

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 19, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room C of the Audrey P Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

III. NEW BUSINESS

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1. Library

Louise Bailey, Library Director, outlined the issue of Sunday openings and updated the Council on library offerings.

2. Area Agency Contributions

Matt Hart, Acting Town Manager, itemized some changes in the proposed budget: Literacy Volunteers has gone out of business, Meals on Wheels has been increased to \$1460, the \$3000 allocated to the Senior Center Association has been moved to a Capital Improvement item, and the Women's Center of Northeast CT is now the Sexual Assault Services.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to increase line item 53739 for Veterans' Services to \$12,500.

Motion so passed.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to increase line item 53712 for CT Legal Services to \$5,500.

Motion so passed.

3. Community Development

Greg Padick, Director of Planning, presented an overview of the department's budget and discussed the major issues for the upcoming year. Mayor Paterson recognized Mr. Padick for all the work he has done for the town regarding the Downtown Partnership and for representing the town so well in discussions with the University.

4. General Government

Ms. Redding moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to appropriate \$3000 to the Committee on Committees for a Volunteer Recognition Event.

Motion so passed.

By consensus, the Town Council agreed to appropriate \$18,000 for the search for a new Town Manager.

Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, noted that on page 99 Network Manager should read Network Administrator.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaeffer seconded to approve the outlined proposal submitted by Peter Curry/CCM at a rate of \$130 per hour, not too exceed \$18,000, with customary out of pocket expenses to be added.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor reminded Council members that there is a budget meeting on Monday the 24th at 6:30 p.m. and a meeting on the 26th with Peter Curry starting at 7:30 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Motion passed.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk