

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** A. Moran, C. Workman, J. Carrington, J. Armstrong, E. Holinko, B. Sims, P. Aho, M. Gilbert, D. Freudman, K. Timme, S. Vasington

**Staff:** L. Painter, C. van Zelm, V. Ward, A. Greinder

Meeting was called to order by T. Moran at 1:02pm.

### 1. Public Comment

No Public Comment

### 2. Meeting Minutes

Armstrong moved, Sims seconded approval of the December 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Vasington and Workman abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. 2020 Election

Ward and Greinder are not interested in another polling place as it is costly and the Town would have to borrow equipment. The process would be very slow if held on campus. The Registrar would like to have registration on campus prior to the election. They would also like to send out information to the students beginning in the middle of April before the primary which is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Workman will obtain the names of people of belong to UConnPIRG to be involved and contact the Registrar's Office.

### 4. Updates

*a. Mansfield Downtown Partnership / Economic Development.* van Zelm handed out the 2020 Event List. Initiatives that are being worked on this year are entryway signage, wayfinding signage, information guide for new residents, and a comprehensive community event calendar which would encompass municipal, business, and UConn events. Finishing up work with CERC, which is now Advanced CT, on the market analysis for the opportunity zone area. The regional economic development group is working on the priorities for the region. Vasington stated any development will support the University's mission in regards to Depot Campus. UConn will keep property ownership. UConn will perform studies and send communication prior to any new development.

*b. Planning and Development.* L. Painter stated the Eagleville Green public hearing was postponed to March 2<sup>nd</sup> and a wetlands application for a new 358 room development is March 4<sup>th</sup>. P&D is finalizing the contract with a consultant who will review regulations, do markups, and

reorganize the regulations along with the committee. If any ideas or thoughts from the Town University Relations Committee arise in regards to regulations, contact L. Painter.

c. *USG*. No report as there was no representative present. The new chair for USG's External Affairs Committee is Zoe Jensen and the representative for the committee is Emerson Femc.

### **5. UConn Construction Updates**

Vasington gave athletic district improvements updates – baseball should be on their new field at the end of March and soccer should be in their new stadium in August. The new hockey rink design will be completed and break ground in the fall. The Northwest Science Quad which entails a Science Building, Utility Plant, and Parking will begin construction this April and continue to Fall 2022. The transportation services employees are still working on logistics for shuttles to Jorgensen during actual construction.

### **6. Update on the Request of Expressions of Interest for the Mansfield Apartment Site**

Vasington stated a committee shortlisted and interviewed three firms. The committee is still deliberating the outcome of those firms interviewed. It is still in the exploration stage.

### **7. 2020 Census**

Census collection starts April 1<sup>st</sup>. A Town committee was formed and Armstrong is on the committee. Catherine Marks, government representative for the census, is tabling events at UConn to assist with getting the word out to obtain the correct count in Mansfield.

### **8. Other Business**

Moran distributed copies of the letter to be given to the President of UConn in response to the University's position on new multi-unit housing in Mansfield. The relationship between Mansfield and UConn is more than just housing, it is about community, impact on students, and economic development.

### **9. Future Agenda Items**

UConn's Procurement Process / Mansfield Supply  
PFAS Chemicals

Motion made by Armstrong, seconded by Sims, to adjourn at 2:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheri Baczanski  
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