

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-FEBRUARY 24, 2003

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Schaefer, Martin

Absent: Bellm, Rosen, Thorkelson

So noted that Rosen and Thorkelson are out of town.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes of February 10, 2003 as corrected. Mr. and Mrs. Kouatly had their name misspelled. The "the" was removed from sentences addressing war on Iraq.

So passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

## 1. Mt. Hope Road Culvert Replacement

The public hearing was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, discussed the history of this culvert and the need to replace it.

Mr. Daniel R. Lawrence, Project Manager, for Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc. Engineers, Inc. discussed the drawings on the proposed project and the photos taken on a similar project.

Mrs. Pat Hempel and her son both spoke of their concerns about drainage onto her land and into her pond from the sand and gravel off the road. They are concerned that the pond will fill up with this drainage of material. She will be working with the Director of Public Works to come to a reasonable solution.

7:50 the public hearing closed.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Meredith Lindsey, 72 Beech Mountain Road, read a letter to the Council in response to the resolution passed last Monday night by the Mansfield Town Council concerning possible war with Iraq.

David Kloss, 72 Beech Mountain Road, read a letter to the Council in response to the resolution passed by the Council regarding possible war with Iraq.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2. Appointment of Member of Regional School District #19 Board of Education

No action taken. Council members asked if Town Attorney could clarify or follow up on the Town Charter/State Statutes regarding on filling of vacancies.

3. University Spring Weekend

The University and State Police have met in preparation for the upcoming Spring Weekend. The University at this time does not want to increase the student programming for the weekend. The Task Force on Substance Abuse is meeting to put together a comprehensive program year round in the community and on campus.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Paperwork Reduction

This item will be included in the next Council agenda.

5. Fiscal Year 2003/04 Budget Review Calendar

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adopt the fiscal year 2003/2004 budget review calendar dated February 24, 2003, as proposed by town staff.

So passed unanimously.

6. Fiscal Year 2002/03 Budget Transfers

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to approve the fiscal year 2002/03 budget transfers and adjustments, as presented by the Director of Finance in his memorandum dated February 12, 2003.

So passed unanimously.

7. Proposed Amendments to Solid Waste Regulations

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 10, 2003 to solicit public comment regarding the propose changes to the Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations.

So passed unanimously.

8. Proposed "Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance"

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to schedule a public hearing for 7:45 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 10, 2003 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed "Hearing Procedure for Citations Ordinance"

So passed unanimously.

9. Proposed AT & T Telecommunications Tower Between Baxter and Cedar Swamp Roads

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to authorize the Mayor to co-endorse the Planning and Zoning Commission's letter to the Connecticut Siting Council to express the town's appreciation for AT & T's cooperation in providing information and addressing various issues concerning its planned telecommunication tower between Baxter and Cedar Swamp Roads.

So passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Municipal Action Day was cancelled at the State Capitol.

The Mayor met with Superintendent Schimmel and Chairman of the Board of Education Bill Simpson regarding the budget. Both parties understood the gravity of the budget and the Superintendent has issued a budget freeze.

Tuesday night there will be a meeting regarding the UConn Landfill at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The Task Force on Substance Abuse at the University of Connecticut meets every Wednesday night as the President of the University is expecting a report.

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