



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, November 14, 2005
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

	Page
CALL TO ORDER	
ROLL CALL	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	1
MOMENT OF SILENCE	
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL	
OLD BUSINESS	
1. Depot Road Traffic Update (Item #5(b), 07-11-05 Agenda)	51
2. Skate Park Proposal (Item #3, 10-11-05 Agenda)	57
3. Fenton River (Item #3, 10-24-05 Agenda)	117
4. Campus/Community Relations (Item #4, 10-24-05 Agenda)	123
5. Compensation Adjustment for Town Manager	125
NEW BUSINESS	
6. Proclamation in Honor of Dr. James S. Peters II	127
7. Proclamation in Honor of Julie K. White	129
8. Proclamation in Honor of Timothy J. Veillette	131
9. Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2006	133
10. Petition for Appointment of Charter Revision Commission	135
11. Email Registration Service	157
12. 2006 Child Day Care Grant Application	159
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS	163
REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS	
TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT	
FUTURE AGENDAS	

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

13. Letter from M. Hart to E. Higgins re: Security Measures at Bergin CI..... 201

14. American Red Cross re: Hurricane Katrina Relief Donation 203

15. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award 205

16. T. Lantz re: Bergin CI Capacity 207

17. CL&P re: Energy Programs 209

18. L. Hultgren re: A "Green" Festival on the Green..... 211

19. C. vanZelm re: September 30, 2005 Progress Report for the Downtown
Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project 213

20. C. vanZelm re: Progress Report for the Mansfield Revitalization and
Enhancement Project for the period July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005 – Rural
Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) 215

21. Connecticut Population Estimates as of July 1, 2004 by County and Town 217

22. UConn Student Living on Campus at Storrs 1985 – 2005 221

23. Scenic Road Application – Stone Mill Road 223

24. L. Hultgren re: Gas Line Relocation on Maple Road..... 235

25. M. Stanton re: Removal of Voters from the Voter List..... 237

26. Return of Votes Cast..... 239

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-OCTOBER 24,2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of September 11, 2005

Motion so passed. Ms. Blair and Mr. Schaefer abstained.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence for the troops serving at home and abroad and for all the victims of the hurricanes.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The Mayor asked the public to keep their statements to three minutes and to allow all persons to speak at least once before asking to speak again.

Lisa Eaton, 89 Lorraine Drive, presented the following statement as well as a petition of 259 signatures requesting that the Council appoint a Charter Revision Commission to consider revisions to the Charter.

Andrew Ewalt, 43 Brookside Lane, spoke in favor of the MDP and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.

Vicki Wetherell, President of the Willimantic River Alliance, Inc, read a statement to the Council of their concerns during the recent drought and resulting water supply issues affecting the Storrs Community. See attached.

April Holinko, 52 Middle Turnpike, read a statement to encourage the Council to appoint a Charter Revision Commission.

John DeWolfe, Fellen Road, spoke in support of the Downtown Partnership project and the MDP.

Presentation of Petition to Form a Commission
October 24, 2005
Lisa Eaton

My name is Lisa Eaton. I live at 89 Lorraine Dr.

I'd like to take 5 minutes of your time to introduce myself, and share with you what I have learned in the past 5 months about how many townspeople feel about the way we conduct our Town Meetings.

Mansfield is where I met my husband of 28 years while I was studying to become a nurse.

Mansfield is where we chose to raise our family of 4 children; 2 @ EOS, 1 @ UConn and one a recent UConn graduate.

I've lived here for 20 years.

When my children were younger I frequently volunteered @ Goodwin School.

I worked 5 years at Windham Hospital prior to accepting my current position as the Vinton School nurse back in 1994.

On behalf of these 259 signatures, as well as people who have called me pledging their support following the recent Chronicle article, I present to you these petitions asking that you act to appoint a charter review commission as described in the Mansfield Town Charter.

I think it is important to note that the people who signed the petitions are Mansfield Democrats, Republicans and Unaffiliates-truly a cross-section that is representative of our community. These pages include the names of people from every walk of life. They worship at different houses of worship, belong to different clubs, have children at home, or live alone, live in big houses or small quarters, and surely they have different political philosophies. What motivated me to do this?

Privacy and accessibility.

Our May 2005 annual town meeting was not unique, but it was unusual from town meetings in recent years because of the contentious nature of the proceedings. I knew that some people felt intimidated in that environment about voting their conscience. Some felt that way by virtue of their employment, others felt uncomfortable to express themselves in front of neighbors or friends whose opinions were deeply divided. There were other problems, some of which were not at all related to the tone of that particular meeting.

When I asked my mother in law for a ride to the meeting she told me that it was too late at night and too long a time to sit before she could vote. In fact, many senior citizens who shared her feelings signed the petition for the purpose of allowing greater accessibility to vote.

After hearing that my own concerns were widely shared, I became passionate about the need for us to consider how we conduct our town business. From the

Know Your Town Fair, to soccer clinics and games, to neighborhoods, I walked and talked and I discovered that whole neighborhoods shared these concerns. Neither age nor party affiliation mattered. People believed that the inherent right to vote without intimidation, in privacy from others, as well as getting an opportunity to cast their vote with adequate accessibility is true representative democracy. How can we deny people their right to vote?

The Town Council can empower our citizens to address these issues, consider them, and propose possible ways to address privacy and accessibility concerns by forming a Charter Review Commission. These 259 people, and scores of their friends and neighbors we haven't visited yet, are urging you to do that. We appreciate your early consideration and action.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
24 Sept 05	<i>David Grant</i>	David Grant	347 Stearns Rd.
15 Sept 05	<i>Sarah Hilding</i>	Sarah Hilding	17 Southwood Rd
9/26/05	<i>Michelle Barnett</i>	Michelle Barnett	11 Davis Rd.
9/28/05	<i>Mark A. Boyer</i>	Mark A. Boyer	137 Summit Rd.
9/28/05	<i>Suzanne Boyer</i>	Suzanne Boyer	137 Summit Rd
9/28/05	<i>Karen J. Jancuska</i>	Karen J. Jancuska ¹³⁵	66 Fieldstone Dr.
9/28/05	<i>Mark W. Costa</i>	MARK W COSTA	372 BROWNS RD
9/28/05	<i>Michael Kilgannon</i>	Michael Kilgannon	60 Fieldstone DR.
9/28/05	<i>Mary Barry</i>	Mary Barry	60 Fieldstone Dr.
9/29/05	<i>David Hoyle</i>	David Hoyle	51 Fieldstone DR.
9/29/05	<i>Kristen Hoyle</i>	Kristen Hoyle	51 Fieldstone Dr.
9/30/05	<i>Susan Dinsmore</i>	Susan Dinsmore	30-A CHARTER OAK SQ.
9/30/05	<i>Susan Kay</i>	Susan Kay	386 Browns Rd, Storrs
10/4/05	<i>Candace Bishop</i>	CANDACE BISHOP	18 FORT GREENWOLD Lane
10/4/05	<i>Lisa A. Ward</i>	LISA A. WARD	55 Spring Hill Rd.
10/5/05	<i>Nancy Banfield</i>	NANCY BANFIELD	477 Stafford Rd.
10/5/05	<i>Jane Hazzard</i>	Jane Hazzard	29A Anton Rd, Storrs, CT
10/5/05	<i>Kathleen Zolan</i>	Kathleen Zolan	391 Gasperville Rd
10/7/05	<i>Laura M. Cayer</i>	Laura M. Cayer	393 Stearns Rd., Mansfield, CT
10/7/05	<i>James Cayer</i>	James Cayer	393 Stearns Rd, Mansfield, CT

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Drive Storrs, CT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed *Lisa Eaton*

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of October, 2005

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/23/05	<i>Dorothy Dorr</i>	DOROTHY DORR	90 Cedar Falls Rd, Storrs
9/23/05	<i>John B. Thacher III</i>	JOHN B THACHER III	860 Mansfield City Rd Storrs
9/23/05	<i>Davetta Thacher</i>	DAVETTA THACHER	"
9/24/05	<i>Mark Lemma</i>	MARK LEMMA	10 Woodmont Dr
9/24/05	<i>Matthew Raynor</i>	Matthew Raynor	22 Woodmont Drive
9/24/05	<i>Lee Girard</i>	LEE GIRARD	29 Woodmont Drive
9/24/05	<i>Ann O'Connell</i>	Ann O'Connell	28 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	<i>Kristin M. Jaubi</i>	Kristin M. Jaubi	32 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	<i>Marysol Asencia</i>	MARYSOL Asencia	35 Woodmont Dr
9/24/05	<i>Margaret Hynes</i>	Margaret Hynes	35 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	<i>Frank Schiller</i>	Frank Schiller	38 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	<i>Bertha Schiller</i>	Bertha Schiller	38 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	<i>Corey O'Brien</i>	Corey O'Brien	293 Stearns Rd
9/24/05	<i>Robin O'Brien</i>	Robin O'Brien	293 Stearns Rd.
9/24/05	<i>Maria Campbell</i>	Maria Campbell	21 Stone Ridge Lane
9/24/05	<i>Juliana G. Fox</i>	Juliana G. Fox	35 Highland Rd
9/24/05	<i>Richard Brosseau</i>	Richard Brosseau	175 Highland Rd
9/24/05	<i>Shirley A. McMahon</i>	Shirley A. McMahon	172 Highland Rd
9/24/05	<i>Pati McMahon</i>	Pati McMahon	163 Highland Rd.
9/24/05	<i>James McMahon</i>	JAMES McMahon	163 HIGHLAND Rd.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Liza Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr. Storrs, CT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Liza Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. Lynch

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/17	Kelly Bourquin	Kelly Bourquin	791 Mansfield City Rd
9/17	Lodamia Clark	Lodamia Clark	18 Spring Hill Rd
9/17	Peter A. Drzewicki	Peter Drzewicki	79 Candide Lane
9/17	Doris M. Meloy	Doris Meloy	49 STATE RIDGE LANE
9/17	Edward F. Kaesser	EDWARD F. KAESSER JR.	703 MANSFIELD CITY
9/17/05	Daniel J. Reilly	DANIEL J. REILLY	218 WOODLAND ROAD
9/17/05	Sherie Eage	Sherie Eage	123 Fern Rd
9/18/05	Ron Macchio	Ron Macchio	142 Lorraine Dr E.
9/18/05	CRAIG DINSMORE	CRAIG DINSMORE	150 LORRAINE DR. E.
9/18/05	GAIL LOSAPIO	GAIL LOSAPIO	61 CHARLES LANE
9/18/05	Bruce Goldman	Bruce Goldman	187 BRISTOL RD.
9/18/05	Mary E Cox	MARY E COX	63 Independence Dr
9/18/05	Wendy Hamlin	Wendy Hamlin	61 Chaffeeville Rd
9/18/05	Gwen Duff	Gwen Duff	41 Chaffeeville Rd
9/18/05	KENN LYON	KENN LYON	72 Lorraine Dr
9/18/05	SANDFORD VON EICKEN	SANDFORD VON EICKEN	64 LORRAINE DR.
9/18/05	Cheryl Pike	Cheryl Pike	9 Lorraine Circle
9/18/05	Kim Clark	Kim Clark	15 Lorraine Drive
9/18/05	Deb Prince-Wainstay	Deb Prince-Wainstay	20 Lorraine Drive
9/18/05	Thomas Prince-Wainstay	Thomas Prince-Wainstay	20 Lorraine Dr.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr, JAM, CT, 06047, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lisa Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. Lopez

Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or commissioner of the Superior Court

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/16	<i>Carol Kessler</i>	Carol Kessler	400 Eastbrook Heights Mansfield CT 06255
9/16	<i>Karen Lefore</i>	Karen Lefore	137 Sawmill Brook Ln. Mans., Ctr.
9/16	<i>Judith Parenteau</i>	Judith Parenteau	373 Browns Rd. Storrs, CT 06268
9/17	<i>Deborah Csere</i>	Deborah Csere	123 Browns Rd. Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Mary Rameeka</i>	Mary Rameeka	29 Elizabeth Rd. Mansfield Ctr CT 06251
9/16	<i>John deVecchis</i>	John deVecchis	135 Lorraine Dr. Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Mary M. deVecchis</i>	Mary deVecchis	135 Lorraine Dr. East Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Veronica Makowsky</i>	Veronica Makowsky	127 Lorraine Drive East Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Joseph McLoughlin</i>	Joseph McLoughlin	141 LORRAINE DRIVE STORRS, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Linda Dinsmore</i>	Linda Dinsmore	150 Lorraine Drive Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>TIED GAWLICKI</i>	TIED GAWLICKI	132 LORRAINE DR STORRS, CT 06268
9/16	<i>MARY GAWLICKI</i>	MARY GAWLICKI	132 Lorraine Drive East Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Patricia Suprnat</i>	Patricia Suprnat	441 Gurdleville Rd. Storrs, CT
9/16	<i>Joseph Kozachek</i>	Joseph Kozachek	441 Gurdleville Rd. Storrs, CT
9/16	<i>Michael Perce</i>	Michael Perce	93 Wolfish Falls Storrs, CT
9/16	<i>David Shaker</i>	David Shaker	52 Charles Ln. Storrs
9/16	<i>Martha Sidelman</i>	Martha Sidelman	52 Charles Lane Storrs
9/16	<i>SUBHASH JAIN</i>	SUBHASH JAIN	55 Charles Lane Storrs
9/16	<i>Helene Kvale</i>	Helene Kvale	62 Charles Lane Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Andrew Eaton</i>	Andrew Eaton	84 Lorraine Dr. Storrs, CT 06268

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 84 Lorraine Dr. Storrs, CT 06268 being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lisa Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. Lopez
Justice of the Peace, Notary public, or commissioner of the Superior Court

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/10	[Signature]	Marie Dickson	147 Dan's Rd.
9/10	[Signature]	Therese John	835 Stafford Rd
9/10	[Signature]	Meredith Lindsay	72 Beech Mtn
9/10	[Signature]	Karen Doremus	206 Spring Hill Rd
9/10	[Signature]	Sheryl Lohman	498 Stafford Rd. Mansfield center.
9/10	[Signature]	William A. Eason	243 South Eastville Rd
9/10	[Signature]	DAVID A KLOS	72 Beech MTN
9/10	[Signature]	EV4 EATON	24 Silo Rd. W. 5 towns
9/11	[Signature]	Carmel F. Cuyler	301 Stearns Rd. Mansfield
9/11	[Signature]	John G. Cuyler	301 Stearns Rd. Mansfield
9/11	[Signature]	HANS FARRER	584 Gunkville Rd
9/11	[Signature]	Karen Mayer	21 Wrenwood Hill Rd. Mansfield
9/11	[Signature]	Sarah Lacombe	98 Lorraine Dr STORRS
9/11	[Signature]	J.P. Lacombe	98 LORRAINE DR. STORRS
9/11	[Signature]	Nathaniel Eaton	89 Lorraine Dr STORRS
9/11	[Signature]	TERRY CIRANT	347 Stearns St. Mansfield
9/15	[Signature]	Marc Jackson	49 Danville Rd Mansfield
9/15	[Signature]	Marc Kronisch	495 Chaffeeville Rd Storrs
9/15	[Signature]	Fred Dieter	17 Hunters Run
9/16	[Signature]	Eliana Bar-Shalom	76 Clearview Dr, Mansfield

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lin Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr., Storrs, CT 06268 being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lin Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. Lopez

Judicial of the Peace, Notary Public

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/10/05		Charles Eaton	89 Lorraine Drive
9/10/05		Lisa Eaton	89 Lorraine Drive
9/10/05		Thomas Miller	17 Westwood Rd
9/10/05		Carol Phillips	" "
9/10/05		Lisa Drzewiecki	74 Candide Lane
9/10		Joan Dorman	18 Beach rd
9/10		Lynne McPhee	236 Puddin Lane
9/10		Annette Murphy	46 Highland Rd.
9/10		Alison W Blair	115 Coventry Rd
9/10		Daniel R. Davis	594 Browns Rd.
9/10		Linda S. Decker	45B Crystal Lane Storrs
9/10		Tresca Smith	45 Candide Ln Storrs
9/10		PAT BIGGS	4 Lorraine Circle
9/10		Anne Greiner	16 Holly Dr.
9/10		Richard Pelligrino	269 Clover Mill Rd.
9/10		PETER G. PLANTE	7 OAK DR, MANSFIELD CT.
9/10		Ronald P. Murphy	46 Highland Road
9/10		CHRISTOPHER R. PLANTE	725 Middle Trappike
9/10		DEBORAH PLANTE	7 OAK DRIVE
9/10		Barbara Cesey	70 Davis Rd Storrs

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr., Storrs, CT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lisa Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. Lynch
Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or commissioner of the Superior Court

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/17/05	<i>Jane Blanchard</i>	JANE BLANCHARD	13 D Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9/17/05	<i>Rufus Blanchard</i>	RUFUS BLANCHARD	13 D Sycamore Dr. Storrs
"	<i>Roberta Litoff</i>	ROBERTA LITOFF	539 Chaffeeville Rd.
"	<i>Oscar Litoff</i>	OSCAR LITOFF	337 Chaffeeville Rd.
"	<i>Camille Forman</i>	CAMILLE FORMAN	13A Sycamore Dr. Storrs
"	<i>Kenneth Forman</i>	KENNETH FORMAN	13-A Sycamore Dr. Storrs
"	<i>Diane Briody</i>	DIANE BRIODY	19 Little Lane, Storrs
9/17/05	<i>Suzanna Everett</i>	SUZANNA EVERETT	310 Groveville Rd Storrs
9/17/05	<i>Maria A. Proser</i>	MARIA A. PROSER	117 Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9/17/05	<i>Matthew N. Proser</i>	MATTHEW N. PROSER	117 Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9-17-05	<i>William J. Kelleher</i>	WILLIAM J. KELLEHER	13C Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9-18-05	<i>Anke Dantje</i>	ANKÉ DANTJE	14 D Sycamore Dr.
9/19/05	<i>Robert Smith II</i>	ROBERT SMITH II	16-B Meadow Rd Storrs, CT
9/19/05	<i>Carol Roberts</i>	CAROL ROBERTS	11-6 Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9/19/05	<i>Charles W. Mearns</i>	CHARLES W. MEARNS	11-3 Sycamore Dr. Storrs
"	<i>Tracy P. Williams</i>	TRACY P. WILLIAMS	11 F Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9/19/05	<i>Melodie S Dodge</i>	MELODIE S DODGE	5B Sycamore Dr Storrs
9/19/05	<i>David Freudman</i>	DAVID FREUDMAN	22 Eastwood Rd, Storrs
9/19/05	<i>Patricia Frantz</i>	PATRICIA FRANTZ	14 Minnesota Rd, Storrs
9/19/05	<i>D. Nilsen Nash</i>	D. NILSEN NASH	P.O. Box 462 MANSFIELD CENTER, CT 06206

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Jane Blanchard, of 13 D Sycamore Drive, Storrs, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Jane Blanchard

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of September, 2005

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/20/05	<i>Nancy Chané</i>	NANCY CHANÉ	8-B Sycamore
9/20/05	<i>Norman Chance</i>	NORMAN CHANCE	8-B Sycamore
9/20/05	<i>Jessie Daniels</i>	JESSIE DANIELS	8A SYCAMORE DR.
9/20/05	<i>Wilgard Daniels</i>	WILGARD DANIELS	8A Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>John Rice</i>	JOHN RICE	7A Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>Mary E Rice</i>	MARY E RICE	7A Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>Margaret Pryor</i>	MARGARET PRYOR	7B Sycamore Drive
9/20/05	<i>Helen B. Kinsman</i>	HELEN B. KINSMAN	7-C Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>Ida G Millman</i>	IDA G MILLMAN	6B SYCAMORE DR
9/21/05	<i>Suzette Chapman</i>	SUZETTE CHAPMAN	52 Constitution Sq
9/21/05	<i>Douglas Pzaja</i>	DOUGLAS PZAJA	411 Gouleyville Rd
9/21/05	<i>Emily Mattings</i>	EMILY MATTINGS	108 S Easteville Rd
9/21/05	<i>Elizabeth Halloran</i>	ELIZABETH HALLORAN	23 Silo Road West
9/21/05	<i>Fuelyn Glazier</i>	FUELYN GLAZIER	22 Silo Rd. West
9/21/05	<i>Victor L. Kaplan</i>	VICTOR L. KAPLAN	-8 Mansfield Hollow Rd. Ext.
9/21/05	<i>Harriet Mead</i>	HARRIET MEAD	4 Westwood Rd
9/21/05	<i>Betty G. Seaver</i>	BETTY G. SEEVER	27 Hunting Lady Lane
9/21/05	<i>Ruth Herrmann</i>	RUTH HERRMANN	21 Silo Rd W.
9/21/05	<i>Ethel Comiskey</i>	ETHEL COMISKEY	14A SYCAMORE DR

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Jane Blanshard, of 1312 Sycamore Dr., Storrs being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Jane Blanshard

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of September 2005

John P. 12 Sullivan

Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or commissioner of the Superior Court

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/23/05	Kenneth A. Deeg	KENNETH A DEEG	6C SYCAMORE DR., STORRS
9/23/05	Adah Ruth Ballard	ADAH RUTH BALLARD	6D SYCAMORE DR., ST
9/22/05	Connie Morrissette	CONNIE MORRISSETTE	17B SYCAMORE DR., STORRS, CT
9/22/05	Donall Morrissette	DONALD MORRISSETTE	" " " "
11/7/05	Gyda Walz-Michals	GERDA WALZ-MICHALS	149 Wag Lane Storrs CT
"	David Michael	DAVID MICHAEL	"
9/23/05	Robert Ada	ROBERT ADA	80 Kaya Ln. 47 Sycamore St
9/23/05	Lucille Adam	LUCILLE ADAM	4A Sycamore St
9/23/05	Jeanne T. Schwartz	JEANNE T. SCHWARTZ	4-B Sycamore Drive STORRS -
9/23/05	Robert Depray	ROBERT DEPRAY	4C Sycamore
9/23/05	Dorothy Depray	DOROTHY DEPRAY	4C SYCAMORE
9/23/05	Marion D. Osteron	MARION OSTERON	4-D SYCAMORE
9/23/05	Geraldine D. Zeri	GERALDINE D ZERI	3A SYCAMORE
9/23/05	Elizabeth P. Jordan	ELIZABETH P. JORDAN	3C SYCAMORE DR
9/23/05	Carolyn S. Drescher	CAROLYN S. DRESCHER	35 Beech Mountain Road Mansfield
9/23/05	Dorothy P. Lindorff	DOROTHY P. LINDORFF	9B SYCAMORE DR STORRS
9/23/05	David Lindorff	DAVID LINDORFF	"
9/23/05	Marilyn Gerling	MARILYN GERLING	9A SYCAMORE DR, STORRS
"	B.F. Gerling	B.F. GERLING	" "
9/23/05	Louis F. Caruth	LOUIS F. CARUTH	9C Sycamore Drive Storrs, Ct

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Jane Blanshard, of 13D Sycamore Drive, Storrs, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Jane Blanshard

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of September 2005

Shirley P. 13111
Justice of the Peace, Notary Public

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9-19-05	Nancy Wengel	Nancy Wengel	10 Sycamore Dr. Apt A
9-19-05	Gunnar W. Wengel	Gunnar W. Wengel	10 Sycamore Dr. Apt A
9-23-05	JAN SCOTTRON	JAN SCOTTRON	10 B SYCAMORE DR.
9-23-05	Lanie Fairé	LANIE FAIRÉ	127 SYCAMORE DR
9-23-05	Jeffrey Jensen	Jeffrey Jensen	186 Chaffinville Rd.
9-24-05	John M. Kaye	JOHN M. KAYS	MCNR WARREN Circle, 931
9/24/05	Edward Baxter	Edward Baxter	49 Ball Hill Rd.
9/24/05	PAT MICHALAK	PAT MICHALAK	67 Charles Lane
9/24/05	Eric Holmko	Eric Holmko	52 Millville Top Ct, 02605
9/27-05	Diane Haddon Harty	Diane Haddon Harty	897 Storrs Rd
9/27	Ann R Jordan	Ann R Jordan	243 So Eagleville Rd
9/26	Gayle Hightower	Gayle HIGHTOWER	32 Clover Mill Rd.
9/26	Emmanuel Haddou	Emmanuel Haddou	107 Cedar Summit Rd
9/26	PASQUALE FERRIGNO	PASQUALE FERRIGNO	28 GREENFIELD LANE
9/26	ETHEL MANTONIS	ETHEL MANTONIS	217 GUILDFORD RD
11/2/05	William	WILLIAM	38 Mountain Road, Mans. Ct.
10/10	CUYLEPER	CUYLEPER	928 Storrs Rd moved to 141 Davis Rd.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Nancy Wengel, of 10 Sycamore Drive, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Nancy Wengel

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of October 2005

Sherry A. Sellers
Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or commissioner of the Superior Court
Sherry A. Sellers

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/25/05	<i>Sherry A. Sellers</i>	Sherry A. Sellers	8B E=stbracl. Hgts Couserville Vt.
9/25/05	<i>Debra A Callahan</i>	DEBRA A CALLAHAN	214 FOREST ROAD STORRS CT
10/6/05	<i>Lynn Stedden</i>	Lynn Stedden	142 Ravine Rd Storrs, CT 06268
10/6/05	<i>Terese Karmel</i>	Terese Karmel	28 Meadowood Rd Storrs, CT
10/6/05	<i>Kenneth Grandosick</i>	KENNETH GRANDOSICK	112 HILLYDALE ROAD
10/9/05	<i>L. A. Osborn</i>	L. A. OSBORN	101 Wright Way
10/9/05	<i>D. Stephen McNeil</i>	D. Stephen McNeil	14 Hanks Hill Rd, Storrs, CT 06268
10/9/05	<i>P. Grotter</i>	P. Grotter	136 Bassett Br. Rd. 06268
10/9/05	<i>Ralph McNeal</i>	Ralph McNeal	172 Meadow Rd 06268
10/9/05	<i>Walter Chambers</i>	WALTER CHAMBERS	113 Hillydale Rd STORRS. 06268
10/9/05	<i>Herbert Grotter</i>	HERBERT GROTTOR	136 BASSETTS BRIDGE RD MANSFIELD CENTER 06268
10/9/05	<i>Barbara Grotter</i>	BARBARA GROTTOR	51 CHARLES LANE STORRS 06268
10/11/05	<i>Nancy A. Barry</i>	Nancy A. Barry	14 Juniper Ln Mansfield, Ct 06268

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, MARY GAWLICKY, of Storrs, CT,
 being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed *Mary Grotter*

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of October 2005

Joseph P. 16
 Justice of the Peace, Notary public, or commissioner of the Superior Court

WILLIMANTIC RIVER ALLIANCE, Inc.

P.O. Box 9193, Bolton, CT 06043

info@willimanticriver.org www.willimanticriver.org

October 24, 2005

To: Mansfield Town Council

Subject: **Willimantic River Water Supply/Wastewater Treatment Issues**

Since 1996 the Willimantic River Alliance has worked to protect and preserve the Willimantic River by promoting regional awareness, stewardship and enjoyment of the river and its watershed through cooperation and education. In pursuit of that mission, the Alliance requests that the Mansfield Town Council consider taking action regarding water supply and wastewater issues that affect the Willimantic River.

Why We are Addressing the Town Council

The recent drought and resulting water supply issues affecting the Storrs community has become a concern for the Willimantic River Alliance. The drying out of a section of the Fenton River in September 2005, caused by the overpumping of the University of Connecticut wells along the Fenton, is not just a local issue, but a regional one, potentially affecting the Willimantic River and its watershed just as much as it has the Fenton River and its watershed. The "solution" of relying more heavily on water from the University's wells along the Willimantic River could result in drying out a section of that river.

A watershed-by-watershed approach to water supply planning is not appropriate for the Storrs area, which relies on two watersheds. A regional approach to using water from these two watersheds is necessary to properly plan a water supply for the Storrs urban area, which includes the University's Main Campus and Depot Campus (including the state prison), the non-University residential and commercial uses in and around Storrs supplied with water from the University, the planned development of a new downtown area in Storrs, and future development in the Four Corners area.

Currently there are a number of plans under preparation or review, which address future needs of the University and surrounding community. These include the Town's 2005 Plan of Conservation and Development, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Plan, the University's Campus Master Plan update and the University's 2004 Water Supply Plan. Given the recent drought and subsequent water supply problems, is there enough water to supply and sustain all the uses planned for the Storrs urban area? The University and the Town of Mansfield need a definite answer in order to confidently proceed with these plans, beginning with an understanding of the functions and uses of the Willimantic River. The river is a resource for the region in several ways:

Willimantic River Alliance comments -

The Willimantic River as a natural resource

The river is a major natural corridor for both people and wildlife. Since the Clean Water Act in the 1970's, the river's water quality has improved to its current status as "fishable and swimmable." The Willimantic River is a popular recreation area for fishing, paddling, and hiking. DEP stocks the river with trout, and a canoe/kayak route runs 24 miles from Stafford to Willimantic. The river was designated as an official state Greenway/Blueway in 2003. Since then, Mansfield and Coventry have been developing a mid-river trail system (currently three miles long), which includes the section affected by the University wells. Low flows in the river adversely affects aquatic life and activities such as fishing, paddling, and enjoyment of the riverside by residents and visitors. Inadequate dilution of the University's wastewater below Eagleville Dam adversely affects these activities as well, especially at the Town's Eagleville Preserve, which is immediately downstream of the wastewater outfall.

The Willimantic River aquifer as a water supply

At this time, the Willimantic and Fenton River aquifers are the only source of public drinking water for the University of Connecticut and adjacent residential and commercial areas dependent on the University's water supply system. The Alliance is concerned that reduced pumping from the Fenton River aquifer will require so much pumping from the Willimantic River that it too would dry up, and its normal functions would be threatened. The University's registered water diversion allowance for its wells is not based on studies of low-flow conditions in either the Fenton or Willimantic Rivers. Thus, the planned expansion of the University (and of adjacent commercial and residential development) would rely on a finite resource whose limits have not been determined. This is a risky gamble for both the health of the Willimantic and Fenton Rivers, and also for the stability of the Storrs urban community that relies upon these aquifers for water supplies.

The Willimantic River's role in a wastewater treatment system

The river serves as another type of resource to the Storrs urban area, as it whisks away wastewater from the University and surrounding areas via a sewage treatment plant and its outfall below Eagleville Dam, which is downstream from the wells. We often do not recognize that this is a positive function of the river. If there were not a sufficiently large, year-round flowing water body, there would be no place to dispose of the sewage waste of the Storrs urban area. Development of a large, land-based wastewater treatment facility would then be necessary. If too much water were removed by the University's wells upstream of the wastewater outfall, there would not be sufficient flow to dilute the wastewater. Furthermore, proposed importing of drinking water from other locations, such as Tolland, would increase the amount of wastewater emerging from the outfall. As the wastewater increased, the wells' allowable diversions would need to decrease. Thus, the Willimantic and Fenton wells and the wastewater outflow are interrelated and need to be addressed as an interlocking system.

The Willimantic River as a regional resource

The river also serves communities adjacent to or downstream of Storrs. Town and state parks, canoe launches and fishing spots continue to be developed along the river's Greenway in Coventry, Columbia and Windham. A residential area in Coventry has wells near the University

Willimantic River Alliance comments -

wells. The Town of Coventry is anticipating that, in several years, it will be required to convert its wastewater leach field (above the Rt. 31 bridge) to a treatment plant with an outfall into the river. This may affect the amount of wastewater permitted for the University's outfall. Thus, any plan for extending uses of the river's water by the Storrs urban area will need to include a regional perspective.

Our requests:

We ask the Town to recognize the Willimantic River for the vital role it plays in the Storrs urban area. Life in Storrs could not be sustained without adequate flow in the Willimantic River. Thus, growth of the Storrs urban area is limited by the capacities of the Willimantic River and its aquifer areas--capacities that have yet to be determined.

We therefore request that the Town Council establish a priority to obtain accurate data about its water resources. An important part of that data is to determine a successful balance between the diverse functions and uses of the Willimantic River. This will require solid scientific research and recommendations by a broad cross-section of experts. Thus, we ask the Town Council to consider supporting the following recommendation by the Alliance:

A scientifically based study of the resources and the uses of the Willimantic and Fenton Rivers before further development in the Storrs urban area. This study should include the following:

Two low-flow studies in the Willimantic River to determine realistic numbers:

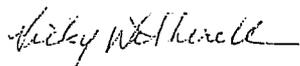
1) at the well field to determine a safe water-diversion amount that will not threaten the river's health, and 2) below Eagleville Dam to determine a sufficient amount of the river's flow for dilution of wastewater at the outfall site.

Determination of an acceptable balance between the amount of water pumped from the Willimantic River wells and the necessary amount of flow past the wastewater outfall downstream, particularly during low-flow conditions.

Determination of a balance between uses of the Willimantic River by the Storrs urban area and uses elsewhere in the river's watershed.

This information, in combination with the current study of the Fenton River, would provide a sound basis for confident planning and a secure future for the Town.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Council. Please feel free to contact us for more information on these issues.



Vicky Wetherell, President

This letter was read at the Nov. 24, 2005 Mansfield town council meeting,
By April Holinko, 52 Middle Turnpike, Mansfield Depot

Good evening Council members, I'm here to encourage you to appoint a commission to study charter revision.

I have lived in Mansfield for 41 years and have cherished my time here. I have seen many changes most of which were positive. I look forward to even more changes most specifically growth as shown by our "downtown plans". With this growth comes a need to look at possible charter revision. In addition, from my experience serving in public office, I have often found it awkward to vote on our budget in a public meeting type of forum. For example, I may not have voted to pass the budget as a whole not because I did not support education or our town but because of perhaps one small piece of the budget I was opposed to. I believe voters should not have to feel they are judged by the way they vote or should be put in a position to explain their vote one way or another. Even though we are friends and neighbors judgment does happen. I'm convinced that if we held budget referendums using polling machines or paper ballot included in charter revision, our voter turnout would be higher. Isn't this what a democratic society supports? I respectfully ask that you consider charter revision for the good of all.

Richard Schwab and Kristin E. Schwab, 85 Willowbrook Road, wrote a letter supporting the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the project. See attached.

JC Martin, 219 Crane Hill Road, spoke in support of establishing a Charter Revision Committee. He urged that the vote should be accessible by all and be private. He wished to keep the Annual Meeting, but then go to referendum vote by machine. He spoke on the approval of the Downtown Partnership project as long as the first amendment rights would be honored throughout the complex.

Janet Jones, 221 Wormwood Hill Road, read a statement in support of the MDP. See attached.

Roger Adams, 282 Wormwood Hill Road, spoke in support of the MDP. He felt that the project will provide an opportunity for students to use a downtown area and that this project will be done correctly.

Carol Pellegrine, 269 Clover Mill Road, spoke in support of the Charter Revision Commission. It has been 10 years since the last commission and part which addresses the fire departments needs to be updated. The annual meeting must allow a private vote without feeling intimidation. Also there is a real concern that non-residents are voting.

Ken Dardick, 1027 Mansfield City Road, and a resident of 30 years, spoke in support of the Downtown project. This area, place will bring together all the various sections of town and have a positive impact on the community.

Richard Pellegrine, 269 Clover Mill Road, spoke in support of the petition to establish a Charter Revision Commission. He spoke of hostile encounters with people over past budget issues. He stated that voting is a sacred right and that it should be a secret, private ballot.

Bruce Goldman, 187 Browns Road, spoke in support for establishing a Charter Revision Commission. Since votes may be contentious they should be private.

John Roulrier, 19 Fellen Road, spoke in support of a Charter Revision Commission. He also asked the Council to do a better job of advertising.

Charles Eaton, 89 Lorraine Drive, read a letter to the Council regarding establishing a Charter Revision Commission. He stated that accessibility and privacy were the two main concerns. See attached.

Eva Eaton, Glen Ridge, spoke in favor of forming a charter revision commission. She is a former teacher in town.

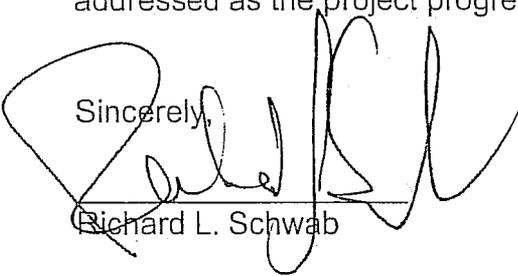
October 24, 2005

Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield, Connecticut

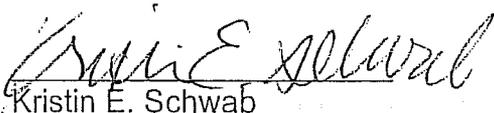
Dear Council Members,

This letter is written to go on record that Richard Schwab and Kristin Schwab of 85 Willowbrook Road, Storrs Connecticut are very supportive of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership. We believe that the partnership and the developers have done everything necessary to ensure the building of a high quality, safe and innovative town center that will greatly enhance the quality of life in our community. As land owners that abut the downtown project we feel that we have had ample opportunity for input into the project that the developer is reputable and ready to proceed. We believe that the time has come to move the project forward. We feel such projects will always have challenges to deal with, from relocation of existing business to traffic circulation issue. We trust the current development team has all the right partners to ensure that these issues are addressed as the project progresses.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Schwab



Kristin E. Schwab

cc: Cynthia van Zelm

Good evening, my name is Janet Jones^{2216 Hornwood Hill} and I have been a member of the Board of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership since 2002. My husband and I are residents of Mansfield and I have been a part of this community since the mid-sixties, coming to Storrs first as a student. I am currently retired. I would like to speak to an item on your agenda this evening – your review of the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan.

In the mid sixties, when I first came to town, there was some vibrancy to the downtown area. As new retail centers were built around us, our little downtown attracted fewer and fewer retailers and consumers, and has experienced continuing deterioration. I think it is important to note that the area slated for Storrs Center is not pristine. It truly is a redevelopment area and will reclaim and protect the wetlands that are currently at risk.

I have been proud of the deliberate and careful planning that has gone into the new Storrs Center. It will bring with it many of the amenities we all seek and patronize in surrounding communities. The restauranters, merchants and retailers in Storrs Center will be a reflection of our community and will keep consumer spending and activity here at home.

As a retiree, I am concerned about the necessity to increase our Mansfield property taxes, even though I may understand ^{the reasons} why. Let us NOT overlook that the net tax benefit to the Town of Mansfield ranges from \$181,000 in tax year one to over \$2.5 million per year at build out. As someone in retirement with a fixed income, ~~relief from an increasing tax burden is most welcome.~~ *that's your news.*

In the late 90's, Pfizer proposed a joint project with UConn which had the potential to benefit Mansfield, through increased employment and lower property taxes. To my surprise, there was considerable opposition to the project. By the time I realized it was in jeopardy, I knew I didn't understand the issues – not enough to take a stand. ~~I was not educated as to the benefits or the disadvantages of that project.~~ I resolved that if other opportunities for business development should come to Mansfield, I would make sure I knew the issues – the pros and cons. That is why when I was asked in 2002 to serve on the Board of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, I said yes. I have been a part of the process, listened, asked questions, and can come to you today with the strong belief that the Town Council's positive review of the Municipal Development Plan will take us one step closer toward a greater and more vibrant Mansfield.

October 24, 2005

Town of Mansfield Council Members
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs/Mansfield, Connecticut 06268

Dear Members:

The Town of Mansfield is less than one month away from its election of key municipal positions including Town Council members. The elections reminded me that our right to exercise our vote is what makes our country so great. Besides voting for those who represent us, the other annual vote that is very important is the vote that takes place at the Budget Town Meeting the second Tuesday of each May. This meeting is the one that many of us romanticize as the historical gathering in the local meeting house on the corner of the green. Visit Sturbridge Village and you can get the feeling. For decades, Mansfield has held an annual Budget Meeting where taxpayers gather to cast their vote in front of their friends and neighbors for or against the annual budget. While many New England towns voted this way for centuries, many towns have chosen alternative approaches to adopting their budget.

It is time for Mansfield to reconsider its approach to voting on its proposed budget. My wife, Lisa Eaton, circulated a petition through the town. She diligently spent hours explaining to voters why she thinks there needs to be a change, and through this petition, residents expressed their own eagerness to discuss our Town rules for governance. And not surprising to me, the bipartisan support has been enormous, with no party lines drawn when deciding to sign the petition. In fact, she only found a few who did not support the petition—with whole neighborhoods signing. While the process of forming a Commission to review the Town Charter and recommend changes could require many hours of hard work, it will open the door for public discussion and thoughtfulness in deciding if change is necessary. My wife and I do not fully know what is best, but we believe it is time to discuss the way we vote.

With respect to the annual budget meeting, accessibility and privacy are our two concerns about the current approach. It is clear that holding this meeting at 8:00 p.m. on a Tuesday prevents legitimate registered voters and taxpayers from voting including: 1) those individuals who work second shift, 2) many of the elderly who cannot drive at night, 3) caregivers of young children, and 4) those individuals who may have to travel for business and are not allowed to submit an absentee ballot. The last meeting also demonstrated another concern: that there could be intimidation of those who are paid through Mansfield's budget. Whether real or only perceived, the annual budget meeting, in its current format, does not create a safe environment for employees to vote who may fear for their livelihood. There is no place for even the perception of intimidation in a democracy. Other residents, even though they are not town employees, have expressed discomfort in voting without privacy, especially when there are contentious issues being considered.

I should note that in calling hundreds of petitioners and others individuals this past weekend, concerning the October 24th Council meeting, approximately 60 petitioners would not be able to make the meeting because they cannot drive at night and another large number of individuals could not make it because they work second shift or have young children at home – these are the same people who cannot vote in the May budget meeting each year.

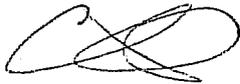
So as you begin to consider the appointment of a Commission, please remember that a large number of people in Mansfield, Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated voters alike, have begun to express their support for beginning the process by which we consider the way we vote. While Town Meetings may have worked in another time, our society has changed and we hope our elected officials will welcome and support our desire to hold these conversations. And for anyone who feels other revisions to the Charter are necessary, a Commission will provide a process to consider any and all suggestions.

We are prepared to obtain the 10% of electors required in a petition to automatically put in place the appointment of a Charter Commission pursuant to section 7-188 of the state statutes. However, we believe the Council members will do the right thing and allow this process to take place to ensure that the democratic process is accessible to everyone and without any fear associated with it.

Both my wife and I would be willing to serve on a Charter Revision Commission.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to Mansfield.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Eaton
89 Lorraine Drive
Storrs/Mansfield, Connecticut 06268

Chris Kueffner, 192 Ravine Road, spoke in favor of the Charter, and supports the Downtown partnership MDP.

Ann Salina, 67 Highland Road, spoke in support of Mansfield Downtown Partnership project. She is Manager of the University of Connecticut Alumni Association. She says she hears from people that they are excited about the project and are in support of the project.

Dolan Evanovich, 10 Westwood Road, Vice Provost of Enrollment at the University of Connecticut, spoke in favor of the MDP. Both personally and professionally this will be a good project. Perspective students need off-campus choices, and this will make an already good community into a great community.

Audience for Citizens closed at 8:45 p.m.

Carl Schaefer, 34 Warrenville Road, made comments on the Charter revision request. Forming a Charter Revision Commission will not necessarily change the way the town votes on the budget. Right now we have a referendum vote for 1/3 of the budget, which is the regional budget, and the turnout is not huge.

V. SWEARING IN OF COLLECTOR OF REVENUE AND TOWN ASSESSOR

Town Clerk, Joan E. Gerdson, gave the oath of office to Collector of Revenue Christine Gamache and Town Assessor Irene LaPointe.

The Town Council congratulated the two newly appointed women.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Municipal Development Plan for Storrs Center

Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, read a statement in support of the MDP. See attached.

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND APPROVING STORRS CENTER MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Tonight, I am recommending that you adopt a resolution approving our municipal development plan for Storrs Center. I say "our" with purpose. Before there was a Mansfield Downtown Partnership Inc, or a Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, there was the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut. Over the last 35 years both parties have had a vision to create a downtown. In 1999 we came together to try to make this happen. First thru the Organizing Committee and then thru the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. we created vehicles to make this happen.

In 2002 the Partnership began the preparation of the municipal development plan. Since neither the Town, the University or the Partnership are developers, it was agreed that we needed to identify a developer. After discussion, it was agreed to begin this process at the start of the plan so it could be informed by the developer. Better than to prepare a plan that no developer would implement, that would wind up as an expensive study on a shelf.

Storrs Alliance LLC was one of a number of firms that responded to the Partnership's Request for Qualifications. From my perspective the reasons we selected Storrs Alliance LLC were their experience participating in

public-private partnerships, their apparent willingness to stick with projects over time, a willingness to participate in an open transparent process, and their vision for a mixed use downtown which was consistent with the Partnership's Plan. As part of the Partnership's due diligence, members met and talked with current and potential equity partners of Storrs Alliance LLC and were convinced of their ability to finance the project.

We have attempted to answer all of the questions raised by the public as well as the Town Council. In reviewing my notes, I believe that we may have missed a few so I will comment on them at this point.

1. We can not and should not attempt to discriminate against tenants based on age or educational status. A variety of housing options will produce a diverse community. However, it has been represented to me by the Development team that they will not be marketing to undergraduates. Finally, the property will be managed very tightly and based on planned unit sizes, the project is expected to enhance Mansfield's inventory of affordable housing.
2. Is the developer free to change what is built based on the economy at the time? If any land use is proposed that is inconsistent with the MDP, the MDP would need to be changed which would include Town Council approval. As you are aware, this is not a simple process. Plans also need

to be consistent with the zoning which will be set out in the special Design District.

3. Finally, while the adequacy of water has been addressed, I would like to add the following:

- The University's water supply and the Municipal Development plan are related but separate and distinct processes which are ongoing at the same time in different forums. They will intersect at some point when regulators determine if there is an adequate supply of water available to undertake the project. Construction permits will not be issued for any phase of the project until such a determination has been made.

As stated in your packet, approval of the municipal development plan is the culmination of our planning efforts, but now begins the process of putting together a detailed construction project in which specific issues can be further reviewed and debated. The town council and town staff will continue to have a significant role in overseeing the Storrs Center project as it moves closer to implementation.

Upon receiving approval of the municipal development plan, Storrs Center alliance and the Mansfield Downtown Partnership will move forward to prepare a text and map amendment to the zoning regulations to create a

special design district, which would be named the “Storrs Center Special Design District.” The amendments to the zoning map and zoning regulations will be consistent with the municipal development plan and include a special permitting procedure that is detailed in the plan. The text amendment to the zoning regulations will include sustainability guidelines and more specific standards than currently exist in the MDP. Parking, drainage, roadway and pedestrian improvements, setbacks and building detail will be fine tuned through the zoning process. All new construction in Storrs Center will need to comply with the specific requirements of the design district. The Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission will be responsible for reviewing and approving the text and map amendment to the zoning regulations. Based on state law, the PZC will hold a public hearing on the zoning amendments and provide further opportunity for public comment.

I recognize that change is often difficult but change it is also inevitable. We can choose to manage the change or we can wait and react. I would suggest that we need to continue our progress in creating a downtown. We have an excellent team in place to get the job done. Active citizen involvement, a strong and dedicated Partnership Board, a development team that has been totally professional, straight forward and honest, and a Town Council that

has been engaged in the process and has helped to steer and lead this project since its inception.

Let our legacy be that we all worked together to create a downtown that will serve this community well into the 21st century.

Thank you.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. ("the Partnership"), as the municipal development agency of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") Section 8-188, prepare for the Town of Mansfield a municipal development plan for an enlarged and more economically diverse downtown, called Storrs Center, for the welfare of the Town and citizens of Mansfield, and of the state, pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. Chapter 132; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership and Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, the Master Developer for Storrs Center selected by the Partnership, have prepared the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan, dated August 25, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. Chapter 132; and

WHEREAS, said Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan (the "Storrs Center MDP") was duly referred to the Regional Planning Commission of the Windham Region Council of Governments and found by that Commission to be in accord with the present plan of conservation and development for the Windham Region, i.e., the Windham Region Land Use Plan 2002 as amended in July of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Storrs Center MDP was duly referred to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission and found by that Commission to be in accord with the Town of Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Development and with the Town's 2005 draft Plan of Conservation and Development update; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, on October 6, 2005, the Partnership, as Mansfield's municipal development agency, held a public hearing on the Storrs Center MDP pursuant to C.G. S. Sec. 8-191(a), and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, after said public hearing, the Partnership duly approved the Storrs Center MDP; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Town Council is the legislative body of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mansfield Town Council hereby RESOLVES as follows:

- (1) The Mansfield Town Council approves the said Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan;
- (2) The land and buildings within the Storrs Center project area will be used principally for a mix of uses, including a Town Green, public streets and parking areas, businesses and residences, which is in accord with the Town of Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Development, with the Town's 2005 draft Plan of Conservation and Development update, and

with the present plan of conservation and development for the Windham Region, i.e., the Windham Region Land Use Plan 2002 as amended in July, 2005;

- (3) The Storrs Center MDP is not inimical to any statewide planning objectives of the state or state agencies as coordinated by the Secretary of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management;
- (4) The Storrs Center MDP will contribute to the economic welfare of the Town of Mansfield, the University of Connecticut, and the State of Connecticut;
- (5) To carry out and administer the Storrs Center project, public action under Chapters 132 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, is required (provided this Resolution does not approve taking of title to land by eminent domain); and
- (6) The Mansfield Town Manager is authorized and directed to submit this Resolution to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for submission, in turn, by the Partnership to the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for approval pursuant to C.G.S. Sec.8-191(a).

Mr. Hawkins, commented that responses from Cynthia van Zelm, Director of the Downtown Partnership, Mr. Toledano, Mr. Cody and Mr. Lee Cole-Chu, were most thoughtful and helpful concerning comments and questions raised at the public hearing on October 11, 2005. Water concerns and adequacy of the supply need to be dealt with separately for the Storrs area and independently of this development. We need to go forward.

Mr. Clouette, We need to ask does this conceptual plan promote our common vision for a real college town in Storrs? Although sensitive to a lot of the negative issues that have been raised I think it is important to remember these positive attributes of the project: First it is unusually environmentally responsible. 2/3 of the proposed 31 acres are going to be permanently protected. A state of the art storm water management system has been proposed for this area. There is a commitment to energy conserving design. Yes, this is a part of our vision. Secondly, this is a development, which supplies us with public places; it has a square for public gathering, it provides publicly owned streets and sidewalks. All that is owned privately now. This is going to improve a person's first amendment rights by providing public streets and sidewalks. Thirdly, this is a development that is planned to be pedestrian friendly. At present it is not easy to go from one commercial area to another. We can expect a really good mix of retail from this proposal. We have heard from the development team that they have had success not in filling up the place with national companies but with local indigenous businesses. This provides a critical mass. We have seen a decline in the vitality of Storrs Center over the past 20-30 years. In order to reverse that decline we need

it large enough to provide the critical mass whereby you can create a destination that will have commercial viability. The developers will be investing a lot of money, and they should be smart in how they invest. This project has had exceptional public input, and this will continue, through the non-profit partnership with Council membership and town staff, notably our Town Manager, who will supervise this project and will be on key committees. This has been marked with a great effort for business retention and relocation. Is this a good time to act? I believe it is. All local and state departments have acted on it. This plan is at least 95% of what I always dreamed about since I came here in 1971. There is so much good about this project, I will not act to delay this any further. I am concerned about water, traffic and retention relocation and will be working to see that these issues are resolved. This offers us a terrific chance and so I want to vote now and vote for it.

Mr. Paulhus, I wanted to say that I am in support of this too for two reasons; it is about time we had a central place for the kids to come especially the Town Green, which I think will be good, because I will probably be there with my son while my wife shops. I think it would be great for the UConn students who will have a place to go to spend their money in Mansfield instead of in Manchester where all the other shops are. As Bruce said, I think this plan is 95% what we have been looking for and the other 5% I think we can fix down the road with all the other agencies we have at our disposal.

Ms. Redding, I would like to talk a little about my own experience. I grew up here, went to school here and now live and work here. I am a life-long resident of Storrs. As Carol Pellegrine said at the last meeting, her kids called Storrs "Snoresville". I have heard it and maybe even participated in it. But when she said it I was horribly offended. Because despite the fact it is a quiet town there are things about Storrs that we love. We like it because it is a lovely town, a green town, has charm even though we do not have a vibrant down town. However, I have spent my entire life wanting a vibrant downtown. I do not think it is a choice between one and another. We are redeveloping a piece of land that at this point has little cohesion. It doesn't make a downtown. So I think this project is the culmination of whatever I wanted in this area, however, I would not want to allow feelings and emotions to get in they way of what is going on and specific actions of the plan. We can address the issues of water, traffic and relocation of businesses. This is a concept place. We will be affirming the plan tonight. The Planning and Zoning Commission as a body will be reviewing the plans and will be using due diligence to make sure that what is built here is responsible and that it fits into the town. Voting tonight allows the process to continue which is what needs to happen. The water issue is a major concern, and again this issue will be here whether we develop this plan or not, and we will need to come up with a suitable

answer on this issue. The relocation plan is a big issue, and some want to wait to see what the Board of Trustees is going to do on this issue. But when I vote on this tonight I hope the Board of Trustees will vote to have a permanent space for the retailers to go and I'm hoping the proposals and concerns are given the importance that I feel has been demonstrated. This is a partnership, we have all embarked on this, and we will all continue to have influence on the decision making as part of the partnership; we have our own members on the partnership. Ultimately we make the decisions together. I am excited about the proposal and I think it is really good. We will be following closely the various steps that will be taken and hope care is given to all future decisions.

Mr. Haddad wished to ask questions of Mr. Padick as Town Planner. What is the process for adopting this special zone with the Planning and Zoning Commission, and what does the commission do when it is considering its' own change?

Mr. Padick, there are two steps which need to be taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The current zoning map would have to be changed for a special design district. That is a legislative action, there will be a public hearing process which could be done on its own accord or could be done in conjunction with the regulations changes. I'm guessing that they would be done in conjunction with the regulations changes. The regulation changes we are talking about are changes to the zoning regulations and that again is a legislative action of the planning and zoning commission. They have to determine that the public's health, welfare and safety are adequately met and that there are proper safeguards to insure that, and that all the comprehensive elements that go into reviewing the land use application are properly addressed by these changes.

Mr. Haddad: By legislative action you mean we are relying on the judgment of an elected board that they are acting with broad discretion that they are making the best decision in the best interest of the town?

Mr. Padick: The legislative decisions set the law, the administrative, such as sub division are making sure that the regulations are followed in the application.

Mr. Haddad: Another elected board in town will have an important review of the special design district and that those decisions are made freely of their own free will. We are setting out a process. How do we in any project insure the adequacy of a water supply to a project?

Mr. Padick: There are permits that are controlled by Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning. Then there is a full building process, which does

require a signoff by the health department. I would anticipate that the zoning regulations would require some type of assurances that a regulatory agency, the state bodies, the university that there is an adequate supply and that would have to be part of the submission requirements as it is acted on by the Planning and Zoning approval process and then confirmed by the building permit process. There are a number of steps; all permits must be in compliance.

Ms. Koehn asked that if the developer Leland Alliance sells a piece of the property to another developer, does that developer have to come back to Planning and Zoning or how does that work? Where does our control lie?

Mr. Padick: All land use plans are based on plans and not the owners. If the ownership changes that does not change the requirements of the town.

Ms. Koehn: Which department is responsible for determining the adequacy of the water supply?

Mr. Padick: The actual building permit does require a signoff of the Eastern Highland Health District. They would have to make sure the state health department's requirements have been properly addressed. I would expect the planning and zoning regulations would also have an obligation to provide information on that subject. There are two stages that would safeguard that there has been a sign off by those individuals who are responsible and that all applicable requirements by the University under state regulations have been met.

Ms. Koehn: And that would not change if there were a different manager of the UConn water supply system?

Mr. Paddock: We would have to have a duly authorized representative of the state health, in particular, as well as the local company sign off.

Ms. Blair, Having spent over 40 years in town and watching it develop and watching how carefully and all of our predecessors have set the stage for us. I believe that if we choose to go forward we have made the right choice because we are such a cautious group of people and our committees are so cautious. I think it is in our best interest to continue on with this development.

Mr. Haddad, I have served on this Council for six years and one of the very first things we did was to receive the Hyatt-Palmer report and this project closely mirrors what was in that report and how closely we've come to having a vision of a downtown that has broad consensus about and which lots of folks in the community share. It is a leap of faith like a bungee cord jump. The bungee cord is the six years of planning, the careful analysis in the MDP and the creation of the Downtown Partnership

and the careful environmental studies, retention plan, streets and walkways. Since the land will change hands from the University to the developer, for the first time it will be subject to local approvals and local permitting process. We have confidence in the Planning and Zoning commission and other responsible people that we have in town who judge these projects. It takes a leap of faith, you need to trust what you've done so far, and although I have never bungee jumped, but I will vote yes today, and I have faith that this will turn out just as we hoped.

Ms. Koehn. First I fully support the goal of redevelopment of the downtown. I am a member of the Downtown Partnership. I have publicly stated that Leland Alliance has done a responsible role of sensitive environmental areas, in the downtown area, and that Leland alliance has demonstrated a commitment to green buildings. The Town Manager has given us thoughtful answers to questions that citizens and council members have raised in recent meeting. He also included the legal opinion from Attorney Dennis O'Brien that the agreement between the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center Alliance is legally sufficient to protect the interests of the town. However, I also have concerns about issues that other Council members have raised. One is water. Has the developer been fully apprised of the seriousness of the water situation in Mansfield? I am also concerned about, as the Manager has mentioned, that the availability of water places limits on that development. I am concerned that the availability of water and the uncertainty of that availability places future constraints on the Town of Mansfield and the matter in which we choose to develop. The University of Connecticut plan for 2005 was not approved by the Dept. of Public Health. One of the reasons it was not approved had to do with the population projections for the University and population projections for the Downtown. The University must enter into an agreement with the developer to supply water. I'm concerned water, the stipulations in that agreement will be and the future impact of that agreement will have upon this town. Listening to my fellow members of the Town Council has helped me separate the issue of the development, which I fully support, from my concerns of the adequacy of water, and I feel much more confident tonight that we can proceed with the development of Storrs downtown and still do what's necessary to provide a scientific investigation required to make sure that the Town of Mansfield has adequate water for this development and for future projects that which we choose to undertake.

Mayor Paterson, I have been involved with this project since Mike Schor talked about it after coming back from the National League of Cities conference. I have talked to every single agency and company who has been involved with providing us with information. The progress for this project has been very slow, very deliberate. All along we have chosen the "best of the best" to continue each step of the way. There has been no cost

cutting involved no cut corners to save money, we have done this whole procedure from the beginning the right way. It has been an open process. That was one of the things as mayor I insisted upon. That the meetings would be conducted in a public fashion and they have been. And so I fully support the project, I have since we have first thought about it, I've had concerns along the way, and especially as we have gotten into more detail and I have always been satisfied with the answers I've gotten especially from the last team that has been put together. I have felt that they have been honest; I felt that they have been fair, and I have every reason to continue my trust in the group of people that are going to be putting this project together. I whole-heartedly support it and now I would like the Council to vote.

By voice vote the Council unanimously adopted the resolution.

Mr. Schaefer moved to add an item to new business. According to the minutes of the last meeting someone quoted me and I would like to respond to this formally. 13a. Seconded by Mr. Haddad. Vote unanimously. "Rebuttal from Carl Schaefer"

2. US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement

Ms. Koehn addressed this agreement and moved that the Town Council sign on to the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Second by Mr. Haddad.

So passed unanimously. See attached

3. Fenton River

The Town Manager reviewed the two new pieces of information regarding the University of Connecticut water supply system. One is from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection. The University's water supply plan of November 2004 does not fulfill all the requirements of the regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and the plan needs modifications. The Mayor and the Manager met in Hartford and were assured that they would be kept informed as to the water supply plans. Manager met with Connecticut Water last week, they are the interim managers of the water system. They are water specialists and know how to update the system.

No action was needed.

4. Campus/Community Relations

ENDORISING THE US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, is clear that there is no longer any credible doubt that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20th century; a 40% decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years on record occurring in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including: increased risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with coastal storms to erode beaches, inundate land, and damage structures; more frequent and extreme heat waves, more frequent and greater concentrations of smog; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, entered into force in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25% of the world's global warming pollutants yet is not a party to the Kyoto Protocol; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the U.S., had it ratified the treaty, would have been 7% below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, many leading US companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the US to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to remain competitive in the international marketplace, to mitigate financial risk and to promote sound investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic governors and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (list attached) which reads:

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
- B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act sponsored by Senators McCain and Lieberman and Representatives Gilchrist and Olver, which would create a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and
- C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
 - 1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
 - 2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
 - 3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
 - 4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, and recovering landfill methane for energy production;
 - 5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
 - 6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
 - 7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
 - 8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
 - 9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
 - 10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
 - 11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and
 - 12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and urges mayors from around the nation to join this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The U.S. Conference of Mayors will establish a formal relationship with International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Cities for Climate Protection Program to track progress and implementation of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

The Town Manager handed out an article written by Susan Plese in the Saturday, October 22, 2005 Hartford Courant entitled "Constitution Has No Partying Clause".

VII. NEW BUSINESS

5. Grant Application to Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield, in association with the University of Connecticut, private property owners, and community residents, has been working for years to help plan the transformation of an existing commercial area on Storrs Road (Route 195) into a vibrant and economically successful mixed-use downtown that will be the heart of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-66(g) of the Connecticut Legislature, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Mansfield make an application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD:

That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for state assistance, as imposed by Section 4-66 (g) of the Connecticut General Statutes;

That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Mansfield in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved and the Town Manager is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

6. Storrs Center Relocation Assistance Plan

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager to expend \$20,000 from an existing capital projects account to provide seed funding for the Storrs Center Relocation Assistance Plan.

So passed unanimously.

7. Legal Services for Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager to expend \$10,000 from the capital projects fund to help fund legal services for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.

Question from Ms. Koehn: Has the University matched our town funds?
The Town Manager said yes.

So passed unanimously.

8. Referendum Information Sessions

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to schedule an information session at 7:00 p.m. on November 1, 2005 and a subsequent session at 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2005, to review the three questions that have been submitted to the voters of the Town of Mansfield for the November 8, 2005 referendum.

So passed unanimously.

9. Personal Service Agreement-Day Care Support at Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute a personal service agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to provide day care services at the Mansfield Discovery Depot for the children of University employees and students from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

So passed unanimously.

10. Amendment to Child Day Care Contract

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Mansfield, with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as part of any offered agreement.

So passed unanimously.

11. Application for a Fiscal Year 2006/07 Library Services and Technology Act Long-range Planning Grant

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize Library Director Louise Bailey to submit the attached application to the Connecticut State Library for a Fiscal Year 2006/07 Library Services and Technology Act Long-Range Planning Grant.

So passed unanimously.

12. CT Highway Safety Program Project Application for 2005 Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Year's DUI Enforcement

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective October 24, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety for \$10,000 to be dedicated to police overtime for D.U.I. and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

13. CT Highway Safety Program Project Application for FY 2005/2006 Expanded DUI Enforcement

Ms. Redding moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety for \$40,000 to be dedicated to police overtime for D.U.I and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

So passed unanimously.

13a. Rebuttal from Mr. Schaefer

Mr. Carl Schaefer discussed a comment made by Cynara Stites in the October 11, 2005 minutes.

He clarified that since it was in the minutes, he would like his letter to Ms. Stites placed in the minutes.

He moved that his letter be placed in the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Clouette.

So passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Housing Authority will meet on Wednesday, at 8:00 a.m. on October 26, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. at their office. Town Council members and the Town Manager will attend if possible.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The personnel committee will be on the agenda next meeting, November 14, 2005 under Executive Session to discuss the Town Manager's evaluation.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Schaefer announced that the latest publication of the Mansfield Historical Society is "Listen to the Echoes" second edition, written by the Town Historian, Roberta K. Smith. It is her account of the Spring Hill district.

Mr. Clouette attended a meeting sponsored by the Graustein Foundation, who gives the town our School Readiness grant. They gave out awards to towns that had participated in this program. The awards were two clocks, which were given to Ms. Sandy Baxter, School Readiness Coordinator, and Mr. Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services and a plaque, which he will give to the Town Manager.

Mr. Hawkins expressed concern that minutes from the Housing Authority had not been given to the Town Clerk's office. He suggested that the Authority give minutes to the Town Clerk in a more timely fashion and that the Town Manager's office will then place them in the Town Council packets.

Ms. Blair spoke on the Old-Timer's Night at the Eagleville Fire House. The dinner honored 38 members, 28 came, and the oldest was 93. To be

Carl W Schaefer

Oct. 20/05

Ms Cynara Stites
122 Hanks Hill Rd.
Storrs 06268

Dear Cynara,

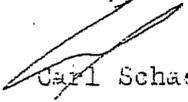
I have just read your statement to the Town Council on Oct. 11--a meeting i could not attend.

I am, to put it gently, disturbed at the context in which you quoted me: "Carl Schaefer said, pay them \$10,000 and they will go away. This is the plan you are being asked to approve" (lines 7-8 up, your testimony). You appear to think, and have now allowed others to think, that I care little for the current tenants. You are wrong.

First: I said that to mock what I had already said was a grossly unfair plan either for the compensation or replacement.

Second: It also disturbs me that you have so little followed the debate as not to know that mine has been one of the loudest and most persistent voices in insisting that current tenants be treated ~~fairly~~ not merely fairly, but favorably

Yours,


Carl Schaefer

Just as your statement is in the public record, so I shall ask that the text of this letter be placed there also.

honored you had to be in the department 20 years and be over the age of 50. There were 110-120 people present. The Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and Fire Chief were present.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Question has come up as to what is happening to the Water Utility Coordinator Committee. They are re-writing the regulations and in 2006 will be starting up again.

The Town Manager congratulated the people who assisted during the past storm of October 15th. The department of public works, police, fire and emergency personnel spent many hours in the town assisting with problems created by flooding and high waters along the rivers. With the backup of water at the Mansfield Hollow Dam, Bassetts Bridge Road was closed and part of the road was damaged. The town will be listing costs and presenting that list to the State of Connecticut. Public Works Director, Mr. Lon Hultgren described the loss of about five feet of the road on Bassetts Bridge road.

Notice of the November Election was handed out. Prepared by the Town Clerk it stated the locations of the polling places.

Tomorrow Mayor Paterson will be facilitating a CCM meeting in Hartford to discuss education issues, which CCM wants to present to the legislature.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Charter Revision Committee

"Mansfield Knows" e-mail distribution list to people in town.

The Assistant Town Manager, Mr. Matt Hart, said that the Town's IT Department has developed a prototype and the staff is now reviewing it. Question was raised if there would be a contest to name this service, whether from the school system or computer club? Mr. Hart answered that was a possibility.

Mr. Hawkins will be attending the CCM public safety committee meeting. He is now on the State committee.

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. D. O'Brien re: Petition for Appointment of Charter Revision Committee

15. B. Silva re: Mansfield Reynolds School on Depot Road

16. Mansfield Board of Education-Student Enrollment Analysis

17. J. Wessell re; Elderly Nutrition Program
18. R. Miller re: Separatist Road/Stadium Road Detention Basin Sampling
19. The Wall Street Journal Online-"Nearly Half of Americans Cite "Too Little" Environment Regulation
20. Mansfield Recycling Program, October-December 2005
21. Present Appointments to CCM Committees for Town of Mansfield
22. Legislative Update-New Special Session Called: Municipal Issues at Stake
23. H. Abramson re: Municipal Development Plan
24. 2004 Early Childhood Indicators-State of the Young Child Profile for Mansfield, Ct.
25. Mansfield Department of Public Works Press Release-Clover Mill Road to be Closed to Through Traffic

Ms. Koehn expressed concern over the Schweppe well, which has been contaminated for about six years.

Mr. Hawkins expressed concern over the possible Mansfield Reynolds School on Depot Road. He wondered if the neighbors have had the opportunity to express their feelings on it. Council needed more information on this.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:32 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
From: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Depot Road Traffic Update

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find an update from staff concerning this item, as well as two items of correspondence from the local residents. Staff will be available at Monday's meeting to address any questions that the town council may have.

Attachments

- 1) L. Hultgren re: Depot Road Traffic Update
- 2) Petition from residents of Depot Road
- 3) D. Owen re: Depot Road

MEMO

11/3/05

To: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
From: Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Re: Depot Road Traffic Update



Since the visit to the Town Council by representatives of the Depot Road neighborhood earlier this year, The Traffic Authority and Public Works Department have been reviewing and requesting information on Depot Road's traffic. While we are not yet done with all the analyses (see below), we can update you today as follows:

1. Speed humps were installed in 1996. Prior to their installation, the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) was 2750 vehicles per day, the average speed of vehicles was 37 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 44 mph.
2. Recent traffic counts done in 2003 and 2005 (one with UConn in session, one without) show ADT's of 2350 and 1700 respectively. We are in the process of collecting another count this fall (our equipment malfunctioned in a recent attempt). While this last count will substantiate our tentative conclusions, it does not appear that the number of vehicles using this road per day has increased.
3. Speeds in the area of the speed humps have risen slightly since the humps installation in 1996. In 1997 in the year after their installation, the average speeds were measured at about 26 mph. Our most recent average speeds are 27 mph. This is in keeping with the general creep-up in traffic speeds we have noted all over Town.
4. We have requested the accident data from the DOT for Depot Road and its two state highway intersections. We will analyze these to see if the suggested geometric changes would have a beneficial effect.

While we are still looking at this area's traffic, unless we find some very different data it does not appear that the current traffic volume or speeds will warrant additional action by the Town. This road's average speed below 30 mph is lower than other Town roads where residents have complained about the speed and traffic. These roads have average speeds generally above 30 mph.

Once we get the last count and the accident data, the Traffic Authority will be requested to make a recommendation regarding appropriate action.

cc: Grant Meitzler, Asst Town Engr
Tim Veillette, Project Engr
Depot Rd File

September 30, 2005

The undersigned residents of Depot Road agree that traffic, in regard to speed and volume, greatly impacts our small historic community on a daily basis. We appreciate the Town Council's attention to this matter and look forward to exploring ways to help protect our neighborhood for our families.

Jan Arnes 91 Depot Road

Timothy Arnes 101 Depot Rd.

102 Depot Rd

H. Hill-Hilger 92 Depot Rd.

Shirley R. Hill 92 Depot Rd.

M. Khaiko H. 92 Depot Road
yet

Thomas & Norma Stachelsky 82 Depot Rd.

Berith Louise Owen 112 Depot Rd.

R. Steuen " "

L. Lynn McCallum 113 Depot Rd.

Jerry Williams "

Janet Matt 115 Depot

~~M. Hill-Hilger~~ "

98 DEPOT RD.

" "

Megan McKee



112 Depot Rd.
Mansfield Depot
CT 06251
Oct. 16, 2005

Town Council
4 South Eagleville Rd.
Storrs
CT 06251

Dear Town Council,
As a resident of Depot Rd.
I am writing to express my
concern about the large volume
of fast-moving traffic on Depot Rd.
The speed bumps are very low
and since people seem to use
Depot Rd. as their regular
shortcut they often don't slow
down at all because they
know these speed bumps are
harmless. The speed bumps on
Westwood Rd. seem effective
by contrast. I assume that's
because they are higher.

Personally, I'd like to see
Depot Rd. cut in half at the
railroad tracks with some sort
of removable barrier for

emergency use (such as ^{for} detours).
Short of cutting the road in
half which would really solve
this problem, higher speed bumps
or a traffic light for people
traveling down Depot Rd.
onto 44 would seem useful.

The new downtown for
Mansfield is a nice idea, but
what about preserving what
we already have? Traffic can
be routed onto Rte. 44 instead
of ^{people's using} Depot Rd. as a speeder's
shortcut. Mansfield Depot (and
especially Depot Rd) is a charming,
very old, historic neighborhood.
It should feel peaceful
and safe for walking. It
doesn't. I walk on Depot Rd.
almost every day and I can
surely say cars drive very fast -
lots of them.

Thank you for your attention!

Sincerely, Terri Owen
487-0226

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
 Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Skate Park Proposal

Subject Matter/Background

Town Council members reviewed this proposed project at their September 12, 2005 and October 11, 2005 meetings. The item was tabled and staff was asked to provide more information. Since that time staff has put together a number of items that should address the questions raised (see attached materials).

Although local contractors had offered to provide donated construction services this fall, it is unlikely at this point that, if approved, any significant site work could commence this season. However, this project is viewed as important and if the council decides to proceed, preliminary site work could begin over the winter with construction to follow in early spring.

Financial Impact

Staff has previously submitted a project budget, which would rely on \$40,000 in municipal funds and \$40,000 in donations from local contractors and businesses. The town's share of this project could be transferred from the Capital Non-Recurring Account to the Capital Projects Fund. We anticipate that long-term operational costs would be offset by fees and charges.

Legal/Regulatory Review

Action from the planning and zoning commission (PZC) is necessary for site plan modification. Staff has submitted a proposed application to the PZC, and the commission's action on the site plan modification is pending town council approval and funding.

Recommendation

Given the willingness of local contractors and businesses to contribute to this project and the heightened interest from residents to see this proposal become a reality, staff recommends that the town council support this project and authorize the transfer of funds from the Capital Non-Recurring Account to the Capital Projects Fund.

If the town council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 14, 2005, to authorize staff to transfer \$40,000 from the Capital Non-Recurring Account to the Capital Improvements Fund to finance the construction of a skate park on the Mansfield Community Center property, and to proceed with construction of the project in partnership with local contractors and businesses.

Attachments

- 1) Facility Comparisons, including Mansfield's proposed fees and hours of operation
- 2) PZC Site Plan Modification Application, including project description, site maps, typical park layouts, prior Town Council correspondence
- 3) Note from C. Weiss and newspaper article (Hartford Courant, July 12, 1999), "Paved Paradise: Skateboarders and local officials are working to build Town-run parks"
- 4) C. Vincente correspondence to A. Paul & A. Cascio, March 9, 2001, including letter send by them with skate park plans and petition signed by over 170 Mansfield youth
- 5) C. Vincente correspondence to B. Hanna, March 9, 2001, including newspaper article (Chronicle Jan. 30, 2001), "Youths miss skating park" and letter/petition signed by over 70 Mansfield youth
- 6) Letter from D. Hanna and newspaper article (Sentinel, Carlisle, PA, Feb. 23, 2002), "Skatepark panel to form board, pick leaders"
- 7) Article (Connecticut City and Town, Nov./Dec. 1998), "Municipal skate parks rise as risks are brought under control"
- 8) State of CT Office of Legislative Research Report, Jan. 19, 1999, "Town Operated Skate Parks"
- 9) Article (Hartford Courant, Aug. 27, 1999), "No Place To Skate: (Glastonbury) Support group forms to push for a Town-run skate park, (Manchester) Residents cite cost, liability, while teens press for safe site"
- 10) Article (American City & County Magazine, Oct. 1999), "Municipal skate parks catch air"
- 11) State of CT Office of Legislative Research Report, June. 30, 2000, "Town Skateboard Parks: Funding and Liability Issues"
- 12) Loss Control TIPS (Technical Information Paper Series, The Hartford Loss Control Dept., 2002), "Skateboarding Parks and Ramps: Minimizing Municipal Liability"

Town of Mansfield - Parks and Recreation Dept.
SKATE PARK PROPOSAL
Facility Comparisons

11/7/2005

Town	Park Size	Const. Cost	Supervise Yes/No	Fees Charged		Hours of Operation	Addl. Ins. cost if any	Other Comments
				Per Visit	Seasonal			
Canton	8,125 sq. ft.	50,000	no	none	none	dawn-dusk	none	partial super. when pool open
Cheshire	8,100 sq. ft.	98,000	yes	R - \$3 NR - \$6	R - \$75 NR - \$150	wkdays 2:30-6p wkends 12-6p	none	
Colchester	5,000 sq. ft.	?	no	none	none	dawn-dusk	none	
Enfield	#1 - 2,808 sq. ft. #2 - 2,808 sq. ft.	40,000 40,000	no no	none none	none none	dawn-dusk dawn-dusk	none none	overlay on tennis ct. overlay on tennis ct.
Groton	?	?	no	none	none	dawn-dusk	\$10,000 ded.	inground park
Guilford	17,000 sq. ft.	202,400	yes	R - \$2 NR - \$4	R - \$50 NR - \$75	school days 3-7p no school 2-7p	none req. super.	serves as ice rink in winter roller loop around
Mansfield	10,000 sq. ft.	80,000	yes	R - \$3 NR - \$5	R - \$75 NR - \$125	wkdays 2:30-6p wkends 12-6p	none	proposed majority equip. cost by donation
New Britain	50,000 sq. ft.	250,000	no	none	none	dawn-dusk	none	3 levels, roller loop around
Newington	8,000 sq. ft.	86,000	no	none	none	dawn-dusk	none	
Putnam	2,100 sq. ft.	30,000	yes	?	?	?	req. staff	
Windsor	5,500 sq. ft.	60,170	yes	none	\$20	W-F 2:30-5:30p Sa 12-4p	none, but req. super.	
Torrington	?	100,000	yes	R - none NR - \$3	R - none NR - \$50	3-5pm wkdays 10a-5p wkends	none	previously parking lot const. cost exludes surface
Wethersfield	3,000 sq. ft.	160,000	no	none	none	8a-dusk	none	grand opening 10/05, inground
Winchester	12,750 sq. ft.	60,000	no	none	none	dawn-dusk	none	previously charged, but no longer

Skate Park Proposal
 TC Agenda 11/14/05
 Attachment 1

Note: information based upon email responses to a request for information from colleagues throughout the state

REQUEST FOR SITE/BUILDING MODIFICATIONS
(see Article XI, Section D of the Mansfield Zoning Regulations)

APPLICANT/OWNER SECTION

1. Owner(s) TOWN OF MANSFIELD Telephone 479-3336
(please PRINT)
Address 4 S. EAGLEVILLE RD. Town MANSFIELD-STARRS, CT Zip 06268

2. Applicant(s) KURT VINCENTE Telephone 479-3015 x 109
(please PRINT)
Address 10 S. EAGLEVILLE RD. Town MANSFIELD-STARRS, CT Zip 06268

3. Site Location COMMUNITY CENTER

4. Reference any approved map(s) that would be superseded if this request is approved:
COMMUNITY CENTER SITE PLAN MAP L201 DATED 2/1/02

5. Reference any new map(s) submitted as part of this request:
MAP L201 AS MODIFIED (COPY ATTACHED)

6. Itemize and describe the modification(s) being requested, using separate sheet where necessary. The description must be adequate to determine compliance with all applicable land use regulations: -
SEE ATTACHED PROJECT DESCRIPTION
ALSO ATTACHED: MODIFIED SITE PLAN
AERIAL PHOTO OF SITE
TYPICAL SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT/BARBS
COMMUNICATIONS TO TOWN COUNCIL

7. Curt Vincente date 10-13-05
Applicant's signature

Town of Mansfield
Request for Site/Building Modifications
Skate Park Proposal on Community Center Site 10/13/05

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Town is proposing to construct a new Skate Board/Roller Blading/Stunt Bike Park on the Community Center site. This project has been listed in the Town's five-year Capital Improvement and was recently brought before the Town Council for funding consideration due to commitments from local businesses and contractors who are willing to contribute a significant amount to the project. The completed project will result in a 10,000 square foot concrete pad, surrounded with an eight foot high security fence and security lighting. In addition, a 600 square foot concrete entry pad will connect to a four foot wide concrete walk, which will connect to the existing Community Center walk at the rear of the building and adjacent to the rear parking lot.

ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT

The University of Connecticut owns property to the west of the project area. The property line is over 150' from the project limits. Region 19 owns property to the north of the project area and final grading on the north side of the skate park slab is within 20' of the Region 19 property line. Region 19 Superintendent has been consulted on this project and has expressed support for the project. The planned use of the skate park is consistent with current activity on the Community Center and Region 19 properties. The Community Center site includes outdoor ice skating and the Region 19 site includes an outdoor basketball court and tennis courts within close proximity to the planned skate park. There are no adverse affects that can be foreseen as there is considerable distance and buffer to the nearest residential dwellings. The skate park will have positive impacts on the safety of residents currently participating in these activities. Many skate boarders, roller bladers, and stunt bike riders are frequently using School, Town Hall, Community Center, UConn and area business sites for these activities. Not only are these activities not allowed on the above sites, but they are unsafe for the participants and other pedestrians. The skate park will provide for a safe and secure space designed for the activity.

TREE REMOVAL

There are approximately 55 +/- trees varying in size from 6" to 24" that will have to be removed to accommodate the project area. The tree types consist of a mixture of oak, maple and birch. The trees will be removed by a professional tree removal contractor. The tree stumps will be removed from the site by the site contractor and disposed of at the Town landfill.

SITE GRADING

The southwest corner of the project area shown on the site map is the high point of the current grade. The grading shown will require fill not to exceed 2,700 cubic yards, a portion of which (approx. 20% or 540 cubic yards) will be re-graded from within the project area. It is possible that the southwest corner could be lowered provided that sub-grade ledge is not discovered, which will significantly reduce the amount of fill required

to be brought in and increase the percentage of on-site fill that can be re-graded. Test holes will be dug later this month to determine the depth at which the southwest corner of the grading area can be placed. The current grading shown on the site plan is the worst case scenario, assuming ledge at a two foot depth.

STONEWALL RECONSTRUCTION

The project area houses remnants of an old stonewall which is in disrepair. This project proposes to use the stones from this old wall and relocate them to the east slope of the re-graded area so that a reconstructed and aesthetically pleasing stone wall is readily visible from the parking area and main entrance to the skate park.

CONCRETE PAD

The concrete pad will consist of a processed gravel sub-base for drainage and six inches of concrete. The main concrete pad will be 100 feet wide by 100 feet long. The slab will be pitched 6 inches over the 100 foot length from west to east to allow for surface drainage. Any water run-off will be absorbed by the surrounding grounds or in a significant storm event will travel to a graded swale on the east side of the slab and eventually to a yard drain near the northwest corner of the Region 19 basketball and tennis courts. A smaller entry area pad (15 feet wide by 40 feet long) will abut the main slab at the entry area to allow for benches and other site amenities such as small portable bleachers, garbage receptacles, bike storage racks, and skate board storage racks.

FENCING

The main skate park slab will be surrounded by an 8 foot high security fence. The fence will consist of common chain link with a double 3 foot wide swing gate for a total lockable opening of 6 feet.

SECURITY LIGHTING

Four light poles will be placed within the project area for security and safety. No night activity is planned. The light poles will be consistent with the existing poles surrounding the Community Center parking areas. The poles are 20 feet high with downward pointing box lights. Power for the lighting will be via underground conduit connected to the nearest existing light pole at the rear of the Community Center parking lot.

SITE ACCESS

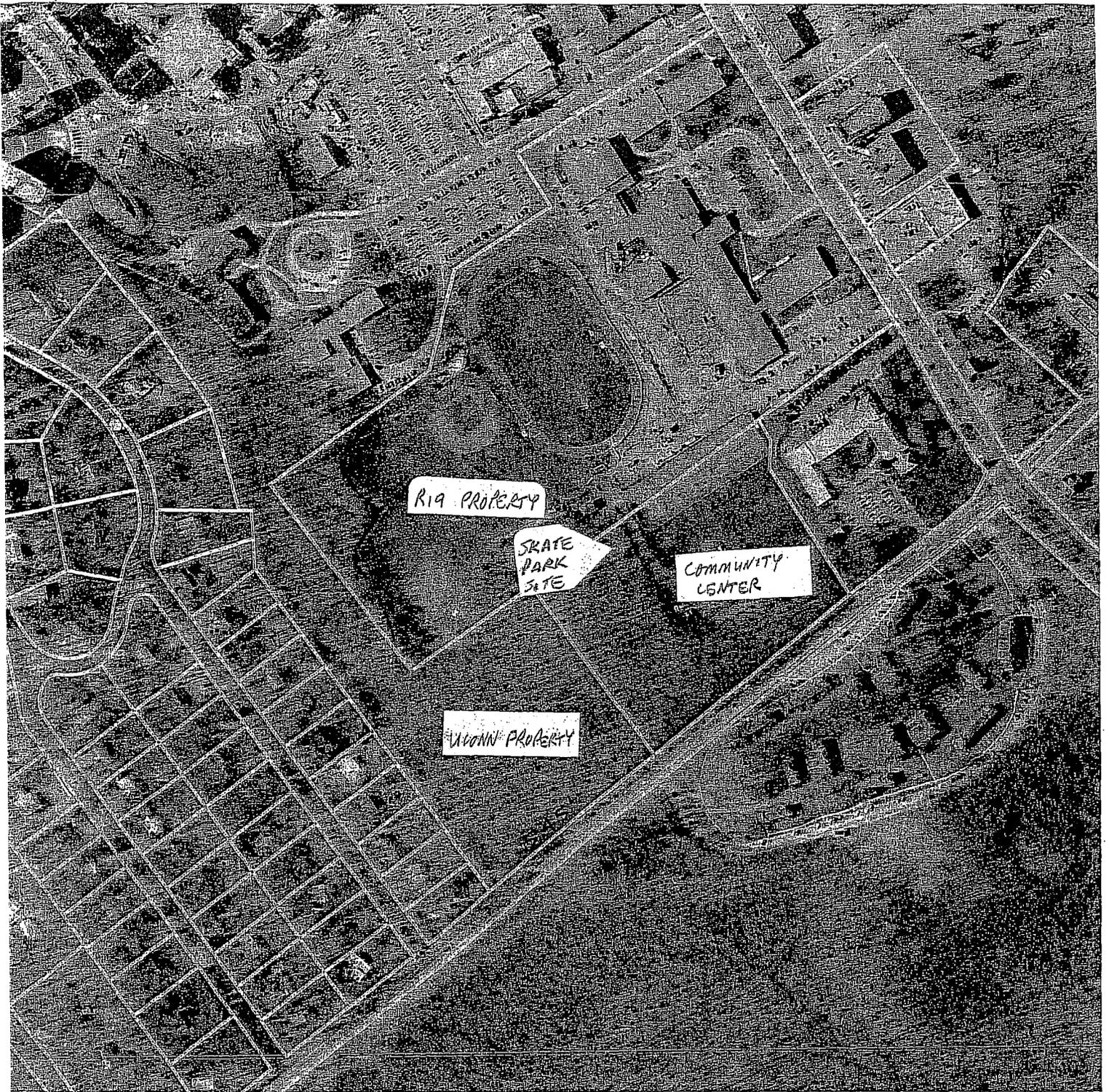
Access to the skate park will be via a 4 foot wide concrete walk as shown in the site plan. The walk will connect to the existing walk at the rear of the Community Center building and adjacent to the parking area.

FUTURE PARKING LOT ACCESS DRIVE

It is recognized that a future driveway connection to the South Eagleville Road parking area currently under construction may be desired. In anticipation of this, consideration was given to provide space at the extreme southwest corner of the Community Center's rear parking area for this potential connection.

HOURS OF OPERATION

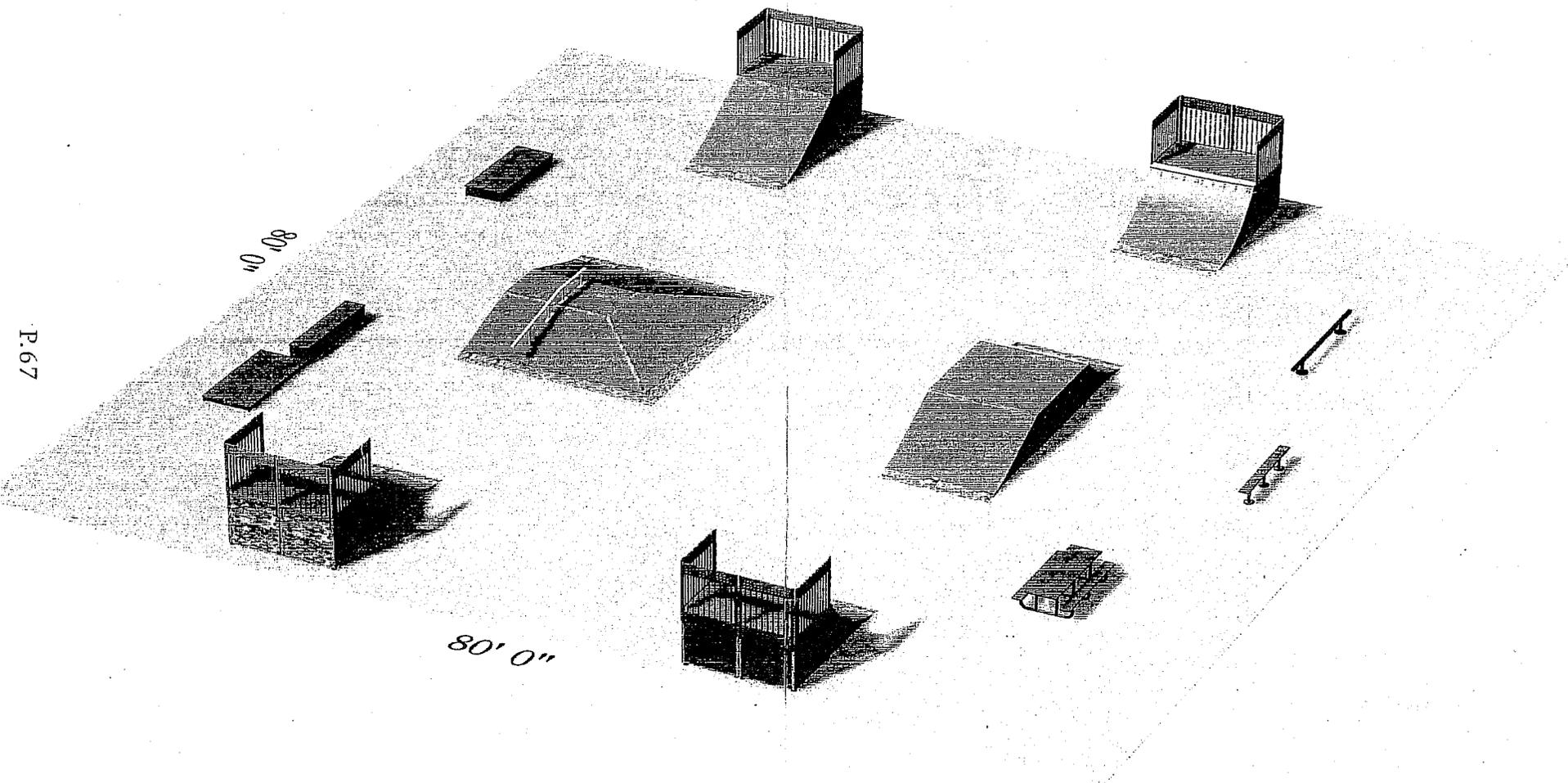
Operational hours for the skate park are still under consideration, however, proposed hours will likely be 2-6pm during school days and 12-6pm on non-school days. The Town reserves the adjust these hours seasonally or based upon future activity demands.



