

**Ad hoc Committee on Responsible Contracting
Friday, July 11, 2014
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building**

Minutes

Members Present: Toni Moran (Chair), Elizabeth Wassmundt, Elizabeth Paterson

Other Council Members Present: Steve Kegler, Paul Shapiro

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant Town Manager, Matt Hart, Town Manager, Cherie Trahan, Finance Director, John Carrington, DPW Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of May 9, 2014 were moved by Paterson and seconded by Wassmundt. The minutes were approved as presented (Moran, Wassmundt in favor, Paterson abstaining).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Freudmann, Mansfield. Mr. Freudmann spoke in opposition to a responsible contracting ordinance, local preference, and a policy statement on responsible contracting.

3. DISCUSSION ON RESPONSIBLE CONTRACTING ORDINANCE

Moran made the motion to move "Committee wrap-up" to the end of the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Local Preference. Discussion occurred on local preference in the procurement process. Wassmundt made the motion, seconded by Paterson, "for the Committee to no longer consider and end discussion on the concept of local preference in the procurement process." The motion passed unanimously

Recommendations to Town Council. At Moran's request, Hart reviewed a number of options for the Committee to consider such as amendments to the Purchasing Ordinance or a policy statement that would require selected contractors to engage in fair and equitable treatment of their employees while also adhering to safe work practices and all labor and safety laws. Discussion occurred as to whether or not the existing Purchasing Ordinance (76-3, 76-4D 9/10/12) provides the Town with the authority to require contractors to disclose safety and labor law violations and to review that record. Wassmundt made the motion, seconded by Paterson, "to have the Town Manager take the legal questions to the Town Attorney for comment." Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Wrap-Up. To be discussed at next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield