



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, April 23, 2007
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2007

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Community Center.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No Comments

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mansfield Board of Education

Mayor Paterson welcomed the members of the Board of Education and staff. Present for the Board were Mary Feathers, Min Lin and Shamin Patwa. Staff present were Gordon Schimmel, the Superintendent of Schools and Fred Barruzzi, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Schimmel described the Board's budget as relatively modest, covering basic needs and programs. Recently the Board has reviewed the proposed construction in town and its potential impact on enrollment. The Board has hired an architect to look not at just the physical needs of the technology used in the schools, but also the refurbishment of the buildings. They expect to present the improvements to the voters in 2008.

Mr. Hawkins asked about the trend in contract agreements. Mr. Schimmel stated that they look at settlements in the area and are usually in the top quarter or third of area towns. He described their approach as conservative yet competitive.

Mr. Schaefer asked if the non-certified staff, whose salary is proposed to increase by 6%, are catching up to area salaries. Mr. Schimmel answered in the affirmative noting, however, that their insurance policy is more costly to the employee than some of the other Town contracts.

Mr. Paulhus questioned the increase in item 52202, Travel and Conference Fees. In FY 2005/06 sixty dollars was spent and \$2700 is proposed for this year. Mr. Smith will check into the amounts.

In response to Council members questions regarding tuition and transportation cost for Special Education students, Mr. Schimmel noted that staff is constantly reevaluating their approach to the services offered, but must adjust to the students as they are presented.

In summary, Mr. Schimmel commented that in this budget they did not entertain dreams but included what was needed to maintain the buildings and programs.

In discussions following the presentation, the Council agreed to ask the Board to make cuts of \$180,000. This amount is roughly proportional to the amount of cuts that Region 19 has offered. Ms. Koehn stated that if revenues estimates are low then any surplus should be shared among all three entities, the Board, the Town and Region 19. A decision regarding the Town budget will be made after the Town Council has reviewed the proposal.

2. Daycare

The Daycare Board sets the budget for the Center.

3. Public Information Sessions on Proposed Budget

Town Manager, Matt Hart, offered to conduct his power point presentation regarding the budget at the public hearing on April 9th. The Council agreed it would be a good way to present the information to the public. Mr. Hart also suggested that a couple of informational sessions be held, perhaps on a Tuesday night and on a Thursday night at the Library. These sessions would be advertised in a variety of ways and consist of the power point presentation followed by general question and answer sessions. The Council agreed that it would be the right thing to do. Mr. Haddad suggested that the sessions be broadcast on the cable access station and advertised on the sandwich boards.

4. House Bill 6927: An Act Concerning Volunteer Service By Paid Emergency Personnel or Paid Firefighters

Mr. Hawkins presented the draft of a letter that he has prepared for CCM regarding their opposition to House Bill 6927. This proposed bill removes limits on a person's ability to volunteer as emergency personnel or as a firefighter in their hometowns if they are employed as such in another town. He asked the Council if they would like to join him by endorsing the letter.

Mr. Hawkins stated that 8 towns have such language in their contracts and people have been forced to resign as volunteers in their hometowns. He

outlined the 3-core reasons for his concern (letter attached) noting that we live in an area of the state that supports and uses volunteer efforts. Mr. Haddad questioned the bill's effect on current union contracts and stated that he cannot support undoing currently negotiated contracts. The Town Manager reported that he and Chief Dagon are in support of the proposed legislation. Mr. Schaefer noted the conflicting interests, the practical value of having volunteers available versus interference with union negotiations. Mr. Clouette commented that while he is hesitant to interfere with the collective bargaining process, the way the letter is written emphasizes the compelling freedom of a person to decide how to spend their free time.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that the Town Council write a brief cover letter in support of the concept of the letter he circulated.

In Favor: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer

Against: Haddad

Abstaining: Koehn

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:50 p.m. by Mr. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Blair and passed by all.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 2007

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room C of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. General Government (Sec. F, Page 57)

Ms. Koehn requested in future budgets that the personnel cost by divisions be presented on the cover page of each section. The total cost is shown on Page 50.

Page 59 -Ms. Koehn requested that \$500 be added to the Legislative budget under 539 Other Purchased Services for an Earth Day Event. (FLAG)

Page 69 -Mr. Smith noted that the increase in hourly wages for the Registrars of Voters should be reflected in the Salaries and Wages line item. He will check to make sure it has been included. (FLAG). Mr. Haddad commented that in the future the Council might want to examine paying the Registrars by stipend as opposed to hourly.

Page 82 – Mr. Smith explained that included in this budget is money for an outside expert who will review the assessment numbers for UConn and the prison. A summary of the research regarding the state grant money will be given to the Council upon completion. There is a possibility that if errors are found the Town will be able to recoup some of the money.

Page 89- Mr. Smith will check to see where in the budget the Town's portion of the salary for the New IT position is listed (FLAG)

2. Health and Social Services (Sec. F, Page 127)

The budget of this department will be discussed at the April 11, 2007 special meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 9, 2007

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

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2007 regular meeting and the special meeting. Ms. Koehn requested that the current language in the minutes of the regular meeting regarding the Clean Energy Team be changed to the following:

Ms. Koehn reported that the Clean Energy Team sponsored a bulb and lamp sale that resulted in sales of \$2000 at the Town Hall and \$1000 at the Winter Fun Fest. The use of these bulbs will result in energy reduction equal to the amount used in 15 households in one year.

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget

Matthew Hart, Town Manager, presented an overview of the budget.

Connie Greene, Circle Drive, asked how a retired person is suppose to pay for the increase in property taxes. She expressed concern that the education budget is too inflated and urged Council members to live within their means, as she must.

Tom Morrison, 37 Farmstead Road, expressed concern about the increase in the Town budget for the Community Center. He stated that voters were

told that fees would cover operating expenses and now tax money is being spent to cover these expenses.

Gene Nesbitt, 268 Wormwood Hill Road, asked the Council to use the upcoming strategic planning process to evaluate their initiatives. He suggested that some of the current initiatives like the additional trooper and the Community Center support be put aside until this planning is completed. Mr. Nesbitt also asked if the leaders from the three sending towns have gotten together to form a game plan regarding Region 19's budget.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, expressed her concerns regarding supplementing the budget of the Community Center, the quality of the education in Town schools and suggested a restructuring of the salary and pension program in the Town.

Matthew Hart, Town Manager, announced two public information sessions to be held on the 12th at the Library and on the 17th at the Community Center.

VI. SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

2 Swearing in of Fire Department Officers

Chief Dave Dagon described the process that brought us to this swearing in ceremony. As a result of the consolidation of the 2 Fire Departments last September it was necessary to appoint officers for the new Fire Department. The appointments are a result of the examination process and are the first of group of volunteer Fire Lieutenants and career Fire Captains appointed to the Department's supervisory ranks.

The Town Clerk swore in the following candidates:

Brett Macnamara, Lieutenant
Brian Jones, Lieutenant
Michael Thompson, Lieutenant
Andrew Franklin, Captain
Daniel Davis, Captain
Ryan Hawthorne, Captain
Shane Schaffer, Acting Captain

Mayor Paterson and the Council congratulated the new appointees and thanked them for their work.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

3. Community/Campus Relations

The Town Manager reported that the Public Safety Committee continues to plan for Spring Weekend. The Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership will be presenting a D.U.I. demonstration at 3:00 on Friday the 13th at the Community Center.

4. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

The Town Manager reported that the Advisory Committee met last week and the draft update to the Master Plan is almost ready, probably next week. Mr. Hart also noted that the connection to the Celeron Square expansion was approved with a condition that limits maximum daily use.

5. Social Services Block Grant

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

Resolved, effective April 9, 2007, to authorize Town Manager Matthew W. Hart to execute a grant agreement with the US Department of Health and Human Services for a Social Services Block Grant in the amount of \$3,657

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

6. Grant Application to the Office of Policy and Management

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

Resolved, effective April 9, 2007, that Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and a contract with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for ADA compliance grant funding

Matthew Hart, Town Manager, stated that these funds would be used for the installation of ADA compliant exterior doors, washrooms, water fountains, and entry doors to the Council Chambers. The Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities has identified all these projects as priorities. Mr. Haddad asked if the sound system in the Council Chambers could be addressed by this grant. The Town Manager will pass this suggestion to the Committee.

IX. QUARTERLY REPORTS

X. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

XII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Koehn reported that the Clean Energy Committee is working hard on the Earth Day event which will be held on April 24th at the Community Center starting at 1:00 p.m. The Mayor will present a proclamation to the E.O. Smith students who won first place in the CT Climate Change contest and the Town Manager will be promoting alternative energy program. Ms. Koehn extended an invitation to Council members to join the celebration.

Mr. Paulhus reported that the Memorial Day Committee has met to plan the event. Mr. Paulhus will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Mayor Paterson and the Town Manager met with Representative Joe Courtney last Thursday. They reported that it was a very informational meeting. The two also attended the Trooper of the Year Awards at which 2 former Mansfield troopers were honored for their actions.

XIII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Attached

Mr. Clouette inquired whether or not all employees in Town are on the same pension plan. Mr. Hart briefly explained MERS, the defined benefit program offered to all full time employees. The MERS program is part of all the union contracts in Town. Mr. Hart will investigate alternatives but thinks that if MERS is the pension program in a town other plans cannot be offered simultaneously.

XIV. FUTURE AGENDAS

XV. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. CCM re: Real Estate Conveyance Tax
8. A. Hawkins Letter to CCM – In answer to a question at the last meeting, Mr. Hawkins reported that he spoke to the lobbyist for the Firefighters who reported that if House Bill 6927 is approved it would not affect the

union contracts until the next negotiation period. He also asked if the cover letter approved at the last meeting has been prepared. The Mayor will attend to it.

9. L. Hultgren re: Town Line and Scenic Road Signs – The Town Manager thanked Rudy Favretti for his design of the signs. Mr. Paulhus questioned the date on the signs. Was the town founded in 1702 or 1703? Staff will investigate.
10. Press Release re: Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget
11. Protecting Family Farms and forest
12. D. Williams re: Health Care Forum
13. Windham Hospital re: Women's Health Workshop

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *2616.H*
CC: Town Employees
Date: April 9, 2007
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

- I am pleased to inform you of the following recent appointments and promotions:
 - *Fire Captain* - Andrew Franklin and Dan Davis were promoted to the position of Fire Captain effective April 1, 2007; Ryan Hawthorne was promoted to the position of Fire-Captain effective April 4, 2007.
 - *Fire Lieutenant* - Brett Macnamara, Brian Jones, and Michael Thompson, volunteer firefighters, were promoted to the position of fire Lieutenant effective April 1, 2, and 3, 2007 respectively.

Congratulations to new and existing staff on their recent appointments!

- *Special Design District for Storrs Center* – last Thursday, April 5, 2007, the Planning and Zoning Commission continued its public hearing regarding the two applications necessary to establish the special design district. The public hearing was well attended and Mayor Paterson and I did testify on behalf of the town and the partnership. The PZC has continued the hearing through April 26, 2007.
- *Assisted/independent living advisory committee* – the committee met last week to review a draft request for qualifications to select a developer for the project. The advisory committee will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 9-10:30 a.m.
- *Strategic planning project* – as you may recall, the project team has interviewed a number of potential firms and has selected a preferred consultant. I am in discussions with that firm now and plan to meet with the team to review various options with respect to the scope of services that the consultant will provide. We will keep the council informed as to our progress.

- *Parks and recreation programs* - New Virtual Tour available online! Now you can check out the Community Center on the web. To take a virtual tour, please log on to www.mansfieldct.org and click on the Community Center Logo. You can also view our Spring 2007 brochure to check out what we offer for trips, youth programs, camps, adult classes and more! For more information on any Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department programs or specials events, please call 429-3015 ext. 0. Examples of programs being offered are:
 - *Family Fun Nights* – If you haven't been to one of our family fun nights at the Mansfield Community Center yet, you're missing out! We've got a HUGE inflatable slide, drop-in games in our Community Room, ping pong, inflatable animal floats, family use hours in our warm therapy pool, new tot toys, family track hours, open gym, poolside basketball and more! Bring the whole family! April Family Fun Nights will be on Saturday, April 14th, Friday, April 20th and Friday, April 27th from 6-9pm.
 - *April Vacation Camp* (grades 1-8)–Are the kids home alone during vacation? Send them to spend some time with us at our vacation camp. This popular program is held at Mansfield Middle School from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Vacation camp includes games, arts & crafts, special events and/or trips. A detailed flyer will be distributed to schools in early April. Children can register for one day or a combination of days April 16-April 20, \$39 per day for residents and \$49 per day for non-residents.
 - *Parents Night Out*–Drop off your children (grades K-5) on Saturday, April 28 room 4-9 p.m. at the Community Center for an evening of supervised fun for the kids (and a night out for the parents) including games, crafts, and age-appropriate movies. Pizza and beverages are served. Space is limited so register early. The fee is \$15 for residents of Mansfield and \$25 for residents of other towns. Can't make it on April 28th or want another night away from the kids? Join us on Saturday, May 19th and/or Saturday, June 16th for another Parents' Night Out!
 - *Free Mansfield Day*– Have you been wondering what goes on at the Mansfield Community Center? Well, if you're a Mansfield resident, now you can find out for free. On Sunday, April 15 from noon-3 p.m., Mansfield Residents can use the Community Center for FREE. Come and swim, play basketball in the gym, use the fitness center (14 and older please), play ping pong in the community room, or play billiards in the teen center. It's all there for you. Proof of residency will be required. Come see what everyone is talking about. Call 429-3015 ext. 0 for more information.
 - *Teen Center Trivia Night* – Who has the brains or just trivial knowledge? Come to the Mansfield Community Center's Teen Center for a night of team teen trivia. Prizes awarded, open to all Teen Center Members. This event happens on a Family Fun Night, so there's something just for the teens that night! Trivia Night will be Friday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Teen Center Membership is free, but requires pre-registration. Please call 429-3015 ext. 0 for more information.
 - *NEW! Nature Photography* (grades 4-6)–Come and learn about the environment through the camera lens. Mondays, April 30-May 21, 4:30-6 p.m., instruction fee is \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. There is an additional \$75 materials fee that includes camera, film, film processing and scrapbook. Call 429-3015 for more information.
 - *Camps* – Registration is now underway for all Spring and Summer camps. Call 429-3015 ext. 0 for more information!

• Upcoming meetings:

- Town/University Relations Committee, 4:00 PM, April 10, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- Charter Revision Commission, 7:00 PM, April 10, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- Mansfield Board of Education, 7:30 PM, April 12, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership, 3:00 PM, April 13, 2007, Community Center
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 PM, April 16, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- Charter Revision Commission, 7:00 PM, April 17, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- Public Safety Committee, 3:00 PM, April 18, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers
- Charter Revision Commission, 7:00 PM, April 24, 2007, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 11, 2007

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Room C of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad (7:30 p.m.), Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Area Agency Contributions (Sec.F, Page 140)

Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services, reviewed the area agencies' request for contributions. The amount listed in the budget is the amount requested by the agency. Each agency completed an application to the Town, which shows the number of clients they serve, the percentage of Mansfield residents and their most recent audit. The only recipient who did not do so this year was Windham Area No Freeze, although the department has been in touch with them numerous times this year.

Mr. Grunwald also reviewed the Social Service budget (Sec. F, Page 130) with the Council. The budget includes a quarter position for a youth counselor, which was in the budget last year but not funded. The inclusion of this position will facilitate the staffing of evening events.

Mr. Grunwald noted that the Senior Center is at full capacity and the Town will need to look at alternatives for the future. The Senior Sparks publication is mailed to 566 subscribers and offered free many places in town.

Mr. Clouette suggested that in the future the first item of the write-up under Major Initiatives should read: Coordinated psychiatric assistance with the Mansfield Board of Education staff and students. (FLAG)

2. Library (Sec. F, Page 136)

Louise Bailey, Library Director, summarized the library budget noting that circulation remains stable and the long range- planning endeavor has been completed. The two major priorities for the library are life long learning and current topics and titles. She noted that 25% of clients are from other towns.

The Director commented that on Page 137 it looks like there are a total of 4 librarians. One of these is shared with the schools so the correct number should be 3.5. (FLAG)

Mr. Hawkins complimented Ms. Bailey on the library website calling it the most improved website in town.

3. Community Development (Sec. F, Page 143)

Greg Padick, Director of Planning, outlined the Community Development budget, which includes the Planning office, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetland Agency. He noted no major changes and added that the department is making much more use of the Town website as a way to get information to the public.

Mayor Paterson commended Mr. Padick on his work for the Town especially in his many dealings with the University. She stated that Mr. Padick brings a professional level of expertise to our interactions with UConn that is beneficial for both.

Ms. Koehn requested, through Mr. Clouette that the functions of the Aquifer Protection Agency be spelled out in the description. (FLAG)

4. Building Maintenance (Sec. F Page 124)

Bill Hammond, Director of Maintenance, discussed some of the major components of his budget. The two main issues are energy and repairs and maintenance. Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, presented the results of the Siemens consult. Using their recommendations and the suggestions from an outside engineering firm Mr. Smith has signed a contract to complete only projects that will have a quick payback period. The other initiatives will be addressed as savings are realized. They feel that many of these additional projects can be done less expensively in-house.

Mayor Paterson complimented Mr. Hammond for all he has done to use and promote the use of "green" products.

Mr. Hammond also commented that he has reviewed the plan for the Downtown Partnership development and has determined that, except for

the certification process, which is very expensive, the project meets the highest environmentally sound standards.

Following a discussion regarding fire alarms, Mr. Hawkins suggested that staff research the possibility of alarms going directly to the 911 facility in Tolland. The Town already pays them to dispatch our ambulance and fire vehicles. (FLAG)

5. Recreation (Sec. F, Page 138) (Sec. N, Page 185)

Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the greatest challenge the Community Center faces is the balancing of community use with membership use. Initially promoted as being self-sufficient the Center now supports non-member activity and is changing from a business model to a community model.

Council members requested that the department capture quantitatively the times the community room is used for community meetings and events. (FLAG) This information would be helpful in explaining the budget to the voters. Mayor Paterson noted that experience has taught us that the building is more of a community center than initially thought. She suggested that the activities of the town that are supported in this budget be itemized.

Mr. Vincente distributed graphs showing that as a percentage of the overall budget of the Town the Parks and Recreation budget has not increased since 1990. He also commented that the price of some of the programs has crept up to the point that usage is dropping off slightly. Mr. Hawkins noted that it is not the amount of the subsidy that will be the problem but the way it is presented to the public. Staff will come up with wording that shows the community use of the facility. (FLAG)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Town Manager reminded members of the two information sessions. Staff will begin to look at ways to cut the budget.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:30 p.m. by Ms. Blair, seconded by Mr. Paulhus and passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING- MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 16, 2007

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room C of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revenues (Sec. D, Page35)

Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, updated the Council on his efforts to understand the grant formulas. He has a meeting planned with State Representative Denise Merrill to discuss the process and the unintended consequences of some of the legislation. Mr. Smith has also hired a consultant to look at the assessed value of the prison.

2. Public-Safety (Sec. F, Page 91)

Sgt. Sean Cox commented that the proposed added trooper would allow in Town coverage after 11 p.m. Currently calls that come in at that time are forwarded to the Tolland barracks and are answered by a trooper who is responsible for a number of towns.

Mr. Hawkins requested that in the FY 2007/08 Major Initiatives section (Page 93) the words " a public safety success" be toned down to reflect what the town is attempting to do. (FLAG)

John Jackman, Fire Marshal, noted that the Assistant Fire Marshal's position should be counted as a .45 position (Page 97)(FLAG). It was also noted that on Page 96 "severe" should read, "serve." Chief Dagon pointed out that the \$1500 that is not listed in Item 531 of the Fire Marshal's budget should be added to Item 517 of the Fire & Emergency Administration. (FLAG)

Ms. Koehn requested a breakdown of Item 522 of the Fire & Emergency Services budget and of Item 539 of the Fire & Emergency Services Administration. She also asked for an accounting of how the pension program for the volunteers works actuarially.

Chief Dagon noted that there are some changes to the Employee counts on Page 101. He will give these changes directly to Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager. (FLAG)

3. Town-Wide (Sec H, Page 155)

The Town Manager will let the Council know what impact the settlement of the final contract for the year will have on the Contingency Fund (Page 161) (FLAG)

4. Operating Transfers Out (Sec I, Page 163)

Mr. Smith pointed out that the subsidy for the Teen Center and Bicentennial Pond are budgeted in the CNR fund. The Council then discussed the proper funding source and explanation for the proposed subsidies for the Community Center. Mr. Haddad noted that in future budgets the Teen Center and the Pond should be budgeted in the General Fund. While Ms. Koehn commented that she thinks that the Council should take a position, in the form of a vote that expresses the change in the amount of public support for the Community Center. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Clouette felt that the policy itself might not have to be changed but that there was a representation to the voters that the Center would be self-supporting and this change will need to be explained to the public. A discussion ensued regarding how best to explain the change. Mr. Hawkins suggested that a listing of community activities and staff space be compiled and Mr. Haddad reminded members the taxpayers are still paying the debt service for the Center. All members were in agreement that a public conversation needs to take place. Matthew Hart, Town Manager, will work on statement. (FLAG)

5. Debt Services (Sec Q, Page 195)

The Mansfield Middle School heating system and open space are included in the amounts. Anticipated school renovations are not included.

6. Internal Service Funds (Sec S, Page 215, Sec. T Page 217 and Sec U, Page 219)

Mr. Smith announced his intentions to set up an energy fund. Matt Hart noted that the balance for the health insurance should be increased and that employees in the Town are paying more for their health coverage.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Robert Miller, Director of Health
Date: April 23, 2007
Re: Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Subject Matter/Background

I have attached for your information recent correspondence regarding the UConn landfill. At this time, the Town Council does not need to take any action on this item.

Attachments

- 1) Quarterly Progress Report – January, February and March 2007



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Office of Environmental Policy

Richard A. Miller
Director

April 3, 2007

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**RE: CONSENT ORDER #SRD 101, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (CTDEP)
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT – JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2007
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT LANDFILL, STORRS, CT
PROJECT # 900748**

Dear Mr. Frigon:

The University of Connecticut (UConn) is issuing this Quarterly Progress Report to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP). Project progress is discussed for the following topics:

- Tentative Closure Schedule - Construction Schedule
- Monthly Construction Activity Reports
- Consultant Activities Completed in January 2007
- Consultant Activities Completed in February 2007
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- Project Permits, Approvals, Conditions
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Tentative Closure Schedule – Construction Schedule

UConn has issued a Notice to Proceed to O&G Industries, Inc. (CM). The CM has provided an updated schedule as of March 7, 2007:

<u>Construction Task</u>	<u>Estimated Start Date</u>	<u>Estimated Completion Date*</u>
Mobilization, Site Preparation, and Stormwater and Erosion Control	July-06 Completed	Aug-06 Completed
Contaminated Sediment Removal and Relocation	Sept-06 Completed	Dec-06 Completed
Construction of the leachate interceptor trenches (LITs)	Nov-06 Completed	Dec-06 Completed
Waste Consolidation	Aug-06 Completed	Dec-06 Completed
Land Reshaping and Grading	Aug-06 Completed	Nov-07
Installation of Monitoring Wells	Feb-07	Mar-07
Stormwater Ponds & Outfall Installations	Jan-07	Oct-07
Cover System Installation	Aug-07	Oct-07
Road and Parking Lot Construction	Oct.-07	Dec-07
Closeout - Project Completion, Demobilization	Dec-07	Dec-07
Preparation of closure certification report	Following Project Closeout	90 - 120 Days Following Project Closeout

* Contingent on ACOE and CTDEP approvals; construction bidding market; weather conditions; numerous permitting issues; along with State and Local reviews and conditions.

Monthly Construction Activity Reports

In accordance with General Condition #8 of the IW-2003-112/WQC-200302988 Permit, UConn submitted the following monthly report to indicate our compliance with this permit for aspects of the subject project.

January 2007

During the month of January, R. Bates & Son's began the construction of the LIT force main. This force main will transport the leachate collected in the LIT to the waste treatment plant. They began in the Northeast corner of the landfill, and worked to the West. By the end of January, they completed approximately 1500 feet of force main and about 1000 feet of piping from wells to the force main. This force main system also includes a galvanized airline to operate the pumps. Approximately 800 feet of airline has been installed.

R. Bates and Sons continued the consolidation of trash within the landfill site in January. There are only a few small areas in the North of the landfill to test to assure all trash is consolidated.

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Bates also continued the construction of the Southern and Northern storm water ponds. This work has been halted with the below zero temperatures.

The foundations for the two compressor buildings have been excavated and poured. The buildings are scheduled to arrive in February.

Other work performed in January was the shaping of the landfill on the North and East slopes, screening of onsite material for liner installation at a later date, continued excavation and placement of organic mix in the wetland "C" creation area and installation of a storm water structure and a section of electrical duct bank coming down the access road.

February 2007

During the month of February, R. Bates & Sons and M J Daly continued the construction of the LIT force main. They have completed the force main around the landfill to the South stormwater pond and from the South Compressor building to the manhole where we tie in. With the ground frozen, the remainder of this work will be completed after the ground thaws.

The M J Daly company has delivered and installed the two Compressor Buildings on foundations built by R. Bates & Sons. These two buildings are precast concrete and weigh approximately 13 tons each. Walker Crane and Rigging placed them on their foundations with an 80-ton crane.

R. Bates & Sons has begun the installation of monitoring wells. Two water-monitoring wells and two gas-monitoring wells have been completely installed.

Other work performed in February was screening of onsite material for liner installation at a later date, placement of boulders and woody debris in the wetland creation area, and cutting down the LIT platform to contract grade.

R. Bates & Sons received delivery of some of the geocomposite material that will cover the landfill.

March 2007

March was a slow month for the project. This was due to the thick frost in the ground and very cold temperatures. Although work continued, it was performed by a smaller crew of workers all from R. Bates & Sons.

During the month of March, R. Bates & Son's continued and completed cutting down the LIT trenches to contract grade.

R. Bates & Sons has continued the installation of monitoring wells. All of the gas and water monitoring wells are now complete. Two of the six piezometers have been installed.

Other work performed in February was screening of onsite material for liner installation at a later date, continued contouring of the wetland creation area, and burying of boulders.

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R. Bates & Sons built and delivered the boardwalks that will be used on the pathways in and around the wetlands.

Activities Completed in January 2007

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Activity</u>
UConn	Attended weekly construction progress meetings
Haley & Aldrich	Attended weekly construction progress meetings Contract Administration and Inspection
Earth Tech	Attended weekly construction progress meetings
USGS	No activity
Phoenix	Analytical laboratory work
Regina Villa Associates (RVA)	Reviewed landfill webpage text about remedial construction activities Continued to communicate with public and respond to public queries Followed up on outreach to community re construction startup

Activities Completed in February 2007

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Activity</u>
UConn	Discussion with CM regarding landfill closure Attended weekly construction progress meetings
Haley & Aldrich	Discussions with UConn regarding Celeron Square lease agreement Attended weekly construction progress meetings Contract Administration and Inspection Discussion with CM regarding landfill closure
Earth Tech	Contract administration services Attended weekly construction progress meetings
USGS	No activity
Phoenix	No activity
Regina Villa Associates (RVA)	Reviewed landfill webpage text

Activities Completed in March 2007

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Activity</u>
UConn	Discussion with CM & Trade Contractors regarding landfill closure Attended weekly construction progress meetings.
Haley & Aldrich	Discussion with CM & Trade Contractors regarding landfill closure Contract Administration and Inspection Attended weekly construction progress meetings
Earth Tech	Contract administration services Attended weekly construction progress meetings
USGS	No activity
Phoenix	Analytical laboratory work
Regina Villa Associates (RVA)	Updated landfill webpage text regarding remedial construction activities

Project Permits, Approvals, Conditions

- A. Sequence of Construction: In order to avoid potential re-contamination of the sediment removal areas, UConn had anticipated that the LITs would be installed and functional prior to performing the sediment removal work. But, because of schedule considerations, wetlands excavation work will occur jointly with the LIT installations. During interim periods excavated sediments will be dewatered for eventual incorporation into the landfill closure.
- B. Environmental Performance: In order to secure approval of and proceed with construction, the Owner is committed to comply with terms of the following permits and approvals:
1. A letter dated February 14, 2004, from Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P), a Division of Northeast Utilities System, granting permission for work within a CL&P right-of-way, and the following associated guidelines:
 - a. Guidelines for permitting compatible woody vegetation to be planted or to exist on electric transmission rights of way
 - b. Operation of equipment under and adjacent to Northeast Utilities lines on rights of way
 - c. General guidelines for landowner uses proposed within Northeast Utilities' rights of way
 2. A Section 404 Individual Permit from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, approved May 18, 2005
 3. The following permits and approvals from the CTDEP:
 - a. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit, approved May 10, 2005
 - b. 401 Water Quality Certificate, approved May 10, 2005
 - c. General Permit for Discharge of Groundwater Remediation Wastewater to a Sanitary Sewer, approved October 8, 2002
 - d. Flood Management Certificate, approved December 9, 2004
 - e. Closure Plan Approval, approved November 22, 2004
 - f. Waste disruption permit, approved November 22, 2004
 - g. Landfill closure permit, approved November 22, 2004 - Remedial Action Plan Implementation, Landfill and Former Chemical Pits University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT Summary of Work 01010-5, Revised March 6, 2005
 - h. Post-closure use permit, approved November 22, 2004
 - i. State Traffic Commissioner Permit from CTDOT
 4. Before Substantial Completion, inspect, test, and adjust performance of all systems and facilities of the work to ensure that overall performance is in compliance with terms of the permits and manufacturer's recommendations, as applicable.
 5. 180 to 300 days after the date of Substantial Completion, inspect, test, and adjust all systems and facilities of the work. Measure performance relative to terms of the above permits to demonstrate and record compliance. Submit a report of results to the Owner.

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6. Instruct the Owner's operating personnel on operational requirements needed to maintain compliance.
7. Report performance of completed installations after adjustments that appear unable to comply with the requirements of the permits or manufacturer's recommendations.

Long-Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP)

UConn has started construction activities to remediate and close the landfill and former chemical pits in accordance with the closure plan approved by the CTDEP. During the past six years, an Interim Monitoring Plan (IMP) has been established to sample active residential water supply wells in the study area on a quarterly basis during the hydrogeologic investigation. Results from these sampling rounds have been forwarded to the homeowners and to CTDEP.

UConn has transitioned from the IMP sampling to the LTMP sampling. This means that some of the residential wells previously sampled are no longer to be sampled and some other wells will be added to the LTMP. The active residential wells sampled under each plan are as follows:

LTMP (Active)

38 Meadowood Road
41 Meadowood Road
65 Meadowood Road
202 Separatist Road
206 Separatist Road
211 Separatist Road

LTMP (Inactive)

202 North Eagleville Road
156 Hunting Lodge Road

Beginning in January 2006 and thereafter, only the LTMP wells are sampled. Haley & Aldrich, as representatives of UConn, collects quarterly tap samples for water quality analyses from the residences noted above. The Long Term Monitoring Plan – October/November 2006 Sampling Round #1 was submitted by Haley & Aldrich to CTDEP on November 29, 2006.

UConn and Haley & Aldrich will continue to evaluate the results in coordination with CTDEP and Eastern Highland Health District (EHHD) and provide copies of the results to the homeowners.

Technical Review Session Information

General: To summarize, the public involvement process is being utilized to provide public involvement in the CTDEP decision-making process regarding the investigation, environmental monitoring programs, and potential cleanup of the site.

Public Availability Review Session: There were no public sessions held during this period.

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Proposed Sampling Year 2007

UConn is utilizing Phoenix Laboratory (Phoenix) for project analytical analyses that include the following:

- LTMP Drinking Water Samples
- LTMP Surface Water Samples
- LTMP Monitoring Well Samples (existing)
- Stormwater Discharge
- Remediation/Confirmation Sampling (Sediments)
- LTMP Monitoring Well Samples (existing)

Background - Remedial Action Plan Implementation, Landfill and Former Chemical Pits

The CM represents UConn on the job and will also be the liaison for issues that may arise in the community during construction. While the design and implementation plan tried to anticipate problems during construction, if any problems arise, the on-site manager will be the person to address them as quickly as possible.

The CTDEP approved the Closure Plan for the UConn landfill on November 22, 2004.

Redevelopment

The site redevelopment scheme and specific information for post-closure redevelopment is provided in the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and IMP. Post-closure redevelopment and use is proposed as part of the closure approach. With regulatory approval, UConn intends to construct a parking lot on the landfill and continue to use the F-Lot area as a parking lot. An environmental land use restriction (ELUR) will be placed on the landfill area, the chemical disposal pits and F-Lot to protect the landfill cap and limit site use.

Closure Plan

On August 4, 2003, the Closure Plan Report was submitted to CTDEP, Town of Mansfield, EHHD, and the USEPA. The plan describes how the RAP will be implemented to close the UConn landfill, former chemical pits and F-Lot disposal site. Elements of the closure plan included:

- Site preparation, limited waste relocation, compaction and subgrade preparation and capping;
- Landfill cap construction, which includes a gas collection layer, low permeability layer and protective cover/drainage layer;
- Construction and operation of a gas collection system to manage methane gas emissions from the landfill and prevent uncontrolled migration;
- Construction of a leachate collection system;
- Construction and operation of a storm water management system;
- Development of a comprehensive post-closure maintenance and monitoring program;
- Development of the former chemical pits area as green space; and
- Use of the landfill and F-Lot site as parking lots.

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Post-Closure

Post-closure developments at the site, along with the post-closure-use plans, were prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Regulations and the Remedial Standard Regulations (RSRs). Further, post-closure use design considered the need to:

- Maintain the integrity of the final cover;
- Provide for long-term maintenance of the final cover;
- Protect public health, safety, and the environment;
- Mitigate the effects of landfill gas both vertically and laterally throughout post-closure;
- Maintain final cap integrity considering site settlement and post-closure use; and
- Landfill closure and redevelopment objectives.

The closure plan sets aside areas for a number of activities to take place, including soil processing and stockpiling, room for storing materials and equipment, and soil and waste removal areas. UConn's CM firm will have to comply with odor, noise, dust and other controls, including keeping any relocated waste covered. The contractor will also build a construction fence around the site for security. The first steps in closing the landfill will focus on removing sediments and consolidating waste.

Narrative Report - Nature of Construction

The project consists of capping of the former UConn landfill and former chemical pits area. Paved parking areas are planned on the top, relatively flat portion of the landfill. Drainage from the parking areas will be managed by a proposed stormwater drainage system. Leachate interceptor trenches are proposed to the north and south of the landfill to intercept leachate-contaminated groundwater that would otherwise discharge to adjacent streams and wetlands.

Contaminated sediments will be remediated by excavation, dewatering and placement of sediments in the landfill prior to final grading and capping. Excavation, filling and construction activities will be required along the perimeter of the landfill to consolidate landfill refuse that was disposed of in areas now comprised of wetlands. The closure of the UConn landfill and former chemical pits is an integrated approach designed to manage contaminated sediments and solid waste through consolidation and capping, and collect leachate-contaminated groundwater to prevent discharge to waters of the State of Connecticut.

Intended Sequence of Operations

The following is a sequential list of the proposed operations:

- Mobilization, Site Preparation, and Stormwater/Erosion Control
- Staging of field offices and related equipment
- Security fencing
- Construction of service roads
- Contaminated Sediment Removal and Relocation
- Leachate Interceptor Trench (LIT) Construction
- Waste Consolidation
- Installation of Pre-Cast Concrete Buildings

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- Land reshaping and grading
- Cover System Installation
- Road and Parking Lot Construction
- Project Completion, Demobilization and Closeout

Wetlands Mitigation

Based on coordination with the various regulatory agencies, a proposed wetland mitigation plan has been developed in accordance with the ACOE-NE "New England District Mitigation Guidance" and "New England District Mitigation Plan Checklist" dated December 15, 2003. The wetland mitigation plan has evolved in response to guidance received from the CTDEP and ACOE-NE. Alternative wetland mitigation sites were evaluated.

Some or all of these sites will be used to create wetlands by excavating and removing fill and natural soils to a pre-determined depth below the water table. The excavated materials will be used to backfill sediment remediation areas within existing wetlands adjacent to the landfill. Principal criteria used in the evaluation of mitigation area suitability were:

- Site construction should not disturb valuable wildlife habitat
- Site hydrology must be reliable to support desired wetland hydroperiod
- Sites should be isolated from human activity

Other components of the Mitigation Plan include restoration of wetland areas disturbed by waste consolidation, landfill closure or sediment remediation, establishing an open space corridor and controlling invasive species. The wetland mitigation program's main goal is to provide compensation for wetland functions and values that will be adversely affected by the proposed site remediation. As documented in the Owner's Section 404 Permit Application and associated "Wetland Assessment: UCONN Landfill" (Wetland Assessment), the principal wetland function of the affected wetlands is wildlife habitat. Water quality improvement, sediment retention, and education are also important functions.

Hydrogeologic Investigation Groundwater and Soil Sampling – UConn Landfill Project

Phoenix Laboratory located in Manchester, CT, is an independent State-certified laboratory (<http://www.phoenixlabs.com/Profile.html>). UConn is utilizing Phoenix for project analytical analyses.

UConn Project Web Site

UConn announced in Spring 2003 that a new web site would provide up-to-date information on the UConn Landfill Remediation Project. The web site was created in response to comments made by the public during public involvement review. The site's Internet address is <http://landfillproject.uconn.edu/> and the web site includes a description of the project, timeline, project contacts and list of places to find documents, copies of recent notices, releases and publications that site visitors can download a project map and links to other sites, such as the CTDEP. A subsection contains updated construction information (see: <http://landfillproject.uconn.edu/files/construction.html>).

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UConn's Technical Consultants - Hydrogeologic Investigation Team

Haley & Aldrich: Haley & Aldrich is conducting construction contract administration and inspection services, as well as monitor well samplings. Work also included technical input and the review of permitting and design work for landfill and former chemical pits remediation based on final RAP. Consultant prepared the submitted Closure Plan, provided construction drawings and specifications, and prepared the submitted Permit applications to CTDEP and ACOE. Consultant assisted in the preparation of the Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Report and RAP, as well as public meeting preparation. Consultant will provide contract administration and inspection services during construction.

Earth Tech: Earth Tech is conducting construction contract administration, conducted roadway layout and parking lot design work, and State Traffic Commission Certificate permitting services. Consultant will provide contract administration and inspection services during construction.

Mitretek Systems: Mitretek's work included meeting attendance and input, technical review of data, the Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Report and RAP, as well as public meeting preparation and reviewed *UConn Update*. Responses to Comments on the Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Investigation Report and RAP, and various other responses to regulatory comments on permit applications.

United States Geologic Survey: The USGS work tasks included Final Supplemental Hydrogeologic fieldwork and coordination with the project hydrogeologic team. Consultant assisted in the preparation of Investigation Scope of Work contribution and reviews. The USGS interpreted surface geophysical survey data, conducted and interpreted borehole geophysical surveys, and is collecting bedrock ground-water level information. USGS was also involved in hydrogeologic data assessment and evaluation.

Phoenix Environmental Laboratories, Inc.: Phoenix is conducting sample analyses as part of the UConn Landfill project and IMP.

Regina Villa Associates: RVA is the community information specialist and continues to produce and distribute the *UConn Update*. Work also included the integration of review comments and assistance with public involvement as well as public meeting preparation.

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Schedule for Compliance (Revision No. 3)

The submitted Plan for presentation and the Schedule for Compliance for Consent Order SRD-101 Hydrogeologic Investigation - University of Connecticut Landfill, F-Lot and Chemical Pits, Storrs, CT, has been proposed for modification as follows (completed items in italics):

Schedule for Compliance Hydrogeologic Investigation of UConn Landfill, F-Lot, and Former Chemical Pits, Storrs, CT - Updated December 6, 2006 (COMPLETED ITEMS IN ITALICS)		
Consent Order Deliverable	Contents	Dates of Presentations and Submittals to CTDEP
UConn Landfill and Former Chemical Pits — Ecological Assessment	<i>Results of Ecological Assessment and Implications of the Assessment on Evaluation of Remedial Alternatives</i>	<i>January 9, 2002 (presentation completed); April 11, 2002 (interim report submitted*)</i>
UConn Landfill and Former Chemical Pits — Conceptual Site Model (CSM), impact on bedrock groundwater quality	<i>CSM details and supporting geophysical, hydrological, and chemical data</i>	<i>February 7, 2002 (presentation completed) April 8, 2002 (interim report submitted*)</i>
Remedial alternatives for the UConn Landfill, former chemical pits, F-Lot, and contaminated ground water	<i>Report will be included as the Remedial Action Plan in the Comprehensive Report</i>	<i>June 13, 2002 (presentation completed)</i>
Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Report and Remedial Action Plan - integration of information in all interim reports and all previous reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Results of Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Investigation</i> ▪ <i>Remedial Action Plan</i> ▪ <i>LTMP</i> ▪ <i>Schedule (to include public and agency review, permitting, design, and construction)</i> ▪ <i>Post-Closure</i> ▪ <i>Redevelopment Plan for the UConn Landfill and F-Lot</i> 	<i>August 29, 2002 (presentation**)</i> <i>October 31, 2002 (Comprehensive Report Submitted to CTDEP)</i>
Comprehensive Final Remedial Action Plan Report	<i>Release of Report and Plan for CTDEP and public review of remedial design</i>	<i>January 2003</i>

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Consent Order Deliverable	Contents	Dates of Presentations and Submittals to CTDEP
Remedial Action Design to include comprehensive interpretive design of the Landfill final cap	<i>Detailed design drawings and specifications of the preferred remedial alternative(s)</i>	<i>A Technical Review Committee Meeting was held Wednesday, June 25, 2003. Summer 2003 (Comprehensive Design Submittal)</i> <i>A public review session for the UConn landfill design took place at the Town of Mansfield, September 3, 2003.</i>
Implement Remedial Action Plan for the UConn Landfill, former chemical pits, F-Lot and contaminated groundwater	<i>Finalize detailed construction drawings, and specifications</i> <i>Develop bid packages based on approved Remedial Action Plan</i> <i>- Competitive Bidding Process</i> <i>- Select Contractor</i> <i>- Obtain Permits as detailed in the Remedial Action Plan</i> <i>Mobilization & Fieldwork</i>	<i>July 2003 through 2005</i> <i>(Contractor selection June/July 2004</i> <i>Notice of Award Sent to O&G)</i> <i>REVISED ***</i>
Initiation of Construction of Approved Remedial Option	<i>Selection of contractors and the beginning of Pre-Construction Phase Services and construction of approved remedial options</i>	<i>On-going – Construction activities began July 2006</i> <i>Mobilize contractor(s) (Contingent on Construction Timetable ***)</i> <i>REVISED ***</i>
Initiation of Long Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP)	<i>IMP/LTMP sampling continues quarterly.</i>	<i>LTMP started January 2006</i> <i>REVISED ***</i>
Completion of Remedial Construction	<i>Comprehensive final as-built drawings and closure report for the UConn Landfill, former chemical pit area.</i>	<i>December 2007- Anticipated completion of construction (Contingent on Construction Timetable ***)</i> <i>REVISED ***</i>
Post-Closure Monitoring	<i>Begin post-closure monitoring program of the Remedial Action upon approval from CTDEP</i>	<i>January 2008 (Contingent on Construction Timetable ***)</i> <i>REVISED ***</i>

* Interim reports submittals are the data packages that support the presentation accompanied by interpretive text sufficient for review. Comments received will be addressed.

** Results will not be complete until evaluation of data from MW 208R, if permission to drill from the property owner is received or an alternate is approved.

*** Contingent on CTDEP approvals, construction timetable based on bidding market, weather conditions, numerous permitting issues, along with State and local reviews and conditions.

Remedial Action Implementation Construction Photographs



Aerial View – January 26, 2007



Wetlands Area - January 26, 2007

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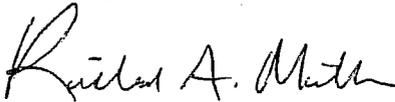
Certification:

As part of this submission, I am providing the following certification:

I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statement made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense.

Please contact James M. Pietrzak, P.E. at (860) 486-5836 or me at (860) 486-8741 if you need additional information.

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Re: Program Sponsorship Signs/Banners in Town Parks

Subject Matter/Background

At the January 22, 2007 meeting, the Town Council referred this item to the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC), Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Beautification Committee for comment. Attached please find communications from those committees in response to the Council's referrals. Additionally, please find a summary of comments from an informal survey relating to this issue conducted by the Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association.

As you may recall, in January of 2003 the Town Council hosted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Park Regulations to allow the location of temporary program sponsorship signs/banners in Town parks. The Council later approved an amendment to the Park Regulations, adding item "J" to section A194-1 "permitted activities" under the Park Regulations of the Mansfield Code (see attached). The attached correspondence from the Mansfield Little League requests that a less restrictive regulation be considered as it relates to section J(3), Duration.

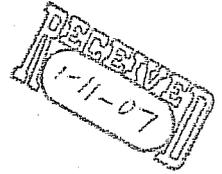
Prior to the approved amendment to the Park Regulations, the Planning and Zoning Commission also reviewed this issue as it relates to the Zoning Regulations. The PZC subsequently amended the Zoning Regulations to further clarify the definition of "Public Signs" and also to clarify that temporary sponsorship signs/banners as provided for in the Park Regulations shall not be considered advertising for the purposes of the Zoning Regulations.

If the Town Council does wish to amend the Park Regulations to accommodate the Little League's request, a public hearing would be in order to solicit comment from the public regarding any proposed changes.

Attachments

- 1) Mansfield Little League re: Banners Displayed at Southeast park
- 2) Mansfield Park Rules and Regulations
- 3) Recreation Advisory Committee re: Program Sponsorship Banners in Town Parks
- 4) Parks Advisory Committee re: Program Sponsorship Banners in Town Parks
- 5) Beautification Committee re: Program Sponsorship Banners in Town Parks
- 6) Summary of comments from informal survey

MANSFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



January 10, 2007

Town Council
Town of Mansfield

Dear Council Members:

Mansfield Little League respectfully requests that you reconsider your decision regarding banners displayed at Southeast Park. Currently, Mansfield Little League can display a sponsor banner as long as it is put up at the start of a game and taken down at the end of the game. After two years, this system has not been beneficial to our league and has seriously affected our league finances. This season we were not able to solicit one banner sponsor.

Our coaching and administrative volunteer staff dedicates a great deal of time and energy to make the program a success. When it is difficult to find enough volunteers to staff all of our positions, it has been impossible to recruit anyone who has been able to consistently display and take down the banners six days each week. The increased handling and folding of the banners has resulted in a shortened longevity of only one season instead of three.

Little League Baseball only allows each league one fundraiser per year that involves the players. At this time our one fundraiser is with the Defenders baseball team in which a majority of our participants are involved. However, the most financially successful fundraising program of any Little League program in our area is the banner sponsorship program. We are the only league in District 11 and surrounding towns that do not have sponsor banners displayed throughout the season.

We respectfully request that you allow us to display these banners recognizing the support of local businesses from the start of the season to the end of the season. They will be promptly removed when the last game is completed.

Thank you for your continued support and your consideration of this matter. I look forward to working with you. I can be reached if necessary at 428-7739.

Sincerely,

Diane Nadeau, President
Mansfield Little League

Chapter A194

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

TOWN COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
ATTACHMENT
SEE SECTION A194-1
ITEM 5.3

§ A194-1. Permitted activities.

§ A194-2. Prohibited activities.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield 11-25-1974, effective 12-3-1974. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 101.
Outdoor burning — See Ch. 114.
Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 137.

§ A194-1. Permitted activities.

The following park uses and/or activities are permitted subject to additional specific regulations which may be adopted by the Town Council or its designated agency:

- A. Hiking, picnicking, organized nature study, bicycling and horseback riding in designated areas.
- B. Ice skating, swimming, cross country skiing and fishing at specific times and/or places.
- C. Day and/or night camping only in specified areas, with a permit issued by the Town Manager or other designated person or agency of the town. [Amended 7-25-1983]
- D. Open fires only in fireplaces in designated picnic areas around Bicentennial Pond. [Amended 7-25-1983]
- E. Open camping fires are thus prohibited in the remainder of Schoolhouse Brook Park. [Added 7-25-1983]

- F. Organized games in designated areas.
- G. Posting of signs only with permission issued by the Town Manager or other designated person or agency of the town. **[Amended 7-25-1983]**
- H. Special activities and/or programs only upon approval by the Town Manager or other designated person or agency.
- I. Pets on leash only.
- J. Subject to compliance with applicable provisions of the Mansfield Zoning Regulations, the Parks and Recreation Department may authorize not-for-profit organizations to erect temporary program sponsorship signs/banners in Town parks, subject to the following conditions: **[Added 1-27-2003, effective 2-25-2003]**
 - (1) Eligibility. Only not-for-profit organizations that operate to serve Mansfield residents are eligible to erect signs/banners under this subsection. The eligible not-for-profit organizations may erect temporary signs/banners for only those businesses, organizations, individuals and other entities that provide monetary or other material assistance to the eligible organization. Subject to the conditions expressed herein, the Parks and Recreation Department has the discretion to determine which not-for-profit organizations and program sponsors are eligible to erect signs/banners under this subsection.
 - (2) Location. The location of temporary program sponsorship signs/banners in Town parks shall be limited to three sites:
 - (a) Around the interior perimeter of the outfield fence at Southeast Park Field A;
 - (b) Adjacent to the Southeast Park Football Field;
and

(c) Adjacent to the playing fields at the Lions Club Memorial Park.



- (3) Duration. Signs/banners permitted under this subsection may be erected or displayed only for the duration of a single game or event, or for the duration of a series of games and events occurring on a single day. Signs/banners must be removed or covered promptly following the expiration of the game or event, or following the conclusion of a series of games and events occurring on a single day.
- (4) Construction. Signs/banners permitted under this subsection must be single-sided, nonilluminating, temporary or portable in design, and constructed with weather-proof material.
- (5) Size. Signs/banners permitted under this subsection cannot exceed 32 square feet in area.
- (6) Color/format. Signs/banners permitted under this subsection must be consistent in format and have a dark background. Wording on signs/banners permitted under this subsection is limited to the name and logo of the program sponsor.
- (7) Enforcement. The Parks and Recreation Department shall administer and enforce the requirements of this subsection.
- (8) Other. Subject to the conditions expressed herein, the Parks and Recreation Department has the discretion to develop additional location requirements at the three sites defined in Subsection J(2) above, and other restrictions and guidelines for signs/banners permitted under this section.

§ A194-2. Prohibited activities.

Prohibited activities shall be as follows:

- A. Commercial advertising, except for temporary program sponsorship signs/banners as permitted in §A194-1J above. [Amended 1-27-2003, effective 2-25-2003]
- B. Vending or soliciting of any type except as authorized by the Town Council.
- C. Littering.
- D. Removal of or injury to trees, shrubs, flowers and/or other plants.
- E. Molesting of birds and/or other fauna.
- F. Destruction, misuse and/or defacement of park property.
- G. Use or possession of explosives, firearms and/or fireworks.
- H. Hunting and/or trapping.
- I. Pets in swimming area.
- J. All motorized vehicles except on designated public access roads and parking areas.
- K. Use of the park, including parking areas, between sunset and sunrise without proper permit.
- L. Disorderly conduct.
- M. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages. [Added 3-10-1975, effective 3-19-1975]
- N. Golfing. [Added 7-28-1997, effective 8-23-1997]

To: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
Date: January 21, 2007

The RAC Committee reviewed the letter sent to the Town Council from Diane Nadeau, President of the Mansfield Little League.

The Committee also reviewed the amendment to the Park Regulations, Item "J" to Section A194-1 "Permitted Activities" under the Park Regulations of the Mansfield code.

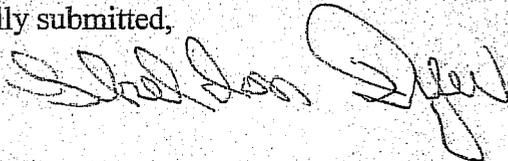
When the original proposal was made over 2 years ago, the RAC Committee was surprised that the Town Council put such restrictive measures into effect. As you can see, these restrictions have been detrimental to the success of the Little League in several ways.

It would be a disservice to our children, parents, coaches, volunteers, supportive local businesses, and community if we didn't act upon their proposal.

Therefore, we recommend that the Town Council take action to accept the proposal of the Little League to display their banners from the start of the season to the end of the season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheldon Dyer
RAC Committee Chairman

RAC - Jan. 24, 2007
Agenda Item #6.4
Hand-out

Town of Mansfield
Parks Advisory Committee
February 7, 2007
Mansfield Community Center Conference Room
7:30 pm

Members Present: Julianna Barrett, Jean Haskell, Susan Harrington (Chair), Tom Harrington, David Silsbee, and Kendron Silsbee.

Town Staff: Jennifer Kaufman

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.
2. Tom Harrington serving as secretary.
3. Approval of minutes: no minutes were available from last meeting. Discussed the need for written minute available within 48 hours.
4. Opportunity for public comment: no public citizens were present.
5. New business: Signs and banners for the Little League at Southeast Field were discussed. The league wants to be able to leave the sign up for the whole season. Julianna Barrett made a motion to "allow Mansfield Little League to display sponsor banners for the duration of the regular season [to be defined] at Southeast Park." Motion was seconded by Jean Haskell. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Continuing business: The committee is still working on trying to attract more members. The drainage problem at Dunhamtown Forest has been fixed by a Boy Scout. We are still waiting on a management plan for Merrow Meadow. Susan Harrington will be doing this when spring arrives. Porter Meadow has been turned over to the conservation committee. Deerfield Lane Open Space land management plan was submitted. David Silsbee motioned to accept the plan as written. Seconded by Julianna Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

The Boy Scouts will be camping out at fifty Foot. It was discussed whether or not the BSA could help with the drainage problem at Fifty Foot.

FOMP programs have not been getting large enough numbers to run.

April 4th will be the annual volunteer recognition day prior to the next committee meeting. UConn will be honored for their help with the parks. A workday schedule was produced.

Jennifer Kaufman is working with Greg on subdivision trail monitoring. Susan Harrington is working on the final IPANE report for 2006. David Silsbee will be working on the management plan for Schoolhouse brook Park, including the Larkins and Morneau properties. Kendron Silsbee will be working on the plan for the Torrey property. The Eagleville Community Garden was discussed, but, no action was taken. David Silsbee will be working on the Dunhamtown Forest with respect to the addition of the Sibley property.

The possibility of getting together a nature center was discussed. It was decided to hold a more complete discussion at the next meeting. Board members asked if they could invite other interested parties to this meeting. Some member felt that the committee should put together a concept plan. No decisions were reached with respect to the nature center process other than the discussion for next meeting of the committee.

Jennifer Kaufman reported on the possibility of making a handicapped accessible trail around Bicentennial Pond. A question was raised about the possibility of this due to the rather steep slopes around parts of the pond. No decision was made.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Sara-Ann Chainé

From: brian krystof [bkrystof@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 9:43 AM
To: Sara-Ann Chainé
Subject: Little League request

At the March meeting of the Mansfield Beautification Committee the committee voted in favor of the Little League request

Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department
Park Advertising/Program Sponsorship Banner Survey - Jan./Feb. 2007

The Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department is a member of the Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association. Two colleague towns recently inquired within our network about policies and procedures for advertising signs in parks. Mansfield shared their current Park Regulations with regards to this issue. There are also several out of state replies. Of the 39 responses, 26 allow it (16 no specific details provided, 10 with some restriction, via ordinance or regulation), 10 don't allow it (7 no specific details provided, 3 don't allow now, but plans are underway to change), 3 indicated no policy yet. Below are responses from the inquiry:

Town of Thompson

Our little league has a lease with the town for the property and they do hang sponsor signs on the fence. I know it is a big fundraiser for them.

Town of Branford

We have no problem with having Little League put signs on our fields – While we do not charge them for field use as you do not; they help us with capital improvements each and every year, and that is why they are allowed to do so. We have an excellent relationship with the league and we support each other and are able to accomplish many improvements each year – It is a win-win situation.

Town of Vernon

Little League has sponsors signs for over 50 years since they first begun. They have never had any questions about the signs posted on the athletic fields. In Vernon the Town is exempt from Planning & Zoning Regulations. We have raised over \$12,000 from signs on our softball field and the money goes into improvements for that field.

Town of West Haven

The only request we've had in West Haven was by the Babe Ruth league to hang signs on the outfield fence in Painter Park. The Park Rec Commission okayed small signs that could be hung up and removed each day.

City of Wyoming, MI

THE CITY OF WYOMING ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 54-8 is hereby added to the Code of the City of Wyoming to read as follows:

Sec. 54-8. Signs in Licensed Park Facilities. Sponsorship signs may be allowed on athletic fields in city park facilities which are subject to a license agreement with the city as provided in this Chapter, subject to the following regulations:

(1). Signs will be limited to use by the City Parks and Recreation Department and those organizations having a recreational facility license agreement with the City as provided in this chapter.

- (2). Signs must be pre-approved by the City on an annual or seasonal basis depending on the nature of the organization and its programs. The City may limit the signage both by facility and quantity at any particular facility.
- (3). Only sponsorship signs will be allowed. Product advertising or political signs are specifically prohibited.
- (4). The licensed organization shall consult with the City Parks and Recreation Department regarding any organization for which it seeks to place a sponsorship sign on a City facility. The City reserves the right to reject any sign or any organization deemed inappropriate for placement on a city park facility.
- (5). Sign placement shall be as determined by the Parks Department. Signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in display area, shall not be permanently affixed and shall be oriented away from public streets to the greatest degree possible. All signage must be proper aesthetically appropriate and kept in good repair.
- (6). Placement and removal of the signs shall be done by the licensed organization. All placements must be approved by the Parks Department not more than one-week prior to use and shall be removed not later than one week following use of the sign.
- (7). The City may, without notice, remove any sign which remains more than one week beyond the approved time for placement of the sign, any inappropriate or non-approved sign or any sign which is in disrepair and poses a hazard to park patrons. The City may also remove any sign in disrepair but not posing a hazard to park patrons upon one week's notice to the licensed organization.
- (8). In the event the City removes any sign, the licensed organization shall be responsible for the cost of removal by the City plus 25%.
- (9). The City makes no guarantee, implied or otherwise, that signage approval will be automatic or continuous. It shall be the responsibility of the licensees seeking sponsorships to confirm that signage space is available and will be approved by the City.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

I hereby certify that the above-entitled Ordinance was adopted by the City of Wyoming at a _____ session of the City Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2006.

Wyoming City Clerk

Town of Hamden

The town of Hamden Planning and Zoning regulations prohibit the display of signage for advertising on fences. I am currently working with the Planning Administrator to get those regulations amended. My thoughts on the revenue were that it could go directly to the Youth Baseball program (if they did the work) in lieu of the stipend that comes their way each year. (\$10,000). If this was an untenable situation, the Town would handle the program and keep the funds for its' own revenue stream. We are also contemplating the same program inside our Hockey rink, with the town taking the cash. We do not have any other ad signage at any other facility.

Town of Bloomfield

Our Little League operates under the same parameters.....interestingly, our Little League is asking the same.....Presently, signs in parks are in violation of a town ordinance. A

month ago they went to the Parks & Recreation Committee and presented their idea. The committee agreed in concept and supports their initiative. LL then took their request to the Town Council in order to get an exception to the ordinance. As of today that's where it sits. The Town Manager is against it, the Town Council is taking it under advisement and to date no final decision has been made. I'll let you know the final decision when it happens.

Presently the town ordinance states:

Sec. 15-53 Advertising Prohibited. No person in a park shall announce, advertise or call public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire.

Sec. 13-54 Signs Prohibited. No person in a park shall paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatsoever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park.

Little League's goals are:

To raise money for the league to offset participant costs and to save for possible future capital expenses. (more to keep the cost down so all kids can play)

To display support and promote a sense of community.

To create an atmosphere and arena that's exciting.

The proposed signs are 3.5 x 8 ft. uniform in color and printing, made of coreplast and will be tied to the fencing with plastic ties for the duration of the season. The committee supports Little League's initiative. The committee was concerned about other groups (football, soccer) wanting to do the same thing in other locations, but at this point felt that that debate/approval etc. should be addressed by Town Council. The next step is for Little League to go to the Town Council. Let the fun begin!

So we're in the middle of the debate.

Town of Granby

P&Z does not have jurisdiction over the Park signage once inside the Park. Little League does sign, about 2x3' maximum and places them on the fencing around each field.

Town of Rocky Hill

I guess our Town of Rocky Hill does not have any policies and procedures. What happened is that little league put them up and then someone registered a complaint and they had to go in front of P and Z for permission and they grandfathered them in.

Town of Newington

One thing when it comes to planning and zoning in Newington is: They don't really care because it's park property which is overseen by the Board of P & R. (This is a nice policy) Little League does all of the work and gets all of the revenues'. The signs are real nice. The LL did come before the board of P & R for approval of the fund raising and the town attorney looked into fund raising on Town property. They found out there was not a problem with the partnership between little league and the town.

Town of Preston

Signs that form the outfield fence at our facility are not regulated by P&Z - however the signs that are posted on the fence of our middle school (as a fund raiser to support the school's athletic program) are regulated - the regs specify sign size and specific location along the fence. In addition income from this posting must be deposited to a non-profit account and be expended for programs that benefit the children who attend Preston schools - this stipulation was negotiated with BOE and P&Z when the application was filed to use the fence for signage. A non-profit group, The Preston Booster Club, does the actual marketing and installation of the signs, then deposits the income into their checking account. Each year the funds are transferred to the school activities account in early September.

Town of Southington

The policies for the park and the procedures for installing signs is under the auspices of the Park & Recreation Dept. The board has granted permission for all organized recreation groups that use town facilities with fencing to place 4 x 8 advertising signs on the fence. The board feels it is a good fund raiser for the youth programs and helps out with the town budget. The policy has been going on for quite some time and has worked out for all. Can hang 4'x8' signs in outfield but they have to take them down at end of the season.

Town of Guilford

Our Little League has portable banners at 2 fields on school grounds. The banners go on the home run fences and are approved by the Board of Education, Parks and Recreation Commission, and P & Z. They come down at the end of the season. It is a good compromise that allows Little League to thank their sponsors, yet does not leave permanent signs.

Town of Avon

Avon does not allow them at this time – either on Town owned lands or BOE properties.

Town of Brookfield

We have a couple of fields that we have allowed this on. The local little league does this for one of our fields (we don't run it) and they get the money. We do it at our Men's Softball field (we run it) and we get the money. Our HS Booster Club does it at our HS and they get the money. Banners are all uniform in color (Dark Green w/ white logo or text only) & size (6' x 3'). We are trying to avoid having our fields look like minor league ball parks. Our zoning commission has appreciated our approach to this. Banners are put up in April and taken down in Oct. Cost for banners are \$300 the first yr. and \$200 subsequent years there after.

Town of Fairfield

We allow it –Fairfield, CT

Town of Glastonbury

We do not currently permit sponsor signs on our fields. I do, however, expect that might change in the near future. I'm not sure how we will address it, but, my initial thoughts is to have a profit sharing arrangement wioth Little League. Let them sell the ads, purchase the signs/banners, collect the revenue. P&R will install. We get a % of the gross sales.

Town of New Milford

Our Town does not allow us to hang sponsor signs in any of our parks.

Town of Colchester

we're in the same situation and we allow them to sell & hang signage

Town of East Hartford

It's in our Town Ordinance as to signs at fields. P&R has final approval.
Sec. 14-11a. Advertising on Fences Surrounding Town Stadiums.

(a) The following terms have the following meanings when used in this Section:

(1) "Local athletic organization" means a non-profit corporation established for the purpose of organizing and operating a baseball, softball, soccer or football league or team within the town of East Hartford;

(2) "Stadium" means any athletic field enclosed by a fence and which is contained within a town park;

(3) "Field" means any athletic field not enclosed by a fence and which is contained within a town park.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14-11, and subject to the guidelines and restrictions contained in this Section, commercial advertising shall be permitted on the fences surrounding those town stadiums designated by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(c) The town may enter into contracts with local athletic organizations, whereby the town authorizes such organizations to market and sell advertising space on the fences surrounding the designated town stadiums and to create and erect the signs on which the advertising shall appear. The contract shall include, but not be limited to the following provisions: any obligations and/or restrictions created by this Section or any applicable town regulations; any restrictions concerning the percentage of the revenues that may be used on the marketing, construction, erection and maintenance of the advertising signs; and the specific fields or stadiums that may be improved through the use of revenues generated by the particular organization's sale of advertising.

(d) Any revenues from the sale of advertising space shall be deposited into a specifically designated bank account in the name of the local athletic organization that sold such advertising. Such account must require the signature of the Director of Parks and Recreation, in addition to the signature of the organization representative, for any withdrawals made from the account. The use of revenues realized from the sale of the advertising shall be restricted to capital improvement projects and any

expenses associated with the marketing, construction, erection and maintenance of the signs as limited by contract. The Director of Parks and Recreation, in consultation with the local athletic organization officials, shall make the final decision as to the specific improvements to be made and the manner in which those improvements will be accomplished.

(e) Political advertising shall not be permitted.

(f) Advertising of tobacco or alcohol by trade name shall not be permitted.

(g) The Director of Parks and Recreation shall have the authority to accept or reject any use of the advertising space. Said Director shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria to be used in making the decision whether to accept or reject an advertisement. Such regulations shall also establish the criteria governing the size, shape, appearance and erection of any advertisement and shall further establish any guidelines, restrictions, and criteria necessary for the implementation of this Section. Said regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Section 14-5.

Voted: 2/16/93

Published: 2/26/93

Effective: 3/19/93 (Section 11a - llh)

Town of Weston

The Town of Weston has a policy that we follow which mirrors the Board of Education policy on advertising on Town facilities. Basically the Commission requests that organizations apply to the commission for approval prior to any signs or banners being posted. This was in direct response to the Little League hanging commercial advertising at our Town owned fields that they utilize for their program at no cost. We have had no commercial advertising since the policy was implemented other than special occasions that were approved by our commission.

Town of North Branford

In North Branford, our Parks and Rec Commission has allowed the Little League and Youth Football to hang sponsorship signs on the Town fields. The overall picture is that the signs bring additional revenue into their programs which ultimately help the children and their programs. Do keep in mind the Recreation Commission needs to permit this to happen, so each league must have a written request to them.

City of Newport, RI

We allow their sponsor signs for the season only and must be removed over the winter. We just redid the field with a DEM recreation grant and they helped us with the matching funds. Our city provides them with a small grant annually as well (from the city council)

Town of Litchfield

We allowed them to hang them on the fences around the field from Opening Day to end of Regular Season. Then the Little League group would only hang those sponsor's signs

that were involved with the tournament if there was one. Then after that all would need to be removed.

Town of Shrewsbury, MA

Our parks commission doesn't allow this and our little league uses fields for free. They do however help us with making donations to maintenance. Our football program that uses a school does put up banners for game day only and then they take them down. Maybe you can allow that. If you do I would recommend they do signs that all the same. example. Green signs with white letters of sponsor names. We had that on a baseball field in a town I used to work in. Looks nicer than ten signs in 12 different colors and fonts, etc. – Shrewsbury, Ma

City of Bristol

Normally, there are no sponsorship signs allowed at any of our ball fields in Bristol. There are 3 little leagues in Bristol. Two of them use Park Dept. fields that we have given them rights to. However, we did just recently give permission for a sign to go up. The little league had to write a letter of request to the Board of Park Commissioners to get the approval.

Town of Wilton

In Wilton the Board of Ed does not permit any signage on fields, and since most fields are on their property it is not an issue. I live in New Haven and have been involved in our little league board which uses city property and has signs attached to the outfield fence. I'm not sure if the space is leased from the city or not.

City of Stamford

Here in Stamford we have the same LL situation as you do in Groton and we allow the banners, but they must be put up at the start of the season and come down at the end of the season. We have no exact policy on types of advertising as all so far have used common sense and we have had no complaints.

Town of Greenwich

Greenwich just received a similar request, but it was not from Little League. We did not allow it. We put sponsor signs for special events that we run that have a sponsor for that event only. If someone like the Babe Ruth League has an All- Star Tournament, we can see a banner stating the name of the Tournament. Beyond that, we don't allow sponsor signs for programs and activities, we feel that this could become a huge issue.

Town of Ridgefield

Ridgefield Parks and Recreation does not allow the hanging of sponsor signs. The closest thing that is allowed is when ie; Pepsi donates a scoreboard, they are allowed to have their logo on their donated item.

City of Meriden

In Meriden yes as long as it is a non-offensive sponsor. No beer, liquor or cigarettes etc. We do require the signs cannot go up before the season and MUST be taken down and stored after.

Town of Stratford

In Stratford at Short Beach the Short Beach Commission and the Zoning Commission gave the Little League permission to hang sponsorship signs at no charge. The Little League is not charged to lease the field but they have raised alot of money to make renovations to the field. They also do not charge to attend their games. At DeLuca Field, the users (Brakettes Women's softball team) can put up sponsorship signs but the town gets a 30% fee per year. The Brakettes charge an admission fee.

City of Paducah, KS

We have had the same situations, except it was our local High School softball team that made the request. We allowed it with the understanding that:

- The Parks Department approve all signage after seeing a proof
- All signs met a specification of no bigger the 4' High by 8' wide and made of commercial grade vinyl at least, with metal grommets and secured to the fence with at least rope preferred spring clips, no string or fishing line or similar materials).
- Sign must be at least 1 foot off the ground
- Any sign that was in bad repair as determined by the Parks Department could be removed at any time. ...
- All income must be reported.

These were in writing and had to be signed by a Parks Rep, a team rep and a rep from the business that was buying the signage.

City of Bloomington, MN

The first thing I would recommend is checking your City Ordinance to determine the signs are allowed. The way our City Ordinance is written, a good portion of our City baseball/softball fields are not allowed to have advertising type signage. City parks must follow the same rules for businesses and homes, and therefore only a certain number of signs can be viewed from outside the park boundaries. We have signs that identify the park that equal this limit. Because this limit is reached, no additional signs that could be viewed from outside the park boundaries can be placed on most of the fields.

There is one facility that does have signage placed along the outfield fence by a user group. The City has an agreement with this group to each fund half of the cost of field improvements. Because the money raised is being used to improve the field, the group is not charged any fees for selling the signage.

The group is solely responsible for the signs. This includes the purchase and creation of each sign, hanging prior to and taking down at the end of each season, storage of, and equipment that is used to hang signs on the fence. The one caveat that the City has in this is that we specify the type of material that the signs are made of. This is done to help



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance; Christine Gamache, Collector of Revenue
Date: April 23, 2007
Re: Transfer of Uncollected Taxes to Property Tax Suspense Book

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find the proposed transfer of uncollected taxes to the property tax suspense book, submitted for the Town Council's review and approval. As explained by the Collector of Revenue, the majority of the list items are motor vehicle accounts billed to taxpayers that the town has been unable to locate. Additionally, 38% of the accounts represent personal property taxes on businesses that had closed without notifying the assessor's office. The additions to the suspense book total \$101,610.16.

Although the taxes are removed from the books as a current receivable they continue to remain collectible for 15 years from the original due date. From July 1, 2006 to date; the town has successfully collected \$13,926 in outstanding suspense taxes and interest.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council approve the list as presented. If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective April 23, 2007, to transfer \$101,610.16 in uncollected property taxes to the Mansfield Property Tax Suspense Book, as recommended by the Collector of Revenue.

Attachments

1) List Summary

SUSPENSE LIST SUMMARY BY YEAR

APRIL 11, 2007

GL Year	Total Tax
1998 Total	266.12
1999 Total	393.52
2000 Total	290.77
2001 Total	3,969.66
2002 Total	21,717.51
2003 Total	67,842.58
2004 Total	6,536.81
2005 Total	593.19
Grand Total	101,610.16

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CHRISTINE GAMACHE,
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: April 23, 2007
Re: Procedures for the Posting and Retention of Agendas and Minutes

Subject Matter/Background

This policy was initiated to bring structure to the process of the writing, posting, filing and retention of the agendas and minutes of the board, commissions and committees of the Town. The Town has over 30 volunteer boards and commissions all of whom must notice and report on all their meetings. The minutes are permanent records of the Town and must not only be preserved but be accessible to the public. All agendas must be retained for a period of one year.

The draft policy sets forth a process to assure that all agendas and minutes will be available in the Town Clerk's office, the Mansfield website and distributed to all citizens who have signed up for META Mail. A process has been developed that will allow citizens to access copies of draft minutes if requested.

The statutes governing agendas and minutes are found in the Freedom of Information Act of 1975. These requirements have been incorporated into this policy. Additionally, the policy has been reviewed by staff and has been sent to boards and commissions for comment. The responses and concerns of the volunteers and staff have been incorporated as well.

Recommendation

Staff wishes to solicit any comment or questions that the Town Council may have regarding the draft policy. If the Council has no questions or concerns, we will publish the procedures for May 1, 2007. We believe that the policy will assist volunteers and staff with complying with state regulations and in making information more readily accessible to the public.

Attachments

- 1) Draft Procedures for the Posting and Retention of Agendas and Minutes



TOWN OF MANSFIELD POLICY MEMORANDUM

To: All Town Employees and Volunteers
From: Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager
Prepared by: Mary L. Stanton, Town Clerk
Date: May 1, 2007
Subject: Procedures for the Posting and Retention of Agendas and Minutes

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarification and guidance regarding the posting and retention of agendas and the writing, posting and filing of minutes for the Boards, Commissions and Committees in the Town of Mansfield.

The purpose of an agenda is to inform both the participants and the public what items are to be discussed at the meeting. The minutes of any organization serve as the permanent record of subjects discussed, conclusions reached, actions taken and assignments given.

II. Requirements

Meeting Schedules

Prior to January 31st of each year all Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Committees of the Town of Mansfield must file a schedule of their regular meetings with the Town Clerk's office. This schedule must be filed at least 30 days prior to the first meeting of the agency.

Agenda

Each Agency must make its agenda for any regularly scheduled meeting available to the public at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

A special meeting may be called up to 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the event. An agenda stating the time, place and business to be transacted must be filed as soon as the decision to have a meeting has been made.

An emergency meeting may be held without the above notice requirements. However, the agency must file its minute, including the reason for the emergency meeting, within 72 hours (excluding weekend and holidays) of such meeting.

Minutes

The votes of each member of an agency must be available to the public, if requested, within 48 hours of the end of the meeting. Complete minutes either draft or approved, depending on the meeting schedule, must be available for public inspection within 7 days.

III. Format

Agenda

There are many ways to format an agenda. The agenda essentially flow-charts the activities of a meeting and therefore can change depending on the purpose of the meeting. There are, however, some standard headings that are common to most municipal agendas.

- Name of the Board or Commission
- Date and Time of the Meeting
- Location of the Meeting
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes, including any corrections
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Old Business
- New Business
- Reports
- Communications
- Executive Session, if needed
- Adjournment

Minutes

Minutes should reflect the substance of a meeting and be a clear and accurate record of the proceedings. Minutes should usually follow the agenda items chronologically. All motions must be verbatim and all actions and assignments recorded. The name of the Board or Commission, the date and type of meeting (regular or special), the time of the beginning and the end of the meeting, the corrections to the draft minutes, if any, and a list of those present should be included as part of the record. The amount of discussion included in the minutes should be sufficient to reflect the sense of the organization on each agenda item.

IV. Posting

Town agencies are responsible for scheduling their meetings on the Town Calendar. This calendar may be accessed both by staff and citizens on the Mansfield web site, mansfieldct.org. It is suggested that all meeting rooms be reserved as soon as the schedule for the year is known.

All agendas shall be sent to the publicnotices web address (publicnotices@mansfieldct.org). This will cause the agenda to be posted on the signboard outside the Town Clerk's office, on the town's website, the cable station, when appropriate, and distributed to those citizens who have signed up for META MAIL.

Once minutes have been approved they too shall be sent to the publicnotices web address. These minutes will be posted on the website, sent to all META MAIL participants and will be filed as a permanent record in the Town Clerk's vault.

Draft minutes shall be available to the public seven days following the meeting. Copies of these drafts may be requested from the individual departments or through the web master at publicnotices@mansfieldct.org. The website shall state that draft minutes are available upon request. Said requests will be forwarded to the correct department via the web master.

The exceptions to this procedure are the following: Town Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetland Agency, Board of Education, Zoning Board of Appeals and Charter Revision Commission. These organizations will post, as described above, but will be responsible for the copying of their minutes into the permanent minute books.

V. Retention Schedule

A copy of the agenda of each meeting must be retained for one year. The Town Clerk's office will be the owner of record of all agendas sent to the office and will maintain the file and request authorization to destroy when appropriate. Individual agencies may retain a copy of the agenda for their records and use.

The minutes of each meeting are permanent records of the Town. All approved minutes shall be filed in the Town Clerk's office via publicnotices except as noted in the last paragraph in Section IV. Departments will be responsible for ensuring that the minutes of the Boards and Commissions that they staff are properly filed.

VI. Questions or Comments

Any questions or comments regarding this policy should be directed to the Town Clerk.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services
Date: April 23, 2007
Re: Application to AT&T Excelerator Technology Grant Program

Subject Matter/Background

The *AT&T Excelerator* grant program is a competitive technology grant program that focuses on helping nonprofits fully integrate technology into their ongoing operations and with community outreach. This program seeks to fund projects that build the technology infrastructure of nonprofits, enabling them to increase their organizational effectiveness and/or service delivery capability. Our proposal is to partner with the Mansfield Senior Center Association on this application. If awarded this grant, staff would use the funds to purchase and implement *MySeniorCenter*, a technology program designed exclusively for senior centers to increase efficiency by managing all aspects of events, meals, transportation, case management and equipment use. The program could also be used by the Mansfield Senior Center Association to manage their membership database.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost of fully implementing *MySeniorCenter* at the Mansfield Senior Center is \$16,000, which includes the license, a server, three stations and membership cards. Annual licensing fees, upgrades and technical support are \$990 per year. We intend to request \$10,000 from AT&T in this grant application. As a partner, the Senior Center Association has committed to provide \$3000, to be matched by the Town of Mansfield with existing funds, to supplement the total cost of *MySeniorCenter*.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that we apply for this grant application. While we have been interested in *MySeniorCenter* for some time, we felt that the cost was prohibitive. This grant is targeted at purchases like this, and would assist us in increasing the overall efficiency of Senior Center operations. It also offers greater ease of use for our members, provides more accurate reporting, and would enable us to increase the amount of time staff spends in delivering direct services.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following resolution is in order:

Resolved, effective April 23, 2007, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to make, execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of the town other instruments a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments effective until otherwise ordered by the Town Council.

Attachments

- 1) Excerpts from grant application
- 2) Benefits of MySeniorCenter

**AT&T Excelerator
Call for Proposals****APPLICATION****DEADLINE: May 4, 2007**

***All proposals must be received in AT&T offices by 5 p.m. on May 4, 2007.
Incomplete and/or incorrectly formatted applications will not be considered.***

2007 AT&T EXCELERATOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

AT&T Foundation is pleased to announce the 2007 AT&T Excelerator competitive technology grants program. This year's multi-million dollar program focuses on helping nonprofits fully integrate technology into their ongoing operations and community outreach.

AT&T Excelerator is a key component of AT&T AccessAll, a major initiative to bring technology to underserved communities.

AT&T Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc., recognizes the valuable role of nonprofits in meeting human needs and shaping successful communities. Technology holds tremendous potential in strengthening the ability of nonprofits across the sector to further advance their missions.

AT&T Excelerator seeks to fund projects that build the technology infrastructure of nonprofits, enabling them to increase their organizational effectiveness and/or service delivery capability. Examples of qualifying projects include the following:

- **Internet Access** – Networked, high-speed access to the Internet and e-mail.
- **Data Networking** – Network connectivity to enable easy sharing of database applications and information systems.
- **Online Outreach** – Interactive web-based applications that support activities such as service delivery, volunteer recruiting, e-fundraising, etc. AT&T Excelerator is interested in web-based interactive applications activities only. Static, brochure-type web development projects will not be favorably considered.
- **Staff Technology Capacity** – Technology training programs for nonprofit staff members. Basic, intermediate, and advanced training programs are eligible for consideration.
- **Pooled Technology Resources** - Programs that work to address the technology needs of multiple nonprofits, e.g. technology circuit riders (mobile, skilled technology consultants) and application service providers. Nonprofit technology training providers will also be considered in this category. To qualify, providers must be nonprofits themselves and exclusively or primarily serve the nonprofit community.

AT&T reserves the right to limit overall funding of programs based on the total number of qualified submissions received by the published due date.

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

1. **To qualify, the major focus of the organization and project must have emphasis in one of the following areas:**
 - Education
 - Community Development
 - Health and Human Services
 - Arts and Culture

2. Organizations/projects must target 51 percent or more underserved populations:
 - Underserved racial and ethnic groups (African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and Asian-American)
 - Low-income (as defined by the U.S. Federal Government Departments of Health & Human Service or Housing & Urban Development or U.S. Census Bureau)
 - Seniors (people 50 years old and above)
 - Rural (places of less than 2,500 persons, as defined by U.S. Census Bureau)
 - Urban cluster (places of at least 2,500 people but fewer than 50,000, as defined by U.S. Census Bureau)
 - People with disabilities (physical, mental, or learning)

Please note that eligibility can be achieved through a combination of the above (e.g. 31% low-income and 20% urban cluster, etc.).

3. Project funding decisions are made on a state-by-state basis. Projects and project collaborations should be developed for the benefit of the submitting state. Example: An Arkansas review committee will make all decisions on Arkansas submissions, so they should include only Arkansas-based organizations.
4. Additionally, programs need to outline a process to achieve and measure success.

SCOPE AND USE OF GRANTS

AT&T Excelerator competitive grants range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and are for **one year in length**.

NOTE: The majority of grants will be at the \$5,000 level.

Collaborations by two or more organizations will be considered for grants up to \$50,000 for one year. No grants over \$50,000 will be awarded. Grant funds may be used for data communications services, hardware, software, technology training, personnel, and application development.

Please note: when submitting applications for collaborations of two or more organizations, it is required that you submit all accompanying documentation (e.g. Board Affiliations, proof of nonprofit or government instrumentality status, etc.) for the lead organization only. It is not necessary to submit this information for the collaborating/secondary organization.

Grant recipients of the 2006 AT&T Excelerator program are eligible to submit for the 2007 program.

GRANTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED FOR:

- Projects outside AT&T local service operating areas. (AT&T is the primary local service telecommunications provider in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.)
- Individual K-12 schools, districts, systems foundations, both public and private. (Please note that K-12 schools may be part of a collaborative grant request, but not the lead agents.)
- Individuals
- United Ways that receive corporate contributions from the AT&T Foundation
- 211 Information and Referral Service Agencies/Collaboratives
- Organizations without 501(c)3 public charity or government instrumentality status
- Private foundations
- Programs that AT&T Foundation is currently funding
- Capital campaigns or endowments
- Facility construction or renovation
- Religious organizations for sectarian purposes
- Events or sponsorships
- Projects that include only a planning/development phase

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Although we do not require a technology plan as a part of this application, the primary goal of this RFP is to select projects that use technology to support the overall goals and mission of your organization. Going through a strategic technology planning process may help your organization identify ways in which technology can support your mission and uncover good technology projects. If you want more information about developing a technology plan for your organization, we recommend TechAtlas, a free online technology planning guide. TechAtlas can be found at www.techatlas.org. For those nonprofits without access to the internet, you may contact the AT&T Foundation at 1-800-591-9663 to request a copy of the booklet, *Technology Literacy Benchmarks for Nonprofits*, to facilitate your technology plan development process.

- Proposal package should be no more than five to eight typed pages (excluding required attachments).
- Double-spaced with 12-point font and one-inch margins.
- Each page is to be numbered at the bottom.
- The attached proposal application is to be completed and submitted as the cover of your proposal.
- Submit one original and four (4) copies of your proposal package, identified as "AT&T Excelsior," to the appropriate office in your region as listed on the final page of this document.
- Faxed copies will not be accepted.
- **REMINDER: All proposals must be received in AT&T offices by 5 p.m. on May 4, 2007. It is recommended that all proposals be submitted by mail since AT&T cannot guarantee that someone will be available to accept personal deliveries.**

1. Applicant Organization (*Who Are You?*)

- Provide a brief description (no more than one page) of your organization's mission, history, and programs.
- Describe your vision of how technology can support the mission of your organization.
- Briefly describe your organization's current use of technology.
- Project Partners (applying as a collaborative). Please provide participant names and their roles in the project.

Note: The "Envision" and "Assess" elements of TechAtlas at www.techatlas.org can assist your organization in completing the mission, vision, and current state of technology use in the section above.

2. Project Summary (*Where Do You Want To Go?*)

- Provide an executive summary of your proposed technology project [270 characters (including spaces) or less].
- Provide a full description of your proposed technology project.
- How will this project strengthen your organization's ability to meet its mission?
- What specific needs will this project address?
- Who is it that you hope to reach with this project?

3. Project Specifics (*How Will You Get There?*)

- **Implementation Plan:** Provide an implementation plan that includes key implementation activities, estimated timeline and who is responsible for each activity. Please include the project's start (after November 2007) and completion dates.
- **Project Budget:** Clearly describe your project budget using the attached budget form and categories. In addition, include a short but thorough narrative in bullet point format that provides background on the budget items. List by funder and amount, all other funding sources for this project. If no additional funding sources apply to the project, please indicate that as well.
- **Sustainability:** What plans do you have to sustain the project beyond the term of this grant?

Note: Requests above the funding thresholds identified under "Scope and Use of Grants" will not be considered, so if your project requires funding beyond what can be sought through AT&T Excelsior, it is important to demonstrate that other funding has already been secured and/or that requests are in progress.

4. Project Outcomes (*How Will you Know When You've Arrived?*)

- What specific outcomes do you expect (e.g. staff technology capacity, increased number of clients served, new outreach capabilities, time efficiencies, etc.)?
- What data will you collect to measure these outcomes and how will you collect it?
- At what intervals will you collect the data?

5. Project Communication (*Spread the Word.*)

- Describe how you plan to announce and to promote your proposed project. Marketing/publicity plans should include regular opportunities to inform the community about your project and how it successfully meets the objective of the AT&T Excelerator competitive grant program, as well as recognize the AT&T Foundation.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- Completed Grant Cover Sheet.
- IRS 501(c)3 tax determination letter and classification as “not a private foundation” under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or evidence of being a government instrumentality. Please ensure that your tax determination letter or evidence of government instrumentality is valid (i.e. expired Advance Ruling letters are not acceptable).
- A list of the current board of directors and their organization affiliations (template attached).
- Budget information, using recommended form or your own format, and an accompanying short, but thorough, background narrative (template attached).

It is very important that you review your application for completeness prior to submitting it. All sections must be complete and all accompanying documentation attached as requested.

REVIEW AND FUNDING PROCESS

All qualified proposals will be considered by a review panel and evaluated on the criteria defined within the grant RFP. Funding decisions will be announced by the end of October.

REPORT OF PROJECT RESULTS

A final “Report of Project Results” will be required of each selected entry no later than one year following receipt of the grant check.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN AT&T OFFICES
BY 5 P.M. ON MAY 4, 2007**

**INCOMPLETE AND/OR INCORRECTLY FORMATTED APPLICATIONS
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

AT&T EXCELERATOR 2007 PROPOSAL APPLICATION

(Please type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received:

Name of Organization:

Project Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Website:

Amount Requested:

PRESIDENT OR CEO

PROGRAM CONTACT

Name and Title:

Name and Title:

Phone:

Fax:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

E-mail:

Signature:

Signature:

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type of Organization: (please select one):

Education

Health & Human Services

Community Development

Arts & Culture

Special Populations Served:

Racial and ethnic: Please provide the percentage of each group participating. Total must equal 100 %. If you do not currently track racial and ethnic data, please provide an educated estimate. Do not leave any area blank. Use a zero entry where appropriate. N/A (not applicable) is not an acceptable entry in this section.

% African-American ___ % Asian-American ___ % Hispanic/Latino ___ % Native American ___ % White ___ % Other (define) ___

Income level: Please provide the percentage of low-income¹ individuals served by the project. If this population is not served by your organization/project, insert N/A. Do not leave blank.

% Low-Income ___

Other: If the project serves one or more of the populations below, indicate the percentage served. If one or more population(s) are not served by your organization/project, insert N/A. Do not leave any area blank.

___ % People with Disabilities (physical, mental, or learning)

___ % Rural²

___ % Seniors (people 50 years old and above)

___ % Urban Cluster³

¹ As defined by the U.S. Federal Government Departments of Health & Human Services (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/05poverty.shtml>), Housing and Urban Development (<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il/il05/index.html>), or U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov).

² Places of less than 2,500 persons, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

³ An urban cluster is defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as territory that has at least 2,500 people but fewer than 50,000.

Are you applying as a Collaborative? No Yes

Name(s) of Collaborator(s):

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Please use this budget form as a guide for outlining your expenses for the PROJECT ONLY. You may modify it or submit your own budgets if they approximate this format and provide all necessary information.

Total Project Budget: \$ _____	
Amount Applied for: \$ _____	
Name of Organization:	
Budget Period: _____ to _____	
Technology	
Data Communications Services	
Hardware	
Software	
Application Development	
(A) Total Technology	\$ _____
Other Project-related Expenses	
Personnel	
Technology Training	
(B) Total Other Project-related Expenses	\$ _____
Total Direct Cost (A+B)	\$ _____

Budget Narrative: Please provide a short but thorough narrative in bullet point format that provides background on the budget items. Are there other funding sources, either pending or committed? Please list by funder and amount. A separate page can be used if additional space is required.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AFFILIATIONS:

Please use this form as a guide for listing your Board of Directors and their company affiliations. You may modify it or submit your own Board list if it approximates this format and provides all necessary information.

NonProfit Organization Name

2007 Board of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization Affiliation¹</u>
John Doe	President	The ABC Company
Jane Doe	Community Volunteer	N/A

¹ If a Board member is not officially with an organization, he/she may be listed as a community volunteer.

Submit AT&T Excelerator RFPs based on the geographic scope of your project to the appropriate local contact indicated below.

For questions, you may contact the AT&T Foundation at 1-800-591-9663.

It is recommended that all proposals be submitted by mail since AT&T staff may not be available to accept personal deliveries. All entries must be received by the stated deadline to be considered.

Local or statewide for Arkansas AT&T Excelerator 1111 W. Capitol, Rm 1070 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201	Local for Los Angeles AT&T Excelerator 1150 South Olive St, Rm 2801 Los Angeles, California 90015	Local or statewide for Michigan AT&T Excelerator 444 Michigan Avenue, Rm 1700 Detroit, Michigan 48226	Local for El Paso/West Texas AT&T Excelerator 500 Texas, Rm 312 El Paso, Texas 79901
Statewide for California AT&T Excelerator 525 Market St., 19 th Floor, Rm 1908 San Francisco, California 94105	Local for Sacramento/ Northern California AT&T Excelerator 525 Market St., 19 th Floor, Rm 50 San Francisco, California 94105	Local or statewide for Nevada AT&T Excelerator 645 E. Plumb Lane, C-142 P.O. Box 11010 Reno, Nevada 89520	Local for Houston/East Texas AT&T Excelerator 6500 W. Loop S., Rm 5100 Bellaire, Texas 77401
Local for South Bay Area AT&T Excelerator 525 Market St., 19 th Floor, Rm 50 San Francisco, California 94105	Local for San Diego – California AT&T Excelerator 101 W. Broadway, Rm 1440 San Diego, California 92101	Local or statewide for Ohio AT&T Excelerator 45 Erieview Plaza, Rm 1600 Cleveland, Ohio 44114	Local for Fort Worth/ North Texas AT&T Excelerator 1116 Houston, Rm 104 Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Local for E. Bay Area – Alameda and Contra Costa Counties AT&T Excelerator 525 Market St., 19 th Floor, Rm 50 San Francisco, California 94105	Local or statewide for Connecticut AT&T Excelerator 310 Orange Street, Rm 911 New Haven, Connecticut 06510	Local or statewide for Oklahoma AT&T Excelerator 405 North Broadway, Rm 247 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102	Local for San Antonio/ South Texas AT&T Excelerator 175 East Houston, 10-Q-60 San Antonio, Texas 78205
Local for West Bay Area – San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo AT&T Excelerator 525 Market St., 19 th Floor, Rm 50 San Francisco, California 94105	Local or statewide for Illinois AT&T Excelerator 225 W. Randolph, Floor 27B Chicago, Illinois 60606	Local or statewide for Wisconsin AT&T Excelerator 722 N. Broadway, 18 th Floor Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202	Local for Rio Grande Valley AT&T Excelerator 721 Beech Ave., Floor I McAllen, Texas 78501
Local for Central California AT&T Excelerator 525 Market St., 19 th Floor, Rm 50 San Francisco, California 94105	Local or statewide for Indiana AT&T Excelerator 240 N. Meridian St., Rm 1827 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204	Local or statewide for Kentucky AT&T Excelerator 601 W. Chestnut St., Rm 409 Louisville, Kentucky 40203	Statewide for Texas and Local for Austin-Central Texas AT&T Excelerator 400 W. 15 St., Rm 1000J Austin, Texas 78701
Local for Orange Co. California AT&T Excelerator 1442 Edinger Ave. Tustin, California 92780	Local or statewide for Kansas AT&T Excelerator 220 East 6 th St., Rm 505 Topeka, Kansas 66603	Local or statewide for Missouri AT&T Excelerator One AT&T Center, Rm 41-L-01 St. Louis, Missouri 63101	Local for Houston/Southeast Texas AT&T Excelerator 6500 W. Loop S., Rm 5100 Bellaire, Texas 77401
Local or statewide for Alabama AT&T Excelerator 600 North 19 th St., Rm 28-C-01 Birmingham, Alabama 35203	Local or statewide for Georgia AT&T Excelerator 1025 Lenox Park Blvd., NE, Rm 6B54 Atlanta, Georgia 30319	Local or statewide for Louisiana AT&T Excelerator 365 Canal St., Rm 3000 New Orleans, Louisiana 70130	Local for Dallas/North Texas AT&T Excelerator 308 S. Akard, Rm 1100 Dallas, Texas 75202
Local or statewide for Florida AT&T Excelerator 150 W. Flagler St., Rm 1901 Miami, Florida 33130	Local or Statewide for South Carolina AT&T Excelerator 1600 Williams St., Rm 5530 Columbia, South Carolina 29201	Local or statewide for Tennessee AT&T Excelerator 333 Commerce St., EDC Nashville, Tennessee 37201	
Local or statewide for Mississippi AT&T Excelerator 175 E. Capitol St., Rm 740 Jackson, Mississippi 39201	Local or statewide for North Carolina AT&T Excelerator 300 South Brevard St., Rm 15-G-12 Charlotte, North Carolina 28202- 2349		



OUTCOME MEASURES FOR SENIOR CENTERS

Operational Efficiency. We estimate that in eliminating sign-in sheets and automating the sign-in process for events at the senior center, senior centers save **AT LEAST** one (1) minute in data collecting, data entry and data analysis *per senior per event* that the senior signs up for *per day*. **FOR EXAMPLE:** If the Schoolhouse Senior Center sees an average of 100 unduplicated seniors per day and the average senior signs up for 3 events, then MySeniorCenter™ would save the Schoolhouse Senior Center **AT LEAST 25 hours per week** (100 seniors x 3 events x 1 minute x 5 days per week) in back-office work. With emphasis, this time and cost savings **DOES NOT** account for many of the other efficiencies gained via MySeniorCenter™ that include eliminating volunteer sign-in sheets, streamlining transportation logs, etc.

Real-time, Shared Statistics. Besides being able to eliminate sign-in and time sheets and drastically reduce data-entry, senior centers are able to get ***real-time*** statistics on virtually any aspect of their senior center. Further, all information about the senior center is aggregated in one location, so all the staff and volunteers at the senior center (who are allowed access) are able to share virtually all information about the senior center and about seniors.

Other Advantages. With MySeniorCenter™, live training, installation and support is provided, along with remote back-up of all information. MySeniorCenter™ is not only very user- and senior-friendly, but also very easily customizable. MySeniorCenter™, since inception, has been a system that was designed by the input of senior centers; to this, MySeniorCenter™ is ever improving upon the suggestions of senior centers. All new features and upgrades, which are 100% based on suggestions of senior centers, are included.

www.myseniorcenter.net

20 N. Main Street, Suite 260
Sherborn, MA 01770
508.613.2289

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**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 3, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
Conference Room C**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bacon called the Special Meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: S. Bacon, A. Booth, D. Dzurec, L. Eaton, S. Grunwald, D. Keane, H. Krisch G. Nesbitt, S. Quinn-Clark, L. Weiss

Members Absent: N. Cox,

III. Communications

Chairman Bacon noted, and the members briefly discussed, the communications (listed below) that have been received by the Commission.

- 3-28-07 email from Krisch Re: Website posting of proposed changes
- 3-28-07 email from Shea Re: Upcoming meeting schedule
- 3-29-07 email from Weiss Re: Letter to the Editor of the Hartford Courant
- 3-29-07 email from Krisch Re: Response to Weiss email
- 3-29-07 email from Eaton Re: 3/29/07 Chronicle article
- 3-27-07 email from Hart Re: 3/27/07 meeting
- 3-29-07 email from Shea Re: 3/27/07 agenda
- 3-30-07 email from Krisch Re: Press policy
- 3-30-07 email from Bacon Re: comments from Weiss and Krisch
- 3-30-07 email from Grunwald Re: Chronicle editorial
- 3-30-07 email from Weiss Re: 11/28/06 minutes
- 3-31-07 email from Eaton Re: 3/30/07 Chronicle editorial
- 3-31-07 email from Bacon Re: 11/28/07 minutes
- 4-1-07 email from Bacon Re: 3/13/07 and 3/27/07 minutes
- 4-2-07 email from Shea Re: Charter Changes
- 4-2-07 email from Bacon Re: 11/28/07 minutes
- 4-2-07 email from Chair Re: Meeting with Town Clerk
- 4-2-07 email from Booth Re: 11/28/07 minutes
- 4-2-07 email from Weiss Re: 11/28/07 minutes
- 4-3-07 email from Keane Re: Preamble

- 4-3-07 email re: Distribution of Report
- 4-3-07 email from Krisch Re: Preamble
- 4-3-07 email from Hart Re: Misc. Provisions

IV. Old Business

Commission members held discussion in response to Matt Hart's 4-3-07 email.

C307

Discussion was held and Weiss MOVED, Bacon seconded that the 3rd and 4th sentence of C307 should be revised to read: It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk immediately upon receipt of such proposed ordinance to widely distribute it. One (1) copy shall be retained in the Town Clerk's office for public inspection, one (1) copy shall be posted on the town bulletin board and one (1) copy shall be distributed to each member of the Council and to the Town Manager.

Keane called the question, which passed unanimously.

The motion Moved by Weiss seconded by Bacon PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C307 now reads:

All ordinances introduced by a member of the Council shall be in written form and shall be to one (1) subject which shall be clearly stated in the title. A copy of such proposed ordinance shall be filed with the Town Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk immediately upon receipt of such proposed ordinance to widely distribute it. One (1) copy shall be retained in the Town Clerk's office for public inspection, one (1) copy shall be posted on the town bulletin board and one (1) copy shall be distributed to each member of the Council and to the Town Manager.

C407

Keane MOVED, Quinn-Clark seconded, that no changes be made to C407. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C406

Nesbitt MOVED, Krisch seconded that no changes be made to C406. After discussion, both withdrew the motion.

After continued discussion, Booth MOVED, Nesbitt seconded, that no changes be made to C406. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Quinn-Clark who abstained.

C701

After extensive discussion, Eaton MOVED, Booth seconded to include in the Charter under C701 the title to read Review and Amendment of Charter, to renumber the existing sentence to B. and the following sentence to be A.: That the Town Council or a sub-committee of its members shall review the Charter at least every five (5) years to determine if a Charter Revision Commission shall be established.

Dzurec called the question, which passed unanimously.

The motion MOVED by Eaton, seconded by Booth PASSED with Weiss, Bacon, Booth, Dzurec, Nesbitt, Keane and Eaton in favor, and Quinn-Clark, Grunwald, and Krisch against.

C701 now reads:

C701. Review and Amendment of Charter.

- A. That the Town Council or a sub-committee of it's members shall review the Charter at least every five (5) years to determine if a Charter Revision Commission shall be established.
- B. This Charter may be amended in the manner prescribed by law.

C304

Discussion was held on ethical standards and provisions of the Charter. It was the consensus of the Commission to leave it as it currently reads.

C308

After discussion, Nesbitt MOVED, Keane seconded to reword the first sentence of C308 to read: At least one (1) public hearing, notice of which shall be given at least five (5) days in advance by wide distribution including publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the town, and by posting a notice in a public place, shall be held by the Town Council before any ordinance shall be passed. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

C308 now reads:

At least one (1) public hearing, notice of which shall be given at least five (5) days in advance by wide distribution including publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the town, and by posting a notice in a public place, shall be held by the Town Council before any ordinance shall be passed. Every ordinance, after passage, shall be filed with the Town Clerk and recorded. Within ten (10) days after final passage, the ordinance or a summary of the ordinance shall be published once in a newspaper having a circulation within the town. Every ordinance, unless it shall specify a later date, shall become effective on the twenty-first day after such publication following its final passage or unless referred to vote pursuant to § C309 of this Charter.

V. New Business

Discussion was held about C206 -minority representation, Nesbitt to continue work with the Town Clerk and contact the Secretary of State and report back at the next meeting.

Members asked the secretary to make final changes to the Charter and distribute to the Commission members, Town Attorney, Webmaster and Town Manager, and feedback is requested by the next meeting on 4-10-07.

Members reviewed the Legal Notice to be published announcing the Public Hearing on April 24, 2007 to review the proposed changes to the Charter. The Legal Notice will be published in the Chronicle on 4-17-07 and 4-23-07, on the Town website, cable channel, and in the Town Clerks Office.

Keane distributed the draft preamble, and discussion on wording was held. Keane MOVED, Dzurec seconded that the pre amble be included in the Charter, and read as follows: We the people of the Town of Mansfield, under the constitution and laws of the State of Connecticut, in order to secure the benefits of local self government and to provide for an accessible and accountable government, do hereby adopt this charter and confer upon the Town the following powers, subject to the following restrictions, and prescribed by the following procedures and governmental structure. By this action, we wish to secure the benefits of home rule and provide for local government that is

responsive to the residents of our Town, and strongly affirms resident participation, representative democracy, and professional management. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. Future Agenda Items

- 4-10-07 review and finalize draft report
- 4-24-07 Public Hearing

It was noted that it was agreed upon that the April 17th meeting would be cancelled due to school vacation and many absences expected by members.