SKATE PARK LOCATION 10-13-05
AERIAL PHOTO PRIOR TO COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION

1" \cong 355'

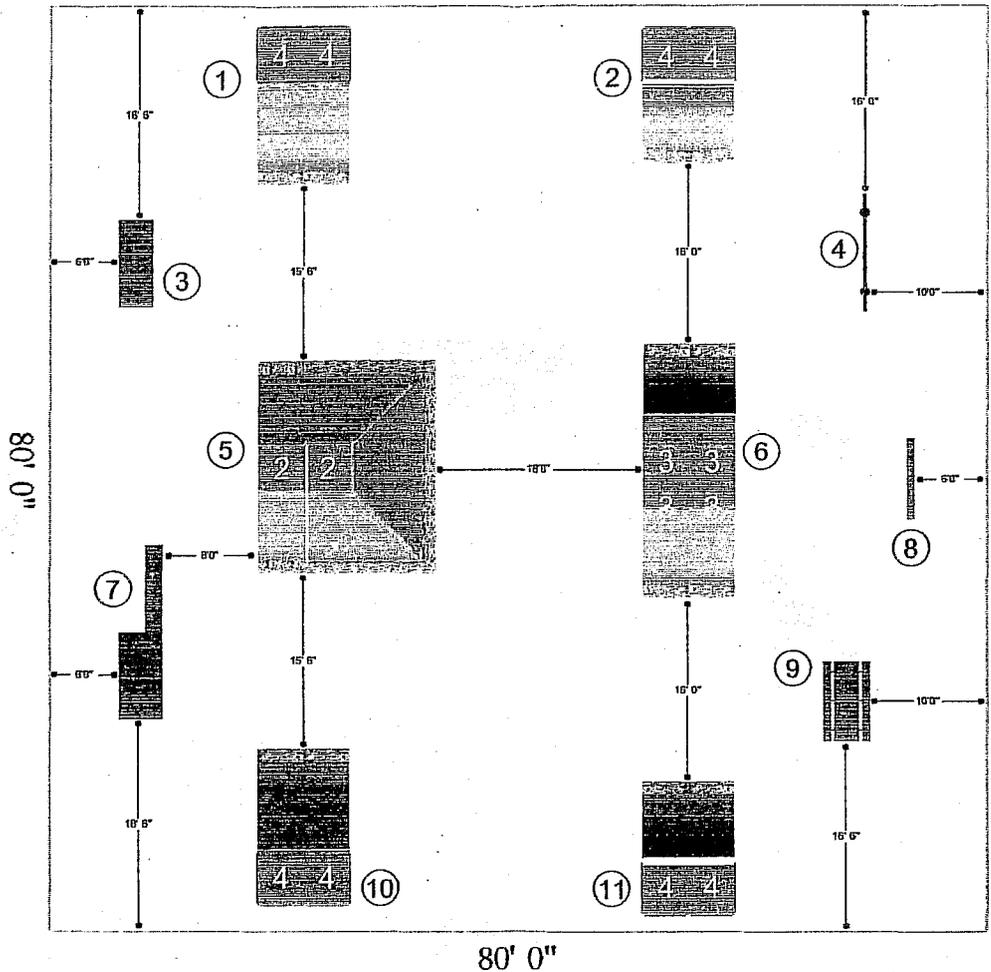
TYPICAL SKATE PARK LAYOUT



P.67



TYPICAL SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT DIMENSIONS



As manufactured by Skatewave per drawing #1266

- OBSTACLE #1**
(1) 4'H x 8'W Bank
- OBSTACLE #2**
(1) 4'H x 8'W Quarter Pipe
- OBSTACLE #3**
(1) 12"H x 3'W x 8'L Street Grind Box
- OBSTACLE #4**
(1) 12"H x 10'L Straight Flat Grind Rail
- OBSTACLE #5**
(1) 2'H 3-Sided Pyramid with 2'H x 4'W Bank to Bank with
- OBSTACLE #6**
(1) 3'H x 8'W Launch Box (Quarter to Bank)
- OBSTACLE #7**
(1) 6"H x 4'W x 8'L Street Grind Box
(1) 18'H x 18'W x 8'L Street Ledge
- OBSTACLE #8**
(1) Skate Bench
- OBSTACLE #9**
(1) Skate Table
- OBSTACLE #10**
(1) 4'H x 8'W Bank
- OBSTACLE #11**
(1) 4'H x 8'W Quarter Pipe

P.68



Mansfield Skatepark, Mansfield, CT

6/1/2005

1266



O'BRIEN & SONS, INC.
 P.O. Box 650
 83 West Street
 Medford, MA 02052-0550
 (508) 359-4200
 FAX (508) 359-2817
 800-835-0056
 E-mail: matt@obrienandsons.com
 www.obrienandsons.com



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager;
Curt Vincente, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: September 12, 2005
Re: Skate Park Proposal

Subject Matter/Background

Since FY 2000/01, the town has identified a skate park proposal in the five-year capital improvement program (CIP). The current CIP lists the project in fiscal year 2007-08 for the community center site. Over the years, the town has consistently moved this project out to later years as it has not been an immediate priority. The town has received letters and petitions from residents and local special interest groups expressing their desire to make this proposal a higher priority. More and more communities around the state and around the country have installed skate parks, with much success. Very recently, a local businessman (who wishes to remain anonymous), together with other local businesses, has indicated a willingness to contribute \$10,000 towards this project, in addition to in-kind construction and site work to be arranged with local contractors.

Financial Impact

Estimates to install an adequate skate park to meet the needs of the community range from \$80,000 to \$100,000. This cost could be considerably less given the willingness of local contractors to contribute in-kind construction services. Further study as to the actual funding the town would need to provide to support this project is necessary.

Recommendation

Given the heightened interest in this project, the council may wish to move this project to the forefront. Staff suggests that the council establish an informal committee of interested residents, members of the Recreation Advisory Committee and staff to study the current proposal in more detail. The proposal would include an estimated budget for the project, with detail showing the specific amount needed from the town to fund this project in combination with local contributions.

Several residents would like to address the town council on this issue to express their interest in this proposal.



Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: October 11, 2005
Re: Skate Park Proposal

Subject Matter/Background

Town Council members addressed this proposed project at their September 12, 2005 meeting. Since that time, staff, along with interested residents and business leaders, have refined the scope of the project. A more detailed site review was conducted with staff to determine feasibility and proper location of the park and its scope. The determination was made that the site can accommodate 100' by 100' or 10,000 sq. ft. park within the Community Center property. In order to get a comparison, interested parties also visited four existing skate parks: Hebron, CT 9,600 sq. ft.; Newington, CT 9,600 sq. ft.; Shrewsbury, MA 20,000 sq. ft.; and Stafford, CT 6,325 sq. ft. If the Town Council wishes to proceed with this project, a site plan modification request will be submitted to the PZC for their next available meeting. If funding were available, willing contractors would like to proceed with this project this fall while they have the opportunity.

Financial Impact

See attached project budget for details. The estimated project budget would rely on \$40,000 funding from the town and \$40,000 in donations from local contractors and businesses. The town's shared amount of this project could be transferred from the capital non-recurring fund to the capital projects fund. Fees and charges would offset the long-term operational costs.

Legal Review

None required. PZC action is necessary for site plan modification.

Recommendation

Given the willingness of local contractors and businesses to contribute to this project and the heightened interest from residents to see this proposal become a reality, staff recommends that the town council support this project and authorize the transfer of funds from the capital non-recurring fund to the capital projects fund.

If the council agrees with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, to authorize staff to transfer \$40,000 from the capital non-recurring fund to the capital improvements fund to fund the construction of a skate park on the town's community center property, and to proceed with construction of the project, in partnership with local contractors and businesses.

Attachments

- 1) Estimated Project Budget
- 2) Site Map

Town of Mansfield - Parks and Recreation Dept.

SKATE PARK PROPOSAL

Estimated Project Budget

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DONATED	COST TO TOWN	TOTAL COST
removal	hired contractor		7,000	7,000
el fill	town stockpile, 2,700 cy (*see note), no cost for materials - hauled by Desiato, donation	3,000	0	3,000
preparation	Desiato donation, stump removal and grading	7,000		7,000
rete	purchased materials		14,000	14,000
rete installation	Pellitier Builders donation	10,000		10,000
ing	purchased materials and installation		12,500	12,500
irity lighting	purchased materials and installation		3,000	3,000
pment	most donated and/or constructed with local contributions	20,000	3,000	23,000
age	rules and informational signs		500	500
	*note - fill required may be considerably less depending upon on-site ledge			0
				0
				0
				0
		40,000	40,000	80,000

Al
P.72

July 13, 1999

Curt —

Wouldn't this be a good idea
for Mansfield? I know a number
of kids who have no place to
chatboard. That's safe or legal —

Cindy Weiss

Skate Park Proposal
TC Agenda 11/14/05
Attachment 3

P.76

Paved Paradise

Skateboarders And Local Officials Are Working To Build Town-Run Parks

By ERIC R. DANTON / Courant Staff Writer

On television, skateboarders are cocky rebels, skating where they please and poking fun at stuffy authority figures.

But as the sport increasingly takes hold in real life, many skateboarders are normal teens — with nowhere to go. Most towns have no designated areas for skateboarders. Skateboarding on the street or in parking lots is unsafe and draws the ire of local residents and businesses. And skating on public property can lead to encounters between skaters and police.

Now, in an effort to legitimize their activity, skateboarders are actually teaming up with

authority figures in a push to secure safe, sanctioned places to skate.

And they're getting results. Town-run skateboard parks have opened in Hebron, Middletown, Old Saybrook, Portland and Somers, and more are planned in East Hampton, Farmington, New Britain, Stafford and Suffield. Youngsters in a host of other towns are lobbying for parks.

"If they're going to kick us out of every place we go, they've got to give us a place to skateboard," said Jason Paternostro, 15, who finished

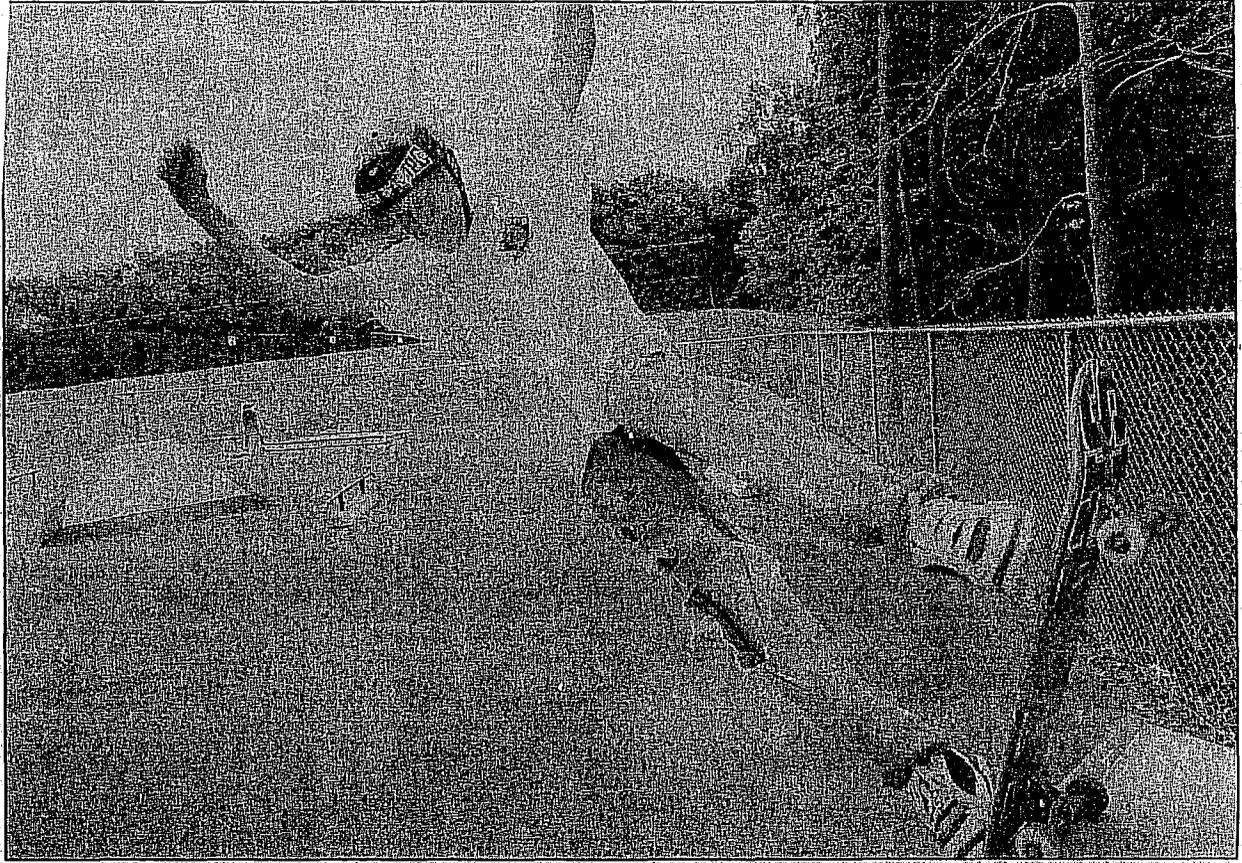
Please see **TEENS**, Page A7

Women as warriors. Read *The Colin Chronicles*. WWW.COURANT.COM

Business Weekly	D1	Connecticut	A3	Life	F1	Local News	B1	Movies	F3
Classified	E1	Editorial	A8	Legal Notices	B3, E5	Lottery	A2	Nation	A6

Hartford Courant 7-12 P-1

FROM PAGE ONE



JOANNE HOYOUNG LEE / THE HARTFORD COURANT

JACK REID, 15, of Glastonbury, skateboards in the park at Portland High School in Portland. He is involved in trying to get a skateboard park built in Glastonbury.

Teens Pushing For Skate Parks

Continued from Page 1

his freshman year at Manchester High School.

"I just wanted to have someplace to go," said Matt Snyder, 18, a recent Portland High School graduate who got the park set up in Portland with the help of friend Patrick Green, 17, and local officials.

But youngsters who want skateboarding's equivalent of a baseball field or basketball court have the sometimes difficult task of convincing their elders that skating deserves the same treatment given to mainstream sports.

"It can really help with self-esteem," said Ben Custin, 16, who completed his sophomore year at Somers High School. "For kids who feel like they can't make [sports] teams, it shows they can do something."

Advocates say skateboarding is a way to connect with teens who have no interest in the more traditional sports.

"I think it gives a whole group of kids who didn't like those sports or didn't like the structure of team sports another avenue to explore," said Mark Philhower, planning and zoning chairman in East Hampton and father of two skateboarders. Without the benefit of town funds, Philhower organized a volunteer effort among local youngsters to raise money for a skateboard park.

"Some kids kind of get left out if

some new friends and get some exercise," said Dan Pendergraph, 11, a student at Bennet Middle School in Manchester who has distributed surveys to area students for a committee created to determine the level of community interest in a park.

Phillips H. Roland, a Somers selectman who helped organize local youngsters' bid for a skateboard park, said municipal officials need to realize that skateboarding is not likely to disappear.

"Sports in America are changing," Roland said. "When I was a kid, I looked forward to going to baseball games with my father. Now, in the '90s, kids are watching ESPN2 and the X-Games," a series of competitions involving alternative athletics like skateboarding, inline skating and biking.

"Generationally speaking, this is forcing towns to take another look at what they're offering recreationally for sports," Roland said.

And prompted by skateboarders hungry for recognition, many towns are re-evaluating their recreation activities.

"We needed to look at other sports," said Portland First Selectman Ed Kalinowski. "Why shouldn't a municipality provide for another function? Not everyone is into softball."

By building a \$14,000 park, Kalinowski said, he moved most skateboarders off the street and forestalled much of the

problems in our town with skateboards, and it is a safe, controlled atmosphere," Kalinowski said.

Bill DeMaio, recreation superintendent in New Britain, said problems with skateboarding helped jump-start plans for a park that will open next spring or summer.

"We had kids coming to us saying, 'Hey, there's no place for us to skate,' and we had parents asking why we had Little League fields ... but no skate parks," DeMaio said.

Though they vary in size, cost and construction materials, the parks usually contain concrete or wooden ramps and ledges and metal railings mounted close to the ground on which skaters practice tricks. Often, as in Somers, they are built over tennis courts or other existing structures that are no longer widely used.

Officials and potential private sponsors in some towns have been reluctant to set up skateboard parks because of concerns about liability and insurance costs.

In Manchester, the board of directors has twice left money for a skateboard park out of the budget, and last summer, the Rotary Club in Somers decided not to help fund the park there, citing potential liability and maintenance costs.

But supporters say those are poor excuses for not building the parks.

"That's nonsense when they say

not affected by opening the skateboard park. "To me, that's just a way of not doing it."

Towns with skate parks usually have rules requiring skaters to wear helmets and pads, and some, like Somers, require youngsters and their parents to sign a waiver.

"There's liability for everything. When you build stuff for other sports, there's liability for that, too," Paternostro said.

Though costs vary between insurance companies, liability for ice hockey, soccer, football and baseball can be greater than the liability for skateboarding, said Chris Silver, Manchester's recreation supervisor.

"Look at the inherent risk of not building a park," Silver said. "These kids are on streets and sidewalks, and somebody could get killed."

In many towns, including East Hampton, Portland, Somers and Suffield, skateboarders were responsible for designing the parks, as well as presenting their plans to local boards and commissions. Skaters help to maintain the finished products, too.

Local officials say involving youths in the planning stages is also a great civics lesson.

"It's getting the young people involved with the town, seeing how the process works," said Kalinowski, who made sure that skaters



Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department

Curt A. Vincente, Director
Jay M. O'Keefe, Supervisor
Bette Day Stern, Coordinator

Four South Eagleville Road
Storrs/Mansfield, Connecticut 06268
Tel: (860) 429-3321 Fax: (860) 429-6863
Email: Parks&Rec@MansfieldCT.org

March 9, 2001

Mr. Andrew Paul
11 Centre St.
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Mr. Adam Cascio
31 Bassetts Bridge Rd.
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Dear Mr. Paul and Mr. Cascio,

I am writing in response to your interest in a skate park. I presented your letter to the Town's Recreation Advisory Committee at their February 28, 2001 monthly meeting.

First, let me thank you for taking the time to generate interest amongst your peers and for preparing some skate park plans. The members of the Recreation Advisory Committee and I share your vision of providing appropriate places in the community where friends can congregate and participate in fun activities. For several years now, I have been networking with some of my colleagues throughout the state to discuss skate parks and how they can benefit a community. I have previously included a proposal in the Parks and Recreation Department's long term Capital Improvements Program for a skateboard/rollerblade park. This doesn't necessarily mean that it will happen, it just means that we see our proposal as an appropriate and important improvement for future planning. In order for this type of project to be successful, it takes planning, funding and support from the community. Your support and generation of interest among your friends and schoolmates is an important step in this process.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to us. Your input as well as the input of the others who signed your letter is very important to us. The growing interest in skate parks in Mansfield, across the state, and across the country is very evident.

Sincerely,

Curt A. Vincente, CPRP
Director of Parks & Recreation

cc: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
Recreation Advisory Committee

Skate Park Proposal
TC Agenda 11/14/05
Attachment 4

RECEIVED
2-2-01

Dear Mr. Vincente,

Now that the skate park in Willimantic has closed, we have no place to skate board.

My friend and I live near the Mansfield Center post office.

When we go to the post office, we bring some jumps but, when cars go by we have to move the jumps over to the side of the parking lot. By the time the post office closes and the cars are gone, it is getting dark and we can no longer see what we are doing.

We would like you to think about building a skate park in Mansfield Center.

P.S. It will keep skater off the street and off of usonn

Sincerely,

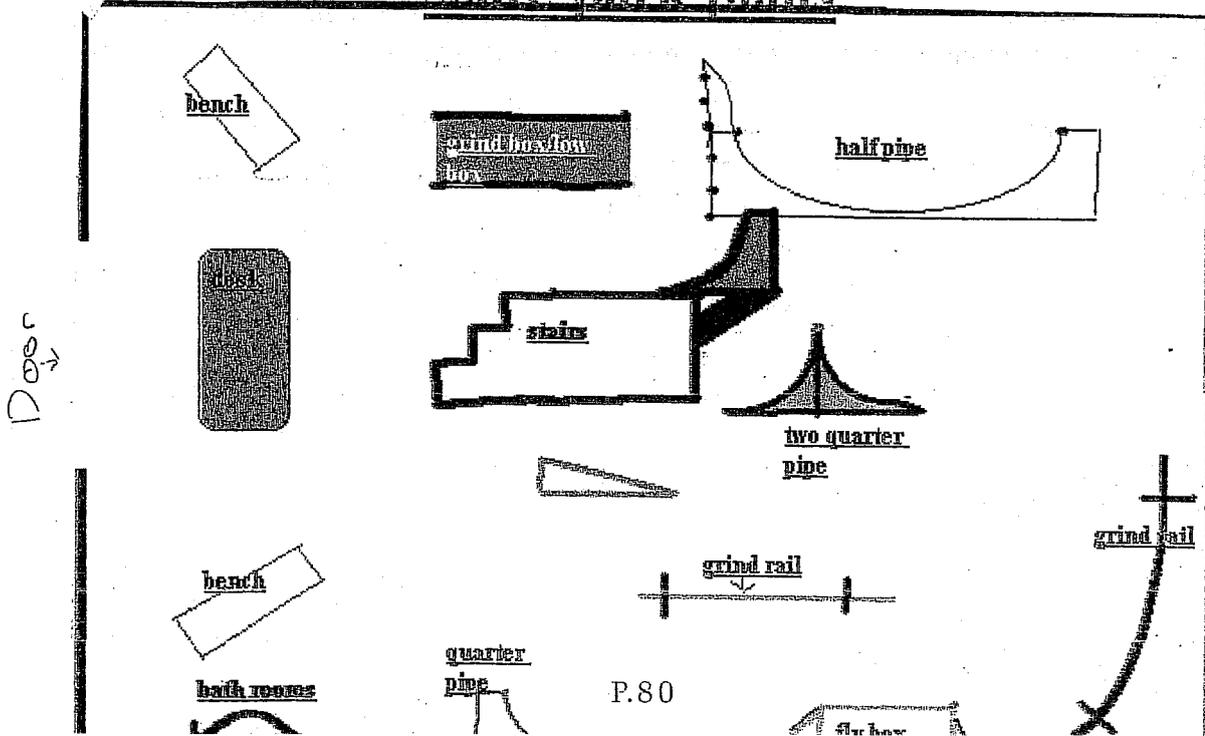
Andrew Paul

Andrew Paul > 11 CENTERS ST This picture is a rough plan.

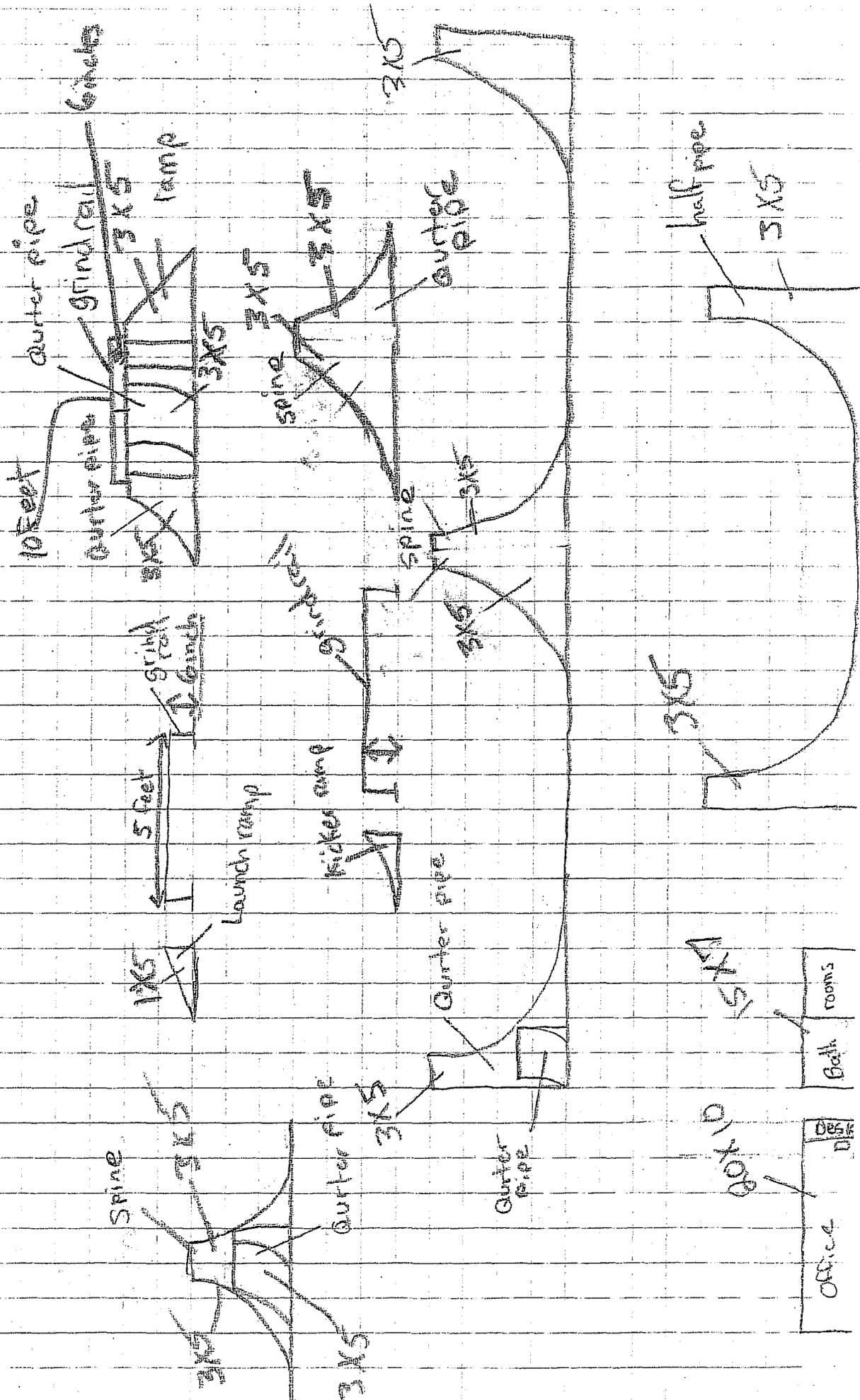
Adam Cascio

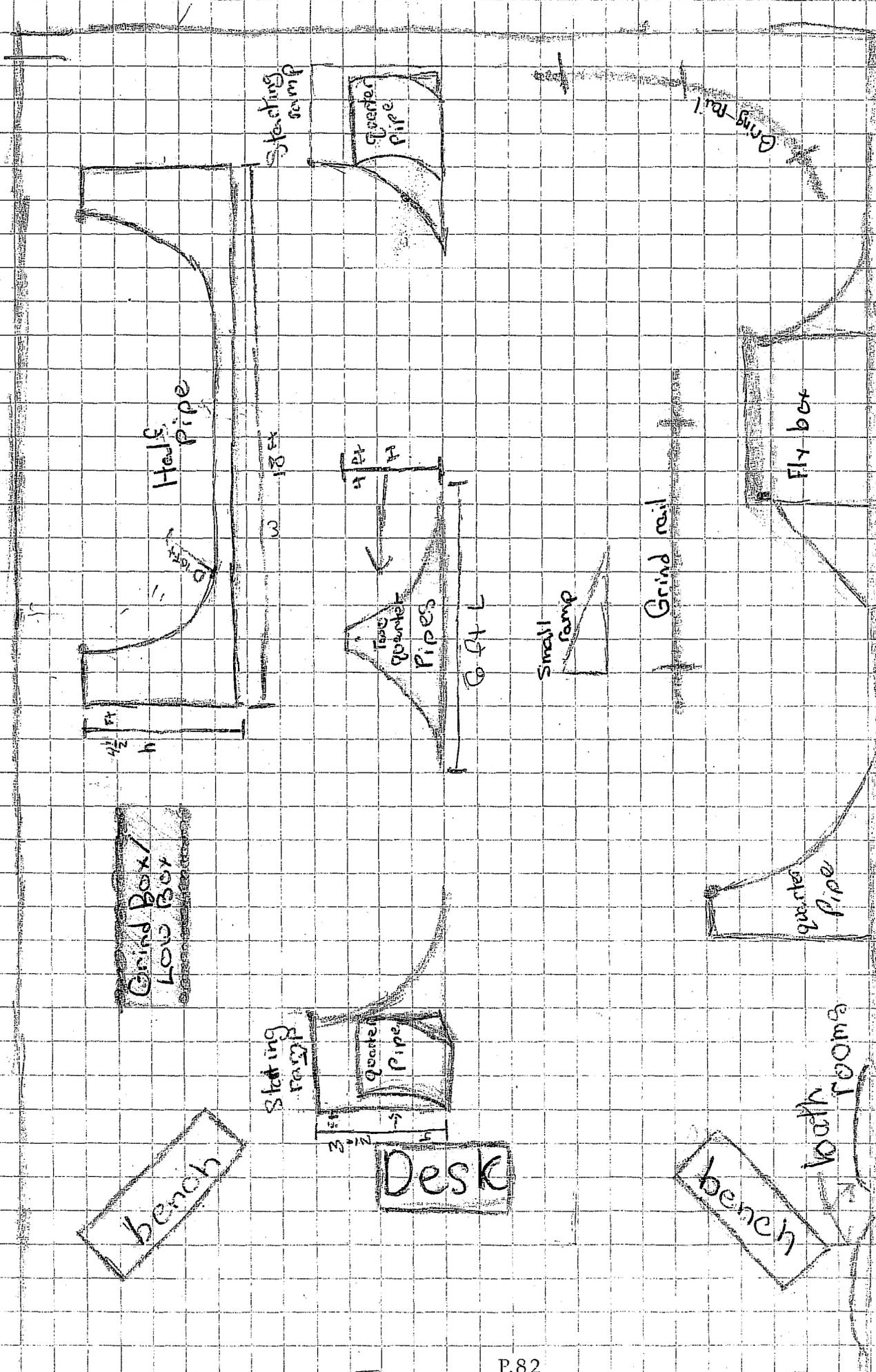
Adam Cascio > 31 BASSETTS SLIDE RD.

skate park plans



Skate Park Plans





This is some names that went a
Skate park.

164

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29
- 30
- 31
- 32

Keith MacDonald

Nicholas Underhill

Jacob [unclear]

Orlando Perez

Robby Lopez

Coen Young

Thomas Lee

Adam W.

Connor Laree

Ryan Haller

Shauna Labeano

Chris Casio

Steven Lyford

Chris Jones

Kellen Brin

Mark Gates

Michael Ahlberg

Jashea LeBlanc

Andrew Sawyer

Tajah Gilmore

Chelsea Espeleta

Brittany West

Stephanie Holubko

Jesse Dodd

Sifat John

Amanda Eichner

Jarrod Saff

Coleman Hatfield

Benjamin [unclear]

Chris Chason

Courtney Hawthorne

Mark [unclear]

- 33 Tom Sharp
- 34 Kevin Chen
- 35 Gerry Caron
- 36 Rafael P.S
- 37 Ben Lewis
- 38 Kyle Zizik
- 39 Mike Bar-Shalom
- 40 Joseph Gage
- 41 Max Krachek
- 42 Filipe Arnaud
- 43 Sam Enders
- 44 Mohamed Ammar
- 45 Nate Ross
- 46 Billy Bishop
- 47 ~~John Runtz~~
- 48 ~~Kyle Martin~~
- 49 ~~Michael Hall~~
- 50 Adam Pender
- 51 James Sobud
- 52 Stephen Pelletier
- 53 Nick Burle
- 54 Adam Orathwanfa
- 55 Connor Edington
- 56 Ryan Burke
- 57 Michael Jenlati
- 58 ~~Justin Knapp~~
- 59 Lilian Chen
- 60 Liz Mikulison
- 61 Stephanie Murana
- 62 Stephanie RBOX

- 63 Noah Gottery-Born
- 64 Jordan Yeazle
- 65 ~~Heather C~~
- 66 Amber
- 67 Heather Ashcoy
- 68 Julianne Corneil
- 69 Ariel Blair
- 70 Heather Gormley
- 71 Silvia Maldonado
- 72 Marta Jamrozik
- 73 ~~Paige~~
- 74 ~~Sigrid Carr~~
- 75 ~~Susi Ruppstader~~
- 76 Samantha Gurdiner
- 77 Anna Garrett
- 78 Erin Cowles
- 79 Emily Schwab
- 80 ~~Angie~~
- 81 ~~George Stoney~~
- 82 ~~Carol Cole~~
- 83 ~~Russell~~
- 84 Harry Johnson
- 85 ~~By~~
- 86 Lanny Parker
- 87 Noah Weiss

- 34) Alexander Hummer
- 35) Dave Hummer
- 36) Thomas @ Wilding
- 37) O'Leary
- 38) Owen Gallo
- 39) Shaun Brothers
- 40) Jarrod Sabin
- 41) Jeremy Rodriguez
- 42) Doug Build ~~me~~
- 43) Will ~~Woz~~ ~~Woz~~
- 44) Zach Robert
- 45) Ellen Raeb
- 46) Elizabeth
- 47) Francisco Bravo
- 48) Dan Berger
- 49) Ryan Wagner
- 50) Doug Murphy
- 51) Pat Duggan
- 52) Justin Belden
- 53) Zack Walters
- 54) Alex Robert
- 55) Adam Ziwit
- 56) Eddie Makuch
- 57) Colton Schwank
- 58) Matt Ouimette
- 59) Kenny Pantrick
- 60) Andrew Bruno
- 61) Jesse Podd
- 62) Mike Galvin
- 63) Tyler Kuetner
- 64) Adam Warren

- 67) Ryan Olenka
- 68) Ben Marowski
- 69) Dan Logan
- 70) Justin Hoag
- 71) Keoki Vinsenthaler
- 72) Bethany Scardi
- 73) Sarah Elliott
- 74) Alicia Berry
- 75) Brittany Lewis
- 76) Megan Roek
- 77) Megan Baker
- 78) Dana Gnesdilon
- 79) ~~Justin~~
- 80) ~~Justin~~
- 81) Steven Lyford
- 82) Kyle Zizih
- 83) Kyle Shin
- 84) Doug Glibin
- 85) Bryan Strand
- 86) Sarah Donovan
- 87) Amanda Orange
- 88) Julie Eaton
- 89) Julie Bass
- 90) Jeremy Mathis



Town of Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department

Curt A. Vincente, Director
Jay M. O'Keefe, Supervisor
Bette Day Stern, Coordinator

Four South Eagleville Road
Storrs/Mansfield, Connecticut 06268
Tel: (860) 429-3321 Fax: (860) 429-6863
Email: Parks&Rec@MansfieldCT.org

March 9, 2001

Mr. Ben Hanna
16 Lodi Dr.
Storrs, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Hanna,

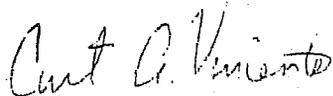
I am writing in response to your interest in a skate park. My apologies for not getting back to you sooner. I had been waiting to present your letter to the Town's Recreation Advisory Committee, however, they did not have a quorum at their December and January meetings. They did meet last week and we finally had a chance to discuss your letter.

First, let me thank you for taking the time to generate interest amongst your peers and for expressing some alternative activities which residents can participate in. The members of the Recreation Advisory Committee and I share your vision of providing appropriate places in the community where friends can congregate and participate in fun activities. For several years now, I have been networking with some of my colleagues throughout the state to discuss skate parks and how they can benefit a community. I have previously included a proposal in the Parks and Recreation Department's long term Capital Improvements Program for a skateboard/rollerblade park. This doesn't necessarily mean that it will happen, it just means that we see our proposal as an appropriate and important improvement for future planning. In order for this type of project to be successful, it takes planning, funding and support from the community. Your support and generation of interest among your friends and schoolmates is an important step in this process.

I do want to clarify a few things that appeared in your letter and in the newspaper article (copy enclosed). First, your letter suggests that many towns have skate parks. I know of only about a half-dozen of the 169 Connecticut towns that have a formalized skate park. There are a growing number of towns, like us, that have been gathering information about skate parks for some time. Secondly, the newspaper article says that your letter was "asking that town funds be used to help the YMCA keep the park open." Your letter does not ask for anything specifically, but rather expresses that there is an interest in the community for this activity. I'm not sure where the reporter got the above quote from, but, regardless, the town does not have funds to support the YMCA skate park.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to us. Your input as well as the input of the others who signed your letter is very important to us. The growing interest in skate parks in Mansfield, across the state, and across the country is very evident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curt A. Vincente".

Curt A. Vincente, CPRP
Director of Parks & Recreation

Enclosure

cc: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
Recreation Advisory Committee

LETTER RECEIVED DOES NOT ASK FOR FUNDS

Youths miss skating park

By **MATTHEW L. BROWN**
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — Some of the town's skate boarding public are still missing the recently closed YMCA skate park in Willimantic.

Ben Hanna, a 13-year-old skater, has decided to take action.

He and 40 other young skaters sent a letter and petition to the Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department in late November asking that town funds be used to help the YMCA keep the park open. Hanna said he received no response.

Recreation Director Curt Vincente said this morning that he hasn't had a chance to reply.

Hanna said that the skate park was "good because it was the only really good place to skate." He said that a lot of people went when it first started, and that it got quite busy toward the end of the day.

Young skaters also enjoyed the convenience of having the park close to home. "It's not very far away," Hanna said, "we could drive over after school on half-days."

For some, the park was good for more than skating. Lucinda Weiss, a parent of a skater, said that the park was "good, not only recreationally, but kids got together that wouldn't ordinarily mix."

In a letter to the *Chronicle*, Weiss said that the interaction, and friendship that kids got on their own at the skate park "was an experience that no adult-organized diversity program could ever match."

Deb Hanna, Ben's mom, said that a lot of Mansfield kids went to the skate park during the day and got the chance to "walk around like a kid in a real town." She went on to say that it was too bad the town couldn't find another place to put a skate park. "It's a good physical sport," she said.

Ben said that in their letter, the signers of the petition raised the possibility of building a skate park in Mansfield.

Vincente said that "we've been thinking about skate parks, but not in the near future." He commented that a skate park might be a nice added feature to the community center being

planned.

"They're not cheap," Vincente said of the skating areas. He said it would cost more than \$50,000 dollars to build and supervise properly.

Weiss said that she didn't think that the park needed "vast amounts of money" to remain open. In late October, YMCA Executive Director Harry Carboni wrote a letter to the Windham Board of Selectmen asking for between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in assistance for the facility which opened in April. At that time, Carboni was trying to obtain a grant to buy the building.

But earlier this month, Robert Riquier, the owner of the Hotel Hooker and the YMCA building on Main Street in Willimantic purchased the building. Riquier will open a business that will rent hand tools, power tools, and construction equipment. He also plans to move his pawn shop, currently on the ground floor of the Hotel Hooker, into the building. Riquier hopes that the tool rental business will be open by spring.



P. 89

RAC 2-28-01
ITEM E.1

Charles Hisey

ing clinic at
f Environ-
ring Win-
pment for

ing school

instructor, answers questions du-
a clinic was sponsored by the stat
able to try their newly acquired s.
om 7 to 11 a.m. The DEP will prov

ges 'time fo

th'

Bird's calm demeanor remembered

By **CHRISTOPHER KRUPA**
Chronicle Staff Writer

SCOTLAND — Colleagues and friends remembered Dr. Frank

never got ruffled. His patients loved him," Browne said.

Bird was educated at Yale and Cornell universities, was a captain in the U.S. Air Force and

tic birdwatcher.

Bird was unlike many other surgeons, said Dr. Nadia Nashid, a pathologist at WCMH, in that

16 Lodi Drive
Storrs, Ct. 06268
November 29, 2000

Mr. Curt A. Vincente
Director of Parks and Recreation
Audrey P. Beck Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, Ct. 06268-2599

Dear Mr. Vincente,

Biking and skating are some of the most popular sports among kids today. Like team sports they not only offer a mix between athletics and fun, but they provide a spot to meet friends and entertain yourself, while you improve your skills at a certain activity.

Many towns in Connecticut have a skate park, or some sort of location were kids can do these kinds of sports. For instance Hebron has a skate park, and many kids in that town enjoy it, and use it frequently.

Many children in my school and I believe that a skate park can fulfill the need of the youth more that any other activity that the community of Mansfield, and the Recreation Department can offer. Therefore I have gone around in my school, and on my street, to try to get signatures of kids that agree with me.

I hope that you consider my idea, because if you and the people of the town know about the wants of the kids, than maybe something can be done to fulfill them.

Sincerely,



Ben Hanna

Grey [Signature] Phillip Roth
Joe Klonoski
Jason [Signature]
Jason Ross
Eddie Maluch
Zack Sundquist
George Xie
Tyler [Signature] P.91
Jesse [Signature]

Jason [Signature]
Eddie Maluch
Zack Sundquist
George Xie
Tyler [Signature] P.91
Jesse [Signature]

Jason [Signature]
Eddie Maluch
Zack Sundquist
George Xie
Tyler [Signature] P.91
Jesse [Signature]



Friday, March 22, 2002

To : UCONN Foundation
Town of Mansfield
UCONN Athletics

Perhaps ESPN, a thriving Ct. company in Bristol, Ct. along with the UCONN athletic department, could help Ct. and UCONN develop a model BMX/skate park where UCONN students could be trained in sports management and Ct. high school kids can excel at their sport.

There is a large group of area high school and middle school kids who have nowhere to practice their sport after school, or on the weekends...BMX bike riding or skateboarding. A petition asking for a bike/skate park, distributed last year by my son garnered more than 40 signatures of area students. The Willimantic Skate/bike Park is filled on weekends with area students but driving area kids to Willimantic after school every day is impractical and undesirable. Just as Mansfield has soccer fields and baseball fields for kids it needs a bike/skate park for those kids whom BMX bike and skate.

If we could mesh the needs of these kids with departmental needs at UCONN and the needs of Ct. industry, we could provide a safe, healthy spot for a sport that is innovative and thriving. Perhaps the Mansfield Depot Campus, or some other place could be made available for UCONN students in Parks and Recreation Management, Sports Studies or some other appropriate field and Mansfield students. The UCONN students could learn and the Mansfield students could practice their sport, while interacting. An interested UCONN Department could use the facilities as a learning tool for it graduate and undergraduate students. We could create a model that other towns in Ct. could use. With the help of Ct. corporations such as ESPN or other companies and the approval of UCONN, we could make this happen.

I wish we could do what other towns have done! I have enclosed news items from Carlisle, Pennsylvania concerning their efforts to begin a bike/skate park. Other towns are well on the way to providing a venue for their BMX biking/skating youth. BMX biking and skateboarding are on the "cutting edge of sports". The number of participants is growing every day. A UCONN bike/skate park would provide a safe, positive environment for our kids to practice their sport while providing resources for a growing Ct. company.

Thanks so much.

A concerned mom and professional UCONN staff member

Deb Glantz Hanna

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Hanna". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

Unit 3044

TLS 211 MCB Prep Room

rdbhanna@rcn.com

deborah.hanna@uconn.edu

www.bcs.uconn.edu/body_micro_course.html

Skate Park Proposal
TC Agenda 11/14/05
Attachment 6

copies to: UCONN Foundation, UCONN Athletics, Town of Mansfield.

CARLISLE

Skatepark panel to form board, pick leaders

By Jeff Cronin
Sentinel Reporter
jcronin@cumberlandink.com

Carlisle Citizens' Skatepark Initiative will become a formal committee at its next session.

The group of Carlisle-area residents trying to create a place for people to use skateboards will form a board and select two co-chairmen at a March 23 meeting.

Charles Andrews says the "strategic planning session" will allow the group to narrow its focus. He says the committee needs to decide if they want to work toward single or multiple areas and if indoor or outdoor facilities

FYI
Carlisle Citizens' Skatepark Initiative's next meeting is scheduled for March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at Carlisle Arts Learning Center, 29 S. Hanover St.

would be preferable.

At a meeting Thursday, the group determined a skatepark in the Carlisle area is "feasible and necessary," Andrews says.

Christian Muniz, who has taken the lead on the effort, along with Andrews and borough Councilman Timothy

Scott, expects a four- or five-member committee that will include young skateboarders.

He expects the adults to serve as "executive assistants" to the younger members.

Muniz says one youth Thursday night suggested they build an outdoor site first and then construct a pavilion-like structure overhead when funds are available — an idea that never crossed Muniz's mind.

"Sometimes, you forget they're constantly thinking about this," he says of the skateboarders.

Muniz says the group started the evening with a list of 23 possible sites. By the end of the meeting, 13 were

eliminated, including Thornwald Park. Among the sites that still remain possibilities are the circle on K Street, Bidle Mission Park and several commercial properties.

Still, Muniz would welcome any more suggestions for a location. He asks anyone with an idea to call him at 243-9808.

Andrews hopes to see "multiple small outdoor sites throughout the borough" since accessibility to the skaters is important. If only one large park is built, he says people would have to skateboard across town to get there. "That's defeating the purpose."

A move to transform the group into a non-profit agency "still remains to be

seen," Andrews says, since the formal board will have to make that decision.

Muniz expects the committee to remain informal until they are ready to regionalize the effort, which would require state grant money. "It's going to be a lot easier if you're 501(c)3," the designation for a formal non-profit group.

While the construction of one or multiple skateparks is the biggest goal for the group, Andrews hopes it will promote healthy lifestyles among teenagers. He believes skaters have selected a healthy way to spend time and hopes to encourage them to stay away from drugs and alcohol through this initiative.

FOCUS: 'SKATE PARKS'

Municipal skate parks rise as risks are brought under control

By Philip Langdon

The voice of athletic youth is being heeded as Connecticut communities build "skate parks" — facilities where skateboarders and in-line skaters can indulge their passion for what is surely one of today's more dangerous sports.

- Hebron is opening a \$33,000 skate park by the end of this year.
- Seymour is spending \$34,000 to build a 7,500-square-foot park.
- Stratford has allocated \$40,000 to build a facility, probably in a centrally-located town park.
- Groton is drawing up plans for a skate park projected to cost a little more than \$20,000.

Why are cities and towns doing this? In part because teen-agers — and some adults — have argued for years that municipalities should designate places where skateboarding and in-line skating are permitted. Municipalities that have banned skateboarding on public streets and sidewalks increasingly feel it's their responsibility to provide an approved alternative site.

REDUCING RISK

Because of the potential for lawsuits brought by those who are injured, there continues to be resistance to skate parks in some local governments. But a growing number of cities and towns are concluding that if a skate park is well-built, fenced, and supervised, the risk

will be reasonable.

CIRMA, the insurance arm of CCM, has been helping members of its Liability-Automobile-Property (LAP) Pool control the risks inherent in skate parks. A series of guidelines has been developed by CIRMA to ensure proper design, inspection, and supervision.

Stratford and Hebron are two of the towns that have used CIRMA's advice in planning skate parks.

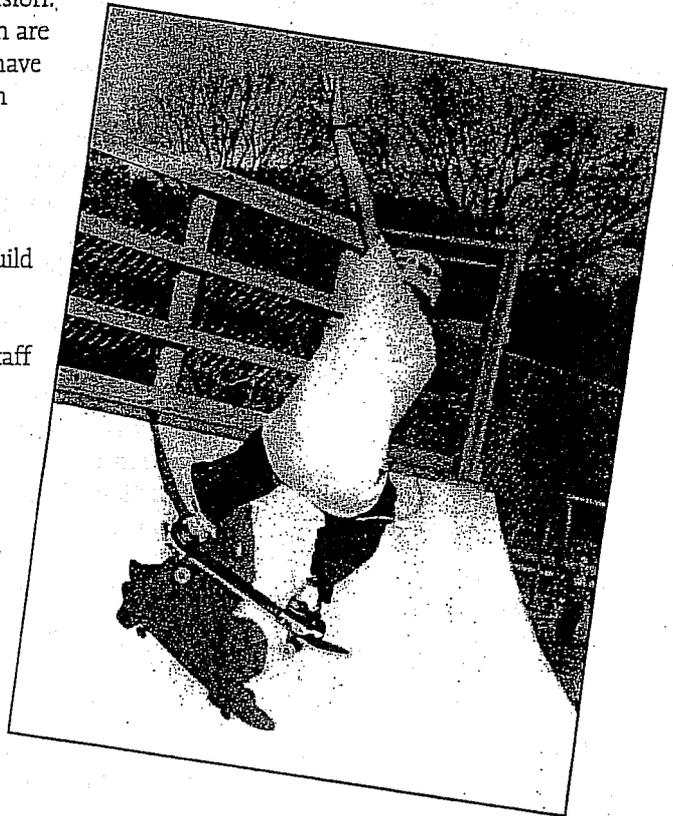
WHO SHOULD OPERATE IT?

Stratford expects to build a skate park and then lease it to the Stratford YMCA, which would staff the facility and control access to it. As part of that arrangement, the YMCA would assume liability.

Fairfield has a skateboard park that the Town helps maintain, but which is operated by the Fairfield YMCA. "Y" employees make sure that people wear helmets, elbow pads, and other protective gear. The staff is trained in First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, according to Joel Silkoff, the Y's youth

sports director.

Inside a fence erected by the Town is 3,600 square feet of space containing quarter-pipes, plywood ramps, and other furnishings. Skateboarders who want to use the park must buy a Y membership. *continued on next page*



Hebron's skate park gets a tryout.
Photo: Tom McMillan

Full Service... Full Satisfaction

- site/civil engineering
- wastewater collection & treatment
- water supply & distribution
- environmental services
- solid waste management



SEA Consultants Inc.
Scientists/Engineers/Architects

SEA Consultants Inc.
750 Old Main Street, Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-1567
Tel: 860.563.7775 Fax: 860.563.6744 email: rockyhill@seacon.com
www.seacon.com

An Employee Owned Company

Skate Park Proposal
TC Agenda 11/14/05
Attachment 7

Information sources

Two of the many web sites supplying information about the operation, design, and construction of skateboard parks are:

- Info@skateparks.com
- <http://www.mrsc.org/planning/sktbdawc.htm>

Members of CIRMA's LAP Pool may request written information or consultation from CIRMA by calling their member-relations manager at (203) 498-3000.

Groton hopes to contract with a skate store, which would operate a pro shop at the Town's park. The shop would rent and sell equipment, and shop employees would supervise the fenced park. Liability coverage would be provided by the town.

CONSTRUCTION

Whereas several years ago metal half-pipes were sometimes installed as skating surfaces, without considering the dangers of using such materials, today more care is being taken in materials, design, and construction. "Towns now are far more aware of the hazards involved," says Ellen Parker, a member-relations manager at CIRMA.

CIRMA recommends that the park be designed by an expert and inspected by an appropriate professional.

Plywood ramps are not ideal, Fairfield has found, because they wear out quickly. Groton expects to have the Town Public Works Department build ramps of bituminous asphalt, which have a long life span. The Town will also buy some concrete ramps.

CIRMA recommends that the park be designed by an expert and inspected by an appropriate professional.

Lee deLisle, parks and recreation director, says Groton has determined that it's less expensive for a Town crew to build most of the park rather than to have it built by a contractor.

"Hebron found asphalt was cost-

prohibitive," says Nancy McMillan, the parks and recreation director. Hebron built its structures with pressure-treated lumber reinforced with primed and painted sheets of steel. The surface the skateboards come in contact with is steel.

Steel produces a quieter atmosphere, McMillan says. Enclosing the sides and backs of the ramps further reduces the noise, and turns the ramps into solid forms, which tend to look better.

WHO PAYS?

Some municipalities build the parks entirely with local tax revenue. Others, like Hebron, use no municipal tax money. Hebron received \$18,000 in State aid from DEP's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

In many communities, the residents who request the skate parks are being asked to pay for them — though this does not strike everyone as fair. "We don't make soccer players raise money for soccer fields," says one parks and recreation director.

Groton is one of several towns where the costs are being split. Local youths have raised about \$5,000 toward construction of a skate park in that town and it's hoped that industries will donate another \$7,000. The Town is to contribute \$10,000.

In Hebron, the youths who lobbied for a skate park have raised about \$3,500 through events such as a skating exhibition and a battle of the bands.

Moreover, youths have been heavily involved in the planning and construction. So the skate park has become a community project, bringing teenagers and adults together for a common purpose. ■



Jacobson

**BRIDGES ●
ROADS ●
SITE PLANNING ●
WATER SUPPLY ●
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ●
WASTEWATER COLLECTION & TREATMENT ●**

Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc.
86 Main Street P.O. Box 337 Chester, Connecticut 06412-0337

☎ (860) 526-9591 Fax (860) 526-5416

Consulting Civil & Environmental Engineers Since 1972

County Executives of America supports VALIC as the candidate of choice for your retirement plan.



County Executives of America, one of the nation's largest public-sector associations, recently awarded VALIC an exclusive endorsement¹ for all defined contribution retirement plan programs.

This endorsement is based on extensive research and analysis by County Executives of America of retirement plan providers. VALIC, one of the largest and most experienced retirement plan providers, meets or exceeds the associations criteria for a one-source provider.

For more information about VALIC products and services or to make an appointment to review your current plan, call the **New England Regional Office at 1-800-448-2542** or **VALIC's Connecticut Branch Office at (860)-828-2035** and ask to speak with your Retirement Planning Specialist.

America's Retirement Plan SpecialistsSM

VALIC[®]

★ An American General Company

www.valic.com © 1998 VALIC

¹ VALIC reimburses County Executives of America for services relating to its endorsement of VALIC.

21-03/0198



OLR RESEARCH REPORT

January 19, 1999

99-R-0055

TOWN OPERATED SKATE PARKS

By: Matthew Ranelli, Associate Attorney

You asked for information on town operated skate parks.

SUMMARY

At least four towns have developed or are developing skate parks. The parks are usually located in or nearby current parks or playgrounds and included various types of ramps, quarter- and half-pipes, and pyramids suitable for skateboarding or in-line skating.

Towns hope that providing a facility to skate will increase skating safety and reduce the problems created by skating on public streets, sidewalks, and other areas of the town. All the towns will require users to wear safety equipment.

TOWNS WITH SKATE PARKS

According to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), at least four towns (Hebron, Seymour, Stratford, and Groton) have or are developing skate parks (See attached article). The parks range in cost from \$20,000 to \$40,000. At least one other town, Fairfield, provides assistance to a skate park built and operated by a local group.

Hebron's park cost approximately \$33,000 not including maintenance and operation costs. According to Nancy McMillan, the town's parks and recreation director, Hebron received an \$18,000 DEP outdoor recreation grant and money raised by students at RHAM High School and other area youths.

According to McMillan, the park, not yet officially open, will be used by youths from Hebron and other towns served by RHAM High School. Youths from other towns will be allowed to use the facility, but will have to pay a fee. She anticipates approximately 25 - 30 skaters a day with some seasonal fluctuation. A town parks employee will staff the park 20 -25 hours a week.

Skaters must wear a helmet and the town recommends elbow and kneepads.

LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

CCM, through the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), has helped some towns, including Hebron, plan their parks and manage the liability. According to McMillan, Hebron consulted with CIRMA and does not pay any additional insurance premium for its park.

We have contacted CCM and requested the guidelines CIRMA developed. We will revise this report when we receive them. Two important safeguards include requiring users to wear safety equipment and providing staff when the facility is open.

Another option is to contract with an organization such as a local YMCA to operate and insure the park. Stratford is planning to have its local YMCA take over the park once it is constructed; and Fairfield contributes funds to a park built and operated by the local YMCA.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Hebron's park was the result of a project initiated by students at the local high school. According to McMillan, not only was the park a cooperative community effort, but also the students learned and applied valuable skills including fundraising, and designing and constructing the park. The students' work saved the town thousands of dollars in design and construction costs. She recommends keeping the youth interested in a park closely involved with all stages of its development.

Several towns that are considering skate parks have invited McMillan to speak at planning meeting or have otherwise consulted with her regarding Hebron's experience.

MR:gt

The Hartford Courant.

TOWN NEWS

4★N
FRIDAY
AUGUST 27, 1999
SECTION

B

TOWN NEWS

Digest

COVENTRY

There's about \$600 left over in the school board's 1998-99 budget. **Page B4**

ELLINGTON

The school board hopes a new task force that includes town policy-makers will help foster a structural plan for town schools. **Page B4**

MANCHESTER

Opinions vary on the need for a town skateboard park. **This page**

Police are looking for several burglars, especially one who is suspected of struggling with a man in his Weaver Mill apartment recently. **This page**

Police from six agencies swept drug dealers and users off the streets Thursday in an 18-hour operation dubbed "Drugapoloosa." **Page B3**

NO PLACE TO SKATE

Support Group Forms To Push For A Town-Run Skate Park

By **STEPHANIE REITZ**
Courant Staff Writer

GLASTONBURY — Jack Reid and his friends have been ordered away from school parking lots, cul-de-sacs, shopping plazas and sidewalks throughout town.

The reason: He's a 15-year-old boy who loves using in-line skates and skateboards, but has nowhere safe to do it.

Now, a group of parents, teens and other town residents is forming to support construction of a town-run skate park.

"My son and his buddies have been chased out of some of the best real estate in town," said Jack's mother, Mary Reid, one of the people forming the group.

Portland, Farmington, Hebron, Middletown, Somers, Suffield and several other Connecticut towns

already have skate parks. They are also planned in New Britain and Simsbury.

Skate parks generally consist of ramps with bowls, valleys, ridges

GLASTONBURY

and other features built into the design. Skaters and skateboarders practice jumps, twists and other maneuvers on the ramps.

The issue was raised in Glastonbury a few months ago when some teens and parents asked a town councilman whether the town would consider building and operating a skate park. It was discussed briefly at a town council meeting, then referred to the town's recreation commission for more study.

At the suggestion of that com-

Please see **SKATE**, Page B5

Residents Cite Cost, Liability, While Teens Press For Safe Site

By **STEPHANIE BRENOWITZ**
Courant Staff Writer

MANCHESTER — When resident Leslie Frey envisions a town skate park, she sees a lot of children taking risks with their bodies, landing in heaps of broken bones, followed quickly by a lawsuit from their parents.

"I've been in insurance claims for 20 years and this seems like an invitation to sue the town," she told the board of directors at a hearing this week. "Children are bound to get hurt."

Marjorie Johns-Bunce knows about children getting hurt — her son has broken bones skating and extreme biking. But she's one of the biggest proponents of the skate park.

"My son broke his collarbone

and I'm not about to sue," said Johns-Bunce. "There's no more liability with skating than there is

MANCHESTER

with football or hockey. And these kids are tough. They just pick themselves up and keep going."

In fact, the parents and teenagers who have been planning this park for the past three years say that all their research shows that skate parks reduce the liability faced by a town.

They argue that if a town has a skate park where there are designated rules — such as requiring that safety equipment be worn or banning more dangerous activities — then they are better pro-

Please see **PARK**, Page B5

Will Rivals Just Shoot It Out?

Basketball Challenge Wrapped In Politics

By **LISA GOLDBERG**
Courant Staff Writer

VERNON — Republican Mayor Joseph Grabinski was just joking when he suggested he and his Democratic challenger, Stephen C. Marcham, face off in a hoops contest during the upcoming Vernon Com-

... a proposed route called 133A.

Although the corps told the transportation department last summer that 133A could never receive permits for construction, the state withdrew the application before the federal agency issued a formal denial.

So even though the Army Corps has said no, they haven't said it officially, said Adella C. Urban, Columbia's first selectwoman. Until that happens, the residents who have long favored an expressway north of the Hop River won't really believe such a highway can't be built, she said.

"As long as there is not some kind of final closure, people will

If the state likes the new design, "we'd seriously consider resubmitting" the old route with the new look, said Richard A. Martinez, the transportation department's bureau chief for policy and planning.

"If we did the best we could do and they reject that, it kind of puts the end to at least that alignment there," he said.

Meanwhile, the state is proceeding with plans to make about \$25 million worth of improvements to Route 6, the highway now used to travel to Willimantic. Federal and state officials say the project will help, but will not solve problems with the roadway that make it one of the most dangerous in the state.

GLASTONBURY

Skate

Continued from Page B1

For their part, the youths who would use the park say the current conditions are hazardous. In fact, a 14-year-old boy was hit by a car May 30 on Griswold Street while using in-line skates.

"I and many other of my friends love to skate, and it's very hard to do so safely in Glastonbury," said teenager Adam Avitabile of Tall Timbers Road.

Some of the teens are old enough to drive to other towns to use skate parks there, but others must rely on their parents for rides. The only other alternatives: to skate in areas where they aren't welcome or safe, or to give up the activity altogether.

For now, the town council and recreation commission have not taken any action. The town's parks and recreation department expects to work with the newly formed group to iron out details in case the town decides to pursue the skate park project in the future.

Park

Continued from Page B1

ected against liability.

"People sue the town every day for just falling on the sidewalk, and look at what these kids are doing," said Chris O'Brien, who researched the legal issues for the proposed park for its proponents. "The town is more liable if kids are skating around without equipment on. The town would be in better shape if we had one than if we didn't."

The park would cost the town \$100,000 to construct and would be included in a \$26 million bond question that the board of directors will be finalizing Tuesday.

The question would go to voters in November.

It would be constructed out of concrete either at Center Springs Park or Robertson Elementary School, depending on its final design.

The skaters working on the project have been showing up at town meetings for years to lobby for their park, as they did this past Tuesday night.

In their short testimonials, they told of how business owners and the police chase them from most of their favorite locations where they do tricks on their boards. The tricks tend to include ramming their skateboards along other people's property, so the skaters understand why the owners shoo them away.

"Now I just get dirty looks,"

said Tyler O'Brien, 12, who is Chris O'Brien's son. "I just want someplace to skate."

Some taxpayers have questioned whether now is the right time for the skate park. The town is facing millions of dollars in repairs to its schools over the next several years.

"I would like all new sidewalks, a skateboard [park], all new schools," said civic activist Bill Ogden. "But I don't want to empty out my wallet now that I am on a fixed income."

But proponents of the park say

that all the hard work done by them — especially the children — deserves to be rewarded with action soon.

Johns-Bunce's son, Jason Aiello, keeps telling her it's never going to happen.

"I want to teach him that you can fight city hall," said Johns-Bunce, who works as an administrative assistant for the town. "I'm doing this as a mother to all teenagers that are into this sport. They are no different from other kids who participate in other sports. They deserve a place, too."

END OF SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE!

\$20⁰⁰ to \$50⁰⁰ Off

Selected Raleigh Bicycles

Sale ends Saturday, September 11, 1999



THE BIKE SHOP

681 Main St., Manchester • 647-1027

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:30 - 5:30PM • Thurs. 9:30-8:00PM • Sat. 9:30-5PM • Closed Sunday

VISIT OUR EXPANDED, UNIQUE, NURSERY, MORE VARIETIES, MORE DISPLAY GARDENS, IDYLIC PICNIC GROVE WITH TABLES, BRING LUNCH!

THE VARIEGATED FOLIAGE NURSERY

OVER 1200 VARIETIES VARIEGATED PLANTS For The Collector and Serious Gardener

245 WESTFORD ROAD • EASTFORD, CT 06242 • PHONE/FAX (860)974-3951 • FOR DIRECTIONS

OPEN Wed.-Fri. 12 noon-6 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or by Appointment

350 Kinds Hostas • 30 Pulmoneries • 25 Haucheras • 35 Kinds Grasses And Bamboos • Hundreds Of Other Variegated Perennials, Shrubs, Trees & Vines To Brighten Shady Spots And Give All Summer Excitement In Sun Or Shade.

ALL TREES MARKED DOWN 20% to 60%

Including many rare trees like Evergreen, Magnolia, hardy in Conn. Dragons Eye Variegated Pine & Variegated Dogwoods.

MILLENNIUM CRUISES

Save up to 75%

11-night Winter Cruises

As low as \$649

Available Exclusively from:

WHITE TRAVEL SERVICE

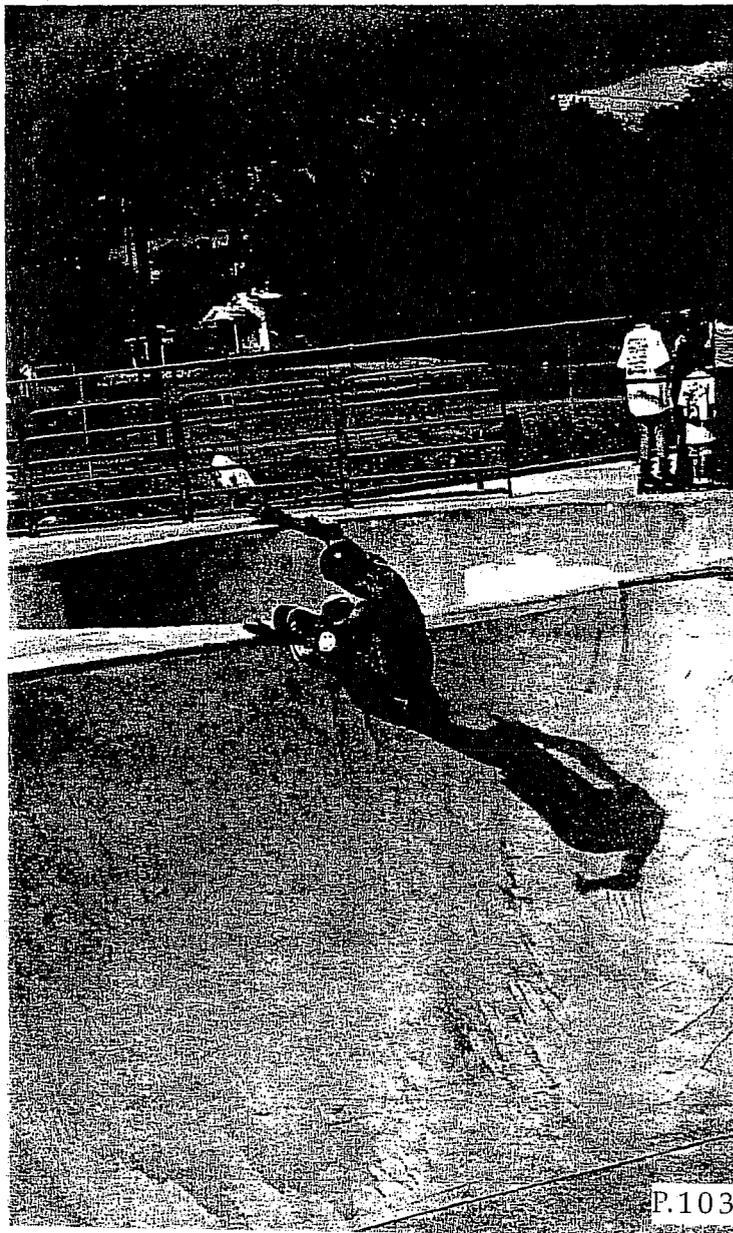
"The Nation's Leading Source of Incredible Cruise Discounts"

Phone 233-2648 or (800) 547-4790

Call our Cruise Hotline for 24-hour recorded announcement of cruise bargains: **CRUISE HOTLINE: (860) 236-6176**

P.102

Municipal skate parks catch air



Cities are working with local youths to fund, design and maintain skate facilities.

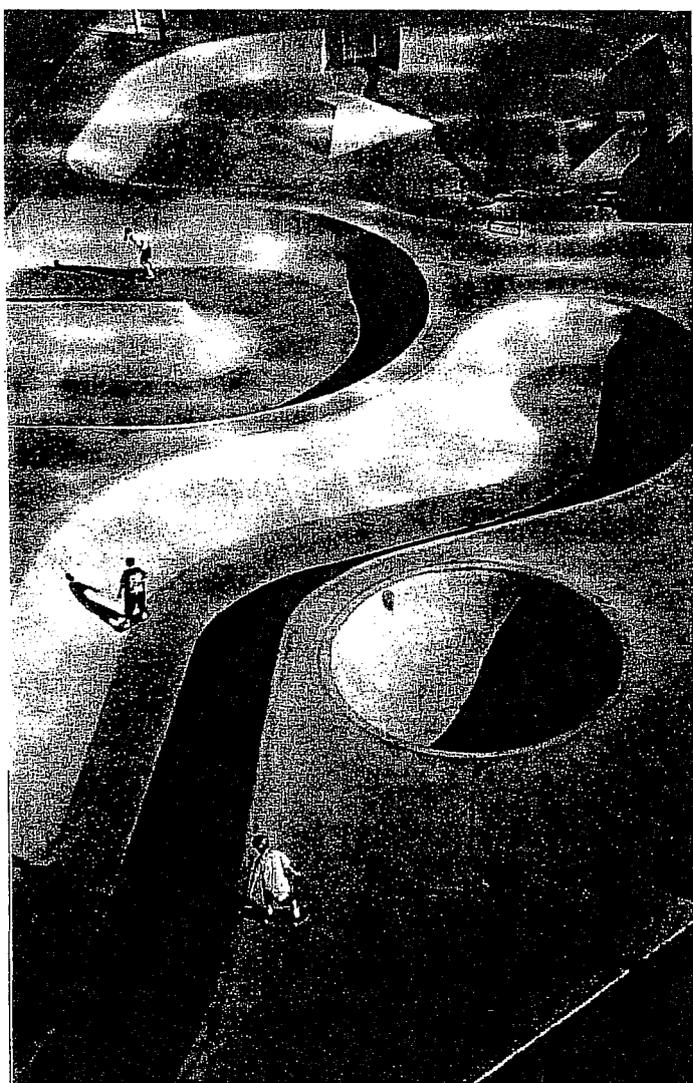
**By Christina Couret
Assistant Editor**

Verts, half-pipes and grinds: They represent skating to the nation's youth and a liability nightmare to many city parks departments. Because of the perceived recklessness associated with skateboarding and inline skating, many local governments have banned skating on commercial and community properties, as well as on school grounds, leaving skaters with very little recreational space.

As a compromise, some local governments are building skate parks, complete with bowls, rails and other skating elements to ensure a safe environment for skaters. By constructing a designated skate park, city officials meet the demands of their young residents and ensure that skaters are not damaging city or privately owned properties, or disrupting pedestrians and other park users.

PLANNING

The popularity of skating has increased steadily over the past several decades, as traditional roller skates have evolved into inline skates and skateboarding has emerged



About 500 skaters use the Modesto Skate Park, which opened in August 1998, each day during the summer.

some cities tried to compromise with local skaters. For example, after the Modesto City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting skateboards in downtown business areas and parking lots and on school properties in January 1995, the city created a task force to investigate building a skate park. The 27-member task force consisted of residents, local business owners, representatives of the police department and 13 skaters.

The city set aside \$15,000 to hire a park designer — Fullerton, Calif.-based architect Purkiss Rose-RSI — and began researching other skate parks and liability issues. According to Recreation

Supervisor Doug Lemcke, the task force discovered that, in 1996, the National Safety Council, Itasca, Ill., listed football, volleyball and ice hockey as sports more dangerous than skateboarding. Furthermore, a survey of 48 California skate parks revealed that only two had been sued after injuries. Santa Cruz, which has operated a skate park since 1978, has been sued twice.

In Grand Junction, Colo., home to Westlake Skatepark and Eagle Rim Park skate facilities, city officials also realized that, while cuts and scrapes are common at skate parks, claims and lawsuits are not. Most cities post rules requiring skaters to wear helmets, elbow pads, knee pads and wrist guards. Some cities, such as Bellevue and Santa Paula, both in Calif., even require skaters and/or parents of skaters to sign waivers absolving the city of liability.

Modesto passed an ordinance requiring use of helmets, elbow pads and knee pads. ^{p. 104} stated that

skaters who fail to wear the equipment are negligent and therefore skate at their own risk, according to Lemcke. "Some kids don't want to wear helmets," he says.

SITE SELECTION

If liability is not a hindrance, cities can proceed with site selection and development of a skate park. Lemcke recommends choosing a highly visible site, perhaps close to a roadway, so that it can be easily located, attended and patrolled. "Cities should not pick an isolated location for a skate park," he says.

High visibility also ensures that police can better patrol the area and cuts the likelihood of illegal activity or rule-breaking. Additionally, Lemcke says, "Skaters like to show off. They want to be seen."

Frequently, cities can tack a skate facility onto an existing park if space allows. Co-locating saves parks departments the additional costs of building restrooms or concessions. For example, by building a skate park at

From p. 58

as a television sport. In fact, ESPN's X Games for extreme sports, held in San Francisco last summer, attracted more than 200,000 spectators and 400 international competitors in events for skateboarding, inline skating and BMX biking. First-place winners took home \$10,000.

Regardless of the growing popularity of skating, many government officials are concerned about skating safety, and they do not want to be held responsible when injuries occur. In 1997, California Gov. Pete Wilson approved a state law that designated skateboarding as a hazardous recreational activity. Under the act, skaters basically skate at their own risk, and their ability to file injury claims against cities is limited.

Following passage of the law, many of California's local governments passed ordinances prohibiting skateboards in parks and other areas, leaving skaters nowhere to go. However,

Skating terminology

Air: skaters have all four wheels of skates or skateboards off the ground at the same time

Grind: a trick performed by scraping one or both skateboard axles on a surface; or by sliding across a surface on the inline skate frames

Half-pipe: a two-sided, U-shaped ramp; it likely will have 90 degree vertical walls

Hang up: catching the skate or skateboard on an obstacle, usually causing a fall

Keyhole slot: a spillway or smooth entry into a deep bowl

Vert: any ramp or surface with a 90 degree incline

an established recreational site at Beyer Community Park, Modesto was able to feed off existing amenities as well as site recognition.

Hollister, Calif., chose a site close to a roadway for the Hollister Skate Park, which should be completed by next spring, according to David Rubcic, associate engineer for the city. The facility is being built at Veterans Memorial Park, which already has drainage facilities and restrooms. Although the park is in a residential area, the closest house is about 600

feet away. "We don't anticipate any noise problems," Rubcic says.

Since noise can pose problems, many parks departments do not build recreational facilities close to neighborhoods. However, in Grand Junction, one group of residents requested that the skate park be built in their neighborhood at a neglected drainage area. The fact that the site had no sewer utilities and, thus, no restroom facilities, added to the \$223,000 construction cost. Park planners also included heavy landscaping to serve as

a buffer between the skate park and the residents.

THE DESIGN TEAM

Because many parks planners are not familiar with skate park features, designing one presents a unique opportunity for young people and adults to work together, Lemcke says. "I had no idea how to build a skate park," he says. "I really relied on the kids' expertise."

PARKS & RECREATION

GIS helps Boise beef up parks management

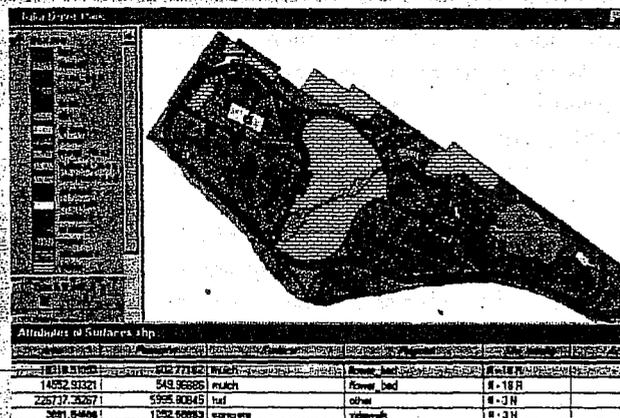
Since 1990, Boise, Idaho, has grown rapidly, creating an escalating demand for parks and recreational facilities. With 80 city-owned parks totaling more than 2,000 acres, the Parks and Recreation Department had difficulty managing inventory, maintenance and budgeting for each of its sites. In March 1999, the department implemented a GIS-based tool that allows it to manage its properties more efficiently.

Prior to developing the GIS, the city used two tabular database systems for parks facility maintenance and management; the Project Inventory Management System tracked the status of maintenance items, and the Preventive Maintenance Management System tracked the financial ramifications of facility maintenance. Those databases were stored in large notebooks that were difficult to update and handle. As a result, division managers often did not have the information they needed for ordering supplies or budgeting for capital improvements. Recognizing the inefficiencies of that approach, the department contracted with Spatial Dynamics, a local GIS consulting firm, to develop a GIS-based Parks Information Management System or GeoPIMS.

The first task in designing the system was to describe and compile the data used by the department's various divisions; including Horticulture, Forestry, Infrastructure and Planning. The information was gathered by interviewing division managers and obtaining copies of paper forms used by each division for tracking items and tasks.

Using that data, Boise conducted a pilot study of a single park. The first data layer identified the surface (i.e., turf, asphalt, concrete) for the park and the corresponding purpose (soccer, parking, walkway). Parks and Recreation staff then used GPS equipment to locate and characterize other items such as signs, picnic tables and trash receptacles. Data on the structural components and condition of each item was recorded along with its spatial location.

After completing the pilot study and refining the database design and applications, staff members cop.



Boise is using a GIS-based system to track parks inventory, location, maintenance and general use.

iled data across the entire parks system for city-wide use in maintenance, planning and other functions. Each division is responsible for updating that information, which can be accessed only by authorized staff. For example, when forestry workers plant a tree, they locate it on the park map and enter information on type and planting date into the database. Similarly, if infrastructure workers replace a sink in a restroom, they update the database. (Backup mechanisms have been established to protect the integrity of the data from human errors.)

The system is based on a custom ArcView application, which supports the direct import of GPS data, GIS data and AutoCAD files. As new parks and features are developed, the staff can integrate the information directly into the system. By using GIS technology as the foundation for its management operations, the parks department is able to generate fast, visual responses to database queries across the entire parks department. ☆

This article was written by Trevor Adams, operations manager, and Patti Murphy, community relations coordinator for Boise Parks & Recreation.

Mesa residents turn out to plan skate park

On the heels of a recent growth spurt, Mesa, Ariz., last year approved a half-cent quality-of-life tax initiative to make improvements for its 380,000 residents. Among the improvements were public safety and transportation upgrades, as well as the addition of a skate park.

Planning for the Reed Park Skate Court has involved nearly the entire community, from city officials to the children who will be using the facility when it is completed in 2000. "From the beginning, we knew there was tremendous interest in our providing this facility to the community, so it was important to us to involve the public in our planning process," says Joe Holmwood, Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division director.

As the planning process got under way, a variety of concerns surfaced. Officials worried about the liability involved in having an extreme sports facility, and they were concerned about the impact of a skate park on the neighborhood and on other park facilities.

To address those concerns, Mesa hired a local consulting firm, The Widforss Group, to assist in researching liability and to serve as a mediator in all public meetings. At the same time, the city established a 23-member planning committee, composed of architects, designers, parents, business owners, skaters and concerned residents. It also included representatives from the city's Engineering Division, and police, risk management and parks departments.

The committee held three public meetings to obtain input from residents on the skate park. More than 250 people attended the meetings; 114 people attended the first meeting to show support for the skate park and to share design ideas.

Liability concerns decreased after the planning team contacted several companies that insured skate parks. The planners discovered that fewer than 3 percent of the insured skate parks had incurred claims following injuries sustained at the park.

With the liability and support issues addressed, the planning committee proceeded with the skate park, hiring David Evans and Associates, a national architectural firm headquartered in Portland, Ore., as a consultant. Alan Fishman Associates, Laguna Beach, Calif., signed on as designer.

The architects got a number of ideas for the skate park from the committee representatives and from attendees of the public meetings. Skater Marty Murawski and his two brothers were among the youths who attended the first public meeting. "We wanted to be involved," Murawski says. "We wanted to see it built right for skaters."



Mesa skaters took part in planning meetings for the Reed Park Skate Court, which will be completed next year.

"We expected the skaters would be confrontational about their wishes," says Planning and Development Administrator Bill Way. "But instead, we found them to be understanding and up to date on the building issues, and we were surprised that they kept liability in mind."

For example, skaters requested that the architects change some features that were too challenging to ensure a safe environment. Skate shop owner Scott Matteson was surprised by the participants. "There were a lot of kids, end-users of the park, who showed up and had their opinions. I expected them to want half pipes — the bigger, more dangerous features — but they made their reasons clear [for their choices]," he says.

On Dec. 21, 1998, the Mesa City Council approved the plan for the Reed Park Skate Court. The facility, which will be open to skateboarders and inline skaters free of charge, will be built at a former lake site at an existing community park.

The facility will have three bowls of varying levels of difficulty, including a skate area for small children. It also will include grass, shaded areas and water fountains.

The Reed Park Skate Facility Steering Committee, including many of the original planning committee members, will oversee construction of the skate park and develop operations and maintenance guidelines. The committee will stay in place after the facility opens to provide input on rules, events, management, discipline policies, supervision expectations, concessions, instructional opportunities, accident/emergency procedures and safety education. The Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division will operate the facility and act as lead liaison on all issues. ☆

This article was written by Deborah Kuzik, community relations assistant for the Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division.

Skaters in Hollister submitted drawings for their skate park. The park planners toned down some of the advanced features that skaters requested so that less experienced skaters would have options, too. The 8,000-square-foot park will include one 3-foot-deep bowl, one 5-foot-deep bowl, quarter pipes and various ramps and edges for skateboarders and inline skaters.

Including skaters in the design process benefits everyone, Rubcic says. "If skaters are involved, they have a sense of ownership, and they will take better care of the park," he says.

As in Hollister, planners for Grand Junction's Westlake Skatepark incorporated ideas and suggestions from local skaters. The park features a 7-foot-deep rectangular bowl, a free-form 7-foot-deep open-ended bowl, a street skate area and a 10-foot-deep bowl with a keyhole slot entryway. Because the park has grown in popularity since its May 1997 opening, Grand Junction is constructing a second facility. Eagle Rim Park, planned for completion by summer 2000, will contain elements for less experienced skaters, including an extensive street skating area, steps, rails and ramps.

"If I had it to do over, I would have

used more space for street skating and not put in the 10-foot hole [at Westlake]," says Shawn Cooper, Grand Junction parks planner. "The big bowl was geared for very experienced skaters, and it's not getting a whole lot of use. Street skating is the highest use area at Westlake."

Modesto's 13,000-square-foot park also is aimed at intermediate and advanced skaters, and the city may add beginners' facilities at a later date, Lemcke says. The next item on the agenda likely will be lighting.

The majority of skate parks surveyed by Modesto do not have outdoor lights because it is an extra expense and because parks departments do not want skaters to use the parks at night and create noise. Most skate parks are open from dawn to dusk.

FUNDING

Because of the high cost of concrete and specialized design services, skate parks can be cost-prohibitive for local governments. And, since demand for the facilities is high, many cities rely on financial support from the community to fund construction.

Modesto's research showed that skate parks cost between \$50,000 and \$200,000, depending on size and the number of features. Modesto's park

totaled \$145,000, excluding landscaping costs. The city contributed \$150,000 from its capital improvement plan budget, and the task force raised another \$40,000 for landscaping in three months from outside contributors, including parents, business owners, skaters and the city police department. Persons or businesses who gave a minimum of \$1,000 received recognition on a permanent plaque at the park.

Not all skate parks receive as much in city funding or in private donations. In Hollister, city officials were not always enthusiastic about a skate park, Rubcic says. "The most difficult part of this process has been getting the city council to fund the skate park," he says.

In researching liability — a major concern — Rubcic visited eight skate parks for ideas and background information. Based on other cities' successes and local demand, the city approved \$120,000 to fund the skate park. That amount should be sufficient, Rubcic says. If not, the city will turn to the community for donations.

MAKING AND BREAKING RULES

Ongoing costs for a skate park are minimal, provided that there is no damage to the facility or graffiti to remove. Rules help avoid liability problems as well as costly repairs. For example, most skate parks do not allow bicycles because the metal bike parts can damage the bowls and other skate park elements. Additionally, Lemcke says, parks officials do not want bikers colliding with skaters and causing injuries.

Modesto and Grand Junction skate parks also have strict rules about graffiti. Most skateboarders decorate their boards with paint and stickers, but city officials did not want the same items plastered around the skate parks. Grand Junction park planners and local skaters agreed on "self-policing" to prevent graffiti or "tagging" with stickers. "If the park is tagged, the skaters know we will shut it down until we can clean it up or cover it over," says Mari Steinbach, recreation superintendent for the city.

To enforce rules about skate park hours, graffiti and litter, some cities ticket unlawful skaters. But, for the

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks partnership guide available

The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., has published a guide for cities and counties looking to improve their public parks through private partnerships. Commissioned by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, "Partnership For Parks" offers guidelines for partnering with private-sector parks supporters.

The guide examines four questions for public-private parks partnerships:

- How should public-private partnerships be structured?
- Who should make decisions?
- What assets and liabilities do partners bring?
- How do the partnerships manage risks?

A 1994 study by the National Parks and Recreation Association, Ashburn, Va., showed that \$30.7 billion would be needed between 1995 and 1999 to meet public demand for parks services. Results of the study have shown that public-private partnerships can help meet that demand and foster community involvement.

To order a copy of "Partnerships For Parks," call Urban Institute Publications, (202) 261-5687. The guide costs \$10, including shipping and handling. It also may be viewed online at www.urban.org. ☆

most part, they rely on skaters to enforce the rules.

Despite vows from the Modesto Task Force skaters to obey the rules, within three weeks of the grand opening of the Modesto Skate Park, skaters were breaking rules. They were seen without helmets or pads and skating at night; bikers were riding amidst skaters; and residents had started complaining about the litter. Police responded by issuing \$54 citations to those violating the rules.

Lemcke also set up a deal with a park concessions vendor to give a free bag of shaved ice to skaters who picked up a bag full of trash at the park. Skaters now do more self-policing, and police issue warnings to rule-breakers before writing citations, according to Lemcke.

NO 'HANG UPS'

Even with its somewhat rocky beginning, Modesto's skate park has proven to be a success. In fact, Lemcke says, after the park opened, the parks department received about 10 calls each day from other municipal



parks planners requesting information about skate park funding, RFPs, rules and other details. Modesto responded by printing a guide outlining the entire skate park process. The city has sold about 200 copies at \$25 each.

As the popularity of skating continues to increase, many city officials are

'Once we agreed on the rules, the skaters said they would help police [the park] themselves,' says Grand Junction's Mari Steinbach.

making an effort to allocate funding and other resources to the construction of a skate park. Still, many proposed skate parks garner mixed reactions from city officials and residents, who want to see funds going toward roads and other critical infrastructure. Most cities can afford both, Rubcic says. "What people don't understand is that the skate park is going to get skaters into a more controlled area."

By creating an arena specifically for skaters, officials reduce the potential for skating-related damage to municipal or private property, and they get skaters out of pedestrian areas. "We have seen a reduction in illegal skating by at least 50 percent since we built the skate park," Lemcke says. "That's one of the big pluses." ☆

Kristin Winn, public communications coordinator for Grand Junction, Colo., contributed to this article.



StayTurf® Par. Pending

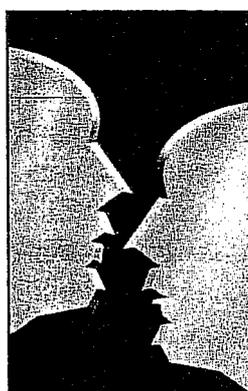
StayTurf® Our new revolutionary product provides immediate soil stabilization as well permanent reinforcement for vegetation.

Water flowing over StayTurf on an 18% slope under extreme conditions. Water velocity is 4 meters per second with a volume of 13.2 cubic meters per second.

STAYTURF® A FULLY VEGETATED TURF REINFORCED CHANNEL LINING

- ❖ A CARPET OF STABILIZED NATURAL SOIL FREE TURF
- ❖ CAN BE HARVESTED 1 TO 10 FEET WIDE 115 FEET LONG
- ❖ GROWN ON A REINFORCED UV STABILIZED NETTING
- ❖ ENGINEERED TO HANDLE HIGH WATER VELOCITY IMMEDIATELY
- ❖ ALL THE BENEFITS OF HARD ARMOR IN A VEGETATIVE CHANNEL LINER
- ❖ THREE YEARS OF FIELD PROVEN EFFECTIVENESS
- ❖ CAN BE PRODUCED IN AS LITTLE AS FOUR WEEKS

North American Distributor
 Gardner Turfgrass, Inc. (303) 252-1900
 StanTurf@aol.com
<http://www.gardnerturf.com>
 University testing available upon request



Take the pain out of performance appraisals

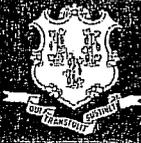
Performance Now makes it easy to implement an effective performance management system. This remarkable software coaches supervisors through the process of giving feedback and writing reviews, while providing a consistent framework for administering the process.

Call for free trial version
 1-800-727-1133

KNOWLEDGEPOINT

Put knowledge to work
 1129 Industrial Ave. • Petaluma, CA 94952
 (707) 762-0333
 Web site: www.knowledgepoint.com MV001

- No more late or poorly documented reviews
- Provides consistency
- Designed specifically for state and local government



OLR RESEARCH REPORT

June 30, 2000

2000-R-0684

TOWN SKATEBOARD PARKS: FUNDING AND LIABILITY ISSUES

For: Honorable Robert M. Ward

By: John Moran, Research Analyst

You asked us to (1) identify town skateboard parks that have been built with state funds, (2) explain how such funding was obtained, and (3) explain how towns have addressed the liability issue.

SUMMARY

We identified two towns that used state funds to help construct a skate park. One town used the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP), another obtained a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) outdoor recreation fund grant (This program has since been replaced by the new open space grant program and active recreation, such as skateboarding, is now ineligible for funding). A number of other towns have funded skate parks though a combination of a fund-raising drive and some form of town assistance (in-kind, monetary allocation, or both).

Skate Park Proposal
TC Agenda 11/14/05
Attachment II

Lawrence K. Furbish, Acting Director
Phone (860) 240-8400
FAX (860) 240-8881
<http://www.cga.state.ct.us/olr>

Connecticut General Assembly
Office of Legislative Research

Room 5300
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591
Olr@po.state.ct.us

Towns have addressed the insurance liability question in three different ways: by (1) providing coverage under the town's policy, (2) purchasing a separate policy when the town's current carrier declines to add coverage of the skate park, or (3) arranging for a private group, such as the local YMCA, to run the skate park and thus bear most of the liability. Under all scenarios park operators require skaters to wear certain safety equipment (helmets, at a minimum), and most require participants to sign a release agreeing not to hold the town liable. (Most skate parks accommodate both skateboard users and in-line skaters.)

STATE SKATE PARK FUNDING

Seymour opened its skate park in May 1999. The town covered the entire \$57,098 construction cost by using part of Seymour's LoCIP entitlement. State statutes provide for fairly broad uses of LoCIP money including "improvements to public parks" (CGS § 7-536(4)). Seymour Finance Aide Linda Farrell said the skate park funds were part of an accumulation of funds over several years.

Hebron obtained an \$18,000 outdoor recreation grant from DEP several years ago when those funds could still be used for active outdoor recreation. The approximately \$33,000 skate park has been open for a year. Area and town youths raised the remaining funds in cooperation with the town.

PA 98-157 replaced the outdoor recreation grant program with the new open space act. The new act provides grants for towns to purchase open space land, but specifically prohibits the funds' use for active recreation such as a skateboard park. (Hiking paths are allowed in the open space program, but intensive uses such as ball fields, tennis courts, and roads are not permitted.) DEP's Tom Tyler indicated that no other department grant program for towns would fund active outdoor recreation.

LIABILITY ISSUES

The range of costs for insuring a skateboard park varies widely depending upon the policies of a town's insurance company and on whether the town chooses to directly operate the skate park.

Towns that are insured through the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), a program of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, now have casualty and liability coverage for skate parks included in their overall municipal liability insurance. Richard Ellis, of CIRMA, said the policy had excluded skate parks until July 1, 1999, when the exclusion was eliminated. The St. Paul Insurance Co., CIRMA's insurance provider, agreed to eliminate the exclusion when providing general municipal liability insurance to the CIRMA pool of towns.

Ellis said even before the exclusion was eliminated, towns could have it removed on an individual basis by agreeing to a specific risk-management plan. CIRMA uses the risk-management plan developed by Hebron, including requiring users to wear safety equipment and providing staff when the facility is open, as a model for other towns to reduce risk.

Ridgefield had a very different experience when the town sought to insure a proposed skate park on town land that would be operated by an independent skate association made up of town residents. Ridgefield's insurance company declined to add coverage of the skate park to the town's existing policy. Since there was strong resident demand for the park, the town's insurance agent found a company to provide a separate policy for approximately \$12,000 a year. The town and the skate association are insured under the policy. The agent, Peter Smith, of Carnall Insurance Inc., said since skate parks are a new risk there is not much actuarial data for insurance companies to use in determining a policy.

Ridgefield owns the parking lot where the skate park was built. The association raised about \$25,000 and the town contributed an equal amount. The money was used to construct the park, including the various ramps and other equipment used by skaters.

In Fairfield, the town worked with the Fairfield YMCA to build a skate park that the YMCA operates and insures. The skate park is built on town land leased to the YMCA. The YMCA organized a fundraising campaign and the town paid for some construction work (paving and fence installation). The YMCA operates the park, owns the various skate apparatus, and provides liability insurance under its existing policy.

Stratford is planning to build a skate park. After studying the Fairfield model, Stratford plans to build the park and turn over its operation and maintenance to the Stratford YMCA. The town is taking this route specifically due to the liability.

“It will be a town park on town property,” said Stratford Town Manager Mark Barnhart. “In the agreement we will attempt to transfer as much of the risk as possible to the Y, who will have insurance for the park.”

RISK MANAGEMENT

Ellis, of CIRMA, said providing a safe, supervised place for children and teens to skateboard or in-line skate mitigates a town's liability rather than have them skate unsupervised on streets, sidewalks, or elsewhere. On town streets and sidewalks skaters may not be wearing safety equipment and are often competing for space with cars, other vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Each town we contacted indicted the importance of requiring participants to wear safety equipment and to sign release agreements before skating (attached are the release and indemnity agreements from the towns of Ridgefield and Seymour). Most parks are open only when they provide staff for supervision. Seymour does not staff its park.

Most towns, including Seymour, require some fee or dues to use the park. Some towns provide or require classes and safety instructions before skaters can begin.

JM:ts



Loss Control TIPS

Technical Information Paper Series

Innovative Safety and Health SolutionsSM

Skateboarding Parks And Ramps: Minimizing Municipal Liability

Introduction

Skateboarding has been popular for more than thirty years. Having started as an alternative to surfing when wave conditions were less than desirable, the sport has grown. There are estimates of well over 20 million participants.

Most skaters learned to skate on city streets, sidewalks, and other public and private places. Many municipalities have passed ordinances that prohibit skating on public streets and sidewalks, or in places where they might be a nuisance or a potential danger to the public.

This presents a dilemma for skateboard enthusiasts. Where can they skate legally? Skaters have organized and approached their municipal officials to request that the municipalities provide skateboard tracks and facilities just as they provide tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer fields, and baseball and softball fields for other citizens of the community.

Some communities have undertaken such programs. From the municipality's viewpoint, there are two objectives for doing this.

One is to get skateboarders away from city streets and sidewalks, where skateboarding is dangerous, inappropriate, and, in some cities, prohibited.

The other is to acknowledge that skateboarding is a sport, and that a skateboard track would provide a place where skaters could enjoy their sport and improve their skills.¹

The Dilemma

When a municipality considers providing a specific place for skateboarders, it places itself between the proverbial rock and hard place. If the municipality *does not* provide the facility, skateboarding might take place in undesirable places that may not only present a danger to the skaters, but also to the general public. However, if the municipality *does* provide a facility for the activity, it must also be willing to accept the attendant liability.

Typical Skateboard Facilities

In general, the needs of the recreational skateboarder can be categorized into four areas:

1. A flat area for freestyle tricks
2. A gradient for speed and slalom
3. A bowl with sloping sides, or half pipe
4. A mixture of bumps, curves, and straight-aways, for variety²

Four types of skateboard structures generally meet these needs:

1. *Concrete mounded tracks*, or *snake tracks*, offer a smooth running surface which enables riders to have continuous momentum. The provision of such a facility on flat ground will cater more adequately to the beginner. Mounds and bends can be added to provide interest and movement.

2. The *Concrete Performance Bowl* enables the skater to use gravity and momentum to keep himself/herself on a vertical wall. This type of structure is really only suitable for advanced skaters.

3. The *Flat Area or Open Bowl* is used for freestyle skating, and can be of any shape, provided it can accommodate a reasonable number of skaters safely. The general rule of thumb is that one skater requires about 33 square feet (10 square meters.). Where both sides of the flat area are banked, it is known as an *open bowl*.

4. *Ramps*. There are three different types of ramps:

- a. The *half pipe* is considered one of the best structures for advanced skateboarding. This type of facility can be landscaped into a mound or a bank, or can be freestanding as a portable, with stairs leading to one platform.
- b. The *quarter pipe* resembles one half of a half pipe and, depending on its height, will generally be located at the bottom of a slope. This can either be freestanding or landscaped into a mound. It is ideal for skaters from beginner through advanced levels.
- c. A *street ramp* is a scaled down version of a quarter pipe, which allows riders to practice jumps or allows beginners to learn basic moves, without the excessive height of a quarter pipe.³

Design Issues and Concerns

In deciding whether or not to construct a facility, a municipality should consider the following safety issues:

1. *Select a qualified contractor to design and install the facility.* Although there are no actual standards for construction, there are contractors who are in the business of fabricating such facilities. Pre-qualify any contractor; i.e., verify and view previous work, verify adequate levels of liability insurance coverage (certificates of insurance), implement hold harmless agreements favorable to the entity, and, where possible, be named as an additional insured on the contractor's policy. Check with established sources for construction specifications (see *Additional Sources of Information* at the end of this article).

2. *Site the facility appropriately.* Landscape appropriately to facilitate adequate drainage of moisture. Locate the facility away from overhead trees and shrubs to reduce the possibility of leaves and branches, etc. from accumulating on the track.

3. Where appropriate, *construct fencing or railings*. Use perimeter fences and railings to stop runaway skateboards and to prevent people from falling into the facility during times of low visibility.

4. *Use a design that accommodates skaters of various age groups and abilities*. Problems can occur where younger children, older children, beginners, and advanced skaters are located in the same area.

Liability Issues and Concerns

Additionally, consider these liability concerns:

1. *Potential for Liability*. Once the facility is constructed, by virtue of it being under the public entity's control and purview, the public entity will assume whatever liability attaches. Therefore, *whenever the facility is used, either for authorized or unauthorized use, a potential for liability exists*.

2. *Adequate Supervision*. Because of this potential, the question of adequate supervision must be addressed. Ideally, *the facility should not be operated without adequate supervision*. This supervision should include instructing beginners, and enforcing the use of appropriate protective equipment and clothing. Make provisions to prevent unauthorized use during times when there is no supervision (e.g., by using fencing, gates, etc.).

3. *Inspection and Maintenance*. The fact that the facility exists requires that appropriate *periodic inspection and maintenance be performed and documented*. Where deficiencies are noted, timely corrections should be made and appropriately documented.

4. *Install Appropriate Signage*. Signs should indicate that users of the facility must wear proper protective clothing and equipment, in particular, helmets, arm pads, and knee pads. Furthermore, the signs should warn that the skateboarding facility may be dangerous if used by inexperienced skaters. Lastly, the sign should indicate that children under the age of seven must be accompanied by a competent adult.

5. *Transfer Operations to a Third Party*. *Where feasible, the entity should attempt to transfer the operation of the facility to another party*, usually a contractor who may make a charge. The contractor may provide rental equipment, such as, boards, pads, and helmets, and may also provide instructional assistance. Confirm that the contractor has adequate levels of liability insurance coverage (Certificate of Insurance), provide hold harmless agreements in favor of the entity, and, where feasible, be named as an additional insured on the contractor's policy. The inspection and maintenance function should also be transferred to the contractor. This step will go far in limiting the entity's liability.

6. *Determine Insurance Coverage*. *Make sure that the skateboard facility is covered under current insurance programs*. Determine if any exclusions are in force and make arrangements to cover the gaps.

Summary

When making decisions about providing skateboarding facilities, a municipality must weigh the costs and benefits of providing such facilities to its citizens. Once the decision has been made to do so, appropriate risk management controls should be implemented.

Notes

1. Ken Wormhoudt, "Staying on Track with Skateboards." *Parks and Recreation*, August 1994, vol. 28, no. 9, p. 43.
2. Fay Lewis, *The Provision of Skateboard Facilities by Local Government*. Skateboard Facilities Seminar, Melbourne, Australia (1987), p. 12.
3. *Ibid.*, pp. 12-13.

Other Sources of Information

City of Mission Viejo [California]. *Municipal Code*. "Skateboarding, rollerskating prohibited in certain designated areas." (Chapter 11.20)

Hesselgrave, C. "Ramp Ingredients: What You Need to Build a Ramp." *Action Now*, May 1981, vol. 7, no. 10, pp.42-45.

Sandlin, Claudia. "Taking Skateboarders Off the Streets: Prince William Hopes Park Will Reform Sidewalk Surfers." *The Washington Post*, June 21, 1990, p. B01.

Rampage, Inc., 219 La Mesa, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Ken Wormhoudt, Landscape Architect, 827 California St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For more information, contact your local Hartford agent or your Hartford Loss Control Consultant. Visit The Hartford's Loss Control web site at <http://www.thehartford.com/corporate/losscontrol/>

This document is provided for information purposes only. It is not intended to be a substitute for individual legal counsel or advice on issues discussed within. Readers seeking resolution of specific legal issues or business concerns related to the captioned topic should consult their attorneys and/or insurance representatives.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Fenton River

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find a updates from the University of Connecticut regarding its water supply system.

Attachments

- 1) Meeting Notes from a 10/14/05 meeting on Use and Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Systems
- 2) Email from Rich Miller re: Fenton TAG

DRAFT
Meeting Notes

Topic: Use and Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Systems

Date: October 14, 2005

Location: Aetna Inc.
Office of the Chairman
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT.

Participants: Philip Austin, UCONN
Marty Berliner, Mansfield
Tom Callahan, UCONN
Robert Galvin, M.D., DOH
Patricia Hassett, Aetna
Regina McCarthy, DEP
Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield
Jack Rowe, M.D., UCONN BOT

Opening & General Discussion

Dr. Rowe welcomed the participants and expressed appreciation for their willingness to have a joint discussion of common interests and concerns regarding water use in the vicinity of the University.

Dr. Rowe observed that the hegemony the University exercises over the water supply and decisions about its use place the University at some financial, operational, regulatory and possibly liability risk. He noted the consensus that, consistent with the consent order from DPH, UCONN should "get out of the water business" as far as managing the water system is concerned. In this regard, strategies at present for UCONN regarding day to day management of the water system appear to include contracted management (a contract with the Connecticut Water Company is being finalized as an interim first step), sale, lease, or a local authority construct. We should consider not only short term management but also long term issues such as funding requirements for infrastructure upgrades. A second very important issue for consideration, separate from day-to-day management of the water system, relates to policy questions regarding access to water and sewage systems.

President Austin commented that the relationship between the University with the State and Mansfield has been positive and supportive. He thanked the commissioners for their patience and understanding as the University seeks to make the appropriate fixes and introduces professional management of the water supply and distribution.

President Austin reminded the group that controlling access can help us influence who develops in Mansfield and where, referencing the "Spring Weekend" and the stress it places on the University and the Town. General discussion ensued about local development issues that are appropriately addressed at the town level and should not be adjudicated by controlling access to water and/or sewerage. Dr. Rowe suggested that one could create a conservation and development plan that would address that very problem, adding that is the responsibility of the local authorities to decide who gets a liquor license, restaurant, etc.

Tom Callahan reported that the Fenton River Instream Flow and Aquatic Habitat Study would be completed in December 2005. It is expected to provide guidelines regarding the amount of water UCONN should be permitted to draw from the river under different conditions. The study will not address the capacity of the Willimantic River. Early indicators report that current use is not unduly taxing the Fenton River water supply. The University does need to upgrade its mechanical/functional capacities and in particular its ability to switch from pump to pump depending upon the depth/capacity of the rivers and at various points.

Regarding work underway, bid responses are pending to replace 2,000 feet of pipeline, two to four pumps, and from two to four wells in the Willimantic River. The wells are expected to be replaced during the upcoming winter intersession. As mentioned previously, the University is finalizing negotiations with the Connecticut Water Company providing for an expansion of their existing role for up to six months while the University goes to bid for a full time water supply manager.

Dr. Galvin endorsed the goals of the consent agreement while calling for a feasible, long-term vision that would provide for the twin goals of protecting the environment and the safety of the public. He noted the department's satisfaction with the working relationship with Phil Austin and Tom Callahan, and is delighted that the University is "getting out of the water business" adding that the DOH does not want to have to cite the University again.

Ms. McCarthy reported that the DEP would like to consider the University as "partner" in its quest to protect the environment and ensure an adequate and safe water supply. She praised the letter from Dr. Austin outlining the University's plans and noted that her department and the University are now working closely.

Mayor Paterson provided an overview and a brief history of development efforts in the Town of Mansfield. Most townspeople support the Downtown Project. Regrettably, the recent water problems were used by some of those who oppose it as a rationale for not going forward. The message needs to get out now that the University is managing water efficiently and effectively and that sufficient water is available to support the project.

The Mayor, with concurrence of Ms. McCarthy, noted that the Fenton River study will be necessary for the Downtown Project to advance. The study will reveal what constitutes allowable withdrawals from the Willimantic and Fenton River.

The Mayor outlined the "smart growth plan" that includes the Downtown project, the Four Corners, and King Hill. These too need to be coordinated with the University. She noted the recent trend of houses being sold as single family homes and later rented to students in excess of legal limits (four unrelated individuals per household). She also referenced the Downtown project as an example of the "pinnacle of cooperation" occurring between the Town and the University. She noted that the town has no interest in sewers.

Marty Berliner indicated that the town wants to stay "mostly green". Going forward, from his perspective, the issues are a) water management; b) preference for not having a private water company; c) governance model that includes a role for the Town of Mansfield.

President Austin noted that the UCONN administration is looking to Dr. Rowe and the Board of Trustees for guidance.

There was a general consensus to:

- a) disarticulate the issues of day to day management of water/sewerage from planning;
- b) consider leasing vs. contracts for management of the water system;
- c) establish more formal policy process with establishment of a committee of stakeholders with a specific charter to consider appropriate issues;
- d) ensure access to DEP and DOH for advice and input in their regulatory capacity;
- e) consider a study of the Willimantic River similar to that being conducted on the Fenton River.

All agreed to continue to share information and expertise and work to create a structure for moving forward. The completion of the Fenton River Study will provide an opportunity to share its findings and our plans for water management and policy development with the broader community.

Dr. Rowe indicated that he would share the results of the meeting with Senator Williams and Representative Merrill.

Martin H. Berliner

From: Gregory J. Padick
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 2:08 PM
To: Martin H. Berliner; Lon R. Hultgren
Subject: FW: Fenton TAG - Draft Final Report, Next Mtg.

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Richard [mailto:rich.miller@uconn.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 2:04 PM

To: Richard Miller; Warner, Glenn; Ogden@enr.uconn.edu; Mir02002@uconn.edu; Juan.Stella@huskymail.uconn.edu; Farhad Nadim; Gregory J. Padick; MCallahan@FandO.com; Gbent@usgs.gov; Jjstarn@usgs.gov; Jrstone@usgs.gov; Ramondaz@usgs.gov; Corinne.fitting@po.state.ct.us; Brian.murphy@po.state.ct.us; Jeff.Smith@po.state.ct.us; Townsend.g.barker@usace.com; rivers.alliance@snet.net; Robert L. Miller; john manfred; Denise Burchsted; Bagtzoglou, Amvrossios; Pietrzak, James

Cc: Yvonne Bolton; Brian Golembiewski; Quentinkessel@earthlink.net; dmullins@law.uconn.edu; Taylor, Cherie; Thomas Callahan; Flaherty-Goldsmith, Linda; Roberts, Eugene; Kraus, George

Subject: Fenton TAG - Draft Final Report, Next Mtg.

To: Fenton River Study TAG members

We have scheduled a TAG meeting to discuss the study team's final draft report. The meeting is set for Monday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to noon with lunch to follow, in rooms 207/208 of the Young Building. Since we met last Spring, comment from OPM was to make sure that the report included management recommendations for pumping the wells in the Fenton wellfield. At the time, the study team had not developed such recommendations, thus a preliminary draft was not distributed. In addition, the study and predictive models have been better informed by the additional data collected during the drought conditions that occurred this Summer and early Fall.

We hope you are able to attend the meeting but, if not, we would still welcome your review of the draft and written comments or suggestions. UConn and the study team will make the draft report available on-line later this month, at least one week before the Dec. 5 meeting and will disseminate a webpage link to the report in order to facilitate your review.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Here is more information about the schedule from Dr. Glenn Warner, who is one of the faculty leaders of the study team:

We will have a draft final report done by the end of Thanksgiving week and available for the TAG and others to download from a web site by Monday, Nov. 28th. We would plan on meeting from 9:00 am to noon with lunch to follow. If needed we could go as late as 2:00 pm.

We would suggest that the TAG have any written comments back about a week following the TAG; we could say Dec. 14th. We would then incorporate any changes needed based on comments and have the Final Team Report before the end of Dec.

Rich Miller

Director, Environmental Policy

University of Connecticut

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Campus/Community Relations

Subject Matter/Background

Staff last reported on this item at the October 11, 2005 council meeting. Since that time, we have made progress with respect to the following:

- The off-campus outreach teams, comprised of town and university staff, as well as town, state and university police, have completed their visits to the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. In particular, the teams visited students living off-campus along Hunting Lodge Road, South Eagleville Road, Carriage House Apartments, Celeron Square Apartments and Hanks Hill Road. In general, the students were engaged and willing to discuss issues relating to off-campus life. The teams expect to conduct additional visits to these neighborhoods this spring.
- A couple of members from the Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership (Aliza Makuch from the Governor's Prevention Partnership, and Assistant Town Manager Matt Hart) presented the committee with a proposal to develop a strategic plan to help the committee to achieve its goals. The Partnership intends to proceed to recruit a facilitator and to develop the strategic plan along the lines of the model that was proposed.
- Town and university staff members are still working together to develop a proposal regarding a center for off-campus services. The university did conduct two forums for students to solicit their input regarding services that they would like to see offered to students living off-campus.
- Town staff is continuing its work on the draft housing code, and plans to have a proposal to the council some time over the next few months.

Please let us know if you have any questions concerning this item.

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor *Elizabeth Paterson*
CC: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Compensation Adjustment for Town Manager

Subject Matter/Background

Following our recent review of the town manager's performance, I would like to recommend the following changes to his compensation:

1. A 3.0 percent increase, retroactive to July 1, 2005, to the town manager's current salary of \$125,445 (As you will recall, we recently awarded a 3.0 wage increase to the town's nonunion personnel.);
2. Various changes to the town manager's health insurance package, including a higher employee cost share and increased co-pay amounts (the same insurance package offered to nonunion personnel); and
3. An increase of \$10,000 to the town manager's annual annuity, bringing the total annual annuity payment to \$29,000 per year.

Recommendation

If the town council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 14, 2005 to modify the town manager's compensation package as follows: 1) a 3.0 percent wage increase retroactive to July 1, 2005; 2) health insurance coverage as provided to the town's nonunion personnel; and 3) an annual annuity payment of \$29,000 per fiscal year retroactive to July 1, 2005.

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Proclamation in Honor of Dr. James S. Peters II

Subject Matter/Background

Dr. James Peters, Storrs resident, was one of the first veterans to be inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame on November 10, 2005. The attached proclamation highlights his accomplishments that earned him this great honor.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the council authorize the mayor to issue the attached proclamation.

If the town council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 14, 2005, to authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Dr. James S. Peters II.

Attachments

- 1) Proclamation in Honor of Dr. James S. Peters II



Town of Mansfield
Proclamation in Honor of Dr. James Sedalia Peters II

Whereas, Dr. James Sedalia Peters II was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame on November 10, 2005; and

Whereas, Dr. Peters served in the United State Navy during World War II; and,

Whereas, despite being stationed in a segregated camp at Great Lakes, Michigan, his work and research helped to bring about integration in the United States Navy in 1945 when other military services did not integrate until 1948; and,

Whereas, Dr. Peters, a retired administrator, professor and licensed clinical/counseling psychologist, served as Associate Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Education; and

Whereas, he assisted veterans for 10 years working for the U.S. Veterans Administration and throughout his life has been a champion for the rights of individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, Dr. Peters has written numerous publications, including 25 books on a range of topics and interest areas including "Psychological Consequences of Being a Black American" a sourcebook of research by Black Psychologists; "Leadership and Career Development;" "The Saga of Black Navy Veterans of WWII: An American Triumph;" and "Social Justice for the Disabled:"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Mansfield do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of Dr. James Sedalia Peters II.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 14th day of November in the year 2005.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Proclamation in Honor of Julie K. White

Subject Matter/Background

Julie K. White, Mansfield Middle School teacher, has been awarded the prestigious National Educator Award with a cash prize of \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken Family Foundation, created by brothers Lowell and Michael Milken, has awarded \$54 million to more than 2,100 educators over 19 years. We wish to commend Ms. White upon this tremendous achievement, and to extend our appreciation for her service to the Mansfield Public Schools and the Town of Mansfield.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the council authorize the mayor to issue the attached proclamation.

If the town council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 14, 2005, to authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Julie K. White.

Attachments

- 1) Proclamation in Honor of Julie K. White



Town of Mansfield
Proclamation in Honor of Julie K. White

Whereas, Ms. Julie K. White of the Mansfield Middle School has been awarded the prestigious National Educator Award with a cash prize of \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation; and

Whereas, Ms. White is the third Mansfield Middle School teacher to win the National Educator Award, a feat that may be unrivaled by any school in the nation; and

Whereas, Ms. White's students and colleagues acknowledge her excellence as a teacher and believe that she is most deserving of this award; and

Whereas, the members of the Town Council wish to commend Ms. White upon this tremendous achievement, and to extend their appreciation for her service to the Mansfield Public Schools and the Town of Mansfield:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Mansfield do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of Julie K. White.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 14th day of November in the year 2005.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Proclamation in Honor of Timothy J. Veillette

Subject Matter/Background

Timothy J. Veillette, an engineer in the Mansfield Public Works Department, donated his time and efforts to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana. Timothy selflessly aided the victims of Katrina and is a remarkable role model. Consequently, we would like the mayor to present Timothy with a proclamation in honor of his work.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the council authorize the mayor to issue the attached proclamation.

If the town council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 14, 2005, to authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Timothy J. Veillette.

Attachments

- 1) Proclamation in Honor of Timothy J. Veillette



Town of Mansfield
Proclamation In Honor of Timothy J. Veillette

Whereas, Timothy J. Veillette, a project engineer in the Mansfield Department of Public Works, donated two weeks of his time and effort to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana; and

Whereas, Timothy worked tirelessly and selflessly to aid hurricane victims; and

Whereas, during a time of crisis, Timothy extended his compassion and love to those who needed it most; and

Whereas, Timothy is a remarkable role model and an exceptional individual:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor of Mansfield, Connecticut, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Mansfield do hereby issue this proclamation on this fourteenth day of November in the year 2005 to Timothy J. Veillette in recognition of his volunteer efforts on behalf of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 14th day of November in the year 2005.

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Joan Gerdson, Town Clerk
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2006

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find a proposed meeting schedule for 2006, as prepared by the town clerk. The schedule conforms to the town council's normal schedule of holding its regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, with the exception of a holiday.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the town council approve the schedule as presented.

If the town council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective November 14, 2005, to adopt the Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2006, as presented by the Town Clerk.

Attachments

- 1) Proposed Town Council Meeting Schedule for 2006

November 14, 2005

Memo to: Mansfield Town Council

Re: Dates for 2006 Town Council Meetings

January 9, 23
February 13,27
March 13,27
April 10, 24
May 8,22
June 12,26
July 10,24
August 14,28
September 11,25
October 10*(Tuesday) 23
November 13,27
December 11, 26*(Tuesday)



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
Martin Berliner
From: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Petition for Appointment of Charter Revision Commission

Subject Matter/Background

As you will recall, at the previous town council meeting members of the public presented a petition requesting that the council form a charter revision commission. I have attached an opinion from the town attorney that provides some guidance concerning the charter revision process.

Recommendation

The town attorney is away at the moment and will not be available for Monday night's meeting. Because the town attorney has considerable experience with charter revision, staff suggests that the town council table this item until the following meeting, when the town attorney will be available to discuss the issue in more detail and to address any questions that the council may have.

Attachments

- 1) D. O'Brien re: Petition for Appointment of Charter Revision Commission
- 2) Petition for Charter Revision Commission

O'Brien and Johnson

Attorneys at Law

120 Bolivia Street, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Tel (860) 423-2860

Fax (860) 423-1533

Attorney Dennis O'Brien
dennis@OBrienJohnsonLaw.com

October 14, 2005

Attorney Susan Johnson
susan@OBrienJohnsonLaw.com

Matthew Hart
Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
Four South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

RECD OCT 17 2005

Re: Petition for Appointment of Charter Revision Commission

Dear Matt:

I have been informed that some Mansfield "voters" have been circulating a petition "requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter" of the Town of Mansfield. The words set forth in quotation marks in the preceding sentence appear on a sample page of a petition sent to me at my request by Town Clerk Joan Gerdsen. A copy of the petition page is attached hereto. Previously, Joan had phoned me to ask me in my capacity as town attorney for my opinion about the legal sufficiency of the petition. Joan and I agreed that you and Marty Berliner should be consulted before I begin to write. Later, you confirmed to me that the Town of Mansfield needs my legal opinion on the proper way for citizens to petition for appointment of a charter revision commission.

Section C701 of the Charter provides that "This Charter may be amended in the manner prescribed by law. The Connecticut Home Rule Act, sections Connecticut General Statutes section 7-187, *et seq.*, in particular, C.G.S. section 7-188, is undoubtedly the "law" referred to in Charter section C701. Section 7-188(a) says in pertinent part that "Any municipality, in addition to such power as it has under the provisions of the general statutes or any special act, shall have the power to (1) adopt and amend a charter which shall be its organic law and shall supersede any existing charter, including any amendments thereto, . . ." Then, section 7-188(b) begins: "Any action pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be initiated by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the appointing authority of such municipality, or by petition filed with the clerk of such municipality for submission to the appointing authority and signed by not less than ten per cent of the electors of such municipality, as determined by its last-completed registry list . . ." Per C.G.S. section 7-187(a), the Town Council is the "appointing authority" in the Town of Mansfield.

The only way a charter revision commission may be convened in the Town of Mansfield or, for that matter, in any other town in the State of Connecticut, is by the process expressly and specifically mandated in C.G.S. section 7-188, as quoted above. Simply stated, there is no other way. In Board of Education of the Town and Borough of

Matthew Hart
Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
October 14, 2005

Naugatuck v. Town and Borough of Naugatuck, 58 Conn. App. 632, reversed, 257 Conn. 409, on remand, 70 Conn. App. 358 (2000), it was held that the only valid manner in which a municipality may amend its charter is to comply with the provisions of the Home Rule Act, and that a municipality may not waive provisions of the Act.

The Home Rule Act codified in the general statutes also sets forth a specific “form of petition” which must be followed by anyone who wishes to petition per C.G.S. section 7-188 “for adopting or amending a charter C.G.S. section 7-189 provides in subsections (a) and (b) exactly what a charter revision petition must say if it is to be valid. The only discretion given to charter revision petitioners is in 7-189©, which allows the circulators to include “a list of general or specific recommendations for consideration by such commission,” in their petition, or not.

The sample petition page sent to me by the town clerk was provided to her by one of the circulators of the petition. On its face, it clearly does not comply with the requirements of section 7-189 of the general statutes. For one thing, it fails to include the mandatory language required by section 7-189(b): “Each page of such petition shall contain a statement, signed under penalties of false statement as defined in section 53a-17, by the person who circulates the same, setting forth such circulator’s name and address, and which shall be in the form as follows: ‘Each person whose name appears on this page signed the same in person in my presence and such person is known to me or has satisfactorily identified himself to me.’ Any page of a petition which does not contain such a statement by the circulator shall be invalid.”

The sample petition page says it is being presented “under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provisions of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes,” As shown above, the petition does not comply with the specific requirements of section 7-189 of the general statutes. As to sections C309 and C310 of the Charter, the former provision provides an opportunity for “voters” to review and possibly reject an ordinance passed by the Council; the latter section permits “voters” to petition to enact ordinances or resolutions by referendum. Both provisions require the collection of 200 valid signatures of local “voters” before a town meeting in the case of C309, or referendum may result. Potentially, the end result of both of these charter provisions may be an ordinance, or in the case of C310, a resolution as well. The creation of a charter revision commission is not an ordinance, as defined in C.G.S. section 7-148(b), or a resolution. As noted above, in C.G.S. sections 7-188 and 7-189 the legislature has clearly and specifically set forth the only means by which a charter commission or charter revision commission may be established.

Matthew Hart
Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
October 14, 2005

The processes established by Charter sections C309 and C310, even if they were applicable, which they are not, are notably different from the proper procedure for charter revision established in the Home rule Act in the general statutes. For example, the charter provisions allow “voters” to legally sign a petition. “Voters,” defined by C.G.S. section 7-6, includes both “electors,” i.e., town residents who are of age and who have registered to vote, and nonresident owners of property worth more than \$1,000. C.G.S. section 7-188(b) provides, however, that only “electors” may sign a petition seeking the appointment of a charter revision panel. As a practical matter, it appears that the most significant difference between the proper process set forth in the Home Rule Act and the way the petitioners are apparently proceeding is the number of valid signatures required by each. The prevailing state law, section 7-188(b) requires the valid signatures of “not less than ten percent of the electors of such municipality,” while sections C309 and C310 require only 200 valid signatures. On information and belief, there are about 9,000 or more electors in the Town of Mansfield, so the prevailing statute would require a great many more signatures, approximately 900, albeit from a somewhat smaller pool of potential signatories.

Though the word “resolution” does not appear in the petition, reading between the lines, it is possible to interpret the petition to implicitly request, per Charter section C310, that the Council either adopt a C.G.S. section 7-188(b) resolution creating a charter revision commission, “or submit the same to the voters at a referendum to be held within ninety (90) days of the Clerk’s certification.” But section C310 of the Charter requires that any such proposed resolution be set forth “in full,” which the subject petition does not do. Even if it did, as noted above, in Board of Education of the Town and Borough of Naugatuck v. Town and Borough of Naugatuck, 58 Conn. App. 632, reversed, 257 Conn. 409, on remand, 70 Conn. App. 358 (2000), it was held that the only valid manner in which a municipality may amend its charter is to comply with the provisions of the Home Rule Act, and that a municipality may not waive provisions of the Act. To permit town “voters” to assume the power reserved by the Home Rule Act to the “appointing authority,” i.e., the Town Council, “by a two-thirds vote of . . . [its] entire membership,” would constitute an illegal waiver of this important provision of the Home Rule Act by a municipality, contrary to the Act and its judicial construction as set forth in the aforementioned Naugatuck case.

Any such waiver would subvert the intent of the legislature in enacting the two specific alternative means for authorizing the formation of a charter commission, one by a supermajority of the Council itself, and the other by petition, and would permit the Town of Mansfield by its Charter section C310 to ignore the clear mandate of the legislature established in the state law enacted for the purpose of permitting municipalities to begin the process of creating charters in the first place, that if a petition

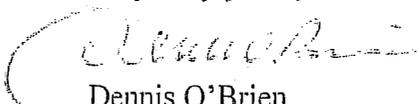
Matthew Hart
Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
October 14, 2005

is used as the implement to require convening of a charter commission, it be done in the precise manner set forth in sections 7-188 and 7-189 of the general statutes, as more fully stated above.. Moreover, all things considered, it is doubtful that the framers of the Charter intended that the initiative authority provided by section C310 should ever be invoked in any instance like this one in which enactment of a resolution by the Council itself would have to be voted by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Council, a supermajority, rather than the fifty percent plus one majority normally required to enact a resolution.

For all of the foregoing reasons, if it is filed with the town clerk, the attached petition should not require any official action by the Town of Mansfield other than for the clerk to reject it as noncompliant with the law of the State of Connecticut. Under the First Amendment to the Constitution of United States, the petitioners are of course free, nevertheless, to informally submit the petition in its current form or in any form they choose directly to the Council in an effort to persuade the Council to exercise its powers under section 7-188(b) to vote "by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the appointing authority of such municipality," and thereby unilaterally act as the Council is authorized to do, without the need for a proper petition filed per the requirements of sections 7-188 and 189, to begin the charter revision process and proceed to empanel a commission per C.G.S. section 7-190.

I hope this answers any questions you, the town manager, town clerk, or the Council may have with regard to the petition and the proper procedures for initiation of the charter revision process. If not, please let me know and I will be glad to try to resolve any remaining issues.

Very truly yours,



Dennis O'Brien
Attorney at Law

cc: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
Joan Gerdson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
24 Sept 05	<i>David Grant</i>	David Grant	347 Stearns Rd.
15 Sept 05	<i>Sarah Hildrey</i>	Sarah Hildrey	17 Southwood Rd
9/26/05	<i>Michelle Barnett</i>	Michelle Barnett	11 Davis Rd.
9/28/05	<i>Mark A. Boyer</i>	Mark A. Boyer	137 Summit Rd.
9/28/05	<i>Suzanne Boyer</i>	Suzanne Boyer	137 Summit Rd
9/28/05	<i>Karen J. Jirassakuldech</i>	Karen Jirassakuldech	46 Fieldstone Dr.
9/28/05	<i>Mark W. Costa</i>	MARK W COSTA	322 BROWNS RD
9/28/05	<i>Michael Kilgannon</i>	Michael Kilgannon	60 Fieldstone Dr.
9/28/05	<i>Mary Barry</i>	Mary Barry	60 Fieldstone Dr.
9/29/05	<i>David Hoyte</i>	David Hoyte	51 Fieldstone DR
9/29/05	<i>Kristen Hoyte</i>	Kristen Hoyte	51 Fieldstone Dr.
9/30/05	<i>Susan Dinsmore</i>	Susan Dinsmore	30A CHARTER Oak Sq.
9/30/05	<i>Susan Kay</i>	Susan Kay	386 Browns Rd, Ste 105
10/4/05	<i>Candace Bister</i>	CANDACE BISTER	158 FACT Griswold Lane
10/4/05	<i>Lisa A. Ward</i>	LISA A. WARD	55 Spring Hill Rd.
10/5/05	<i>Nancy Banfield</i>	NANCY BANFIELD	477 Stafford Rd.
10/5/05	<i>Jane Hazzard</i>	Jane Hazzard	29A Anton Rd, Storrs, CT
10/5/05	<i>Katherine Zador</i>	Katherine Zador	391 Gales Ferry Rd
10/7/05	<i>Laura M. Cayer</i>	Laura M. Cayer	393 Stearns Rd, Mansfield, CT
10/7/05	<i>James Cayer</i>	James Cayer	393 Stearns Rd, Mansfield, CT

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Drive Storrs CT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed *Lisa Eaton*

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of October, 2005

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/18/05	<i>Marina Demos Brand</i>	Marina Demos Brand	410 Gurleyville Rd.
9/18/05	<i>R. Curtis Brand</i>	R. Curtis Brand	410 Gurleyville Rd.
9/18/05	<i>Wilson Walker II</i>	Wilson Walker II	81 Lorraine Dr.
9/18/05	<i>Joanne Walker</i>	Joanne Walker	81 Lorraine Dr.
9/18/05	<i>Kathleen Terry</i>	Kathleen Terry	712 Lorraine Dr.
9/14/05	<i>Sharry Golden</i>	Sharry Golden	187 Browns Rd.
9/14/05	<i>Jeanne Mullaney</i>	Jeanne Mullaney	102 Mansfield City Rd.
9/9/05	<i>MARIONNE MARCOTTE</i>	MARIONNE MARCOTTE	27 CHARLES LANE
9/14/05	<i>Francis Anichowski</i>	Francis Anichowski	72 Charles Lane
9-19-05	<i>Robert Kremer</i>	Robert Kremer	67 Charles Lane
9-19-05	[Signature]	[Name]	[Address]
9-19-05	<i>Wayne W. Marcotte</i>	WAYNE W. MARCOTTE	27 CHARLES LANE
9/21/05	<i>Jeffery C. Gross</i>	JEFFERY C GROSS	127 LORRAINE DR.
9/21/05	<i>Jim M. Dutton</i>	Jim M. Dutton	26 Charles Lane
9/21/05	<i>David W. Dutton</i>	David W. Dutton	26 Charles Lane
9/21/05	<i>P. Bruce Marston</i>	P. Bruce Marston	414 Gurleyville
9/21/05	<i>MARILENE PUKINSKIS</i>	MARILENE PUKINSKIS	398 GURLEYVILLE RD
9/21/05	<i>Joris Pukinski</i>	Joris Pukinski	398 Gurleyville Rd
9/22/05	<i>Jane Donovan</i>	Jane Donovan	722 Mansfield City Rd.
9-22-05	<i>William Donovan</i>	William Donovan	722 Mansfield City Rd.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lee Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Rd. - Storrs, CT., being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lee Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of Sept, 2005

Maria S. L...

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/23/05	Dorothy Dorr	DOROTHY DORR	90 Cecile Falls Rd, Starrs
9/23/05	[Signature]	JOHN B. THACHER	860 Mansfield City Rd 06265
9/23/05	Davetta Thacher	DAVETTA THACHER	"
9/24/05	Mark Lemah	MARK LEMAH	10 Woodmont DR
9/24/05	Matthew Raynor	Matthew Raynor	22 Woodmont Drive
9/24/05	Lee Girard	LEE GIRARD	29 Woodmont Drive
9/24/05	Ann O'Connell	Ann O'Connell	28 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	Kristin M. Jaobi	Kristin M. Jaobi	32 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	Marysol Asencio	MARYSOL ASCENCIO	35 Woodmont Dr
9/24/05	Margaret Hynes	Margaret Hynes	35 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	Frank Schiller	Frank Schiller	38 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	Bertha H. Schiller	Bertha H. Schiller	38 Woodmont Dr.
9/24/05	CORBY	Corey O'Brien	293 STEAKS RD
9/24/05	Rob O'Brien	Robin O'Brien	293 Starrs Rd.
9/24/05	Maria Campbell	Maria Campbell	21 Stone Ridge Lane
9/24/05	Juliana G. Fox	Juliana G. Fox	35 Highland Rd
9/24/05	Richard Brosseau	Richard Brosseau	175 Highland Rd
9/24/05	Shirley A. McMahon	Shirley A. McMahon	172 Highland Rd
9/24/05	Pati McMahon	Pati McMahon	163 Highland Rd.
9/24/05	James McMahon	JAMES McMAHON	163 HIGHLAND Rd.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Rd. Starrs CT 06265 being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lisa Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/17	Kelly Bouquien	Kelly Bouquien	791 Mansfield City Rd
9/17	Lodamia Clark	Lodamia Clark	12 Spring Hill Rd
9/17	Peter A. Drzewiecki	Peter Drzewiecki	74 Candidate Lane
9/17	Doris W. Guba	DORIS MEEBOP	47 STONE RIDGE LANE
9/17	Edward F. Kaesser Jr	EDWARD F. KAESSER JR.	703 MANSFIELD CITY
9/17/05	Daniel J. Reilly	DANIEL J. REILLY	218 WOODLAND ROAD
9/17/05	Sherie Eage	Sherie Eage	123 Fern Rd
9/18/05	Ron Macchio	Ron Macchio	147 Lorraine Dr E.
9/18/05	CRAIG DUNSMORE	CRAIG DUNSMORE	150 LORRAINE DR. E.
9/18/05	GAIL LOSAPIC	GAIL LOSAPIC	61 CHARLES LANE
9/18/05	Bruce Goldman	Bruce Goldman	187 Browns Rd.
9/18/05	Mary E Cox	Mary E Cox	63 Independence Pr
9/18/05	Wendy Hamlin	Wendy Hamlin	61 Chaffeeville Rd
9/18/05	Gwen Duff	Gwen Duff	41 Chaffeeville Rd
9/18/05	Brian Lynch	Brian Lynch	72 Lorraine Dr
9/18/05	SANDFORD VON EICKEN	SANDFORD VON EICKEN	64 LORRAINE DR.
9/18/05	Cheryl Pike	Cheryl Pike	9 Lorraine Circle
9/18/05	Kim Chambers	Kim Chambers	15 Lorraine Drive
9/18/05	Deb Prince-Wainstay	Deb Prince-Wainstay	20 Lorraine Drive
9/18/05	Thomas Prince-Wainstay	Thomas Prince-Wainstay	20 Lorraine Dr.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Edin, of 84 Lorraine Dr, STM, CT, 06087 being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lisa Edin

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. P. 1446

Justice of the Peace, Notary Public or Commissioner of Superior Court

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/16	<i>Carol Kesler</i>	Carol Kesler	400 Eastbrook Height Mansfield CT 0625
9/16	<i>Karen Lefere</i>	Karen Lefere	137 Sawmill Brook Ln. Mans., Ctr.
9/16	<i>Judith Parenteau</i>	Judith Parenteau	373 Browns Rd. Storrs, CT 06268
9/17	<i>Deborah Csere</i>	Deborah Csere	123 Browns Rd. Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Mary Rameaka</i>	Mary Rameaka	29 Elizabeth Rd. Mansfield Ctr CT 0625
9/16	<i>John deVecchis</i>	John deVecchis	135 Lorraine Dr Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Mary M. deVecchis</i>	Mary deVecchis	135 Lorraine Dr. East Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Veronica Makowsky</i>	Veronica Makowsky	137 Lorraine Drive East Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Joseph McLoughlin</i>	Joseph McLoughlin	141 LOCKHART DRIVE Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Linda Dinsmore</i>	Linda Dinsmore	150 Lorraine Drive Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>TIED BRULICKI</i>	TIED BRULICKI	132 LORRAINE DR STORRS, CT 06268
9/16	<i>MARY GAWLICKI</i>	MARY GAWLICKI	132 Lorraine Drive East Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Patricia Supront</i>	Patricia Supront	441 Goutyville Rd. Storrs CT
9/16	<i>Joseph Kozachek</i>	Joseph Kozachek	441 Goutyville Rd. Storrs CT
9/16	<i>Michelle Pierce</i>	Michelle Pierce	93 Goldfish Falls Storrs CT
9/16	<i>David Shaker</i>	David Shaker	52 Charles Ln Storrs
9/16	<i>Martha Sielman</i>	Martha Sielman	52 Charles Lane Storrs
9/16	<i>SUBHASH JAIN</i>	SUBHASH JAIN	55 Charles Lane
9/16	<i>Helena Krute</i>	Helena Krute	62 Charles Lane Storrs, CT 06268
9/16	<i>Andrew Eaton</i>	Andrew Eaton	89 Lorraine Dr. Storrs, CT 06268

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Libby Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr. Storrs, CT 06268 being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed *Libby Eaton*

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. P. 145

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/10	<i>Marie Dickson</i>	Marie Dickson	147 Dan's Rd.
9/10	<i>Therese John</i>	Therese John	835 Stafford Rd
9/10	<i>Meredith Lindsey</i>	Meredith Lindsey	72 Beech Mtn
9/10	<i>Karen Doremus</i>	Karen Doremus	206 Spring Hill Rd
9/10	<i>Sheryl Lohman</i>	Sheryl Lohman	498 Stafford Rd. Mansfield Center
9/10	<i>William A. Kloss</i>	William A. Kloss	243 South Eagle Hill Rd
9/10	<i>DAVID A KLOSS</i>	DAVID A KLOSS	72 Beech MTN
9/10	<i>Eva Eaton</i>	EVA EATON	24 Silo Rd. W. Storrs
9/11	<i>Carmel F. Cuyler</i>	Carmel F. Cuyler	301 Stearns Rd. Mansfield
9/11	<i>John B. Cuyler</i>	John B. Cuyler	301 Stearns Rd. Mansfield
9/11	<i>Hans Farnham</i>	Hans Farnham	584 Brookville Rd
9/11	<i>Taren Singer</i>	TAREN SINGER	21 W. Hill Hill Rd. Mansfield
9/11	<i>Sarah Lacombe</i>	Sarah Lacombe	98 Lorraine Dr Storrs
9/11	<i>J.P. Lacombe</i>	J.P. Lacombe	98 LORRAINE DR. STORRS
9/11	<i>Nathaniel Eaton</i>	Nathaniel Eaton	89 Lorraine Dr Storrs
9/12	<i>Terry Grant</i>	TERRY GRANT	347 Stearns St Storrs
9/15	<i>Marc Jackson</i>	Marc Jackson	49 Narranside Rd Mansfield
9/15	<i>Marc Kronisch</i>	Marc Kronisch	495 Chaffeeville Rd Storrs
9/15	<i>Fred Dieter</i>	Fred Dieter	17 Hunters Run
9/16	<i>Eliane Bar-Shalom</i>	Eliane Bar-Shalom	76 Chaffeeville Dr, Mansfield

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Liza Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr., Storrs, CT 06268, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Liza Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie A. [Signature] P. 146

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/10/05		Charles Eaton	89 Lorraine Drive
9/10/05		Lisa Eaton	89 Lorraine Drive
9/10/05		Thomas Miller	17 Westwood Rd
9/10/05		Carol Phillips	" "
9/10/05		Lisa Drzewiecki	74 Candide Lane
9/10		Joan Dorman	15 Beach rd n. m.
9/10		Lynne McPhee	236 Puddin Lane
9/10		Annette Murphy 76 Highland Rd.	46 Highland Rd.
9/10		Alison W Blair	115 Coventry Rd
9/10		Daniel R Davis	594 Browns Rd.
9/10		Linda S Decker	45B Crystal Lane Storrs
9/10		Treseca Smith	45 Candide Ln Storrs
9/10		PAT BIGGS	4 Lorraine Cir
9/10		Anne Greineder	16 Holly Dr.
9/10		Richard Pellegrino	269 Clover Mill Rd.
9/10		Peter G. Penore	7 OAK DR, MANSFIELD CT.
9/10		Ronald P. Murphy	46 Highland Road
9/10		CHRISTOPHER R. PATE	720 Middle Empire
9/10		Dayan PLANTE	2 OAK DRIVE
9/10		Barbara Casey	70 Davis Rd Storrs

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Lisa Eaton, of 89 Lorraine Dr., Storrs, CT being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Lisa Eaton

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of September, 2005

Marie S. Ly P.1474

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/17/05	Jane Blanchard	Jane Blanchard	13 D Sycamore Dr., Storrs
9/17/05	Rutus Blanchard	Rutus Blanchard	13 D Sycamore Dr., Storrs
"	ROBERTA LITOFF	ROBERTA LITOFF	339 Chaffee Rd.
"	OSCAR LITOFF	OSCAR LITOFF	339 Chaffee Rd.
"	Camille Forman	Camille Forman	13A Sycamore Dr. Storrs
"	Kenneth Forman	KENNETH FORMAN	13-A Sycamore Dr., Storrs
"	Diane Briody	Diane Briody	19 Little Lane, Storrs
9/17/05	Suzanna Ferra	SUZANNA FERRA	310 Galloway Rd Storrs
9/17/05	MARIA A. PROSER	MARIA A. PROSER	11D Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9/17/05	Matthew N. Proser	Matthew N. Proser	11D Sycamore Dr. Storrs
9-17-05	William J. Kelleher	WILLIAM J. KELLEHER	13A Sycamore Dr Storrs
9-18-05	Anne Dontje	Anne Dontje	14 D Sycamore Dr
9/19/05	Robert Smith II	Robert Smith II	16-B Merrow Rd Storrs, CT
9/19/05	Carel Roberts	Carel Roberts	11-6 Sycamore Dr Storrs
9/19/05	Charles W. Williams	Charles W. Williams	11-B Sycamore Dr Storrs
"	Frank P. Williams	Frank P. Williams	11-F Sycamore Dr Storrs
9/19/05	Melodie S. Dodge	Melodie S. Dodge	5B Sycamore Dr Storrs
9/19/05	David Freudmann	David Freudmann	22 Eastwood Rd, Storrs
9/19/05	Patricia Frantz	Patricia Frantz	14 Minnesota Rd, Storrs
9/19/05	DR. ANTHON NASSI	DR. ANTHON NASSI	P.O. Box 662 MANSFIELD CENTER, CT 06258

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Jane Blanchard, of 13 D Sycamore Drive, Storrs, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Jane Blanchard

Subscribed and sworn to P. 148 this 26th day of September, 2005

Notary Public

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/20/05	<i>Nancy Lane</i>	NANCY LANE	8-B Sycamore
9/20/05	<i>Norman Chance</i>	NORMAN CHANCE	8-B Sycamore
9/20/05	<i>Jessie Daniels</i>	JESSIE DANIELS	3A SYCAMORE DR.
9/20/05	<i>Willard Daniels</i>	WILLARD DANIELS	5A Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>John Rice</i>	JOHN RICE	7A Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>Mary E Rice</i>	MARY E RICE	7A Sycamore Dr.
9/20/05	<i>Margaret Pryor</i>	MARGARET PRYOR	7B Sycamore Drive
9/20/05	<i>Helen B. Kimball</i>	Helen B. Kimball	7-2 Sycamore Dr.
9/21/05	<i>Ida G Millman</i>	IDA G MILLMAN	60B SYCAMORE DR
9/21/05	<i>Joseph C. Cress</i>	JOSEPH CRESS	52 Constitution St.
9/21/05	<i>Dana B. Cress</i>	DANA B. CRESS	411 Guilford St.
9/21/05	<i>Emil Mattings</i>	Emil Mattings	108 Sealeville Rd
9/21/05	<i>Elizabeth Halloran</i>	Elizabeth Halloran	23 Silo Road West
9/21/05	<i>Evelyn Glazier</i>	EVELYN GLAZIER	22 Silo Rd. West
9/21/05	<i>Victor L. Kaplan</i>	VICTOR L. KAPLAN	-3 Mansfield Hill Rd. Ext.
9/21/05	<i>Harriet Mead</i>	HARRIET MEAD	4 Westwood Rd
9/21/05	<i>Betty G. Seaver</i>	BETTY G. SEEVER	23 Hunting Lady Lane
9/21/05	<i>Ruth Hermon</i>	RUTH HERMON	21 Silo Rd W.
9/21/05	<i>Ethel Camiskey</i>	ETHEL CAMISKEY	14A SYCAMORE DR

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Jane Blanshard, of 1317 Sycamore Dr. Storrs, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Jane Blanshard

Subscribed and sworn to this 26th day of September 2005

10. 11. 11. 11.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/23/05	Kenneth A. Doeg	KENNETH A. DOEG	6C SYCAMORE DR., STORRS
9/23/05	Adah Ruth Ballard	ADAH RUTH BALLARD	6D SYCAMORE DR. ST
9/23/05	Connie Morrisette	CONNIE MORRISSETTE	14 B SYCAMORE DR., STORRS, CT
9/23/05	Donald Morrisette	DONALD MORRISSETTE	" " " "
11/7/05	Gerald Walz-Michael	GERALD WALZ-MICHAEL	149 Dog Leane Sharnolt
"	David Michael	DAVID MICHAEL	"
9/23/05	Robert Adam	ROBERT ADAM	40 Kaya Ln. 49 Sycamore Dr
9/23/05	Lucille Adam	LUCILLE ADAM	4A Sycamore Dr
9/23/05	Jeanne T. Scully	JEANNE T. SCULLY	4-B Sycamore Drive Storrs -
9/23/05	Robert Depray	ROBERT DEPRAY	4C Sycamore
9/23/05	Dorothy Depray	DOROTHY DEPRAY	4C SYCAMORE
9/23/05	Marion D. Outerson	MARION D. OUTERSON	4-D SYCAMORE
9/23/05	Gerardine D. Zed	GERARDINE D. ZED	3A Sycamore Dr
9/23/05	Elizabeth P. Lindorf	ELIZABETH P. LINDORF	3C SYCAMORE DR
9/23/05	Carolyn S. Drescher	CAROLYN S. DRESCHER	85 Beech Mountain Road Mansfield
9/23/05	Dorothy P. Lindorf	DOROTHY P. LINDORF	9B SYCAMORE DR STORRS
9/23/05	Donald Lindorf	DONALD LINDORF	"
9/23/05	Marilyn Gerling	MARILYN GERLING	9A Sycamore Dr, Storrs
"	B.E. Gerling	B.E. GERLING	" "
9/23/05	Louis F. Carrell	LOUIS F. CARRELL	9C Sycamore Drive Storrs, Ct

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Jane Blanshard, of 131 Sycamore Drive, Storrs, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Jane Blanshard

Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of September 2005

Sheila P. P.150
Justice of the Peace, Tolland County, Connecticut

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9-19-05	<i>Nancy Wengel</i>	Nancy Wengel	10 Sycamore Dr. Apt A
9-19-05	<i>Gunnar W. Wengel</i>	Gunnar W Wengel	10 Sycamore Dr. Apt A
9-23-05	<i>JAN SCOTTRON</i>	JAN SCOTTRON	10 B SYCAMORE DR.
9-23-05	<i>JANIE FAIRIE</i>	JANIE FAIRIE	12A SYCAMORE DR.
9-23-05	<i>Jeffrey Jensen</i>	Jeffrey Jensen	186 Cheshireville Rd.
9-24-05	<i>John M. Kays</i>	John M. Kays	MCNR Warren Circle, 75 Warren Circle
9/29/05	<i>Edward Baxter</i>	Edward Baxter	49 Ball Hill Rd.
9/31/05	<i>PAT MURRAY</i>	PAT MURRAY	67 Charles Lane
9/24/05	<i>Eric Holmko</i>	Eric Holmko	52 Mill Hill Top, CT 06255
9/27/05	<i>Diane Hinds Hartz</i>	Diane Hinds Hartz	897 Storrs Rd
9/27	<i>Ann R Jordan</i>	Ann R Jordan	243 So Eagleville Rd
9/26	<i>Gayle Hightower</i>	GAYLE HIGHTOWER	32 Clark Mill Rd.
9/26	<i>Emmanuel Hargov</i>	Emmanuel Hargov	107 Cedar Summit Rd
9/26	<i>PASQUALE FERRIGNO</i>	PASQUALE FERRIGNO	28 GREENFIELD LANE
9/26	<i>ETHEL MANTLARI</i>	ETHEL MANTLARI	217 GUILDFORD RD
7/28	<i>William</i>	WILLIAM	38 Mountain Road, Mans. Ct.
10/10	<i>CYRILEK</i>	CYRILEK	425 Storrs Rd moved to 141 Davis Rd.

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, Nancy Wengel, of 10 Sycamore Drive, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed Nancy Wengel

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of October 2005

Sherry A. Sellers

Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or commissioner of the Superior Court

Sherry A. Sellers

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Mansfield, hereby present this petition under the provisions of Article III, Sections C309 and C310 of the Charter of the Town of Mansfield and under the provision of Section 7-188, of the Connecticut General Statutes, requesting the appointment of a commission to consider revisions to the Charter, and we certify that we are voters of the Town of Mansfield residing at the addresses set opposite our names, and that we have not signed this petition more than once.

DATE	SIGNATURE (SIGNATURES MUST BE IN INK)	NAME (PRINT)	MANSFIELD STREET ADDRESS
9/25/05	<i>Sherry A. Sellers</i>	Sherry A. Sellers	83 E-storac Hgts Canaanville Vt.
9/25/05	<i>Debra A Callahan</i>	DEBRA A CALLAHAN	214 FOREST ROAD Storrs CT
10/6/05	<i>Lynn Stidders</i>	Lynn Stidders	142 Ravine Rd Storrs, CT 06268
10/6/05	<i>Terese Karmel</i>	Terese Karmel	28 Meadowood Rd Storrs
10/6/05	<i>Kenneth Grynko-Ferrel</i>	KENNETH GRYNKO-FERREL	112 HILLYNDALE ROAD
10/9/05	<i>L.A. Osborn</i>	L.A. OSBORN	101 Wright Way
10/9/05	<i>D. Stephen McNeil</i>	D. Stephen McNeil	14 Hanks Hill Rd, Storrs, CT 06268
10/9/05	<i>P. Gatter</i>	P. Gatter	136 Bassette Br. Rd 06268
10/9/05	<i>Ralph McNeal</i>	Ralph McNeal	172 Mansfield Rd 06268
10/9/05	<i>Walter Chambers</i>	WALTER CHAMBERS	113 Hillyndale Rd 06268 STORRS
10/9/05	<i>Herbert Gatter</i>	HERBERT GATTER	136 BASSETTS BRIDGE RD MANSFIELD CENTER 06268
10/9/05	<i>Robert Gatt</i>	ROBERT GATT	51 CHARLES LANE STORRS 06268
10/11/05	<i>Nancy A. Barry</i>	Nancy A. Barry	14 Juniper Ln Mansfield Vt, Ct 06

AFFIDAVIT, Tolland County, State of Connecticut

I, MARY GAWLICKY, of Storrs, CT, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is a voter of the town of Mansfield, and that he/she is the circulator of the foregoing petition page, that the said signatures were made in his or her presence, that each signer is known to, or satisfactorily identified to the circulator, and that all signatures were obtained not earlier than six months prior to the filing of the petition.

Signed *Mary Gatt*

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of October 2005

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



Item #11

**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: Email Registration Service

Subject Matter/Background

As the town council has requested, town staff is working to develop an email registration service to enable citizens and other interested persons to automatically receive copies of agendas, minutes, press releases and other materials online.

The town's information technology office has developed a demo program, which is currently under review. We will review this new service with the town council once it is closer to completion. This should occur some time over the next few months.

Also, the town council had suggested that we ask Mansfield students to develop a name for the new program. We will refer this recommendation to the school administration, and request suggestions from the students.

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager; Mary Jane Newman, Day Care Director
Date: November 14, 2005
Re: 2006 Child Day Care Grant Application

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find excerpts from the town's Child Day Care Contract Application to the Connecticut Department of Social Services to provide funding for the Mansfield Discovery Depot. The award for the calendar year 2006 will be \$244,348. As detailed in the contract application, the Discovery Depot is seeking funding to provide five slots for full-time infant and toddler care, and 35 slots for full-time preschool care.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the town council authorize the town manager to execute the contract application and subsequent contract, which provides the bulk of the funding for the operation of the Mansfield Discovery Depot.

The following resolution is suggested:

Resolved, effective November 14, 2005 that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Mansfield, with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program for the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to affix the corporate seal of the Town.

Attachments

- 1) Excerpts from 2006 Child Day Care Grant Application

CHILD DAY CARE CONTRACT APPLICATION/DATA FORM

(PLEASE SIGN AND DATE AS APPROPRIATE – correcting incorrect and adding missing information)

Contractor's Name: Town of Mansfield (hereinafter referred to as Mansfield)

Street Address: Four South Eagleville Road

City: Mansfield State: CT Zip: 06268-2574

Telephone Number: (860) 429-3336 Fax Number: (860) 429-0646

FEIN Number: 06-6002032 Fin. Mgmt. Id: 06DSS3001QT

Name of Authorized Signatory: Martin H. Berliner

Title of Authorized Signatory: Town Manager

Authorized Signatory e-mail address: townmanager@mansfieldct.org

Name, Title and e-mail address of Matthew Hart , Assistant Town Manager,
Mansfield's Contract Contact: hartmw@mansfieldct.org

Name of Mansfield's Finance Director: Jeffrey Smith

Title of Mansfield's Finance Director Finance Director

The Town of Mansfield wishes to provide the following number of child care slots for the service "categories of care" identified:

- a. 5 slots of full time infant and toddler care 52 # of weeks
- b. 35 slots of full time preschool care 52 # of weeks
- c. 0 slots of wraparound infant and toddler care _____ # of weeks
- d. 0 slots of wraparound preschool care _____ # of weeks
- e. 0 slots of full-time school age care _____ # of weeks
- f. 0 slots of part-time school age care _____ # of weeks

The child care slots identified above will be provided at the facilities listed below as identified by Department of Public Health (DPH) license number(s)

DPH		<i>please mark each box that applies</i>				<i>unaccredited facilities only</i>	
Lic Number	center	Infant/Toddler	Preschool	School Age	Meets Acc. Req. ¹	Contracted for in 2005	Date Accreditation Began
1.	<u>13856 mdd</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accredited	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ is accredited or a Program Description has been filed with the accrediting agency

CHILD DAY CARE CONTRACT APPLICATION/DATA FORM

(PLEASE SIGN AND DATE AS APPROPRIATE – correcting incorrect and adding missing information)

BUDGET	COLUMN	A (Weekly)	B (Weekly)	C	D
CATEGORIES OF CARE		MAXIMUM RATE	CONTRACT RATE	UNITS	TOTAL
1	Infant/Toddler (Std) (ft)	\$444.231	\$147.40		
2	Infant/Toddler (Title 1) (ft)	\$444.231	\$165.90		
3	Infant/Toddler (Accredited) (ft)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
4	Preschool (Std) (ft)	\$288.462	\$113.20		
5	Preschool (Title 1) (ft)	\$288.462	\$126.10		
6	Preschool (Accredited) (ft)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
7				Weekly Total	\$
8				Number of Weeks	x
9				SUBTOTAL	\$
10	Infant/Toddler (Std) (wa)	\$444.231	\$53.10		
11	Infant/Toddler (Title 1) (wa)	\$444.231	\$59.70		
12	Infant/Toddler (Accredited) (wa)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
13	Preschool (Std) (wa)	\$288.462	\$40.80		
14	Preschool (Title 1) (wa)	\$288.462	\$45.30		
15	Preschool (Accredited) (wa)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
16				Weekly Total	\$
17				Number of Weeks	x
18				SUBTOTAL	\$
19	Infant/Toddler (Std) (wa) (ft)	\$444.231	\$147.40		
20	Infant/Toddler (Title 1) (wa) (ft)	\$444.231	\$165.90		
21	Infant/Toddler (Accredited) (wa) (ft)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
22	Preschool (Std) (wa) (ft)	\$288.462	\$113.20		
23	Preschool (Title 1) (wa) (ft)	\$288.462	\$126.10		
24	Preschool (Accredited) (wa) (ft)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
25				Weekly Total	\$
26				Number of Weeks	x
27				SUBTOTAL	\$
28	School Age (Std) (ft)	\$288.462	\$113.20		
29	School Age (Title 1) (ft)	\$288.462	\$126.10		
30	School Age (Accredited) (ft)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
31				Weekly Total	\$
32				Number of Weeks	x
33				SUBTOTAL	\$
34	School Age (Std)	\$127.818	\$54.80		
35	School Age (Title 1)	\$127.818	\$61.10		
36	School Age (Accredited)	\$0.00	\$0.00		
37				Weekly Total	\$
38				Number of Weeks	x
39				SUBTOTAL	\$
40				GRAND TOTAL (lines 9+18+27+33+39) round total to the nearest whole dollar	\$ 244,348.00

SAMPLE

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF CONTRACTOR

(to be typed on the letterhead of the contractor
and
to be signed in blue ink)

I, John Q. Public, Title of Town/City Name, a Connecticut municipality (the "Contractor"), DO HEREBY certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Contractor duly held and convened on July 12, 2005, at which meeting a duly constituted quorum of the Governing Body was present and acting throughout and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED: That the Chief Elected Official or Authorized Administrative Official, Mary Doe, is empowered to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of Town/City Name, with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as a part of any offered agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my signature and the corporate seal this 14th day of July, 2005.

SEAL

John Q. Public

John Q. Public, Title

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday Sept. 27, 2005

2:30 PM - Conference Room C - Audrey P. Beck Building

- I. Attendance: S. Thompson (staff), T. Miller, Wade Gibbs

- II. There being no quorum of members, an informational meeting was held, and all regular business was tabled until the Oct. 25 meeting.

- III. Suggestions for future planning, to be reflected on the MACPD Annual report to the Town, included: follow-up on accessibility and usage of the Community Center by persons with disabilities; continued support of efforts aimed at inclusion of residents with disabilities in all aspects of community life including employment, housing, recreation and municipal government; and continued collaboration with the Mansfield Downtown Partnership to ensure that the design of the new Storrs downtown encourages access and use by all residents.

- IV. Suggestions for future program presentation included information regarding community disaster planning with regard to persons with special needs. John

Jackman will be contacted and invited to present Mansfield's plan to the Committee.

The informational session adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Thompson

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday June 28, 2005

2:30 PM - Conference Room C - Audrey P. Beck Building

- I. Attendance: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Hasson, T. Miller, J. Sidney, Susan LaPlume (guest, Juniper Hill)

- II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of May 24, 2005: The minutes were approved with the following correction on page 1, Section IV.b.: "J. Sidney has been unable to locate a chair which would address her needs, *and* she indicated that there *is a dearth of* good chairs..."

- III. New Business
 - a. ADA Coalition/CDD Network – 15th Anniversary
Commemoration of ADA announcement: K. Grunwald announced that there will be a ceremony to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of the ADA at the state capitol on 7/26.

- b. Zoning Application – special permit- Button Box Fine Arts and Crafts Center, 287 Gurleyville Road , Mansfield Center – (report being prepared by DeWolf for 7/5/2005 zoning hearing): no discussion.
- c. Community Education: K. Grunwald will submit an article to WAM Horizons on the topic of “people first language”, and will also have this prepared as a hand-out at the Know Your Town Fair.

IV. Old Business

- a. Membership update: Susan LaPlume from Juniper Hill has an interest in joining and attended this meeting. S. Hasson has notified MCNR that we would like a representative on this committee, and Patty Hope of the Senior Center has recommended Dexter Eddy. K. Grunwald will contact Mr. Eddy.
- b. Update on ADA compliance – Community Center- An email was included in the packet from Stan Kosloski on this issue. J. Sidney, K. Grunwald and Curt Vincente met with Mr. Kosloski at the Community Center to review the problems with the shower. J. Sidney has requested a bench with a back, which may solve this problem.
- c. CT Real Choice update: K. Grunwald reported that the regional meeting in Mansfield was cancelled due to poor pre-registration. There will be a statewide meeting held in September.

- d. People First Language – Members felt that it is important as a committee to educate the community about issues such as this. There was a suggestion made to prepare a brief to the governor around this issue. Members were asked to think about this and come to the next meeting with ideas about how to proceed with this issue.

- e. Representation of MACPD at Know Your Town Fair: T. Miller agreed to spend some time at the Social Service table with K. Grunwald to distribute handouts on People First Language and MACNPD.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

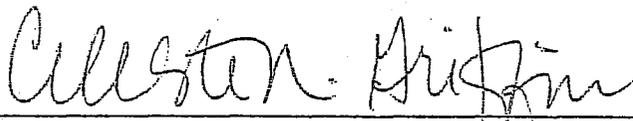
Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
September 29, 2005
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, April Holinko, Secretary, Dudley Hamlin, Min Lin, Mary Perry, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent
Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: John Thacher arrived at 7:40, Christopher Kueffner arrived at 7:42

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes from the 6/9/05 Meeting (M)
MOTION by Ms Perry, seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve the minutes of the 6/9/05 meeting with one correction: Mary Perry was incorrectly noted as absent: **VOTE:** Unanimous.
- III. Hearing for visitors - None.
- IV. Communications - None.
- V. Additions to Present Agenda - None.
- VI. Committee Reports - Ms Feathers reported that the Personnel Committee has information on negotiations to bring before the Board during Executive Session. Mr. Simpson reported that Rene Miller has accepted the invitation to serve on the School Facilities Study Committee. He is waiting for a response from Jon Pelto.
- VII. Report of the Superintendent
- A. **Welcome to MMS German Students** - Jeffrey Cryan, Principal Mansfield Middle School, introduced students and staff from their sister school in Elze, Germany.
- B. **Presentation of Revised Science Curriculum**- Mr. Baruzzi introduced Nora Dickinson and Jon Hand, MMS Science Teachers, who presented science curriculum revisions to align with State of Connecticut Frameworks. **MOTION:** Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Feathers to adopt the revised Science Curriculum. **VOTE:** Unanimous.
- C. **Windham Public Schools Magnet School Proposal** -**MOTION:** Mr. Thacher, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to endorse continued investigation of this project. **VOTE:** Unanimous.
- D. **Summer School Report**- Dr. Leclerc reported the success of the preK-7 Special Education Summer School held at Southeast School this summer.
- E. **2005-2006 Board of Education Goals** - Ms Perry and Mr. Kueffner will work with Dr. Schimmel to finalize the Board Goals.
- F. **Personnel (M)** -**MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. Thacher to accept the request by Melissa Szych for unpaid childrearing leave, effective February, 2006 for the remainder of the school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous.
- VIII. Suggestions for future agenda - Report on Full Day Kindergarten and K-4 Science

- IX. Executive Session
MOTION by Ms Feathers, seconded by Mr. Thacher to go into executive session at 9:40 p.m. VOTE: Unanimous.
- MOTION by Ms. Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to return to open session at 10:04 p.m. VOTE: Unanimous
- X. Mansfield Board of Education Collective Bargaining Agreement with CSEA, Local 760, SEIU on behalf of the Mansfield Instructional Assistants July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2008. MOTION by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Patwa to ratify the Mansfield Instructional Assistants contract. VOTE: Unanimous
- XI. Mansfield Administrators Agreement July 2006-June 2009. MOTION by Mrs. Holinko, seconded by Dr. Patwa to ratify the Mansfield Administrators' agreement. VOTE: Unanimous
- XII. Adjournment
MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mrs. Holinko to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. VOTE: Unanimous.


Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk



Mansfield Downtown Partnership

1244 Storrs Road
PO Box 513
Storrs, CT 06268
(860) 429-2740
Fax: (860) 429-2719

November 1, 2005

Board of Directors
Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Re: Item #3 - Meeting Minutes

Dear Board members:

Attached please find the minutes for the Board meeting held on October 4, 2005.

The following motion would be in order:

Move, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia van Zelm". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light background.

Cynthia van Zelm
Executive Director

Attach: (1)

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
Tuesday, October 4, 2005

MINUTES

Present: Stephen Bacon, Tom Callahan, Bruce Clouette, Dianne Doyle, Mike Gergler, Al Hawkins, Janet Jones, Peter Nicholls, Dave Pepin, Steve Rogers, Betsy Treiber, Frank Vasington, David Woods

Guests: Tom Cody, Macon Toledano

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm, Lee Cole-Chu

1. Call to Order

Betsy Treiber called the meeting to order in Philip Lodewick's absence at 4 pm.

Betsy Paterson made a motion to change the agenda to add the authorization to sign a contract with Harrall-Michalowski Associates, Inc., for relocation services. Bruce Clouette seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Opportunity for Public to Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Betsy Paterson asked that the July minutes be clarified to reflect her comments about public spaces in the new development. The Town of Mansfield will own the public spaces and demonstrations will be allowed under the same current regulations that govern public spaces in Mansfield. Bruce Clouette made a motion to amend the July minutes to indicate that all rights such as public access and free speech pertain to streets, sidewalks and the town square similar to other public spaces in Mansfield. Tom Callahan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Clouette made a motion to approve the September 6, 2005 minutes. Mr. Callahan seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention by Steve Bacon.

4. Director's Report

There was no Director's Report, as Cynthia van Zelm said it would be covered in other agenda items.

5. Review of Municipal Development Plan Approval Process

Mr. Callahan referenced the Partnership public hearing on the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) to be held at 7 pm on October 6 at the Bishop Center. He encouraged all Board members to be in attendance with the expectation to take action on the MDP.

Ms. van Zelm went over the anticipated timetable for approval of the MDP. She said an information session on the MDP was held today and last week. Last week's session was attended by only UConn students and a Daily Campus reporter whereas there were more residents at today's session. Ms. van Zelm said the Town Council would hold its public hearing on October 11 with potential action that evening. The UConn Board of Trustees will review the MDP at its meeting on November 15.

Steve Bacon said he will moderate the Partnership public hearing and that there will be a third information session immediately preceding the public hearing. He will explain the purpose of the public hearing and give people the opportunity to comment on the MDP. Mr. Bacon will introduce all the Board members. He anticipates there will be questions outside of the MDP. He will give a short history and talk about the open process regarding the Storrs Center project and the many meetings that have been held. Mr. Bacon said he expects that the team will respond to comments as they are received. He will then turn over the presentation to Tom Cody to go over the highlights of the MDP. The hearing will then be opened up for questions.

Mr. Bacon said the comments would be summarized, particularly, for the Town Council as they begin their deliberations. Mr. Cody suggested that a stenographer could transcribe the public hearing and turn around the notes in 24 hours. The plan is to have this for the Council by Tuesday.

Mr. Clouette suggested that the critical issues around the development be dealt with up front at the public hearing. He suggested some key questions to be addressed: What are the benefits to UConn? What are the benefits to the Town? What is the structure of the deal with UConn and the developer? What is the ongoing role of the Partnership? Who owns the land?

Mr. Callahan said that the letter of intent would drive the purchase and sale agreement between the University and LeylandAlliance. The University will be paid for the land to be transferred. LeylandAlliance will also purchase two private properties.

Mr. Clouette noted that relocation is also a big issue. Mr. Callahan said a meeting had just been held at 2 pm with many of the business owners in Storrs Center and there was progress to report.

Mr. Clouette said the last question would be how does the public know the developer will follow the MDP? Are goals in the MDP appropriate and workable?

Janet Jones asked how long the presentation at the public hearing would be. Tom Cody said he expects the entire presentation to take about 40 minutes. He will have some visuals. He said the goal would be to allow a lot of time for public comment and questions.

Mr. Clouette said it will be important for Mr. Bacon to explain why the development team was chosen, noting their experience and credentials. The contrast between the other firms interviewed should be noted.

6. Contract with Harrall-Michalowski Associates

Ms. Paterson made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with Harrall-Michalowski Associates, Inc. for relocation services. Al Hawkins seconded the motion. Mr. Cole-Chu suggested that if the contract is signed before the MDP is approved, there needs to be an out clause. Mr. Callahan reiterated that the contract calls for time and materials not to exceed \$6,000 per business relocated. He mentioned again the interview process, which included reference checks. Mr. Michalowski's experience was far beyond the other candidates. The motion was approved with an abstention by Steve Rogers.

7. Report from Committees

Festival on the Green

Ms. Paterson said the Festival was great. The fireworks were tremendous the night before and set a great tone for the weekend. She said the Committee would look at the set-up again in terms of condensing it and also at soliciting more food vendors.

She said there were over 125 volunteers in addition to the Committee volunteers.

She thanked Gail Daly with the Chronicle for the good coverage as well as the Reminder Press.

There will be a wrap up meeting and she has invited Lou Marquet with Leyland to share his experiences with a similar but larger event in Warwick, NY.

Ms. Paterson said she hopes that Committee members will continue to serve next year.

Business Development and Retention

Mike Gergler reported that the Committee met last week to go over the relocation plan in the MDP. Many business owners attended the meeting and there was a spirited discussion. He said there were several issues that arose that precipitated action being taken by members of the Partnership and staff, the Town, the University, and the development team. The reference in the relocation plan to June 30, 2006 as a date before which no displacement would occur was a concern for business owners. They felt there was a lack of communication about the casting process. There was a question about why Phil Michalowski could not start immediately. And, finally, why is there not a method to relocate business owners closer to their current location?

Mr. Gergler recognized Phil Michalowski for being at the meeting and explaining the relocation plan in a comprehensive way.

Mr. Callahan said the relocation plan in the MDP triggered response by the business owners. He said that discussion at the Business Development and Retention Committee on relocation had been going on for 8 to 9 months. The concerns brought up by the business owners were addressed in conference calls on Friday and Monday between representatives of the Partnership, Town, UConn and the development team.

Ms. van Zelm invited the affected Storrs Center business owners to a meeting (today) where 13 of the 19 or so business owners were able to attend. Mr. Callahan said that language in the relocation plan caused concern partly because of the Partnership decision to defer the relocation and casting process until after an approved MDP was in place. In response to the concerns, a decision was made to have Phil Michalowski and Max Reim (casting) start immediately (before the MDP was approved). The University was asked by the development team to provide additional land not under the current concept plan by which to build an initial building that could house some of the current businesses. The University agreed pending negotiations and with the acknowledgment by business owners that the rent would most likely be higher than many are paying now (would be market rate). In addition, the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission would need to approve a zone change and a site plan.

Mr. Callahan said he felt that the business owners left the meeting feeling more assured, and recognized the need for the MDP to move along as the vehicle to provide relocation assistance.

In response to a question from Dave Pepin about location of the potential new building, Mr. Callahan said it would be near the Bishop Center lot on Dog Lane.

Mr. Clouette reiterated that these steps need to be addressed at the public hearing. Mr. Callahan pointed out that relocation and casting will need to be addressed on an individual basis.

Ms. Paterson recognized Mike Gergler for his hard work in terms of addressing business owner concerns directly and quickly.

Finance and Administration

Mr. Callahan said the Committee reviewed the end of FY 04/05 financial reports and the outline of the public hearing.

Planning and Design

Mr. Bacon said the Committee reviewed the architectural and land use guidelines which are being fine tuned and close to finalization in terms of bringing them to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Committee will continue its work on the sustainability section of the guidelines.

8. Other

Ms. van Zelm noted that she, Partnership attorney Lee Cole-Chu, Macon Toledano, and Tom Cody will be meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission tonight to discuss the Special Design District process.

9. Adjourn

Betsy Paterson made a motion adjourn. Al Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

July 20, 2005
8:00am

DRAFT

11.500
Evan Kelly
TOWN OF MANSFIELD

The members of the Housing Authority of the Town of Mansfield met in the regular meeting at 8:00am Thursday July 20, 2005 at the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Mansfield, 309 Maple Road, Storrs, Connecticut, the time, date and place duly established for holding such meetings.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Commissioners were present:

Richard Long	-	Chairperson
Dexter Eddy	-	Treasurer
Gretchen Hall	-	Assistant Treasurer
William Simonsen	-	Commissioner

Also present was Cathy K. Forcier, Executive Director
Joan Christison-Lagay was absent and excused.

MINUTES

After review and due deliberation a motion was made by William Simonsen, seconded by Dexter Eddy, to approve of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2005 and special meeting of July 14, 2005 with the correction on page 2 of the regular meeting. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATION

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Forcier presented information on a Leadership, Education, and Training Program for Executive Directors and Commissioners of Housing Authorities put together by Conn-Nahro and Central CT State University.

Bills

The Commissioners were presented with a list of bills for May 2005. After review and due deliberation, a motion was made by Gretchen Hall, seconded by William Simonsen, and passed unanimously, to approve the bills.

Financial Reports

The commissioners reviewed the Financial Reports for Wright's Village, Holinko Estates and the Section 8 Program. After discussion and due deliberation, a motion was made Dexter Eddy, seconded by Gretchen Hall, and passed unanimously, and it was voted to approve the Wright's Village, Holinko Estates, and Section 8 Financial Reports for the months of May 2005.

Section 8 Statistical Reports

The Commissioners reviewed the Section 8 Statistical Reports for June 2005. After discussion and due deliberation, a motion was made by William Simonsen, seconded by Gretchen Hall, and passed unanimously.

Report of the Tenant Representative

Mr. Eddy reported on the request made to Mrs. Forcier regarding the town correcting the middle curb cut at Wright's Village

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Section 8 - Mrs. Forcier reported on ten families being removed from the waiting list and offered assistance in late June early July. Another eleven letters went out July 20, 2005.

Vacancies— Mrs. Forcier reported on the continuing vacancies. Five families have given notice to move from Holinko Estates at the end August and two moves are being planned for Wrights Village tenants.

Holinko Estates Phase II- Mrs. Forcier reported on a second conversation with CHFA regarding selling land or land swapping but has received no actual reply. Also reported was a scheduled August 2, 2005 meeting with DECD regarding forgiveness for the predevelopment loan.

Elderly Rental Assistance Program (RAP) – Mrs. Forcier reported on the confirmation of funds in the state budget.

Farmer's Market Coupons- Mrs. Forcier reported on the distribution of coupons to our senior residents.

Staff Training- Mrs. Forcier reported on the free HUD training in Boston she and Kate O'Connor attended regarding PIC and SEMAP.

July 21, 2005 Minutes continued

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Services Coordinator- Mrs. Forcier reported on the need to pass a resolution to continue receiving grant monies for this position. Also reported was the house bill regarding training opportunities and information sharing. Gretchen Hall made a motion, seconded by William Simonsen, to resolve to continue with the Resident Service Coordinators position and receive grant funds to do so. Motion passed unanimously

PHA Plan- Mrs. Forcier reported on the completion of the Plan and that the entire process is on track.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) - Mrs. Forcier reported on the numerous budget talks but nothing final yet for FY2006.

Water Usage- Mrs. Forcier reported on the analysis of the laundry facilities for Wright's Village.

Medical Insurance- Mrs. Forcier reported on the substantial increase in medical premiums.

Conn-Nahro Convention- Mrs. Forcier presented information on the annual conference. William Simonsen made a motion, seconded by Dexter Eddy to approve attendance by Kate Forcier and Kate O'Connor. Motion passed unanimously.

August Meeting – Dexter Eddy made a motion, seconded by Gretchen Hall, to approve of canceling the August monthly meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

After discussion and due deliberation a motion was made by Dexter Eddy, seconded by Gretchen Hall, and passed unanimously, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy K. Forcier

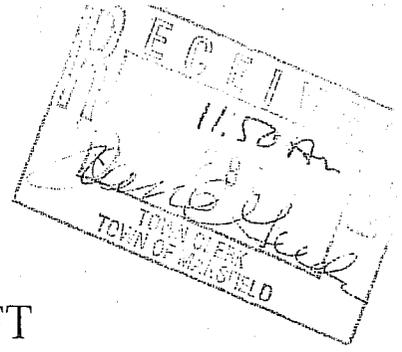
APPROVED:

Richard Long

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

September 15, 2005
8:00am

DRAFT



The members of the Housing Authority of the Town of Mansfield met in the regular meeting at 8:00am Thursday September 15, 2005 at the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Mansfield, 309 Maple Road, Storrs, Connecticut, the time, date and place duly established for holding such meetings.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Commissioners were present:

Richard Long	-	Chairperson
Dexter Eddy	-	Treasurer
Gretchen Hall	-	Assistant Treasurer
William Simonsen	-	Commissioner
Joan Christison-Lagay	-	Vice-Chairperson

Also present was Cathy K. Forcier, Executive Director, Greg Padick, Town Planner and Pat Ferrigno, owner of Ferrigno Realty.

Mr. Eddy arrived at 8:35 am. Mr. Simonsen left at 10:15 am

MINUTES

After review and due deliberation a motion was made by Gretchen Hall, seconded by Dexter Eddy, to approve of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2005. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATION

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Beth Lord asked Mrs. Forcier to read a statement and request to be reinstated onto the Section 8 program. Ms. Lord spoke briefly.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Mrs. Forcier reported on town activities including the September 15, 2005 9 A.M. meeting regarding a proposed Assisted Living facility in Mansfield and the October 5, 2005 Public Hearing on the town's Plan on Development. It was decided that Joan Christison-Lagay would draft a letter to the town regarding the Plan of Development and affordable housing.

Bills

The Commissioners were presented with a list of bills for June 2005. After review and due deliberation, a motion was made by Gretchen Hall, seconded by Joan Christison-Lagay, and passed unanimously, to approve the bills.

Financial Reports

The commissioners reviewed the Financial Reports for Wright's Village, Holinko Estates and the Section 8 Program. After discussion and due deliberation, a motion was made Dexter Eddy, seconded by Gretchen Hall, and passed unanimously, and it was voted to approve the Wright's Village, Holinko Estates, and Section 8 Financial Reports for the months of June 2005.

Section 8 Statistical Reports

The Commissioners reviewed the Section 8 Statistical Reports for July 2005. After discussion and due deliberation, a motion was made by Dexter Eddy, seconded by Joan Christison-Lagay, and passed unanimously.

Report of the Tenant Representative

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Section 8 Status - Mrs. Forcier reported the waiting list will open September 20-23, 2005 and September 26-29, 2005 and that based on the number of inquiries we may be overwhelmed with the number of people applying. Mrs. Forcier reported on the underutilization of funds due to staffing changes and voucher holders who have histories affecting their ability to lease up. Mrs. Forcier presented a need to change policies to eliminate the working preference, to change the Payment Standard to 100%, to change the occupancy standard back to two persons per bedroom except those of different generations and children of the opposite sex over age 6, and to eliminate the ceiling on Gross Rents and to use only Rent Reasonableness. After discussion and due deliberation a motion was made by William Sullivan , and seconded by Dexter Eddy, and passed unanimously.

Vacancies– Mrs. Forcier reported on the specific vacancies and the impending lease updates.

September 15, 2005 Minutes continued p

Holinko Estates Phase II- Mrs. Forcier reported on the submission of paperwork as a part of the loan forgiveness procedure.

PHA Plan Approval - After discussion and due deliberation, a motion was made by Gretchen Hall , and seconded by Joan Christison-Lagay. The PHA Plan was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Conn. NAHRO Executive Board Election- Mrs. Forcier reported that she'd been elected to serve on the Conn.-NAHRO Executive Board.

Resignation of the Office Assistant- Mrs. Forcier reported that Gay Leedie left the employ of the housing authority.

New Hire- Mrs. Forcier reported that Rita McCarthy had been hired and would start on September 19, 2005

Request of Beth Lord – After discussion and due deliberation, a motion was made by Joan Christison-Lagay, and seconded by Dexter Eddy to deny Mr. Lord's request as the termination of assistance was done according to policy.

Discussion on Available Land for Construction – Mr. Paddick gave a very informative and thorough presentation on the zoning of the town and parcels in medium to heavy density housing areas. He also discussed water and sewer issues. Mr. Ferrigno talked about his experience with zoning and what other people are interested in doing with undeveloped land.

Letter from Mr. Jurado to Board Members- After discussion and due deliberation, it was decided that Richard Long would draft a letter to suggest he start a tenant's association to deal with such matters.

ADJOURNMENT

After discussion and due deliberation a motion was made by Gretchen Hall, seconded by Dexter Eddy, and passed unanimously, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:40A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy K. Forcier

APPROVED:
Richard Long

TOWN OF MANSFIELD/DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, July 20, 2005
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers

Minutes

Members Present: A. Barberet, G. Cole, R. Gergler, Warden Higgins, C. Lary, C. Paulhus,
W. Solenski, W. Stauder, S. Thomas

Staff: Counselor D. Cyr, Assistant Town Manager M. Hart, Counselor Supervisor J. Roache,
Deputy Warden K. Smayda

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stauder called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

1. Mr. Hart volunteered to serve as the recorder/secretary for the meeting.
2. Mr. Gergler moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2005. Mr. Cole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

1. The committee reviewed the June 17, 2005 List of Offenses. Ms. Stauder asked what constitutes special parole. Mr. Roache explained that special parole is designed to alleviate some pressure on the parole system. Special parole is granted by a judge and administered by the board of parole.

III. WARDEN'S REPORT AND DISCUSSION

1. Population Status Report – Mr. Roache reported that the current population is 957 inmates, and the maximum capacity remains 962.
2. List of Offenses – Mr. Roache reviewed the list of offenses with the committee. The list is similar to that of previous months.

Mr. Cole asked if the relatively short stays have an effect on programming. Warden Higgins replied in the affirmative. Consequently, the programs are designed for inmates with short stays. With respect to the turnover and length of stays, Bergin is analogous to a jail.

Mr. Solenski inquired about the length of an average stay. The average stay is 90 days, with a lot of 30 to 45-day sentences.

Ms. Thomas asked how 30-day sentences work. The warden explained that with a 30-day sentence an inmate is processed at a jail and spends his time at Bergin.

Ms. Stauder inquired as to how a typical release operates. Typically, upon release an inmate is picked up by a relative or dropped off to a local jail for release within the local community.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – None

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

1. Ms. Amy Moore of Stafford Road in Mansfield expressed her concerns to the committee. She believes that the facility has a high escape rate, and that a large percentage of inmates are gang members. Also, she believes that the state is slipping in people under special parole, etc. who do not meet the admissions criteria for Bergin. (Ms. Smayda explained the scoring system in an effort to address this concern.)

Ms. Stauder asked if the recent number of escapes was acceptable. Ms. Higgins indicated that no escapes are acceptable, and that the department conducts a thorough review each time one occurs.

Ms. Moore asked if the DOC could list an inmate's original violation when granted special parole. Ms. Smayda explained that the department could accommodate this request.

Ms. Moore inquired about the staffing rate. Warden Higgins explained that she could not release that information.

Ms. Moore stated that she would like to see a beeper system in place to notify residents when an escape occurs. The warden replied that beepers would not work any faster than the current notification system.

Mr. Hart stated that the town manager's office would work to update the notification list. Once the list is updated, we should resume testing the notification system on a more regular basis.

2. Mr. Charles McDermott of 1436 Stafford Road in Mansfield asked to be added to the notification list. Mr. Hart will process this request.
3. An unidentified resident asked about the calling order of the notification list. Mr. Hart explained that the order is roughly based on proximity to the facility, with those living close by to be called first.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Security Measures – Warden Higgins described how Bergin is the only level 2 in the state without some interior razor wire around the perimeter. She believes that we need to have this in place at our facility. The committee agreed to conduct a special meeting on August 24, 2005 to review this issue in more detail, and to develop a specific recommendation for the town council.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Review Colchester Walk Away Incident – Ms. Stauder asked about the Colchester escape and whether it had an impact on the community outreach program (work crews). Ms. Higgins reviewed the escape in some detail, and stated that it did not impact Bergin's outreach program.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stauder adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew W. Hart
Assistant Town Manager

TOWN OF MANSFIELD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

July 20, 2005

Minutes

Members and Staff Present: Same as DOC Public Safety Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stauder called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

1. Selection of Recorder – Mr. Hart volunteered to serve as the recorder for the meeting.
2. Minutes – Mr. Gergler moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2005. Mr. Paulhus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. WARDEN'S REPORT AND DISCUSSION

1. Community Outreach – The warden reported that the community outreach program is going well, and that Bergin had just completed work on a new ballpark in Pomfret.
2. Programming Updates – Warden Higgins reported on the following:
 - Work on Bergin's new greenhouse is almost complete. The administration is looking to heat the building year-round with propane.
 - The new orientation program is up and running and inmates have volunteered to assist.
 - The facility sent inmates down to New London to assist with the clean-up from the Special Olympics World Games.
 - Bergin has hired Ms. Angela Jalbert as principal, and is currently interviewing for a new teacher.
 - There is a GED program underway. Generally, GED registration is lighter in the summer.
 - The administration is considering a proposal to add two more addiction services staff.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS - none

VII. NEW BUSINESS – none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stauder adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew W. Hart
Assistant Town Manager

TOWN OF MANSFIELD/DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, August 24, 2005
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Council Chambers

Minutes

Members Present: A. Barberet, R. Blicher, G. Cole, R. Gergler, C. Lary, C. Paulhus,
R. Pellegrine, W. Solenski, W. Stauder, S. Thomas

Staff: Assistant Town Manager M. Hart

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stauder called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

1. Mr. Hart volunteered to serve as the recorder/secretary for the meeting.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK - none

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Security measures – the committee reviewed the proposal to install razor wire around the interior of the perimeter of the Bergin Correctional Facility. After much discussion regarding the pros and cons of this proposal, the committee determined that it would need additional information from Warden Higgins and the Bergin staff in order to develop a recommendation for the town council.

In order to obtain this additional information, the committee asked Mr. Hart to draft a letter to warden, requesting the following information:

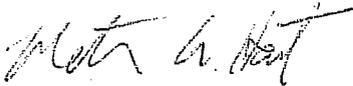
- a. An assessment of the current level of security at the prison, including a review of the current security system and measures in place.
- b. A statement of Bergin's goals and objectives relating to security.
- c. An explanation of the various alternatives and options available to meet those goals and objectives relating to security.
- d. With respect to the specific proposal regarding interior razor wire, provide additional information concerning installation, cost, maintenance and risk factors for inmates. Also, please discuss how the installation of the interior wire could effect the landscaping and how visible it might be from the road. In addition, please address whether the DOC could provide assurances that the security level of the facility would not change, and discuss whether staffing levels would be modified as a result of this proposal.

Mr. Hart was also asked to provide the committee members with copies of the agreement between the town and the Department of Correction, as well as any related amendments.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stauder adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew W. Hart
Assistant Town Manager

DRAFT



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
MANSFIELD, CT 06268-2599
(860) 429-3336
Fax: (860) 429-6863

October 19, 2005

Warden Eileen Higgins
Warden
Donald T. Bergin Correctional Institute
251 Middle Turnpike
Mansfield, Connecticut 06268

Re: Security Measures at Bergin CI

Dear Ms. Higgins:

As you know, over the past few months the Mansfield Public Safety Committee has been reviewing the Department of Correction's offer to install razor wire along the interior perimeter of Bergin CI, in order to increase security at the facility. After much discussion regarding the merits of this proposal, the committee has determined that it requires additional information from you and the Bergin staff to make a fully informed recommendation to the town council regarding this matter.

More specifically, the committee requests the following information:

- 1) An assessment of the current level of security at the prison, including a review of the current security system and measures in place.
- 2) A statement of Bergin's goals and objectives relating to security.
- 3) An explanation of the various alternatives and options available to meet those goals and objectives relating to security.
- 4) With respect to the specific proposal regarding interior razor wire, please provide additional information concerning installation, cost, maintenance and risk factors for inmates. Also, please discuss how the installation of the interior wire could effect the landscaping and how visible it might be from the road. In addition, please address whether the DOC could provide assurances that the security level of the facility would not change, and discuss whether staffing levels would be modified as a result of this proposal.

Please contact me at 429-3339 to discuss this request in more detail. The committee greatly appreciates the DOC's offer to enhance the security at the facility. The additional information that we have requested will certainly facilitate our deliberations.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Hart
Assistant Town Manager

CC: Mansfield Public Safety Committee
Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
Gregory Padick, Director of Planning

**MANSFIELD DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 8, 2005

3:30 PM

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM A

**PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Heald (Chair), D. Eddy (guest), J. Krisch,
E. Passmore, M. Hauslaib**

I. MINUTES: The minutes of the June 1, 2005 meeting were accepted as written.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Introduction of potential new members and recognition of departing members: D. Eddy introduced himself to the group and talked about his involvement with NAMI. This group is looking at expanding to a total of 7 members. Departing members E. Passmore, M. Hauslaib and J. Peters were recognized and thanked for their contributions to this committee.
- B.** Hurricane Katrina: disaster relief and emergency preparedness discussion: K. Grunwald updated members on the involvement of the Department in responding to hurricane victims who have relocated to this area.
- C.** Technical Assistance grant from National League of Cities: K. Grunwald updated members on this grant application to assist residents with "Asset Building". While we were not awarded the grant, we will be working with the Access Agency to provide information to residents on Individual Development Accounts and other "asset building" services.
- D.** Senior Services: There are a number of activities planned at the Senior Center including an Auction celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Center. K. Grunwald is working with Jean Kenny on a workshop for caregivers entitled, "What Are We Going to Do With Dad?" The Town is working with a consultant to conduct a market analysis for senior housing.
- E.** Know Your Town Fair: will be held on September 10; the Department will have a table.
- F.** "Other": none

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Membership: some suggestions were made to look at changing the starting time to 6:30-7:00 to accommodate new members.
- B.** School Readiness Grant: Update: K. Grunwald reported that the Town received a \$107,000 grant from the State Department of Education.

There are 16 slots that have been filled in four Centers. M. Hauslaib suggested looking at funding for a Family Resource Center.

- c. Action Plan: anti-poverty resources: no discussion.
- D. Other

IV. COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

- A. Review of Department activity and other items in packet and discussion with SSD Director: Quarterly and Annual Reports.
- B. Program updates
 - Early Care and Education
 - Adult Services
 - Senior Services
 - Youth Services
- C. Other: none

V. PLANS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Set preliminary schedule: Proposed Schedule:
October: Youth Services; November: Senior Services; December: Early Care & Education Programs; January/February: Agency Funding Requests; March: Adult Services; April, May: tbd; June: Annual Review.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

VNA EAST
34 LEDGEBROOK DR
MANSFIELD CTR, CT 06250
PH: 456-7288 FAX: 423-5702

VISIT STATISTICS
7/30/05 - 9/30/05

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>MANSFIELD</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Skilled Nursing	961	6,407
Physical Therapy	160	1,418
Speech Therapy		7
Occupational Therapy	48	202
Medical Social Work	59	218
Home Health Aide	722	4,185
TOTAL	1,950	12,437
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES		
Adult Health Screening	62	521
Flu & Pneumonia	0	0
TOTAL	62	521
MEALS TO HOME	615	7,674

**WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES – October 7, 2005**

A meeting of WINCOG was held on October 7, 2005 at the Columbia Town Hall, 323 Route 87, Columbia, CT. Chairman Daniel McGuire called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Voting COG Members Present: Rusty Lanzit, Chaplin; Robert Skinner, Columbia (alt); John Elsesser, Coventry (alt); Margaret Haraghey, Hampton; Dan McGuire, Lebanon; Michael Paulhus, Windham.

Staff Present: Barbara Buddington, Jana Butts

Others Present: Jeff Beadle, WRCC; Roberta Dwyer, NE Alliance; Matt Hart, Mansfield; John Jackman, Mansfield; Catherine Marx, Gov. Rell's Office; Melinda Perkins, WRTD; Stuart Popper, Columbia; Chick Shiffrin, Columbia (not seated); Grayson Wright, ConnDOT.

MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. Elsesser, **SECONDED** by Ms. Haraghey, to approve the minutes of the 9/09/05 meeting as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED** with Mr. Skinner abstaining.

TRANSPORTATION

Re-endorsement of Coventry Town Center Connecting Streetscapes: **MOVED** by Mr. Lanzit, **SECONDED** by Ms. Haraghey, to re-endorse the Coventry Town Center Connecting Streetscapes and all regional transportation enhancement projects listed in the WINCOG letter to ConnDOT dated March 19, 2005. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Regional Transportation Plan: Ms. Buddington reported that several good comments were received at the public information session held on Oct. 5. The RPC did not have a quorum and did not take action on the RTP at their meeting later that night.

Dial-a-Ride Update: Ms. Buddington reported that both WRCC and WRTD boards had agreed that Dial-a-Ride services should be transferred from WRCC to WRTD. WINCOG is currently looking for space to house the additional operations. Mr. Beadle stated that revenue was a problem and that WRCC had succeeded in getting a bill passed to support demand-responsive service but funding had not yet been allocated on a state level.

Homeland Security: Ms. Buddington reported that DEMHS had given WINCOG the option of either: 1) not participating at all in regional emergency management planning, 2) participating in the DEMHS planning process for the tri-COG area and receiving \$15,000 in funding for associated costs, or 3) partnering with NECCOG and SECCOG and applying for \$100,000 in DEMHS funding to prepare a regional emergency operations plan independently. At the last emergency planning workgroup meeting, the consensus was that it didn't make sense to have another overlapping layer of planning, and that DEMHS funding would be better spent in improving staffing and equipment at its area offices. Ms. Buddington reported that, in a subsequent phone conversation with Deputy Commissioner Wayne Sandford, she was told that DEMHS was, in fact, planning to improve its area offices. They will be holding (DEMHS) area meetings with emergency management directors - October 11 in eastern CT – at which they will explain these plans in more detail. DEMHS will also be scheduling a meeting with representatives of the three COGs in eastern CT before Thanksgiving to discuss DEMHS' plans.

2006 Meeting Dates*: **MOVED** by Mr. Lanzit and **SECONDED** by Ms. Haraghey to approve the meeting dates for 2006 as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2004 Statewide Aerial Survey: Ms. Butts distributed DVD's of the 2004 statewide aerial survey and image viewer software. She provided a brief demonstration. The data is not yet available for the entire region but will be available shortly. Data DVD's will be created and distributed to member towns as soon as possible.

Shared Resources Discussion: COG members discussed their various staffing needs. Ms. Buddington will prepare a list and distribute to towns to review and modify. Mr. Elsesser expressed the need for "emergency" back-up of certain personnel; for example, when a fire marshal is away on vacation. He also suggested that an equipment sharing list focus on specialty equipment that is not regularly used.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor's Office: Ms. Marx from Governor Rell's office offered her help to COG members and mentioned that the Governor was creating an educational funding task force. Mr. Paulhus inquired if there was to be a fuel summit or any discussion of fuel assistance funding. Ms. Buddington mentioned that WINCOG and NECCOG had met with ACCESS Agency director Peter DeBiasi regarding fuel funding assistance and a regional meeting was tentatively scheduled for Oct. 25-26. *[staff note – the regional meetings were subsequently postponed until late November.]*

Workforce Investment Area: Mr. McGuire distributed a handout and reported that the Eastern Workforce Investment Board's Chief Elected Officials Council met yesterday. Ms. Buddington distributed copies of a handout distributed at the meeting that summarized some aspects of the current labor situation.

Connecticut East: There was no report, but Ms. Buddington mentioned, as an aside, that funding for all of the national heritage corridors is at risk, and this may have a significant impact on tourism and resources in northeastern CT.

CERT: Ms. Buddington reported that there were 26 students in the current CERT class.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Buddington inquired if any of the smaller towns were interested in continued participation in the Capitol Region Purchasing Council. Coventry, Mansfield and Windham have already decided to stay in the program and the other towns could still stay on for a reduced fee if desired. Ms. Buddington distributed a spreadsheet* showing the costs of staying in the program as a region, under the assumption that the towns that had decided to continue membership paid their full amounts to WINCOG, and the remaining towns split the balance of the total regional fee (- the regional fee being calculated at \$500 per town) on the basis of population. Mr. Lanzit recommended that this solution be used. He noted that Chaplin would be willing to participate at the level specified in the spreadsheet. That would keep all of the towns involved at minimal cost, in the event that they wish to participate actively in the future. Mr. Elsesser noted that Coventry has had great cost savings through the program for fire company-related equipment. He noted that the fire companies usually want to purchase equipment from their past suppliers, but the costs through the CRPC are much lower. Ms. Buddington said that she would ask for commitments in writing from those towns intending to participate, indicating that they would pay their full CRPC fee to WINCOG, which, in turn would pay the regional fee to CRPC. She will prepare a signature form for this purpose. Mr. Elsesser added that his town could not commit to participation until the town's budget passed.

Ms. Buddington reported on the affordable housing meeting that was held on September 29 at the ACCESS Agency. David Fink of the Partnership for Strong Communities presented information regarding increasing housing costs and the impact on median wage earners. He is requesting feedback from municipalities on how best to pursue the housing crisis in CT. Ms. Buddington distributed his survey with a return envelope.

Ms. Buddington also reported that towns can apply for Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation grants before their plans are officially adopted (although the plan would have to be adopted before the funds could be received). WINCOG received FEMA's comments on the draft plan yesterday and will incorporate those comments into the plans sent to towns for adoption.

MEMBERS FORUM

Ms. Haraghey reported that, as part of the probate court reorganization, she has been told that she needs to supply the Hampton probate judge with a designated phone line and separate offices for the judge and the court clerk. She had received two conflicting letters regarding the need for the designated phone line. She also suggested a special WINCOG meeting to introduce new WINCOG members after the election. She had recently toured the Safe Haven Alpaca Farm which is also a bed & breakfast and has facilities for small groups. She will investigate whether it is available for a WINCOG meeting.

Mr. Lanzit reported that Chaplin had volunteered to host a family from the Katrina disaster but was having problems with FEMA, which insisted that the host town sign the lease and pay the rent and then get reimbursed by FEMA. Mr. Jackman reported that FEMA is reconsidering its policy on this matter.

Mr. Elsesser suggested that towns considering small town economic assistance program (STEAP) applications submit them as soon as possible. Ms. Buddington reported that more towns in the region now qualify for funding under STEAP. Mr. Elsesser also noted that the next round of community development block grant (CDBG) applications was coming up.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 4

- Continue discussion of municipal resource sharing
- Incoming/Outgoing members meeting
- Humane Society report
- Location: Hampton

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.
Respectfully submitted, Jana Butts, staff, for Elizabeth Wilson, Secretary.

ADMINISTRATION

- **Grant/ Contract Updates:** Our first quarterly report for our *FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program* (UPWP) was completed and submitted to ConnDOT in October. The UPWP outlines the tasks under our contract with ConnDOT for transportation and transit planning. Staff also completed the application process for DEMHS FFY 2004 funding for emergency planning and CERT activities, and we now have a contract in place for those funds, with the grant period extending from April 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

As of 12/31/05, WINCOG will not be renewing its contract to provide zoning enforcement service to the Town of Chaplin. This will allow staff more time to focus on regional issues and projects. Staff will continue to provide planning technical assistance.

- **Technical assistance contracts active in FY 06:**

Contract #	Description	Status
Chaplin	Planning and zoning services	Began 1/3/05; renewed for 7/1/05 – 12/31/05
Chaplin	Compensation Committee - job evaluations, descriptions, and recommended salary ranges	completed
Coventry	Mapping assistance- open space inventory	Began 8/30/05
Mansfield	Mapping assistance	ongoing
Northeast Alliance	Web site modifications	Ongoing – as needed
Willimantic River Alliance - QSHC partnership grant	Further web site development	began 7/05 – delayed because of low water levels in Willimantic River – canoeists can't verify site locations.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- November 7 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Capitol Region Purchasing Council Annual Meeting, at the Lyceum, Hartford.
- November 8 Elections
- November 22 3:00 p.m. WINCOG Regional Emergency Planning Workgroup meeting. Location TBA
- December 2 8:30 a.m. Next scheduled WINCOG meeting (location TBA)
- December 7 7:30 p.m. Next scheduled Regional Planning Commission Meeting
- January 17 2:00 p.m. (Tuesday) next CERT training begins – location to be determined.

TRANSPORTATION

Regional Transportation Plan: The Regional Planning commission adopted the Regional Transportation Plan update at its November 2 meeting. The RPC recommends that WINCOG also take action to endorse the plan, and that item is on today’s agenda. ConnDOT is asking that all regional transportation plans be next updated in the spring of 2007, so that they will all be on the same schedule for future updates.

Federal High Priority Projects (HPP): There were three transportation earmarks (congressional “high priority projects”) in our region under SAFETEA-LU, the new transportation legislation:

- \$1.6 million for the construction of the new road between North Eagleville Rd. and Route 44 in Storrs (through the UConn campus);
- \$2.5 million to “upgrade Storrs Road (RT 195) in Mansfield and accompanying streetscape to improve safety and mitigate congestion;” and
- and \$2.0 million to “acquire and develop rails-to-trails project in park next to Willimantic River in Windham.

Mansfield has already met with ConnDOT on how to proceed with the Route 195 project, and a meeting has been scheduled with ConnDOT and representatives from Windham and the Willimantic Whitewater

Partnership to do the same for that project. At ConnDOT’s October technical coordination meeting for RPOs, we learned that these projects require a 20% local match and that the total amount available for each project will be subject to the same “ceiling” that is applicable to all transportation funds coming into the state. (The ceiling is the limit placed annually by congress on the amount of funds that can be obligated (expressed as a percentage of the total funds appropriated for that year). So if the average ceiling is 90% over the five years of this legislation, you can expect to get only 90% of your total earmark for each project.

While the requests for these earmarks did not come through WINCOG’s transportation planning process, it is fortunate that all three of the projects funded are on the “high regional priority projects” list in our *Regional Transportation Plan*, which is on the agenda for your endorsement today.

TRANSIT

Municipal Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Grants Program: The statewide review committee set up to advise on guidelines for this program met with ConnDOT staff in October. Program guidelines are now being developed by the ConnDOT. Regional planning organizations throughout the state have been asked to distribute to its member towns a letter from ConnDOT explaining the time frame and general structure of the application process for these funds. Applications for the grant funds will come through the Council of Governments, similar to the 5310 program which provides grants to non profits and municipalities for the purchase of wheelchair accessible vans for elderly and disabled transportation. With the new grant program, however, the role of the regional planning organizations will be much more involved.

The Windham Region is fortunate to have an existing ten-town Dial-a-Ride program. But we all know that a variety of unmet needs remains. We hope that we can be of assistance to member towns in addressing some of these needs, while at the same time preserving and improving the regional coordination that is already in place. The existing regional Paratransit Advisory Board will likely be used to assist in reviewing applications. If you do not currently have a representative on that council, we encourage you to appoint one as soon as possible, and provide contact information to WINCOG so that we can make sure that he/she receives notice of future meetings.

Transition of Transportation Operations from WRCC to WRTD: The joint WRCC/WRTD transition team has met three times and continues to work on personnel, space, and equipment issues. A lot of progress has been made, and there is a lot more to be done.

Haunted Bus: Ever wonder what WINCOG staff do in their off hours? Sometimes they volunteer to help publicize the transit district services. Transit Administrator Melinda Perkins and intern Dagmar Noll gave the transit district a presence at three of Willimantic’s Third Thursday celebrations this summer and fall – with kid-friendly activities such as coloring the bus logo on papers for subsequent display on the City Bus. And on Halloween, over 2,000 pieces of candy were distributed to children daring to walk through the haunted bus, wonderfully decorated for the occasion by Dagmar and Ewan Mark (Peter Pan/Arrow local supervisor for the fixed route services). Even the parents enjoyed it, when they were brave enough to accompany their kids. Ewan, Dagmar, Melinda, Jana and Kaitlyn (Melinda’s daughter) were dressed as a vampire Zorro, a belly-dancer, a gypsy, a cowgirl rock star, and ghoul (variously – I don’t want to spoil your fun of imagining which was which).

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Peter DeBiasi, Executive Director of the Access Agency, will be attending our meeting today for a preliminary discussion on emergency assistance programs and issues. The workshop scheduled for late October has been postponed to late November.

LAND USE PLANNING

reviewed and acted on the following zoning referrals:

- a. # 05-10-05-TD: Tolland: A proposal to adopt an Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone and to adopt Natural Resource and Wildlife Protection Areas as part of the Residential Design District.
Action: Conformance with regional policies and no anticipated intermunicipal impact.
- b. # 05-10-12-CN: Chaplin: A proposal to permit underground storage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in the Aquifer Protection Zone. **Action: No anticipated intermunicipal impact.**
- c. # 05-10-20-AR: Andover: A proposal to make various revisions to the Zoning Regulations including replacing the R-40 Residential/Agricultural Zone with the R-80 Residential/Agricultural Zone and adding new regulations for Open Space Conservation Subdivisions.
Action: Conformance with regional policies and no anticipated intermunicipal impact.
- d. # 05-10-24-HN: Hampton: A proposal to allow detached accessory dwellings and to revise the regulations regarding vehicles for home based businesses. **Action: Partial conformance with regional policies.**
- e. #05-10-24-BN: Bolton: A proposal to add provisions regarding water supply for fire protection.
Action: No anticipated intermunicipal impact.
- f. # 05-08-30-MD: Mansfield: A proposal to adopt an updated Plan of Conservation and Development (technical addendum). **Action: Conformance with state and local policies.**

- 2005 Regional Transportation Plan Update: As noted above in the Transportation section, the RPC adopted the RTP update. We will soon have a copy posted on WINCOG’s web site, and will have a limited number printed for distribution.
- 2004 Statewide Aerial Survey: In September, WINCOG received an advance copy of the long-promised 2004 aerial photos. These photos were shown at the October WINCOG meeting and some DVD’s were distributed. It has since come to our attention that the images on these DVD’s were too large for most computers to handle. A second version of the data package (distributed on CD) was too difficult to print. Ms. Butts has been working with several town employees to develop a value-added data package that is both easy to use and functional. If you have already received a CD or a DVD from WINCOG, this will be replaced in the near future.

We have still not received full photo coverage of the region. Apparently, the state’s vendor was withholding some of the data pending final payment from the state and (as luck would have it) the area they withheld included the western portion of the Windham Planning Region (Coventry, Columbia and Lebanon). The payment situation has now been worked out and the last photos should be forthcoming.

EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATES

- Community Emergency Response Team Training: The fall training will be coming to a close in November, and we are now accepting reservations for the next class, which will begin on January 17, 2006. Sessions will be held from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. If you know of anyone interested in the training, please have them contact us. Application information is also available on our website: www.wincog.org/
- Regional Emergency Planning Workgroup: WINCOG’s contract for DEMHS FFY 2004 funding for homeland security and CERT projects has been finalized. With these funds, we will continue to hold CERT training through September 2006 (the end of the grant period), and will continue to staff the regional emergency planning workgroup and coordinate with DEMHS on their regional planning process.
- Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning (PDHM) Grant – FEMA Funding through Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Senior Plannp. 198 Butts has been working on making revisions to the PDHM plan in response to comments received from FEMA a few weeks ago. The required

changes seem to be minimal. FEMA also suggested several recommended (but not required) changes which can be delayed until the plan is updated in five years – most of these relating to cost or damage estimates. Thanks to all of you who responded with information about damages that resulted from October’s severe weather conditions. That will be helpful in fleshing out some of the detail in the plan.

CENSUS AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

- Data Requests: Staff responded to requests for data from: 2 students

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

TOWN	ASSISTANCE	# HOURS
Ashford	• Prepared townwide GIS buildability analysis	5
Chaplin	• Provided information to first selectman re: post flood bridge inspections	.5
Scotland	• Provided information to first selectman re: eviction process	.5
All Towns	• Provided digital aerial photography data to WR towns on CD with map viewer	20
	• Mailed housing survey to municipal land use officials	1

OTHER ASSISTANCE

- Continued to participate in Willimantic Whitewater Partnership & Thames River Basin Partnership.

MEETINGS

- Oct. 7 - WINCOG meeting / Columbia (BB, JB)
- 12 - Meeting with ACCESS and TVCCA staff re energy assistance programs (BB)
- 13 - DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting
- 17 - WRTD/ WRCC transition committee meeting (BB, MP)
- 18 - ConnDOT Municipal grants for E&D paratransit – advisory committee meeting / Newington (BB)
- 19 - Meeting with WRTD administrator and labor attorney re transition issues / New London (BB, MP)
- Meeting with WRCC/DAR staff re computer programs (BB, MP)
- 20 - Statewide Citizens Corps Council meeting / West Hartford (BB)
- 24 - WRTD/ WRCC transition committee meeting (BB, MP)
- 27 - ConnDOT – RPOs technical coordinating meeting / Newington (BB)
- Joint WRCC/WRTD meeting with WRCC transportation staff and drivers (MP)
- 28 - GIS / Homeland Security meeting for RPO and municipal representatives / Hartford (BB, JB)
- 29 - Willimantic River Clean-Up* (JB)
- Nov. 1 - WRTD/WRCC transition committee meeting
- 2 - RPC meeting (JB)
- 4 - CT Watershed Conference / Berlin (JB)

*Time not charged to WINCOG

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

- CARPO CT Association of Regional Planning Organizations (formerly RPOC)
- CERT Community Emergency Response Team
- DEMHS CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- DEP CT Department of Environmental Protection
- EWIB Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board
- FEMA Federal Emergency Management Administration
- OPM CT Office of Policy and Management
- PATH Plan for Achievement of Transportation Coordination in Human Services
- PDHM Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation
- RPO Regional Planning Organizations
- TAR Town Aid Roads
- T2 Technology Transfer Center (UConn)

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
MANSFIELD, CT 06268-2599
(860) 429-3336
Fax: (860) 429-6863

November 8, 2005

Warden Eileen Higgins
Warden
Donald T. Bergin Correctional Institute
251 Middle Turnpike
Mansfield, Connecticut 06268

Re: Security Measures at Bergin CI

Dear Warden Higgins:

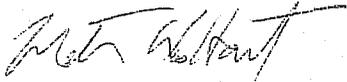
As you know, over the past few months the Mansfield Public Safety Committee has been reviewing the Department of Correction's offer to install razor wire along the interior perimeter of Bergin CI, to increase security at the facility. After much discussion regarding the merits of this proposal, the committee has determined that it requires additional information from you and the Bergin staff in order to make a fully informed recommendation to the town council regarding this matter.

More specifically, the committee requests the following information:

- 1) An assessment of the current level of security at the prison, including a review of the security system and measures presently in place.
- 2) A statement of goals and objectives relating to security at Bergin CI.
- 3) An explanation of the various alternatives and options available to meet those goals and objectives relating to security.
- 4) With respect to the specific proposal regarding interior razor wire, please provide additional information concerning installation, cost, maintenance and risk factors for inmates. Also, please discuss how the installation of the interior wire could effect the landscaping and how visible it might be from the road. In addition, please address whether the DOC could provide assurances that the security level of the facility would remain at level two, and discuss whether staffing levels would be modified as a result of this proposal.

Please contact me at 429-3339 to discuss this request in more detail. The committee greatly appreciates the DOC's offer to enhance the security at the facility, and we believe the additional information that we have requested will facilitate our deliberations.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart
Assistant Town Manager

- CC: Theresa Lantz, Commissioner, Department of Correction
Remi Acosta, District Administrator, Department of Correction
Kelly Smayda, Deputy Warden, Bergin CI
✓ Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield Public Safety Committee
Martin Berliner, Town Manager
Gregory Padick, Director of Planning
Sean Cox, Resident State Trooper Supervisor
Thomas Callahan, Special Assistant to the President, University of Connecticut



American
Red Cross

Item #14

2025 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
1-800-HELP-NOW
www.redcross.org

Together, we can save a life

October 18, 2005

Town Of Mansfield/Mansfield Board Of Education
4 S Eagleville Rd
Storrs, CT 06268-2574

Dear Friend of the Red Cross,

Because of your generosity, the many victims of Hurricane Katrina will have the chance to recover and move forward.

Thank you for your gift of \$5,251.00 on September 26, 2005, in support of American Red Cross relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina. Your gift makes it possible for the Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina recover from this massive storm.

Hurricane Katrina has ripped apart many lives and left tens of thousands homeless. At its peak, it was one of the fiercest hurricanes in recorded history and measured about 460 miles wide – the distance from New Orleans to Atlanta. Even after its passing, the danger remains. Flooded roads, downed power lines and debris are all major hazards. Unsafe or unsanitary conditions for desperate evacuees also pose a rising threat. The recovery efforts will challenge even the most patient, and the Red Cross is working to bring communities back together as quickly as possible.

The American Red Cross is actively assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina, as well the victims of Hurricanes Dennis and Emily, all of which made U.S. landfall earlier this year. For Hurricane Katrina, the American Red Cross launched the largest mobilization of resources for a single natural disaster, involving thousands of trained disaster relief workers, tons of supplies and shoulders to lean on. Well before Hurricane Katrina made landfall the American Red Cross was hard at work, opening and stocking shelters, sending Emergency Response Vehicles to storm-vulnerable areas, and preparing relief supplies for immediate distribution. The Red Cross will continue to respond to the emerging needs of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Our highest priority will always be to those facing challenges from natural or man-made disasters. You helped make their lives a little easier. Thank you for your support of the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross.

Kind regards,

Napoleon Hendrix III
Manager, Donor Relations
American Red Cross

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



Government Finance Officers Association
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2700
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1210
312.977.9700 fax: 312.977.4806

Item #15

October 11, 2005

Mr. Martin Berliner
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Berliner:

I am pleased to notify you that Town of Mansfield, Connecticut has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current fiscal year from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to:

Town Manager's Office

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program. Through your example, we hope that other entities will be encouraged to achieve excellence in budgeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director
Technical Services Center

Enclosure



Government Finance Officers Association
203 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2700
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1210
312.977.9700 fax: 312.977.4806

October 11, 2005

PRESS RELEASE

For Further Information Contact
Stephen J. Gauthier (312) 977-9700

Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that **Town of Mansfield, Connecticut** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to **Town Manager's Office**.

Since the inception of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program in 1984, approximately 900 entities have received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving 14,000 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
24 WOLCOTT HILL ROAD
WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06109

REC'D OCT 27 2005

Item #16

October 21, 2005

The Honorable Martin H. Berliner
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Berliner:

Pursuant to Section 18-81j of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Connecticut Department of Correction is charged with the responsibility of notifying the chief elected official of a municipality in which a correctional facility is located of the population and actual capacities of the correctional facilities in their locale. The purpose of this correspondence is to notify you of these population counts.

The current capacity and population of the correctional facilities in your community are as follows:

Bergin Correctional Institution

962

The capacity of a correctional institution is a very fluid number based upon the determined needs of the Department. These needs are dictated by security issues, populations, court decrees, legal mandates, staffing and physical plant areas or facilities that are currently serving other purposes. As such, the actual capacity of a facility is subject to change.

In addition, I believe that the Public Safety Committees continue to do an outstanding job in addressing the issues and concerns at the local level. I look to forward to a continued open dialogue between the Department of Correction and the Public Safety Committee in your community and I am committed to maintaining a "good neighbors" relationship.

Please feel free to contact me directly if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Theresa C. Lantz
Commissioner

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



Connecticut
Light & Power

Item #17

107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT 06037

The Connecticut Light and Power Company
P.O. Box 270
Hartford, CT 06141-0270
Internet: neccirp@nu.com
www.cl-p.com

The Northeast Utilities System

Raymond P. Necci
President & Chief Operating Officer

October 2005

Town Manager Martin Berliner
4 S Eagleville Rd
Mansfield, CT 06268-2574

Dear Mr. Berliner:

Energy prices could be at an all-time high this winter, and CL&P is concerned that this could pose a hardship for more Connecticut residents than in recent years. We know that you share our concern. That's why we are letting you know about the CL&P programs that are available to help so that you can educate your constituents.

As a result of recent hurricanes, consumers can expect to pay more this year to heat their homes and businesses, regardless of the energy source. This will affect all our customers – particularly those with low incomes and on fixed incomes – and it may impact the state's economy.

At CL&P, we've been working hard to be sure we are ready to serve our customers' needs and to help them sign up for programs and services that may be especially helpful this winter.

We offer a number of innovative programs, services and partnerships that allow CL&P customers to manage their energy use and costs. Much of the enclosed information was recently distributed during a series of forums to brief social service agencies throughout the state on what is available to help their clients this winter. We believe this information may also be helpful for your use as you are asked questions by your constituents in the coming months. We also have a comprehensive communications plan that includes bill inserts, transit bus advertising and media outreach, among other efforts.

Additional copies of the information packets are available to customers and constituents by contacting Pam O'Keefe at (860) 665-6213 or okeefpa@nu.com. If you would like more information about this issue or about CL&P, please contact CL&P's legislative representative, Peg Morton, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Northeast Utilities at (860) 665-4822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond Necci".

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY



TOWN OF MANSFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Lon R. Hultgren, P.E., Director

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06268-2599
(860) 429-3331 TELEPHONE
(860) 429-6863 FACSIMILE

For Reminder/Broadcaster

October 26, 2005

Submitted by Virginia Walton, Mansfield Recycling Coordinator

A "Green" Festival on the Green

The Town of Mansfield celebrated its second Festival on the Green on Sunday afternoon, September 25, 2005, repeating last year's effort to keep the amount of waste down. Go to most Connecticut fairs or festivals and you will find trashcans filled with paper, plastic, food, cans and bottles. Not this Festival.

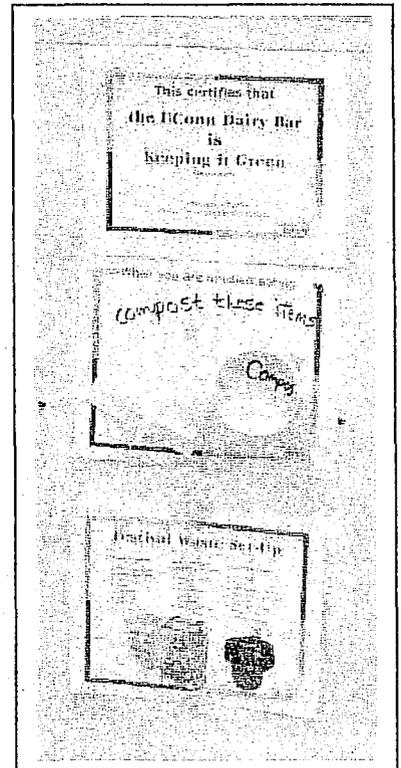
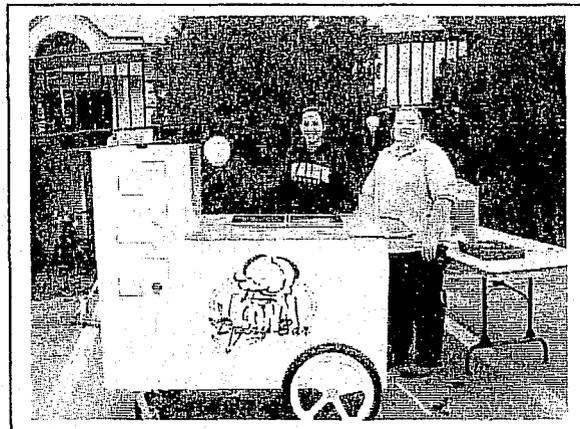
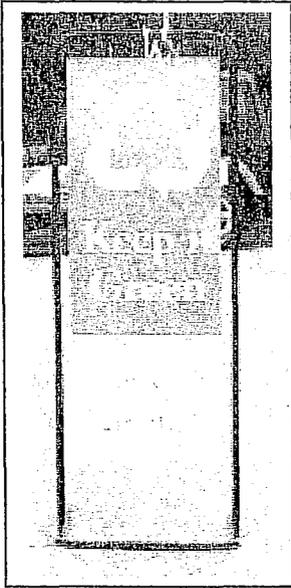
The Festival on the Green drew in businesses and artisans of the community and showcased the vision of creating a Mansfield downtown center complete with a green. Since there is a direction toward a sustainably-built Town center, a low-waste Festival was a natural fit.

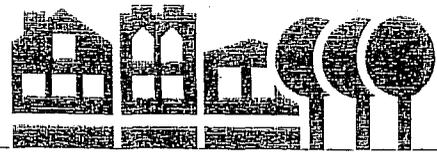
Patterning the Festival on the Green 2004 after successful low-waste fairs in other parts of the Northeast, last year's efforts yielded a 55% reduction in waste. Both the Common Ground Fair in Maine and the Lowell Folk Festival in Massachusetts compost and recycle 90% of the waste coming out of their multi-day events. The Festival on the Green committee has held to that ambitious waste goal for this four-hour event. This year's event jumped to a 72% waste reduction.

Preparation is needed to make a low-waste vision a reality. Individual attention was given to each participating food vendor. The Mansfield Recycling Coordinator met with food vendors to discuss how they could support the intentions of a low-waste festival by serving food on either recyclable or compostable items. In addition, they were provided with knives, forks and spoons made from corn. Manufactured by Biocorp, these utensils are perfect for the compost pile. Through the generous donation of the local recycling processing facility, Willimantic Waste Paper Company, food vendors that participated in the Festival were supplied with as many of the Biocorp knives, forks and spoons as they needed – at no cost to them. At their booths, participating food vendors displayed a certificate of "greenness" and directions on which food service items that they were using could be composted or recycled.

Waste stations, peppered throughout the Festival area, included cans & bottles recycling, crates for returnable soda bottles and composting. Volunteers guided fair attendees in the disposal of their waste. By selling Hosmer Mountain Soda, our local soda maker known for its wide variety of flavors and its use of returnable bottles, reuse was integrated into the Downtown Partnership's fundraiser. Freestanding "Keep It Green" signs were placed along the Festival thoroughfare. At the recycling center attendees could pick up a bag of finished compost made from last year's Festival food/paper/utensil waste. The Southeast School Green Thumbs Club members were also applying recycling tattoos for anyone willing to hold out their hand.

At the end of the day 72% of the waste was either recycled or composted. 49% of the day's waste is currently being transformed into soil in the Mansfield transfer station compost pile. That includes paper plates and cups, napkins, corn-based forks and spoons, and food. 23% of the waste was sorted cans and bottles that went to the local recycling processing facility, Willimantic Waste Paper Company. Hosmer Mountain Soda got most of their bottles back for reuse and the remaining 28% of the garbage went to the trash incinerator. Although the Festival did not achieve a 90% waste reduction, the increase to 72% is very satisfying.





Mansfield Downtown Partnership
Helping to Build Mansfield's Future

November 1, 2005

Mr. Dimple Desai
CT Department of Economic and Community
Development (DECD)
Infrastructure and Real Estate Division
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106-7106

Re: September 30, 2005 Progress Report for the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and
Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Desai:

I am pleased to provide you with the September 30, 2005 Progress Report.

Over the last quarter, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. ("Partnership"), worked with the master developer LeylandAlliance and the Partnership's consultant Looney Ricks Kiss to finalize the Draft Municipal Development Plan ("MDP"). On August 25, 2005, the final draft of the MDP was submitted to DECD, following inclusion of responses to suggested changes by the State Departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation, Public Health, the Commission on Culture & Tourism, and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). On September 7, 2005, OPM gave the Partnership approval to begin the local review process, finding that the MDP was not inimical to state planning goals. The local review process began on September 19 when the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously passed a resolution that the MDP is in accord with both the Town of Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Development and the town's 2005 draft Plan of Conservation and Development update. On September 27, the Windham Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission unanimously passed a resolution that the MDP was found to be in accord with the Windham Region Land Use Plan of 2002, as amended in July 2005. On October 6, the Partnership held a public hearing on the MDP and the Partnership Board unanimously approved the MDP that night. On October 24, the Mansfield Town Council concluded the statutorily local approval process by approving the MDP by a 9-0 vote. The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees will review the MDP in mid-November and then the MDP will be forwarded on to DECD for final review.

One of the other major efforts this quarter has been to finalize a relocation plan for businesses that may be displaced as part of the new development and start working with these businesses on their business needs. Phil Michalowski with Harrall-Michalowski Associates, Inc.



Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Helping to Build Mansfield's Future

has been retained as a relocation consultant for the Storrs Center project. Mr. Michalowski has begun his initial research and meeting with business owners. In addition, Lisa Israelovitch with LeylandAlliance's retail consultant Live Work Learn Play has begun meeting with business owners about their interest in being part of the new development. Working with local business owners will be a major part of the efforts over the next several months.

Design guidelines are being created to guide the development of a Special Design District for the downtown project, and related changes to the zoning regulations. The Partnership, Looney Ricks Kiss, and LeylandAlliance has been working with the Partnership's Planning and Design Committee, the Town of Mansfield's Planning and Zoning Commission, and Town Director of Planning on these issues. The Planning and Design Committee has taken the lead in reviewing the design guidelines and met on August 24 and September 20 to provide feedback on the design guidelines. The next step is to work with the Mansfield Director of Planning, and the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the guidelines. The guidelines are approximately 90 percent complete and should be ready for transmittal with a final report and requisition to USDA this fall or winter.

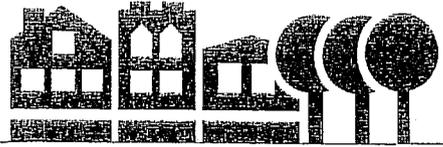
We have met a major milestone with the local approval of the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan and are looking forward to the next steps on the Special Design District and zoning regulation changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-429-2740 if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this critical project for the Town of Mansfield.

Sincerely,

Cynthia van Zelm
Executive Director

cc: Sheila Hummel, DECD
Mostafa Monshi, DECD Compliance and Review Section
Martin Berliner, Mansfield Town Manager
Cherie Trahan, Mansfield Comptroller
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors
Lee Cole-Chu, Cole-Chu Ciccarone, LLC, Partnership Attorney



Mansfield Downtown Partnership
Helping to Build Mansfield's Future

November 1, 2005

Ms. Mary Grasso
US Department of Agriculture
100 Northfield Drive
Windsor, CT 06095

Re: Progress Report for the Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project for the period July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005 - Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG)

Dear Ms. Grasso:

I am pleased to provide you with a Progress Report for the Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project.

Over the last quarter, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. ("Partnership"), worked with the master developer LeylandAlliance and the Partnership's consultant Looney Ricks Kiss to finalize the Draft Municipal Development Plan ("MDP"). On August 25, 2005, the final draft of the MDP was submitted to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), following the response to suggested changes by the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Health, the Commission on Culture & Tourism, and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). On September 7, 2005, OPM gave the Partnership approval to begin the local review process, finding that the MDP was not inimical to state planning goals. The local review process began on September 19 when the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously passed a resolution that the MDP is in accord with both the Town of Mansfield's 1993 Plan of Development and the town's 2005 draft Plan of Conservation and Development update. On September 27, the Windham Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission unanimously passed a resolution that the MDP was found to be in accord with the Windham Region Land Use Plan of 2002, as amended in July 2005. On October 6, the Partnership held a public hearing on the MDP and the Partnership Board unanimously approved the MDP that night. On October 24, the Mansfield Town Council concluded the statutorily local approval process by approving the MDP by a 9-0 vote. The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees will review the MDP in mid-November and then the MDP will be forwarded on to DECD for final review.



Mansfield Downtown Partnership

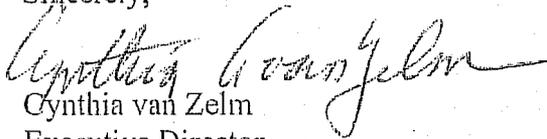
Helping to Build Mansfield's Future

Design guidelines are being created to guide the development of a Special Design District for the downtown project, and related changes to the zoning regulations. The Partnership, Looney Ricks Kiss, and LeylandAlliance has been working with the Partnership's Planning and Design Committee, the Town of Mansfield's Planning and Zoning Commission, and Town Director of Planning on these issues. The Rural Business Enterprise Grant was allocated for Looney Ricks Kiss' work on design. The Planning and Design Committee has taken the lead in reviewing the design guidelines and met on August 24 and September 20 to provide feedback on the design guidelines. The next step is to work with the Mansfield Director of Planning, and the Planning and Zoning Commission to review the guidelines. The guidelines are approximately 90 percent complete and should be ready for transmittal with a final report and requisition to USDA this fall or winter. The planning meetings, and subsequent guidelines partially fulfill the requirements of Tasks 8 and 9 which are part to the Scope of Work for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant.

We have met a major milestone with the local approval of the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan and are looking forward to the next steps on the Special Design District and zoning regulation changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-429-2740 if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this critical project for the Mansfield community.

Sincerely,


Cynthia van Zelm
Executive Director

cc: Martin Berliner, Mansfield Town Manager
Cherie Trahan, Mansfield Comptroller
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., Board of Directors
Lee Cole-Chu, Cole-Chu Ciccarone, LLC, Partnership Attorney

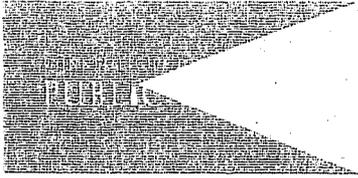
CONNECTICUT POPULATION ESTIMATES AS OF JULY 1, 2004 BY COUNTY AND TOWN

(State Total = 3,503,604)

Item #21

County		County					
County	Est. Pop.	County	Est. Pop.				
Fairfield	903,291	New Haven	845,694				
Hartford	875,602	New London	266,466				
Litchfield	189,246	Tolland	146,667				
Middlesex	162,295	Windham	114,343				

Town	Est. Pop.	Town	Est. Pop.	Town	Est. Pop.	Town	Est. Pop.
Andover	3,177	East Haven	28,808	Monroe	19,656	Sherman	4,100
Ansonia	18,881	East Lyme	18,629	Montville	19,846	Simsbury	23,460
Ashford	4,349	East Windsor	10,261	Morris	2,396	Somers	10,888
Avon	16,992	Eastford	1,725	Naugatuck	31,802	South Windsor	25,586
Barkhamsted	3,687	Easton	7,488	New Britain	71,832	Southbury	19,498
Beacon Falls	5,553	Ellington	14,141	New Canaan	19,965	Southington	41,723
Berlin	19,471	Enfield	45,567	New Fairfield	14,229	Sprague	3,011
Bethany	5,417	Essex	6,816	New Hartford	6,662	Stafford	11,815
Bethel	18,742	Fairfield	57,861	New Haven	125,012	Stamford	120,160
Bethlehem	3,598	Farmington	24,682	New London	26,375	Sterling	3,384
Bloomfield	20,414	Franklin	1,927	New Milford	28,484	Stonington	18,381
Bolton	5,173	Glastonbury	32,852	Newington	29,646	Stratford	50,309
Bozrah	2,446	Goshen	3,007	Newtown	26,762	Suffield	14,539
Branford	29,166	Granby	10,989	Norfolk	1,687	Thomaston	7,901
Bridgeport	140,132	Greenwich	62,317	North Branford	14,292	Thompson	9,263
Bridgewater	1,892	Griswold	11,194	North Canaan	3,392	Tolland	14,416
Bristol	60,994	Groton	40,522	North Haven	23,710	Torrington	35,955
Brookfield	16,201	Guilford	22,245	North Stonington	5,201	Trumbull	35,293
Brooklyn	7,650	Haddam	7,535	Norwalk	84,412	Union	744
Burlington	8,952	Hamden	58,412	Norwich	36,721	Vernon	29,338
Canaan	1,106	Hampton	1,968	Old Lyme	7,535	Voluntown	2,632
Canterbury	5,010	Hartford	125,053	Old Saybrook	10,520	Wallingford	44,607
Canton	9,603	Hartland	2,078	Orange	13,587	Warren	1,342
Chaplin	2,418	Harwinton	5,526	Oxford	11,112	Washington	3,701
Cheshire	29,303	Hebron	9,085	Plainfield	15,353	Waterbury	108,487
Chester	3,846	Kent	2,945	Plainville	17,371	Waterford	19,089
Clinton	13,638	Killingly	17,214	Plymouth	12,117	Watertown	22,268
Colchester	15,334	Killingworth	6,381	Pomfret	4,086	West Hartford	61,392
Colebrook	1,530	Lebanon	7,224	Portland	9,340	West Haven	53,124
Columbia	5,295	Ledyard	15,149	Preston	4,846	Westbrook	6,597
Cornwall	1,482	Lisbon	4,231	Prospect	9,205	Weston	10,263
Coventry	12,166	Litchfield	8,594	Putnam	9,237	Westport	26,564
Cromwell	13,520	Lyme	2,115	Redding	8,648	Wethersfield	26,358
Danbury	78,221	Madison	18,778	Ridgefield	24,202	Willington	6,197
Darien	20,547	Manchester	55,563	Rocky Hill	18,620	Wilton	17,965
Deep River	4,736	Mansfield	24,232	Roxbury	2,311	Winchester	10,889
Derby	12,620	Marlborough	6,185	Salem	4,058	Windham	23,167
Durham	7,206	Meriden	59,163	Salisbury	4,059	Windsor	28,652
East Granby	5,018	Middlebury	6,846	Scotland	1,665	Windsor Locks	12,333
East Haddam	8,789	Middlefield	4,303	Seymour	16,133	Wolcott	16,149
East Hampton	11,927	Middletown	47,141	Sharon	3,036	Woodbridge	9,289
East Hartford	49,416	Milford	54,495	Shelton	39,254	Woodbury	9,679
						Woodstock	7,854



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Health Care Quality, Statistics, Analysis & Reporting

Keeping Connecticut Healthy

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

ESTIMATED POPULATIONS IN CONNECTICUT AS OF JULY 1, 2004

Population estimates of Connecticut's eight counties and 169 towns for 2004 were prepared for distribution by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), Health Care Quality, Statistics, Analysis, and Reporting Unit, within the Division of Health Information Systems Reporting. These estimates constitute the basis of birth, death, and other population-based rates for 2004 and forward.

Method of Estimation

County and Town Estimates

Town population estimates for July 1, 2004 were released by the U.S. Census Bureau's (USCB) Population Estimates Program on June 30, 2005.⁽¹⁾ The USCB figures were adopted for the state's town-level estimates.⁽²⁾ The method used by the USCB to generate population estimates has been described in detail (http://www.census.gov/popest/topics/methodology/2003_su_meth.html).

2004 Population Estimates

The July 1, 2004 population estimate for the state of Connecticut, compared to the July 1, 2000 population estimated by the Connecticut DPH,⁽³⁾ is shown below. The 2004 estimate was 94,055 higher than the 2000 estimate of 3,409,549. Population estimates for Connecticut's counties and towns are given in the attached table.

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF CONNECTICUT AS OF JULY 1, 2004

Estimated Population	Change in Population, 2000-2004	
	Number	Percent
3,503,604	+94,055	+2.76%

For further information please contact:

Connecticut Department of Public Health, Division of Health Information Systems & Reporting
410 Capitol Avenue, MS#11HCQ, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: (860) 509-7120

Fax: (860) 509-7160

E-mail: webmaster.dph@po.state.ct.us

These estimates are also available at: <http://www.state.ct.us/dph/OPPE/popest.htm>

Notes:

- (1) SUB-EST2004-05-09, *Annual Estimates of the Population for Minor Civil Divisions in Connecticut, Listed Alphabetically Within County: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004*, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Release Date June 30, 2005 (<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/population/005268.html>).
- (2) The US Census Bureau recently corrected the town boundary between Plainville and Bristol. This correction resulted in a base 2000 population shift of 125 from the town of Plainville to the town of Bristol. This change was incorporated into the estimates series.
- (3) *Estimated Populations in Connecticut as of July 1, 2000*. Hartford: Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, September 2001.

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY

UCONN STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS AT STORRS, 1985-2005

<u>Acad. Year</u>	<u>Undergrad.</u>	<u>Grad.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fall, 1985	9,233	440	9,673
Spring, 1986	8,847	432	9,279
Fall, 1986	9,300	455	9,755
Spring, 1987	9,070	442	9,512
Fall, 1987	9,566	419	9,985
Spring, 1988	8,969	417	9,348
Fall, 1988	9,464	429	9,893
Spring, 1989	8,911	437	9,348
Fall, 1989	8,772	432	9,204
Spring, 1990	8,067	425	8,492
Fall, 1990	8,655	433	9,088
Spring, 1991	7,915	405	8,320
Fall, 1991	8,191	441	8,632
Spring, 1992	7,437	430	7,867
Fall, 1992	7,628	424	8,052
Spring, 1993	6,889	428	7,317
Fall, 1993	7,152	465	7,615
Spring, 1994	6,390	456	6,846
Fall, 1994	6,702	421	7,123
Spring, 1995	6,100	414	6,514
Fall, 1995	6,567	390	6,957
Spring, 1996	6,020	410	6,430
Fall, 1996	6,675	414	7,089
Spring, 1997	6,089	372	6,471
Fall, 1997	6,473	418	6,819
Spring, 1998	5,969	378	6,347
Fall, 1998	7,212	414	7,626
Spring, 1999	6,635	417	7,052
Fall, 1999	7,818	430	8,248
Spring, 2000	7,142	411	7,553
Fall, 2000	8,259	440	8,699
Spring, 2001	7,952	421	8,373
Fall, 2001	9,247	543	9,790
Spring, 2002	8,223	425	8,648
Fall, 2002	9,868	449	10,317
Spring, 2003	9,409	560	9,969
Fall, 2003	10,567	423	10,990
Spring, 2004	10,257	485	10,742
Fall, 2004	10,658	497	11,155
Spring, 2005	10,323	509	10,832
Fall, 2005	11,010	514	11,524

*Northwood Apartments not included in totals

*As of 11/2/05, Off. of Resid. Life

UCONN STUDENTS ENROLLED AT STORRS CAMPUS, 1985-2005*

Academic Year	Undergrad. F/T	Undergrad. P/T	Total Undergrad.	Total Grad.	Total
Spring, 1985	10,954	994	11,948	-----	
Fall, 1985	11,584	1,108	12,692	5,599	18,291
Spring, 1986	10,747	1,182	11,929	-----	
Fall, 1986	11,806	1,240	13,046	5,711	18,757
Spring, 1987	11,028	1,257	12,285	-----	
Fall, 1987	12,526	1,159	13,685	6,380	20,065
Spring, 1988	11,450	1,226	12,676	-----	
Fall, 1988	12,743	1,200	13,943	6,590	20,533
Spring, 1989	11,612	1,344	12,956	-----	
Fall, 1989	12,276	1,399	13,675	6,591	20,266
Spring, 1990	11,286	1,397	12,683	-----	
Fall, 1990	12,307	1,265	13,572	7,001	20,573
Spring, 1991	11,220	1,416	12,636	-----	
Fall, 1991	11,321	1,249	13,128	4,329	17,457
Spring, 1992	10,838	1,329	12,167	4,131	16,298
Fall, 1992	11,321	1,170	12,491	4,399	16,890
Spring, 1993	10,353	1,228	11,581	4,206	15,787
Fall, 1993	10,830	1,075	11,905	4,549	16,454
Spring, 1994	9,849	1,149	10,998	4,229	15,227
Fall, 1994	10,328	1,058	11,386	4,503	15,889
Spring, 1995	9,546	1,144	10,690	4,118 (est.)	14,808
Fall, 1995	10,271	1,059	11,330	4,405	15,735
Spring, 1996	9,475	1,184	10,629	4,068	14,697
Fall, 1996	10,271	1,059	11,330	4,405	15,735
Spring, 1997	9,557	1,106	10,663	3,882	14,545
Fall, 1997	10,362	956	11,318	3,863	15,181
Spring, 1998	9,567	1,142	10,709	3,287	14,355
Fall, 1998	10,740	942	11,682	3,646	15,328
Spring, 1999	9,894	732	10,626	3,187	13,813
Fall, 1999	11,411	576	11,987	3,347	15,334
Spring, 2000	10,662	718	11,380	3,152	14,532
Fall, 2000	12,234	728	12,962	3,246	16,708
Spring, 2001	11,309	728	12,037	3,222	15,259
Fall, 2001	13,017	571	13,588	3,367	16,955
Spring, 2002	12,103	928	13,031	2,867	15,898
Fall, 2002	13,688	525	14,213	3,705**	17,918
Spring, 2003	13,136	869	14,005	3,539	17,865
Fall, 2003	14,318	845	15,163	3,927	19,090
Spring, 2004	13,642	899	14,541	3,815	18,507**
Fall, 2004	14,752	508	15,222	3,692	19,857**
Spring, 2005	14,170	937	15,107	3,807	19,073**
Fall, 2005	15,277	814	16,091	4,031**	20,122**

* As of 11/1/05, Off. of Inst. Resources

** Includes Professional Pharmacy program students (176)

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
MEMORANDUM
10/25/05

TO: Greg Padick, Town Planner
FROM: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works



RE: Scenic Road Application – Stone Mill Road

As you may be aware, the Town has secured a Federal grant to replace the Stone Mill Road bridge over the Fenton River. In order to accept this \$906,000 Federal grant, the bridge width must be a minimum of 18', which is not waivable. This is about 3' wider than the existing bridge.

In discussing this with residents who live on Stone Mill Road, it was agreed that making Stone Mill Road a Town scenic road would give them added assurance that replacing the bridge to Federal standards would not trigger further widening or improving Stone Mill Road. As such, I have attached an application to make Stone Mill Road a Town Scenic Road in accordance with the Town's Scenic Road Ordinance. The application is supported by 75% of the fronted property owners.

Although it is not directly related to the scenic road designation, the new bridge concept is a twin arch with a stone façade which should nicely compliment the scenic area near the Grist Mill.

cc: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
Grant Meitzler, Assistant Town Engineer
File

attachments

APPLICATION FOR SCENIC ROAD DESIGNATION
(see Scenic Road Ordinance adopted by Town Council)
(A separate application is required for each proposed Scenic Road.)

file 1010-
date filed 10/25/05

Applicant LOW HUETGREN / [Signature]
(please PRINT) (Signature)

Address Audrey Beck Bldg, 45 Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT Phone 429-3332

Other persons who may be directly contacted regarding this application (if any):

Name _____ Phone _____
(please PRINT)

Address _____

Road (or portion thereof) to be considered for designation as a Scenic Road: Stone Mill Road

The following information shall be submitted as part of this application:

- A. Statement of Justification addressing criteria contained in Sections 2 and 3 of the Mansfield Scenic Road Ordinance. This statement shall also include information documenting that the majority frontage requirement of Section 4 of the Scenic Road Ordinance has been met.
- B. Applicable portions of the Assessor's aerial maps (available in Town Clerk's Office) depicting the proposed Scenic Road (or portion thereof) and including property lines, as per the Assessor's current records, for lots with frontage on the proposed length of Scenic Road. The names of each current property-owner with frontage on the proposed length of Scenic Road shall be included on these maps.
- C. A separate listing of the names and addresses of all property-owners (based on the Assessor's current records) who have frontage on the proposed length of Scenic Road, with information on the length of frontage of each abutting property, and including space for each abutting property-owner's signature, to indicate clearly their approval of the proposed length of Scenic Road.
A Public Hearing to consider a Scenic Road designation shall not be held unless the owners of a majority of the frontage abutting the designated portion of road have indicated by their signatures their approval of the Scenic Road designation. Signatures shall be obtained from all record owners of a subject parcel for the parcel to qualify as part of the majority frontage requirement.
- D. Photographs of the proposed length of Scenic Road, to help address criteria contained in Secs. 2 and 3 of the Mansfield Scenic Road Ordinance.

The following additional information (if any) is submitted as part of this application: _____

Stone Mill Road
Scenic Road Application
Statement of Justification

Stone Mill Road meets the criteria of the Mansfield Scenic Road Ordinance as follows:

- A. It is unpaved except for the very short sections at its western terminus and the north end of the loop section in front of the grist mill. (Both of these sections were paved for drainage and road-maintenance issues.)
- B. The traveled portion is less than 20 feet wide along most of its length.
- C. The scenic views, particular around this historic grist mill and the Fenton River are among the best in Mansfield.
- D. The road provides a unique access to both the historic grist mill and the birthplace of Wilbur Cross.

As per attachments A & B, a majority of the fronted property owners have shown their approval of this designation by signing the petition for same.

- PETITION -

Stone Mill Road Scenic Road Designation

Pursuant to the provision of Section 7-149a of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Town of Mansfield's Scenic Road Ordinance, we the undersigned abutting property owners, request that Stone Mill Road be designated as a Town of Mansfield Scenic Road subject to the protections of said Town Ordinance.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>
Arthur White	109 Stonemill Rd	Arthur White	8/4/05
W.C. Klein	101 Stonemill Rd	W.C. Klein	8/23/05
Robert K. Bohm	77 STONEMILL	Robert K. Bohm	8/30/05
Robert P. Pirlle	117 Stonemill	Robert P. Pirlle	9/6/05
ROBERT PIRLLE	657 CHAFFEEVILLE	Robert P. Pirlle	9/10/05
Lisa M. Gillon	24 Stonemill Rd.	Lisa M. Gillon	9/21/05
Madge Manfred, Pres.	Joshua's Trust	Mansfield, Ct.	9/29/05

- PETITION -

Stone Mill Road Scenic Road Designation

Pursuant to the provision of Section 7-149a of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Town of Mansfield's Scenic Road Ordinance, we the undersigned abutting property owners, request that Stone Mill Road be designated as a Town of Mansfield Scenic Road subject to the protections of said Town Ordinance.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Date</u>
Arthur White	104 Stonemill Rd	Arthur White	8/4/05
W.C. Klein	101 Stonemill Rd	W.C. Klein	8/23/05
Michael Taylor	12 Stonemill Rd.	Michael Taylor	8/30/05
Susan Mae	(Corner of Stonemill) 233 Hanks Hill Rd	Susan Mae	9/5/05

JOSHUA'S TRACT CONSERVATION &
TRUST INC
re: STONEMILL RD
P O BOX 4
MANSFIELD CNTR CT 06250

GRZYMKOWSKI VIRGINIA
re: 82 STONEMILL RD ✓
P O BOX 495
STORRS CT 06268

MULLER JANET S
re: 94 STONEMILL RD
94 STONEMILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

PIRRIE ROBERT C &
STONE JENNIFER L ✓
re: 657 CHAFFEEVILLE RD
657 CHAFFEEVILLE RD
STORRS CT 06268

WHITE KATHERINE M
re: 109 STONEMILL RD ✓
109 STONEMILL ROAD
STORRS CT 06268

MANSFIELD TOWN OF
OPEN SPACE GRIST MILL ROAD
re: GRIST MILL RD
4 SO EAGLEVILLE RD
STORRS CT 06268

MCGREGOR PATRICIA I & MATTHE ✓
re: 579 CHAFFEEVILLE RD
579 CHAFFEEVILLE RD
STORRS CT 06268

MOSKOWITZ ROBERT & JANE ✓
re: 117 STONEMILL RD
117 STONEMILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

JOSHUA'S TRACT CONSERVATION &
HISTORIC TRACT INC ✓
re: STONEMILL RD
P O BOX 4
MANSFIELD CNTR CT 06250

JOSHUA'S TRACT CONSERVATION &
HISTORIC TRUST INC ✓
re: 134 STONEMILL RD
P O BOX 4
MANSFIELD CNTR CT 06250

JOSHUA'S TRACT CONSERVATION &
HISTORIC TRUST INC ✓
re: STONEMILL RD
P O BOX 4
MANSFIELD CNTR CT 06250

KLEIN WALDO C & LINDA
re: 101 STONEMILL RD ✓
101 STONEMILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

NASANSKY MADELINE & ROBERT
re: 229 HANKS HILL RD
229 HANKS HILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

BOHN ROBERT K &
BOHN TERRI BARRON ✓
re: 77 STONEMILL RD
77 STONEMILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

TAYLOR MICHAEL ET AL
re: STONEMILL RD ✓
P O BOX 476
STORRS CT 06268

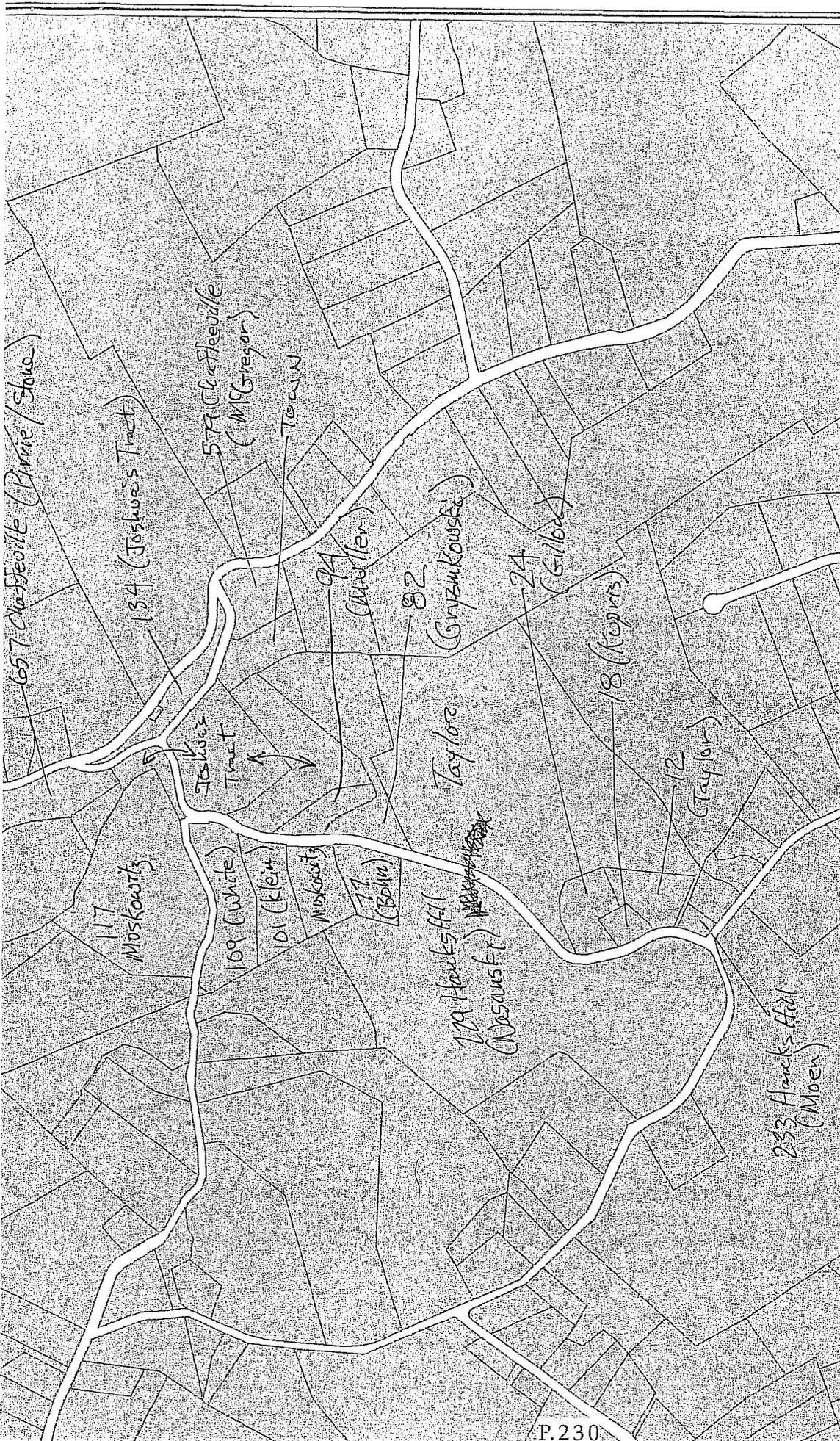
Gillon, Lisa M
~~BRENNER AARON J~~ ✓
re: 24 STONEMILL RD
24 STONEMILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

KUPRIS VALDIS O EST C/O
TAYLOR ILZE ✓
re: 18 STONEMILL RD
PO BOX 476
STORRS CT 06268

TAYLOR MICHAEL
re: 12 STONEMILL RD ✓
12 STONEMILL RD
STORRS CT 06268

MOEN SUSAN E & PAUL C TRUSTEES
ROSEN JUDITH
re: 233 HANKS HILL RD
43 MORNINGLIGHT DR

Attachment B -
Stone Mill Rd Abutters
(✓) = signed
petition
for scenic
road designation

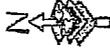


P.230

Town of Mansfield
Connecticut



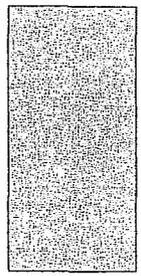
Stone Mill Road Abutters



Date Printed: July 28, 2005



Disclaimer



Parcels

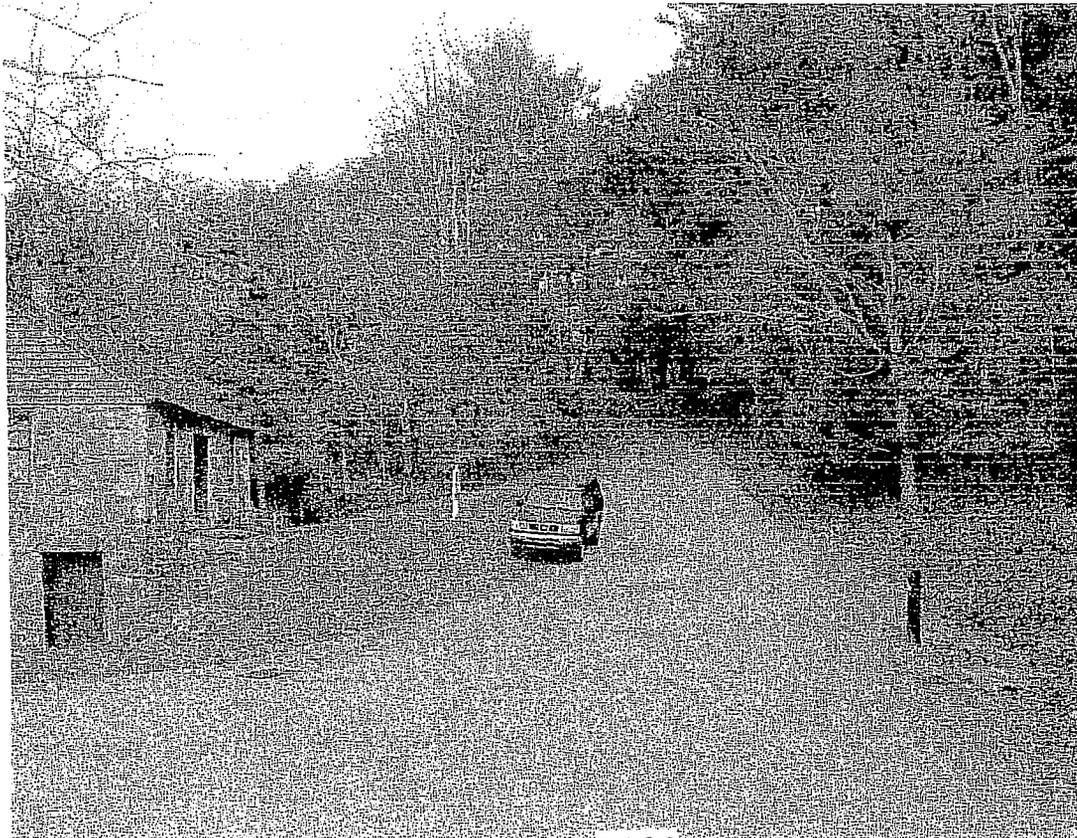
Attachment D
 Frontage Compilation
 Stone Mill Road – Scenic Road Application

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Parcel ID</u>	<u>Map Measured Feet of Frontage</u>	
Pirrie/Stone	10-43-27	220'	(west side loop)
Joshua's Tract	10-43-26	668'	(west side loop; north side road)
Moskowitz	10-43-25	55'	(north side road)
White	17-44-14-1	262'	(north side road)
Klein	17-44-14	252'	(north side road)
Moskowitz	(between Klein & Bohn)	237'	(north side road)
Bohn	17-44-13	355'	(north side road)
Nasansky	17-44-12	1,770'	(north side road)
Moen	12-65-10	185'	(south side road)
Taylor	17-65-40	107'	(south side road)
Kupris	17-65-8	203'	(south side road)
Gillon	17-65-7	216'	(south side road)
Taylor	17-65-9	1,005'	(south side road)
Grzymkowski	17-65-6	455'	(south side road)
Muller	17-65-5	278'	(south side road)
Joshua's Tract	17-65-4	251'	(south side road)
Joshua's Tract	17-65-3	982'	(south side road; west side loop)
Town of Mansfield	17-65-37.1	212'	(west side loop)
McGregor	17-65-37	310'	(west side loop)
Joshua's Tract	17-65-2	<u>1,218'</u>	(east side loop)
total frontage (both sides)		9,241 feet	
signing petition as of 10/21/05		6,975 feet	
% signed = 75%			

St. Francis Mill Rd 10/24/05



Near East end Looking West





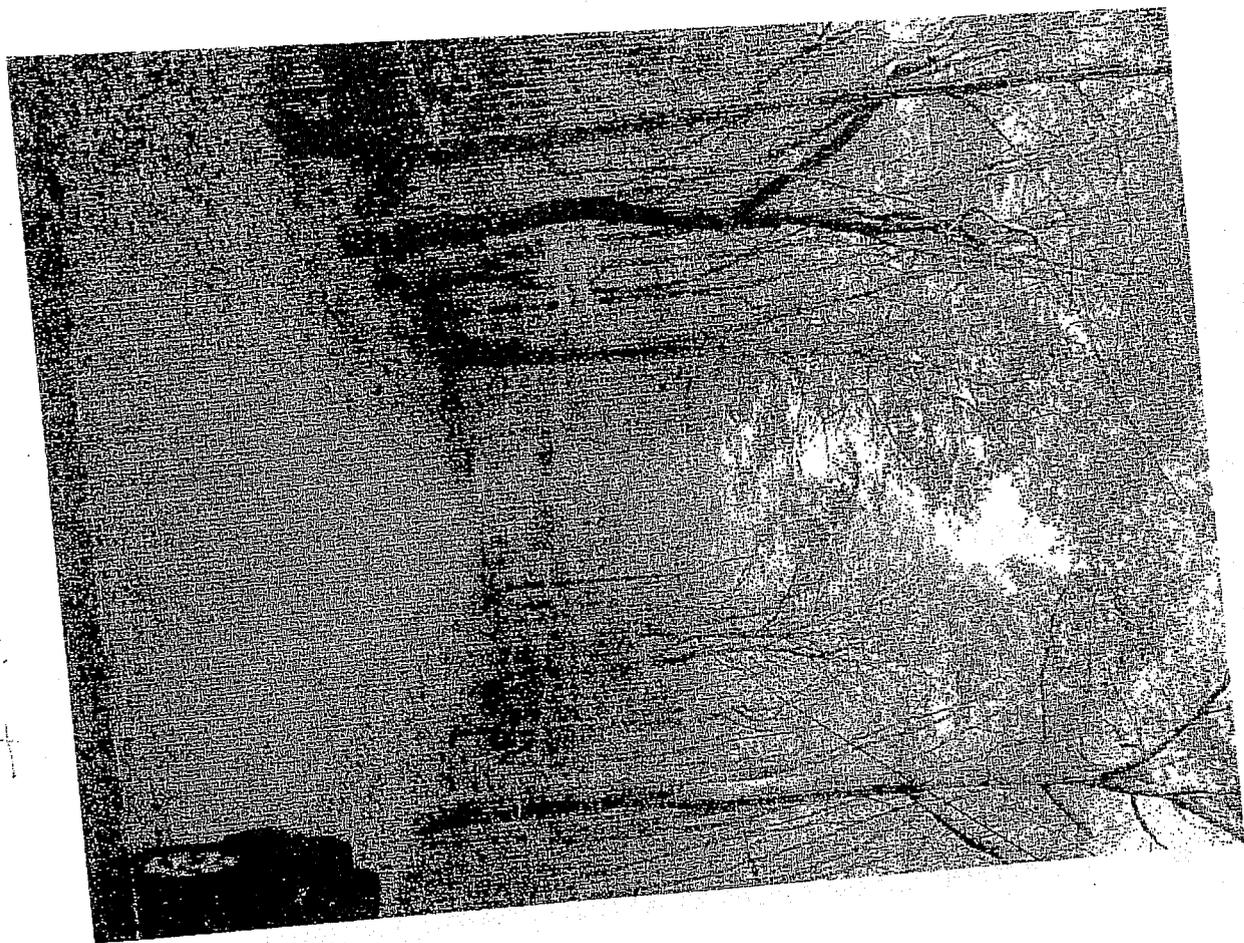
Spruce Mill Rd. Inhablar

Northern loop (east end) looking south along the Fenwick River



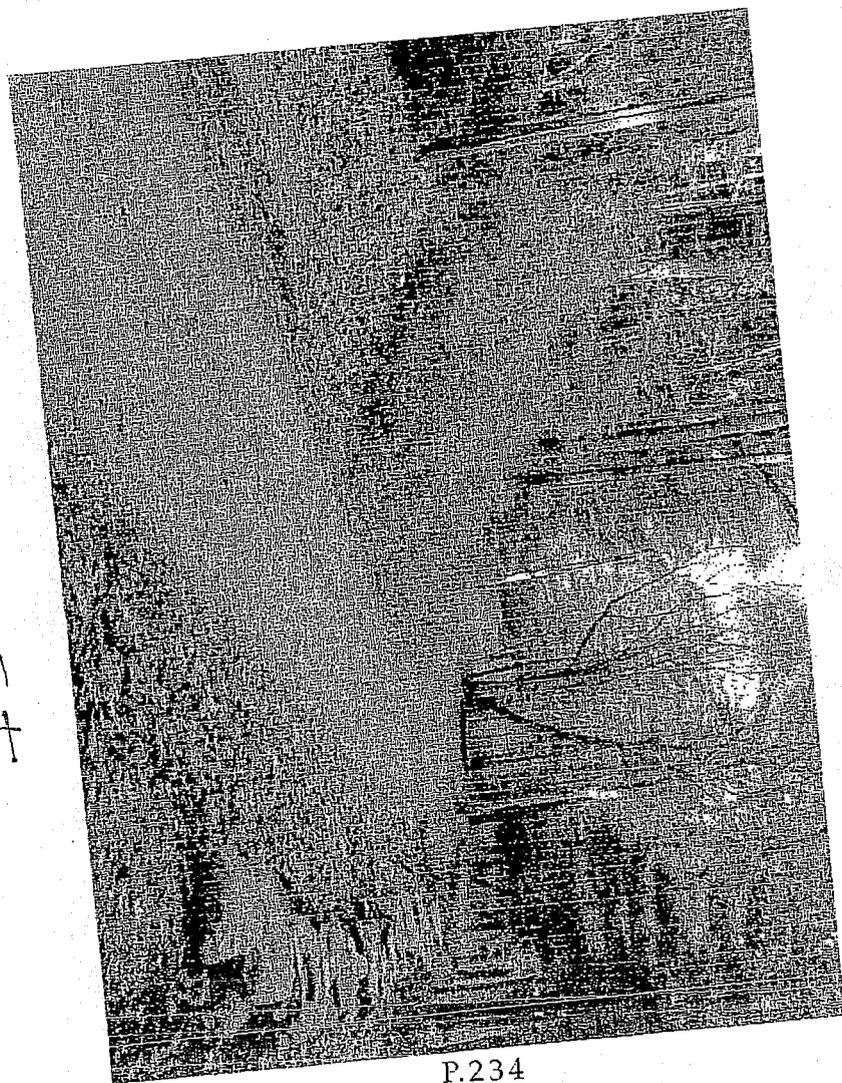
East end - looking West. P.233

Mid-length Facing West



1/23/61 PM 11:11 AM
S. H. H. H.

Mid-length Facing East





TOWN OF MANSFIELD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Lon R. Hultgren, P.E., Director

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD
MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06268-2599
(860) 429-3331 TELEPHONE
(860) 429-6863 FACSIMILE

NEWS ITEM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information call
Tim Veillette-429-3340 or
Mark Kiefer-429-1483

**Gas Line Relocation on Maple Road
to begin November 14, 2005**

A short section of the gas line in Maple Road will be relocated by Connecticut Natural Gas crews to allow new drainage facilities to be installed beginning Monday, November 14, 2005.

The work is expected to take one week. While the work is underway, the road's excavation will be covered with metal plates which will be safe for all traffic.

THIS PAGE LEFT

BLANK

INTENTIONALLY

Marty,

Joan asked me to briefly outline the ways we can remove voters from our voter list. The law is very specific.

Removal from the Registry list:

1. Death
2. Elector confirms in writing that they have moved out of town
3. Notice from another town that the person is registered there
4. Notice from the DMV
5. Based on canvass information

Every January we send a Notice of Confirmation of Voting Residence to people we believe no longer live in town. This information comes from the comparison of our voter files with the National Change of Address Registry and other sources of information we receive during the year. If the notice comes back stating that the voter no longer lives in town we can remove them. If the notice does not come back or comes back undeliverable we put that voter on an Inactive list for 4 years. This means that if they come in during that time and swear that they have lived in town continuously they may be restored as a voter. While on the Inactive list they are not counted in our Active voter totals.

6. Incarcerated felons.

Many of the above methods do not apply to students. For example, they virtually never let us know that they have left town and very rarely change their DMV license to their college address so we get no notification of a move from the DMV. When they register in another town or state they occasionally put their college address as their last voting residence, but usually forget they ever registered here.

Twice a year we receive a copy of the student registration list from UConn and compare that list to our student voter files both on campus and in the surrounding apartments. We note where students are in the degree process and if there is no record of them for two successive semesters we contact them. A couple of years ago we received approval from the Secretary of the State's office to send a note to any student that we believe no longer is here and ask them to let us know their status. We send them a short form with a postage paid return envelope. This note is often sent to their home address since they move from room to room so frequently in college. This notice has no force of law but if they return it to us signed we can remove them or make an address change. If we don't hear from them we consider that reason enough to send them a Notice of Confirmation (as describe above) at the next canvass which does have the force of law.

The other avenue we have is that a couple of times a year the Secretary of the State sends out a list from the centralized voting system that list all voters who are registered in more than one place in CT. We look at this duplicate list and contact any student who registered somewhere else in CT after they registered here. After 30 days we can remove these voters if they don't let us know that they are still here.

As of this election we had 2289 dorm students registered (8 of whom voted) and another 265 (4 of whom voted) in the surrounding apartments. In May of 2004, prior to the registration drive for the Presidential election there were 860 students registered on campus. So you can see how this number fluctuates depending where we are in the election cycle. If, as it looks is inevitable, there will soon be Election Day registration I would expect the number of student registering here in a Presidential election to increase dramatically.

Let me know if any other information would be helpful

Mary

State of Connecticut
Office of the Secretary of the State
Election Services Division

PRESCRIBED FORM FOR RETURN OF VOTES CAST AT A MUNICIPAL ELECTION
(C.G.S. §9-314(b))

Head moderator, or moderator in municipalities with only a single voting district, to complete, sign, and forthwith transmit one copy of this return, **BY FAX, MAIL** or by hand delivery, to **SECRETARY OF THE STATE**, Election Services Division, 30 Trinity Street, P.O. Box 150470, Hartford, CT 06115-0470. Use additional pages, if necessary. A duplicate return is to be filed with the municipal clerk.

City
Town of Mansfield
Borough

Date of Election: November 8, 2005

Part I - Candidates on Ballot

<u>Office Designation</u> (from ballot label, including political subdivision, if applicable--e.g., Council District, Ward, etc.)	<u>Candidate</u> (from ballot label)	<u>Party</u> (from ballot label)	<u>Number of Votes Received</u> (including write-in votes specified below)*	
Town Council	Alan R Hawkins	R	830	*
	Christopher R. Paulhus	R	774	*
	Peter G Plante	R	671	
	J C Martin	R	667	
	Alison Whitham Blair	R	846	*
	Helen Koehn	D	1513	*
	Gregory Haddad	D	1683	*
	Caroline G Redding	D	1511	*
	Elizabeth C Paterson	D	1727	*
	Carl W Schaefer	D	1515	*
Board of Education Full Term	Bruce Clouette	D	1541	*
	Martha N Kelly	R	941	*
	Min Lin	D	1527	*
Board of Assessment Appeals	Gary D Bent	D	1660	*
	Eric Holinko	R	863	*
	Carol M Thomas	D	1587	*
	Curt F Beck	D	1532	*

*Include write-in votes cast (1) for candidates whose names appear on voting machines for single-opening offices only and (2) for candidates on absentee ballots for any office, provided the write-in vote on any single ballot doesn't result in two votes being cast for the same candidate for the same office.

Part I - Continued

Office Designation (from ballot label, including political subdivision, if applicable--e.g., Council District, Ward, etc.)	Candidate (from ballot label)	Party (from ballot label)	Number of Votes Received (including write-in votes specified below)*	
Planning and Zoning Commission Full term	Katherine K Holt	R	929	★
	Rudy J Favretti	D	1659	★
	Peter Kochenberger	D	1564	★
Planning and Zoning Commission 2 Year	Dorynn Plante	R	602	
	Bonnie Ryan	D	1605	★
Planning and Zoning Alternates	Vera A Stearns	R	942	★
	Barry J Pociask	D	1498	★
	Carl T Kusmer	D	1504	★
Zoning Board of Appeals Full Term	Carol L Pellegrine	R	952	★
	Martha Fraenkel	D	1486	★
	Julie Wright	D	1591	★
Zoning Board of Appeals 2 Years	Jayce Passmore	R	807	
	Suzanne Singer Bansal	D	1397	★
Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	John J Clauson	R	860	★
	Sarah J Accorsi	D	1461	★
	Beverly H Gotch	D	1546	★
Constables	Dolly H R Whitham	R	944	★
	Richard Pellegrine	R	840	★
	Edwin E Passmore	R	776	★
	Lorise M. Lent	R	665	
	Timothy A Quinn	D	1478	★
	Carol M Thomas	D	1346	★
	Sheila-Quinn Clark	D	1416	★
Regional Board of Education	John O Stanton	D	1318	★
	Meredith Lindsey	R	1004	
	William M Ryan	D	1514	★
	Therese L John	D	1473	★

*Include write-in votes cast (1) for candidates whose names appear on voting machines for single-opening offices only and (2) for candidates on absentee ballots for any office, provided the write-in vote on any single ballot doesn't result in two votes being cast for the same candidate for the same office.

Part II - Write-In Votes for REGISTERED Write-in Candidates Only

Office Designation
(from ballot label,
including political
subdivision, if applicable
--e.g., Council District,
Ward, etc.)

Registered Write-In
Candidate's Name

Number of
Write-in
Votes Cast

<u>Office Designation</u> (from ballot label, including political subdivision, if applicable --e.g., Council District, Ward, etc.)	<u>Registered Write-In Candidate's Name</u>	<u>Number of Write-in Votes Cast</u>

Part III - Questions on Ballot

Question
Number

Designation of Question (from ballot label)

Yes
Votes

No
Votes

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>Designation of Question (from ballot label)</u>	<u>Yes Votes</u>	<u>No Votes</u>
1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO </p> <p>1. Shall the town of Mansfield appropriate \$1,000,000 for design, construction, furnishing and equipping of additions, renovations and modifications to the Mansfield Community Center, and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to defray said appropriation?</p> </div>	$\begin{array}{r} 1 + 1187 \\ \hline 1188 \end{array}$	1032
2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO </p> <p>2. Shall the town of Mansfield appropriate \$1,000,000 for acquisition of land or interests therein for open space, municipal, or passive or active recreational uses, and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to defray said appropriation?</p> </div>	$\begin{array}{r} 1 + 996 \\ \hline 997 \end{array}$	1209
3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO </p> <p>3. Shall the town of Mansfield appropriate \$650,000 for payment of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability with respect to the participation of the town's Firefighter and EMT employees in the Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund B, and authorize the issue of bonds in the same amount to defray the appropriation?</p> </div>	$\begin{array}{r} 1 + 1249 \\ \hline 1250 \end{array}$	939

None Elected

