

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: July 11, 2011  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

## **Council Requests for Information/Council Business**

- *Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget* – On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the General Assembly and the Governor decided not to further reduce state aid to cities and towns as recommended by the Governor's "Plan B" proposal for the state budget, at least for the first year of the biennial budget. We should know more about FY 2012/13, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the budget, later this summer.
- *Education Cost-Sharing Grant* – Please see the information attached to this report regarding the purpose and membership of the Education Cost-Sharing Grant task force.
- *Electric Car Plug-In Station at Town Hall* - To enhance our environmental goals and sustainability programs, the Town of Mansfield has accepted CL&Ps offer to participate in its Electric Vehicle Charging Research Project. The Town received one "Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment" (EVSE), without cost, to assist in this research. To date four other towns in Connecticut are recipients of this equipment. With the assistance of the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson, the Engineering, Building, Fire, Recreation and Zoning Departments have reviewed potential sites and have chosen to construct a new parking space near the Community Center gym and skating rink at which this charging station will be located. The Town will be responsible for the installation and related costs of the charging station. We are told by CL&P that the actual cost of charging a vehicle will be about \$1.65 per eight hour day, so if used every day it could cost the Town up to \$600 per year. We have not yet worked out a system whereby the equipment could be reserved and used for a cost, although several options are being considered. The CL&P agreement requires installation within 60 days and we are working with the DPW, Facilities, Building Departments and the Community Center to coordinate the installation. CL&P will publicize the ground breaking when the installation is complete.
- *Police Overtime Costs* – Staff has budgeted \$40,000 for trooper overtime for next year based on 70% cost reimbursement. If we estimate only one Spring Weekend and run it out at 100% reimbursement we could potentially be short \$25,000 – 30,000. We will monitor expenditures throughout the year and make adjustments to the budget to accommodate for any deficit in resident trooper overtime.

## **Departmental/Division News**

- *Emergency Management*
  - The Town of Mansfield received \$31,221.93 from FEMA for the January 11/12, 2011 snow storm, which was the subject of a Presidential Disaster Declaration issued on March 3, 2011. The disaster declaration of March 3, 2011 entitled Mansfield to a 75% reimbursement for eligible costs incurred for emergency relief and recovery assistance as a direct result of the heavy snow.
- *Parks and Recreation*
  - *Summer Concert Series* - There are three concerts left in July, which will be held on the Community Center green (AKA the ice rink) from 6:30-8:00PM. July 14, On Call Band; July 24, Memphis Soul Spectacular; and July 28, Kidsville Kuckoo Revue. The concerts are FREE. In the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved into the community center gymnasium
  - *Summer Family Fun* - This Summer we will have Family Fun Nights on July 22 and Aug. 12, 6-9PM. and Family Fun Mornings on July 9 and Aug. 27, 10AM-1PM.
  - *Free Mansfield Days at the Community Center* - Mansfield residents can use the community center for free on Wed., July 20, 6:30-9:30PM; and Sat., Aug. 27, 10AM-1PM.

- *Town Manager's Office*
  - Beginning on July 11, Jillene Woodmansee will be assisting Youth Services with our early childhood efforts. Jillene has a bachelor's degree from Anna Maria College and municipal experience with the Towns of Hebron and Andover. Welcome, Jillene!

### **Major Projects and Initiatives**

- *Storrs Center Project*
  - Public Hearing - On **Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chamber in the Beck Municipal Building, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership will hold a public hearing on plans for site improvements to the United States Post Office parcel and a portion of Post Office Road in Storrs Center. The purpose of this hearing is to receive written or oral comments for the purpose of determining whether the submitted Zoning Permit application is in compliance with approval criteria for the Storrs Center Special Design District. (The Storrs Center Special Design District regulations are available on the Partnership's website at [www.mansfieldct.org/mdp](http://www.mansfieldct.org/mdp).) The public hearing will include a presentation of the proposed plans. Application materials, including project mapping, are available for review at the Mansfield Planning Office (4 South Eagleville Road), the Downtown Partnership office (also at 4 South Eagleville Road), the Mansfield Public Library, and online at [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov).

### **Upcoming Events**

- *Thai Massage* - The Mansfield Public Library is pleased to present "Thai Massage for the Community," to be presented by Rick Haesche, a registered Thai Therapist, on Thursday, July 14 from 6:30 -8:30PM in the Buchanan Auditorium. Thai Massage is an effective way to relieve chronic muscle tension, headaches, neck and back pain, sciatic nerve pain, and digestive disorders, as well as effectively reducing mental anxiety and physical discomfort brought on by the cumulative effects of everyday stress. This class will be approximately 2 hours in length and will cover the history, culture and philosophy of Thai Medicine/Thai Massage followed by a session of short routines of 10 to 12 moves that all participants and their partners will perform with the instructor and his assistants. The program will be limited to 15 groups of 2 people in good health; registration will be required. To register please visit or call the library at (860) 423-2501.
- *Tour de Mansfield* - We are excited to again offer this special event on Saturday, July 16, 2011 (rain date July 23). The bike tour provides a family oriented event for area residents, encourages exercise through cycling and promotes awareness of the scenic beauty of Mansfield's historic villages. For more information or to register please go to the Town's website at [www.MansfieldCT.gov](http://www.MansfieldCT.gov) or contact the Mansfield Community Center at 860-429-3015.

### **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Downtown Partnership Public Hearing, July 12, 2011, 7:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, July 12, 2011, 8:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Public Safety Committee, July 13, 2011, 3:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Special Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board Meeting, July 13, 2011, 4:00PM, location TBA
- Zoning Board of Appeals, July 13, 2011, 7:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership, July 14, 2011, 4:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, July 14, 2011, 5:00PM, Kirby Mill (114 Mansfield Hollow Road)
- Community Quality of Life Committee, July 14, 2011, 7:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, July 14, 2011, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, July 18, 2011, 7:00PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Committee on Committees, July 19, 2011, 2:00PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, July 20, 2011, 2:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, July 20, 2011, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, July 25, 2011, 7:30PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

*\*Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*

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**From:** Rep. Haddad, Gregory [mailto:Gregory.Haddad@cga.ct.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2011 9:37 AM  
**To:** Sara-Ann Bourque; Sara-Ann Bourque  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2011 ECS Task Force

Sara-Ann,

I've attached answers to the Council's questions.

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### **2011 ECS Task Force**

Rep. Haddad:

You asked several questions about the task force on the Education Cost Sharing formula established by PA 11-48, section 189.

**Who requested the task force?** The governor. It was included in the original bill he proposed to implement his education-related budget proposals (HB 6385), although the proposed membership and charge were revised before final passage.

**Who are the members?** It has 12 members, one each appointed by the legislative leaders and six by the governor. The legislative appointees can be General Assembly members. Members must be appointed within 30 days of passage (by 7/13/11). The governor must appoint one co-chair from among his appointees and the speaker and the president pro tempore must jointly appoint the other from among the legislative appointees. So far, the Legislative Library has been notified of one appointment, Sen. Toni Harp, who was appointed by the Senate majority leader.

**What is the task force's purpose?** The task force's charge is to study the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula and related issues in light of state constitutional requirements. Although the task force must focus on the ECS formula, it must also consider (1) state grants to interdistrict magnet schools and regional agricultural science and technology centers and (2) special education costs for the state and municipalities. The task force must submit an initial report on its findings and recommendations by January 2, 2012 and its final report by October 1, 2012. Both reports go to the governor and the Education and Appropriations committees. The task force terminates when it submits its final report or on October 1, 2012, whichever is later.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have more questions.