

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JUNE 23, 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: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Rosen, Schaefer, Martin, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the minutes with two corrections: the fire truck has not been purchased, only specifications were adopted, and that the proclamation will be presented to a resident.

So passed with the two corrections unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCILIV. PUBLIC HEARING

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1. Open Space Acquisition-Mullane Property

Mr. Hill Bullard, President of Joshua's Trust urged the Council to support the proposed joint partnership to acquire the Mullane Property which lies on both sides of the abandoned or discontinued portion of Woodland Road just north of the junction with Mulberry Road. With the Town's contribution of \$10,000.00 the Trust may purchase the 17-acre parcel from Mrs. Mullane for the sale price of \$35,000.00. He gave the Town Council the appraisal of the property and the sale agreement.

Mr. Quentin Kessell, speaking on behalf of the Mansfield Conservation Commission, urged the Council to support the Mullane property purchase. The Commission voted unanimously to support this purchase with Robert Dahn recusing himself from the discussion from the vote.

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Acting Town Manager, Matt Hart presented the Council with several letters in support of the purchase of the Mullane property.

V. OLD BUSINESS

2. Open Space Acquisition-Mullane Property

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that, effective June 23, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to appropriate up to \$10,000 towards Joshua Trust's purchase of the 17 acre Mullane property located on the now abandoned

portion of Woodland Road.

So passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

3. Proclamation in Honor of A. Barberet's Service to the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Haddad seconded that, effective June 23, 2003, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation in honor of Audrey Barberet's service to the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

Mayor Paterson read the proclamation and with the Deputy Mayor Haddad presented her with a Mansfield ceramic vase.

4. Presentation Concerning Refuse Collection in the Town of Mansfield

Public Works Director Lon Hultgren and Recycling Agent Virginia Walton gave a presentation on proposed system for collecting refuse in Town. At present the enterprise fund is not able to cover the expenses. All homes will receive a base fee and then everyone will be required to purchase garbage bags.

5. Landfill Closure Grant Agreement

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Rosen seconded that the following resolution be adopted: effective June 23, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute the attached personal service agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to provide a grant-in-aid for expenditures towards the closure of the town's landfill.

So passed unanimously.

6. Child and Adult Care Food Program Application for Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Rosen seconded that effective, June 23, 2003, to authorize the Town Manager to submit the attached application in the amount of \$39, 290.32 to the Connecticut Department of Education's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to help fund the food service operation at the Mansfield Discovery depot.

So passed unanimously.

7. Community Children's Center Application to Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to schedule a public hearing at a special meeting of the Town Council, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 30, 2003 to solicit public comment regarding the Community Children's Center's application to the state's Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

So passed unanimously.

8. Grant Application to League of Women Voters to sponsor a Community Conversation about Education

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to authorize the Director of Social Services to submit an application in the amount of \$2,000 to the League of Women Voters to sponsor a community conversation about early childhood care and education.

So passed unanimously.

9. Amendment to Mansfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 173, Article V-Ambulance-type Motor Vehicle Exemption

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on July 14, 2003 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the Mansfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 173, Article V-Ambulance-type Motor Vehicle Exemption.

So passed unanimously.

10. Police Coverage in the Town of Mansfield

As requested by Council member Martin, the Town Manager outlined the police protection service and the funds needed to support this service.

11. Underage Drinking, University Spring Weekend and President Austin's Task Force on Substance Abuse.

No action necessary

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

By consensus the quarterly reports will be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee will meet with the Council in executive session.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson reported that she had received a letter from the UConn Safety Services that they will be conducting firearms safety program at the university site off of Gurleyville Road on July 17, 2003.

X. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Matt Hart, Acting Town Manger, introduced the new intern in the Town Managers office, Christopher Gilbride.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Martin asked about the frequent use of Storrs Center vs. Mansfield Downtown.

XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST S AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.W. Rosen re: Resignation from the Mansfield Town Council
- 13.C. Winter re: Resignation from the Mansfield Board of Education
- 14.Mansfield Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting and Report
- 15.Center Character Survey Analysis for the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan
- 16.E. Paterson and A. Barberet re: Docket No. 274, Petition 626T, AT & T Wireless, PCS, LLC, applicant proposed telecommunications facilities in Mansfield
- 17.Technical Advisory Group for Long-term Impact Analysis of UConn Water Supply Wells on Habitat of the Fenton River-December 12,2002 Minutes
- 18.R. Miller re: Storm Water Sampling Report, First Quarter 2003-Stadium Road Detention Basin
- 19.State Department of Transportation re: Approval of Traffic Enforcement Program Equipment Grant
- 20.D. Dagon re: FY 2003 Homeland Security Grant Program Personal Protective Equipment Purchase
- 21.M. and K. Johnson re: Open Space Funds to Support Purchase of the Mullane Property

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss the Town Manager's evaluation.

So passed unanimously.

At 10:02 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Martin seconded to come out of Executive session

So passed unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:03 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adjourn the Council meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, MayorJoan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk