

**REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
JULY 22, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, JC Martin, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the minutes of July 8, 2002 as presented.

Motion so passed. Mr. Schaefer abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments.

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move item #3 under New Business up on the agenda. So passed unanimously.

3. Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities-Annual Report

Helen Koehn, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities, spoke on the history of the committee and its' ability to see that the Town of Mansfield is accessible to all persons. Especially noted were Bicentennial Pond and Merrow Park. The committee is advisory to Planning and Zoning on new buildings such as the community center and is a useful resource for Town staff and Town Council.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and well Testing

No comments

2. NRPA-NFL Youth Football Grant

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to authorize town staff to submit an application in the amount of \$110,000 to the NRPA_NFL Grant Program to receive funding for the Southeast Park Restroom/Storage/Concession building Project.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities-Annual Report

Presentation earlier in meeting.

4. Eastern Connecticut State University Baseball Complex

Discussion by Council member JC Martin concerning the lighting of the ball field when no program was being held or later than any athletic game. Lights have been seen on at 11:00 p.m. when no game was being held. Town Manager will be contacting appropriate persons at the University and discuss the issue with them. When the complex was being built there was much discussion between the town and the university. After field was built the University said they would deal with neighborhood issues directly with the residents.

5. Special Meeting To Honor Retiring Town Employees

Mr. Rosen reported on the Personnel Committees suggestions for a meeting honoring retiring Town employees.

Suggestion: The Senior Center or Library was suggested for the program. He hoped that all Council members would assist in preparing for this reception. A date, perhaps in September, will be selected.

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to add 9a Spring Weekend to the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

6. Website Enhancement Project-Town Council Email Accounts and Webpage

Town Council members expressed approval of the proposal.

7. Establishment of 401a and 457 ICMA Accounts for Employees of Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adopt the resolutions creating 401 and 457 Accounts for Employees of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc, as recommended by the ICMA Retirement Corporation.

So passed unanimously.

8. PZC Referral-Maplewoods Subdivision

No comments from the Town Council.

9. Proposed FY 2002/03 Community Center Operations Budget and Fee Schedule

Town Council members discussed the proposed budget and fee schedule as presented. Much discussion followed with the Director of

Parks and Recreation, Curt Vincente and the Town Manager, assuring Council that this schedule is currently in draft form. As revisions are made on the budget and fee schedule the Council will receive copies. In the near future the Council will be asked to approve the schedule.

9a. Spring Weekend

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Martin seconded the following motion:

Mansfield's Town Council shall present at each meeting of the Town Council:

- a. Suggestions for improving conditions at UConn's Spring Weekend 2003.
- b. Progress reports on suggestions already accepted until the final plans have been approved and put into operation.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Greg Haddad, Chairman of the Committee on Committees, moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to approve the appointments and re-appointments as presented by the committee.

Appoint Mr. Michael Kurland to the Eastern Highlands Health District, reappoint Mr. Winthrop Hilding and Mr. Keith Johnson to the Fire and Emergency Services Committee, Ms. Grace Hunderlach to the Housing Authority and reappoint Mr. Joseph Soltys to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad also mentioned that Helen Koehn has submitted her resignation from the Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities. He thanked her on behalf of the Council and the Community for her work with the committee.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

JC Martin inquired about the road-surfacing project on Spring Hill Road. He questioned why the middle line on the road was recently painted and then covered over by the chip seal process.

Mr. Schaefer asked if Town Manager had heard any news of when the Farwell Barn renovation would be started by the University of Connecticut.

Mr. Rosen inquired about a letter to the editor in the Chronicle regarding ticketing of cars

along the edge of a town road for a private party on Separatist Road. The Town Manager responded that all tires must be off the road or the police have the authority to ticket the car.

IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Community Center Project is progressing. The crane to place the steel beams into place will be here this week.

Mansfield Downtown Partnership has met and the RFQ has been approved. The by laws have been worked on.

The Town has received a \$300,000.00 grant for Wright's Way.

The Federal USDA has given a \$50,000 grant for the Downtown Partnership.

On Thursday there will be a meeting regarding the Firemen's study at 5:30 p.m.

The Town Manager recently appeared on a WILI program.

The Town has received a \$5,000.00 Historic Preservation Grant from the State Library for preservation of land documents.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Mansfield and Jeff Smith, Director of Finance. GFOA also presented Cheryl Trahan, Controller for the Town of Mansfield, an award of Financial Reporting Achievement for her involvement in

Preparing the award winning CAFR.

On August 3, 2002 there will be a program as part of the 300th Celebration for Mansfield at the Mansfield Hollow Dam Park from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The formal ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be a road race, walking tours, bird watching tour, kayak lessons and other family activities.

The lighting project on Route 195 in Mansfield Center is progressing slowly.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. CCM re: Governor's New Rescission Authority
11. "OPM Summary of State Spending Cuts: New State Budget for FY 2002/03"
12. Army Corps of Engineers and B. Paterson re: "Mansfield Homecoming Day"
13. Government Finance Officers Association re: Mansfield's Receipt of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial

Reporting to the Town of Mansfield, and

Whereas the GFOA has also presented an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to Cheryl Trahan, Controller for the Town of Mansfield,

Be it Resolved that the Town Council congratulates Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance, and Cheryl Trahan, Controller, for their excellence which has earned them these awards, and

Be it further resolved that the Town Council congratulates the Town of Mansfield for the services of Mr. Smith and Ms. Trahan.

So passed unanimously.

14. Connecticut State Library re: Mansfield's Receipt of Historic Documents Preservation Grant
15. Town of Mansfield re: Town-owned Land and Conservation Easements
16. L. Schilling re: Second Quarter 2002 Report for Storm Water Sampling of the Stadium Road Detention
17. M. Berliner re: Separatist Road Detention Road
18. Office of Secretary of the State re: Board of Education v. Town of Naugatuck

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Personnel

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Martin seconded to go into executive session on a Personnel matter and an Open Space matter.

So passed unanimously.

At 10:00 p.m. the Council came out of executive session

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:01 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk