoning Commission on conservation and land-use issues, I see developing this plan as the kind of deliberate process needed to understand the community’s needs and resources – such as parks/open space, pedestrian rights-of-way, and bike lanes – prior to redevelopment in this area.

Thank you,

Michael Soares,
99 Dog Lane, Mansfield
Strong Support for Proposal to Purchase Two Canvas Event Tents for Parks and Recreation:

The tents could be very beneficial to older members of our community and everyone else – for scheduled programs and informal gathering with the wonderfully protective ventilation of the outdoors.

**PROPOSAL ITEM** “Acquisition of two 20’X40’ canvas event tents (pole, cross cable or pagoda). Allows for continuation of community programs and associated revenue during pandemics and serves as an option to help contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. Tents can be used for programming for all age groups and utilized a minimum of nine months of the year. **Tents could be shared with other departments when not in use by the Parks & Recreation Department.**”

**SHARING THE TENTS** After conversations with Sarah Taylor, Supervisor, Mansfield Senior Center, and Jay O’Keefe, Director of Parks and Recreation, I am excited by what the tents (above) could provide for Seniors in Mansfield, and neighboring towns.

**BRING BACK THE MUSIC** As a member of the Senior Center Chorus, it has been hard to lose our entire program throughout the pandemic so far. The tents might be used for rehearsals, sing-alongs, or even small concerts to provide safety for seniors as we return to music programs. When tents are in place for Parks and Rec programs, including camps, scheduling might allow use of the tents by Seniors and other community members for other scheduled programs or informal use.

It would be ideal if electrical service could be provided (to plug in a keyboard or microphones and amplifiers, etc.). It sounds like this is a possibility that could be accommodated in some locations where the tents might be used.

**EXPERIENCE IN NEEDHAM, MA** Last year, I met a friend in the town green in Needham Massachusetts in the mid-day sun. We were delighted to find a large tent canopy (no sides in this case) with socially distanced, large picnic tables that allowed us to sit apart from one another – in the shade on a hot day. Others had gathered at other tables under the canopy as well. The canopy would have worked great in rain as well.

**THIRD PLACE** If money were not an issue, wouldn’t it be nice to have “event tents” at multiple locations in town – Mansfield Community Center, Library, Downtown, Town Hall, Lenard Hall, Senior Center (if there is space), Bicentennial Pond…?

The “third place” (not home or work) can be essential in building community. Having a canopy with seating would allow people who meet at the library, farmer’s market, town hall, community center, senior center, or a park to relax and connect. As awful as the pandemic has been, adding an outdoor “patio” to our town buildings and parks could be something we want to keep. This proposal is a great start to what is possible.
James Morrow 44 Hanks Hill RD, Chair Parks and Natural Resources Committee.

I am speaking in favor of the Parks & Recreation Master Planning item.

For some time the Parks and Natural Resources Committee has been discussing the need for a comprehensive active and passive recreation plan for Mansfield’s future needs. We have informally started this project but are severely limited by the available staff and volunteer member’s time. Having experienced help with this strategic planning project will greatly facilitate the timely completion of a Parks & Recreation Master Plan of the highest quality.

Mansfield Elementary School is about to open. This will provide different opportunities for environmental and outdoor experiential education, affecting the utilization of the parks and preserved open space. This increases the need for taking the time to evaluate our parks and plan for the future.

There are many needed and desirable improvements to Mansfield’s unique Parks. I personally feel that prioritization of these should at least wait until the master plan has helped us look at things. However as weather and other environment hazards impact the public’s safety and enjoyment of our parks and recreation facilities there maybe things that should be addressed immediately.

As you realize tomorrow is the schedule regular bi-monthly meeting of the Parks and Natural Resource Committee. This is on our agenda as item 5.4. I expect that following our discussion you will receive formal comments from the committee
Statement from the Mansfield Town Council about the State's Office of School Construction Controversy

In recent months there has been increasing reports about allegations that Konstantinos Diamantis, formerly the Director of Connecticut’s Office of School Construction Grants and Review, worked to influence local municipalities to hire certain contractors for state-finance school projects. Mr. Diamantis, who was put on administrative leave by Governor Lamont in October, has allegedly pressured some communities to step out of the normal bidding process and appoint construction companies that had pre-existing relationships with the state.

The Town Council, in cooperation with the School Building Committee and the Board of Education, has investigated whether Mansfield’s dealings with the Office of School Construction resulted in any such influence, or whether our community might be involved with this investigation.

On behalf of Mansfield’s elected officials, we want to assure the taxpayers of Mansfield that at this time there does not appear to be any link between our Mansfield Elementary School Project and the ongoing investigations into the actions of state officials. No influence was exerted on Mansfield school building officials or our owner’s project management firm, Colliers Project Leaders, by Mr. Diamantis or any other party within the Office of School Construction to alter procurement or construction practices at our new Mansfield Elementary School. It should also be noted that the Town selected an architect and owner’s project management firm without any influence or involvement from officials in the Office of School Construction Grants and Review.

- Many of the improprieties associated with the investigation include specific contractors and pressure imposed on municipalities by certain state officials to use those specific contractors. Mansfield was not pressured into selecting a state-preferred contractor, and the town followed the regular required public bidding procedures for contractor bidding for the new elementary school.
- The process was an open, public, competitive bidding from multiple general contractors. The town ultimately selected the lowest responsible bidder, Newfield Construction.
- The Town of Mansfield has not received any indication from the state that the project’s grants or reimbursement would be affected in any way by the contractor selection for the school project.
- We will cooperate with the State of Connecticut if any investigation of our project should be undertaken. However, we want to underscore that the Town has no reason to believe that the reimbursement rate of our new Mansfield Elementary School will be impacted by the Office of School Grants and Review controversy.