VII. Adjournment

Krisch MOVED, Dzurec seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie L. Shea
Clerk

**Town of Mansfield
Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes from April 4, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM

Members present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Jean Haskell, David Silsbee,
Kedron Silsbee

Town Staff: Jennifer Kaufman

Visitors: Don and Penny Potter

Minutes from the February 7 meeting were approved.

Kedron presented a proposal for a new trail on the Torrey Property. A site walk with abutting landowners will be scheduled before blazing the trail.

A possible trail to a waterfall on town land on Baxter Road was discussed.

Sue reported a possible infringement issue along the south border of Shelter Falls Park. Jennifer will check this out.

Sue and Tom reported on conditions at Merrow Meadow. There is a severely damaged post at the parking area and several missing signs. The wet area fixed by the Boy Scout project is still a problem. The fix that looked so good during the dry season is not working now that conditions are wetter. The park is also suffering from considerable illegal ATV use. Work on cutting autumn olive and multiflora rose is needed, perhaps on a work day late in the summer.

Unleashed dogs are becoming a serious problem to neighbors at Mt. Hope Park as well as an ongoing problem at Merrow Meadow. Sue will write a memo to Town Council suggesting a ordinance requiring dog owners to keep dogs on a leash and clean up after them and authorizing fines for violators. She will circulate the draft to PAC members by e-mail.

FOMP programs continue to be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

Jennifer presented the schedule for 10 NAV workdays over the course of the spring.

Walking Weekend(S) walks were discussed. Tom and Sue will lead a Wolf Rock/Sawmill Brook walk and a "Romp in the Swamp" at Mt. Hope Park. Jennifer will try to get Carolyn Stearns to lead a farm tour.

Sue presented a proposal to move forward with Nature Center planning. PAC members will read it and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Jean reported on the Land Management Committee meeting

Jennifer reminded the committee of the upcoming land conservation workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Town of Mansfield
Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Aug 10, 2006

Present: Hall, Zimmer, Aho, Hultgren (staff), Veillette (staff)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35 pm.

The minutes of the May 16th meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Correspondence was circulated including a student article on pedestrian safety in Mansfield, The WINCOG Administrative report on transportation activities in the region and the state's STIP hearings.

Staff updated members on the status of the various transportation related projects underway: Laurel Lane & Stone Mill Road bridge replacements are in design; Maple Road work is complete – only punch list items remain; the Separatist Rd bikeway will be completed this fall; the Hunting Lodge Road walkway/bikeway is in design (concept plans were reviewed); the Downtown Partnership project grants were discussed – the downtown connecting walkway to the community center had bids that were being reviewed; the enhancement grant was in design; and the work on Storrs Road and the streetscape for the east side were still in the concept stage. The Hunting Lodge Rd/Birch Rd roundabout should begin construction next week. The Town was not awarded a safe roads to school grant, so funds to complete the Birch Road bikeway will have to be sought elsewhere. Reclamation work on the Clover Mill Road loop is essentially complete. The Dodd Rd bridge replacement is in permitting and could begin this fall.

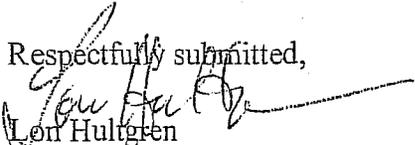
Staff reviewed with members the various traffic calming requests that were pending or still under investigation, including request for Centre Street, Moulton Road, Puddin Lane, the East leg of Hillside Circle (and Eastwood Road), Birch Road near Route 44 and Hanks Hill/195. Members suggested that if the speed display sign on Spring Hill Road shows a significant effect, similar signs could be used on roads that have speed problems but are not eligible for speed humps (e.g., Moulton Rd and Puddin La). Staff will evaluate the signs effectiveness this fall.

Hultgren said that the new schedules would be posted at the Mansfield bus stops (in new schedule holders) soon. He also outlined the fall-semester public relations efforts that WRTD was undertaking at UConn to promote the fare-free program. Nash said that work was continuing to set up a stakeholders group for the fare free program with the students and the UConn administration. Ridership for the fare free route continues to show significant (30%) improvement over recent years. Aho updated members on the dial-a-ride service noting that they had improved their efficiency since taking over the service themselves.

The request/petition to extend the Mansfield Center walkway north to Dodd Road was discussed. Aerial photos of the houses/properties along this stretch were examined, and the proximity of several existing houses to the edge of 195 on the East side was noted. The West side appeared to have adequate space for such a walk, but then a crosswalk at Dodd Road would be needed, and this was considered to be problematic at this time. After review, it was decided to add this section of walkway to the Town's walkway list, but at the bottom grouped with the other sections that were not yet in the higher priority group.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works

CC: Town Clerk, next agenda packet, T. Veillette, Town Mgrs Office, file

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Readers' Forum

Chronicle 3/23/07

Editor:

Two concerns seem to stand in the way of allowing 400 housing units at the south end of Mansfield: traffic congestion and an increased burden on the schools — valid concerns (although I've never seen a traffic jam there).

Of course, I have seen traffic jams on Route 195 through the University of Connecticut campus — but wait, isn't that where the Storrs Center Project will go?

The one with 800 possible housing units?

Actually, I think the "Storrs Center" village is a great idea.

But I fail to understand why 400 units using minimal land and near Willimantic shopping is not.

It looks like the difference lies in who might live there (low-income folks).

Hopefully, I'm wrong, because I think Mansfield is a great town.

**Scott Welden
Mansfield**

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No public comments at first Storrs forum

Chronicle
3/27/07

By **KIMBERLY GRAVES**
Chronicle Staff Writer

STORRS — While the hearing for the \$165 million Storrs Center project starts Wednesday, planning officials say there will not be any public comment until subsequent hearings.

Director of Planning Gregory Padick said the project applicants — the Mansfield Downtown Partnership board of directors and Leyland Alliance, the master developer for the project — will deliver an approximately three-hour presentation Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

He said the planning and zoning commission will have an opportunity for initial questioning on two separate applications for the mixed-use village at the crossroads of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut.

But Padick said there will not be enough time for public comment, which is an integral part of the public hearing process. He said the public is still welcome to come and listen to the presentation.

Padick said the public hearing will continue to April 5 and April 26 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, where the commission will entertain public comment.

Ultimately, the PZC will review and act on two applications, one for zoning map amendments to 47.7 acres of land east of Storrs Road and south of Dog Lane and the other a 25-page proposal for a special design district for the mixed-used village.

Application materials are available for review at www.mansfieldct.org, the Mansfield Public Library on Warrentville Road and the town clerk's and planning offices in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

All written comments on the pending applications may be sent or delivered to the planning office, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs-Mansfield 06268, during the public hearing process.

Once a hearing is closed, the commission has 65 days to act.

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Storrs project to get \$2.5M

Item #10

By **KIMBERLY GRAVES**
Chronicle Staff Writer

Chronicle 3/20/07

HARTFORD — Gov. M. Jodi Rell announced today \$2.5 million in state funding will be given for improvements to Storrs Road in Mansfield. The funding is expected to be approved when the state bond commission meets March 30.

The state funding will match federal support for road improvements, a critical step in the \$165 million Storrs Center redevelopment project — a mixed-use village at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut.

As part of the project, developers recommend various road improvements to Route 195 to maintain acceptable traffic operations, such as reconfiguring parts of Route 195, widening some areas and changing intersections.

“This state support is a big step forward for the Storrs Center project and for the development of a real ‘downtown’ area for Mansfield,” said Rell in a press release. She labeled it a “smart growth” project.

“Unlike many college towns, students at UConn, the faculty
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Storrs project to get \$2.5M from state

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and staff who live in the area and the thousands of Mansfield residents who work elsewhere do not have a central gathering place,” he stated. “This project, designed to cluster new growth in areas that have already been partially developed, will give them that downtown feel without consuming vast quantities of open space.”

In total, the Mansfield Downtown Partnership seeks 12 percent public funding, or 20 million. Private financing — approximately \$142.2 million — would fund the rest. The public hearing process for the Storrs Center project is set to start Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the council chambers of the Audrey P.

Beck Building.

The project’s co-applicants — the Mansfield Downtown Partnership board of directors and Leyland Alliance, the master developer for the proposed Storrs Center project — submitted applications to the planning office Feb. 15.

Ultimately, the PZC will review and act on two applications, one for zoning map amendments to 47.7 acres of land east of Storrs Road and south of Dog Lane and the other a 25-page proposal for a special design district for the mixed-used village.

Once a hearing is closed, the planning and zoning commission has 65 days to act on a pending application.

Construction for the project, which develop-

ers hope will start this summer, should take five to eight years.

The first building, building “1A,” was approved by the planning and zoning commission in July. It will offer a home for displaced downtown businesses during construction.

“This long-awaited funding is great news for the Storrs Center redevelopment project and for the Town of Mansfield,” said State Senate President Pro Tempore Donald Williams Jr., D-Brooklyn, in a news release. “The project’s location in the center of the University of Connecticut’s main campus will encourage positive growth in the area and move the campus to the level of other first-class institutions in the country.”

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Strong support for Storrs plan

By **KIMBERLY GRAVES**
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD— Mayor Betsy Paterson set the tone for the planning and zoning commission's public hearing Thursday night, expressing overwhelming support of the \$165 million Storrs Center project.

During the first meeting where the public had a chance to verbally address the commission, Paterson said the Storrs Center project is an "opportunity to enhance the quality of life in Mansfield."

She said with more shops, housing and amenities, it will give a "sense of place and identity, which we as a college town have not had."

Even schoolchildren have drawn pictures at the Festival on the Green of what they would like their downtown to look like, according to Paterson.

Paterson sees the mixed-used village at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield

and the University of Connecticut as a place that may help alleviate large off-campus parties by giving students an alternative place to go.

The planning and zoning commission unanimously voted to continue the public hearing until Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

In total, the planning and zoning commission will review and act on two separate applications of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership board of directors and Leyland Alliance, the master developer for the project — one for the special design district and one for zoning map amendments for the mixed-used village.

Out of 47.7 acres of land, the project development team is only using about a third of the site. A conservation easement would permanently preserve around 30 acres.

Mansfield Town Manager Matthew Hart listed fiscal and economic benefits of the project including an estimated \$2.5 million in new tax revenue at full build-out.

He said the project will also create an estimated 900 permanent full-time jobs as well as 115 construction jobs for seven years.

UConn President Philip Austin — who is stepping down in September — also expressed his support for the project.

He said it will increase the university's options to partner with the surrounding community and, as the university's program base expands, so does demand for commercial and related services.

Austin said that will help recruit and retain faculty, staff and students.

Planning and zoning commission Chairman Rudy Favretti said when he

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Matt Hulten
Mansfield Mayor Betsy Paterson speaks in support of the Storrs Center project during a public hearing on Thursday at the Audrey P. Beck Building.

Strong support for Storrs Center project

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was an undergraduate, he made the "mistake" of spending his first weekend at the college. At that time, he said nobody else did.

While the college isn't the suitcase school it used to be, town and school officials — as well as many residents — would like to see a true college downtown.

"It's really critical to have the civic identity of the high school, the post office, the town hall and the community center," said resident Kristin Schwab. "When you go to a place like Evergreen Walk (in South Windsor), that's what's missing — the civic aspect."

And though UConn professor emeritus and 30-year resident Robert Coughlin is generally in favor of the project, he said he is "less enthusiastic about the housing" and is concerned about "quality of life" issues.

Coughlin, who said he believes the special design district should

fall within the town's rental-certification zone, expressed concern about using the town square as a place to celebrate sports victories.

"Such celebrations of sports victories have led to mob control problems and destruction of property," he said.

Coughlin said he is also concerned students may use Storrs Center as another place to celebrate Spring Weekend.

PZC member Peter Plante asked if the project development team has looked into private, on-site security to respond to minor disturbances, since he believes the project will "significantly increase the number of calls for service to the local police."

Coughlin also suggested the PZC approve the project in stages.

However, resident Francis Pickering said there are problems with "piece-meal" projects and gave a few examples, such as Route 11

to New London.

Pickering also raised issues concerning bicycle safety and said he would like to see dedicated bike lanes, as well as the university's bike master plan, as part of the Storrs Center project.

Macon Toledano, vice president of planning and development for LeylandAlliance, which heads the Storrs Center developer team, said bicycle and pedestrian safety are critical to the project.

He said the project development team has been working with town officials to incorporate a planned bike route along Storrs Road (Route 195).

Toledano said the downtown is designed in such a way that traffic would be moving slow enough to allow for cyclists and he is concerned that if the roads are widened, the cars would travel faster.

Last Friday, the state Bond Commission approved \$2.5 mil-

lion for improvements to Route 195. The town also received \$2.5 million from the federal government for road improvements in 2005.

Coughlin raised concerns about UConn's ability to supply water for the development when the Fenton and Willimantic rivers both have a "diminishing supply."

Council member Helen Koehn asked the commission to consider keeping the public hearing open through May, so residents have an opportunity to comment on the university's master water plan, which should be completed the beginning of May.

All written comments on the pending applications may be sent or delivered to the planning office, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs-Mansfield 06268, during the public hearing process. Once a hearing is closed, the commission has 65 days to act.

s only) Jodi at 423-1629, or 423-8466, extension 3337 after 5 p.m. on Fridays

Summer viability of Storrs Center project is questioned

By **KIMBERLY GRAVES**
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — Planning and zoning commission member Betty Gardner raised concerns Wednesday about how the summer months will impact business for the proposed \$165 million Storrs Center village.

"Many businesses in town haven't been successful because they need year-round people coming in," she said, during the initial public hearing for the Storrs Center project. In the summer months, the town's population decreases dramatically because the University of Connecticut is not in full session.

PZC members began questioning officials from the Storrs Center development team after the team, including the members representing the co-applicant — the Mansfield Downtown Partnership board of directors and Leyland Alliance, the master developer for the project — delivered an approximate three-hour presentation.

In total, the planning and zoning commission will review and act on two separate applications — one for the special design district and one for zoning map amendments for the mixed-used village at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield and UConn.

The planning and zoning commission unanimously voted to continue the public hearing until next Thursday at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building, where the commission will start to receive verbal comment from the public.

"This will become an attractive and active downtown that's environmentally friendly and economically sustainable," said Stephen Bacon, a member of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership board of directors and chairman of the partnership's planning and design committee.

Project architect Paul Ostergaard of Urban Design Associates said the project includes a "rich tapestry of public spaces," including intimate courtyards and Market Square, where the farmer's market could be held.

He showed artist renderings of what the project could look like at build-out to the nearly 75 people, including the "heart of the community" — Mansfield Square, where people could celebrate sports victories, attend a concert or picnic under a tree.

He said the main shopping would be along Village Street, with a mix of three-, four- and five-story retail shops with housing on the upper floors, on-street parking and narrow roadways.

Ostergaard said the buildings would feature "continuous life at the ground floors and life spilling out onto the sidewalks."

He also sees a major transformation along Storrs Road from what feels like a "raceway" to a "main street" feel. He envisions a stone sitting wall in front of E.O. Smith High School and pavilions for public transportation.

But with the roads surrounding the university already gridlocked and a lack of parking, PZC member Peter Plante wanted to know what measures would be in place to keep students from parking at Storrs

Center during the day.

And PZC Rudy Favretti wanted to know how the Storrs Center project would affect existing roadways.

Geoff Fitzgerald, a traffic consultant for BL Companies, said the project would implement multiple traffic-calming methods, such as on-street parking and reconfiguring parts of Route 193, which would essentially lead to the "rebirth of Storrs Road."

Fitzgerald said Storrs Road currently generates 16,000 trips a day. He said he expects traffic to increase by 315 cars in the morning and 700 in the afternoon at full build-out.

Norman Goldman of Desman Associates, the firm that completed the master parking study, said the project would provide an "adequate" number of parking spaces to serve the area even at peak times when he anticipates the need for 1,573 parking spaces for the village. Some spaces may have time limitations.

Out of 47.7 acres of land, the project development team is only developing about one-third of the site. A conservation easement would permanently preserve around 30 acres.

Project officials said Storrs Center is estimated to bring 895 permanent jobs and about \$2.5 million in new tax revenue at build-out.

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CCM battles to defeat \$\$ millions in proposed cuts in non-education aid for towns and cities

Gov. M. Jodi Rell's proposed cuts in non-education aid could have severe financial consequences for towns and cities, according to an analysis by CCM.

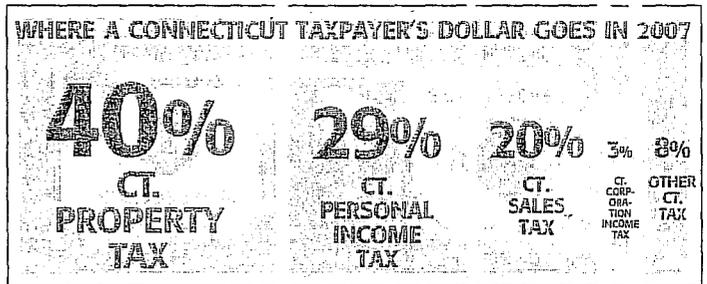
CCM is actively lobbying the General Assembly to reject these proposed cuts. As part of that effort, it is drawing legislators' attention to the local consequences if the proposed aid reductions are not rejected, and the way in which those cuts would negate gains from the Governor's increases in education aid.

In her 2007-2008 budget proposal, Rell is proposing cuts of more than \$60 million in non-education grant programs. The effects of this would be wide ranging, putting the

squeeze on funding programs ranging from town aid road to PILOT payments.

Some areas that would feel the pinch include:

- The PILOT for private colleges and hospitals would decrease by \$5.3 million, or 4 percent.



A proposed workers' compensation mandate is unjustified, too costly

Calling it the "granddaddy of unfunded mandates," CCM is urging local officials to contact their legislative delegations to oppose new special benefits under workers' compensation.

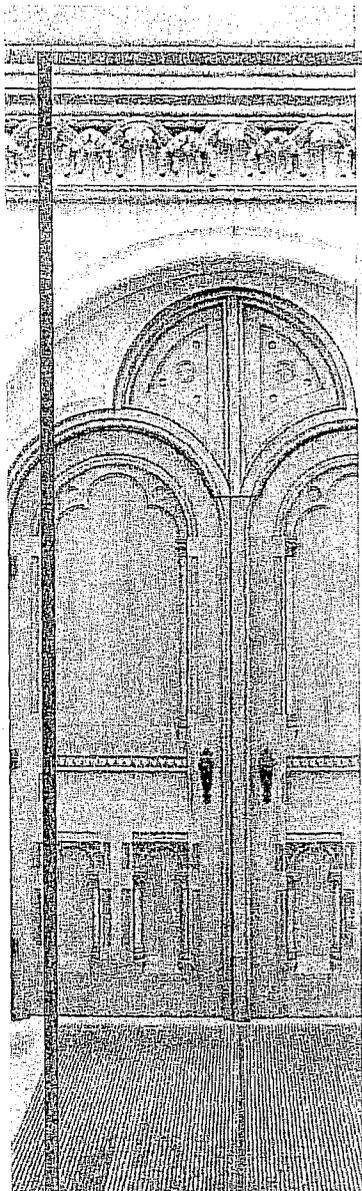
This colossal mandate — one of the most costly for municipalities in many decades — would establish a special workers' compensation presumption for firefighters who contract heart disease and hypertension, or certain types of cancer. The mandate would also provide a special benefit to police officers and firefighters who contract hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, or tuberculosis.

The Labor and the Public Safety Committees have favorably acted on the bill. It will be referred to other committees, and will most likely come before the Appropriations Committee soon.

Real estate conveyance tax Property tax relief at no cost to the state

After conducting a statewide financial-impact analysis, CCM is calling on the 2007 General Assembly and the Governor to preserve and make permanent increases in the municipal real estate conveyance tax.

In the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the State raised the local portion of the real estate conveyance tax to make up for mid-year cuts in municipal aid. Although state aid has increased in some areas, funding for those municipal-aid programs has never been restored to pre-2003 levels. This has heightened the need for an alternative revenue source — the real estate conveyance tax.



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A new Web site in Danbury caters to young people.

CCM asks legislators to reject proposed cuts in non-education aid

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- The PILOT for state-owned property would decrease by \$5.3 million, or 6.5 percent.
- The Mashantucket Pequot-Mohegan grant would decrease by \$4.8 million, or 5.3 percent.
- The Town Aid Road (TAR) Grant would decrease by \$8 million, or 26.7 percent.
- The one-time \$33-million property tax relief grant would be eliminated.
- DECD Housing PILOT and tax abatement programs would be eliminated, representing a loss of \$3.9 million. 

CCM opposes proposed workers' comp mandate

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CCM opposes this mandate because it is unnecessary — workers' compensation already provides benefits when they can be shown to be warranted. There is no scientific or medical basis to support the bill; and it would resurrect the \$30 million H&H mandate while imposing two new ones — job-related presumptions for infectious and contagious diseases and certain types of cancer. This mandate would negate much of the education-related benefits to towns and cities recommended by the Governor in her proposed FY '09 state budget.

According to the nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA), a special cancer presumption could cost municipalities more than \$1 million per claim. A single infectious and contagious disease claim could cost between \$750 thousand and \$2.5 million per claim. OFA has concluded that if this mandate is enacted, the potential cost to municipalities would be "significant."

For more information, log on to CCM's new mandates Web site at www.CTMandatesWatch.org, or contact Bob Labanara or Ron Thomas of CCM at (203) 498-3000.



See a sample of the new mandates Web site on page 4. 

CCM responds to proposed property tax cap

The day after Governor Rell proposed a cap on property tax hikes, CCM held a news conference at the State Capitol and presented the following position:

"Governor Rell has ignited a serious discussion about what constitutes property tax reform in Connecticut.

"But her proposals on school funding and accountability and on a cap on property tax increases address only part of the root causes of the property tax crisis that confronts our state.

"This crisis calls for a comprehensive solution if Connecticut is ever to address all of the key factors contributing to the crushing property tax burden in Connecticut. This includes:

- Fully funding the Education Cost Sharing Grant for all towns and cities;
- Increasing state reimbursements for special education costs;
- Fully funding all non-education aid programs for municipalities, most notably Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT), Pequot-Mohegan Fund, Town Aid Roads, and other grant programs;
- Incentives for regional cooperation to

avoid duplication of municipal services and make government more cost efficient;

- Providing state assistance in reducing the cost of local government, such as the spiraling costs of health care for municipal employees;

- Enacting mandates reform, particularly a prohibition against new unfunded mandates;

- Establishing a comprehensive Smart Growth/Responsible Growth Initiative that recognizes the destructive link between present land use policies and the property tax. Present policies create incentives for sprawl development that devours precious green space, wastes taxpayer dollars for new infrastructure, and promotes disinvestment in our urban centers.



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■ Top 10 States, from highest to lowest

STATE	POINTS	RANK
Virginia	22	1
Connecticut	21	2
Minnesota	20	3
New Jersey	19	4
Maryland	18	5
Massachusetts	18	5
New Hampshire	18	5
Wisconsin	17	8
Nebraska	16	9
Vermont	16	9

■ Bottom 10 states, from lowest to highest

STATE	POINTS	RANK
New Mexico	-23	51
Louisiana	-16	49
Arizona	-16	49
Texas	-15	48
Tennessee	-14	45
Mississippi	-14	45
Alabama	-14	45
West Virginia	-13	43
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A Breath of Fresh Air' In New London

By **ELAINE STOLL**
 Day Staff Writer

The first new city manager in 14 years,
 Berliner quickly makes a positive impact

New London

THE WHALING CITY IS ABUZZ WITH
 accolades for City Manager Martin H.
 rliner, six months into his interim post.
 "I've worked here 17 years. I haven't
 en someone as engaged as he," said Lt.
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City residents and employees, downtown
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"The man is a breath of fresh air," said
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"He's asking a lot of pertinent
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versation all over downtown."

Among Berliner's enthusiastic support-
 ers are some of the very people who called
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 holds in a charter-revision referendum last
 month.

"When the charter revision failed to pass
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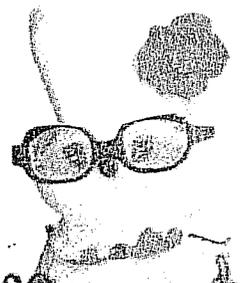
A majority of voters favored a strong
 mayor at the polls, but the measure failed
 to pass due to low turnout.

"I think he had a lot to do with the
 defeat, because people like him so much.
 It's making people think, let's give this (city
 manager system) a shot," said Joan Discor-
 dia, Neighborhood Alliance chairwoman
 and charter-revision proponent. "It's one of
 the best things, if not the best thing, the
 City Council has ever done, hiring him."

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Berliner Makes A Grand Entrance

From A2

What hasn't been said about Berliner may speak the loudest. He seems to have nary a detractor — in New London, no easy feat.

"He's been here a while. He should have got somebody's knickers in a knot, but he hasn't," Discordia said.

Berliner, 61, applied for the manager's job in New London vacated by Richard M. Brown, who left last July after almost 14 years to become city manager of East Providence, R.I.

He came to New London with more than three decades of experience in public service, having worked for the City of Hartford, where he grew up, for six years and served for more than 27 as town manager of Mansfield.

When Berliner began working full time in New London last October, he inherited a city several months without a leader and some time without harmony.

Councilors' relationship with the previous administration had at times been contentious, residents were divided over whether to adopt a strong mayor government, and barely had the latest Fort Trumbull firestorm died down when city-union relations became turbulent.

"We had some very sticky times when he took over," Segar recalled. "Some outstanding labor actions had been stalemated for some time. The city wasn't willing to budge. The union wasn't willing to budge."

Not just the police union, either — the firefighters' union had 25-plus outstanding grievances at the time, and a two-year standoff between the public-works union and the city left New London unable to pave any streets.

Berliner sought out union leaders, quickly settling stacks of grievances and repairing relations. He came to the bargaining table himself and took a lead role. Segar said, displaying an understanding of complex issues and a willingness to solve them in a collaborative way.

"He says, 'If you have a problem and there's something you want to talk about, come see me,'" said public-works union president Cameron Lewis. "He has improved the morale of employees, opening the line of communication, showing he cares about the work they

do, the machines they operate and the buildings they work in," Lewis said. Berliner has walked through every city building and made it a point to keep abreast of building and equipment conditions, he said.

The city manager has paid attention to capital needs, finding money for instance, to replace a 1977 ladder truck for the fire department, said Rocco Basilica, president of the firefighters' union.

Berliner's willingness to problem-solve crosses the public-private divide. Union Railroad Station co-owner Todd O'Donnell said Berliner was able to quickly resolve a longstanding dispute with South East Area Transit. The SEAT bus stop was located on the railroad station's property, and SEAT had declined to move its bus stop despite repeated requests.

"It was literally two years of writing letters and making phone calls," O'Donnell said. "I just happened to mention it to (Berliner) one day. He said he would take care of it. Within eight days, it was resolved. They moved the SEAT bus stop off our property."

A reserved, unassuming public demeanor belies Berliner's infectious optimism and energy, which seem to have spread through City Hall.

"He has a very positive attitude, and he's brought a lot of energy to the job, which has, I think, energized city employees. There are so many exciting things happening that I look forward to coming to work in the morning," said Bruce Hyde, director of the Office of Development and Planning.

"I think people are busier now than they have been. Part of that is a function of bringing him up to speed. Part of it is a function of who he is, wanting to see results and get things done," Hyde said.

Not usually one to make promises, Berliner has, Hyde said, lived up to a vow he made at his first meeting with city department heads: "I can tell you one thing. No one will outwork me."

In the last month or so he spent finishing a proposed city budget with the finance department, Berliner acknowledged logging 70- to 75-hour workweeks. Even on a more regular schedule, he'll arrive at City Hall between 7:30 and 8 a.m. and remain until 6 or 6:30 p.m. — later if there's a council or committee meeting to attend.

Berliner has also become a regular face at meetings

all around town and the region. His attendance at monthly City Center District meetings has made City Hall more accessible, said the group's vice president, downtown business owner Charlotte Hennegan. Instead of tackling a growing graffiti problem alone, the group was able to share their concerns with Berliner, who in turn can coordinate with police, she said.

"Martin's style is very much hands on, get in there with the people, and I have a sense of that," Hennegan said.

Berliner has attended several meetings of the Neighborhood Alliance, humor in tow Discordia, the chairwoman, told him "in the 10 years I have been a member, I hadn't seen hide nor hair of the previous city manager," she said.

"He said he didn't have much hair, I shot back, 'Well you should stop hanging out with (councilors) Bill Cornish and Rob Pero.'"

Berliner has succeeded Brown at meetings of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and as a member of two COG committees.

"He's jumped into our regional network feet first, and he seems very much appreciated ...," said COG Executive Director Jim Butler. "He came here with a lot of experience, yet he didn't come in as if he knew it all. He's come in over the last six months, listened to what's going on. He's asked the right questions and sought information."

Berliner greeted potential New London residents at the recent Pfizer recruitment meetings in Mystic.

In extolling the virtues of New London — such as its waterfront and the fact that "there's so much to do" — he is now championing his second home.

Berliner and his wife, Randee, who have two grown children, purchased a Pequot Avenue condominium last December and now spend more time in New Lon-

don than in Mansfield.

Self-described "chocololics," they can be found about downtown at Coccolit, as well as Muddy Waters. At lunch, when he makes time for the meal, Berliner often walks down State Street to East Coast Catering's Atrium Café. "I love them!" he said. "They have great soups and sandwiches."

Six months, some say, is not enough time to tell if first impressions of Berliner will hold true.

Barbara Neff, owner of Parade News and the city's waterfront coordinator, will look at what kind of shape the city is in when he has been around for a full fiscal year, she said.

Penny Parsegian, chief executive officer of New London Main Street, said she would be watching to see if Berliner is willing to assume a true leadership role, "to take the bull by the horns, to actually make some decisions and bring people around to his view. I haven't seen enough to know whether he's willing to step up and be a leader for New London. I think he has the ability."

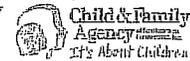
But many — including four city councilors who've said they intend to offer him the permanent manager's job now that the charter vote has preserved the position — say they have seen enough to hope Berliner doesn't leave any time soon.

"Obviously the jury's still out," said Basilica, the firefighters' union president. "The feeling is we've hit a home run here. I think he's the type of guy who can bridge the gap between the people and the people who run the city."

"I think he's got it," said Hayes. "If he hasn't got it, nobody has."

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Public Speaks On Storrs Center Project

Item #16

by: Aaron Lescroart

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The Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing Thursday for public comment on the applications for zoning regulations on Storrs Center.

The commission also continued to hear from the Downtown Partnership as well as Leyland Alliance in regards to issues and questions about certain aspects of Storrs Center.

The public comments the commission heard were generally positive, with many supporting for the application. Others addressed questions to representatives from Leyland Alliance, who either answered them or agreed to look into the concerns before the next hearing.

Conn President Phillip Austin addressed the commission, giving the university's strong support for the application and for Storrs Center in general. He said Storrs Center would be someday be another example of how much progress UConn has made over the years.

Robert Coughlin, of Storrs Heights Road, raised several concerns as to how proposed housing would affect the infrastructure of the town, the introduction of sports bars and amenities provided to bicyclists. Coughlin has raised these concerns at previous meetings.

Commission members also had questions dealing with details of the application. These included issues such as the sustainability of businesses in the center, legality of boarding houses and potential for live outdoor music.

Leyland Alliance representatives Macon Toledano and Geoff Fitzgerald answered the questions. They used diagrams and maps to better address questions pertaining to issues like the roads and particular sections of the plan.

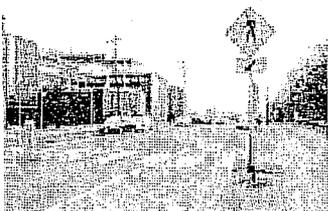
"The plan is all about making it pedestrian," Toledano said in response to a question about how Storrs Center would fit with the university's planned bike routes. "Multimodal forms of transportation are important for a mixed use area," he said.

The boarding houses were discussed briefly, but Toledano said that if necessary, those plans could be dropped.

The issue of live music at restaurants wasn't fully addressed at the hearing, but Fitzgerald assured the commission they could come up with criteria by the last public hearing, which is scheduled for April 26 at 7 p.m.

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Signs Alert Pedestrians, Cars

by: Melinda Fusco

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On a busy street that sees as many drivers as a big city in Connecticut - 11,000 to 12,000 vehicles a day - North Eagleville Road is now punctuated by bright lime-green and yellow signs alerting drivers and pedestrians alike of the several crosswalks on this road.

In light of more than one pedestrian-motor vehicle accidents on this road in recent memory, including the recent death of freshman Carlee Wines on Jan. 20, the university has taken steps to increase safety on this long and congested road, according to Barry Feldman, vice president and chief operating officer of the University of Connecticut.

The university had to work with the state department of transportation to make these changes because North Eagleville is a state road, Feldman said.

"They've been very helpful and very responsive," Feldman said. "They immediately signed off on what we proposed to do and we contracted with a company."

The actual cost of the signs that alert the 13 crosswalks was \$14,800 according to Feldman, which includes purchasing and installing.

As far as adding signs to other areas of campus, the university plans to study other crosswalks and high pedestrian areas, Feldman said.

"Depending upon what the research shows us we may want to install more signs," he said. "We're not sure yet; there is a variety of things that can be done to make pedestrian crossing safer and we're in the process of doing that."

At the same time, Feldman said, he believes the university will probably make changes in some of the crosswalk designs, including lighting and signage.

"We need to do everything we can to reinforce this is a pedestrian-oriented campus," he said.

The new signs are indeed hard to miss and Feldman would like to think that as drivers "we're all a little more aware as we come onto a university campus."

's hard to predict whether drivers are actually more aware now due to the increase in fluorescent signage.

Not everybody is [aware], realistically and nor are pedestrians always aware," Feldman said. "It's hard to regulate behavior. Hopefully we're always aware of the needs to walk safer and certainly drive a lot safer."

Feldman said students certainly need to be aware of the high volume traffic on this road. The fewer distractions you have the better and safer you'll be, according to Feldman.

Cell phone use, iPods, any kind of devices that sometimes distract pedestrians really should not be used as you cross these high traffic streets," he said. "It's just good plain old safety to do these things. Always be aware of your surroundings."

Nick Rousseau, an 8th-semester business major and two year driver for transportation services said as a campus bus driver, he has noticed that part of the problem is that students are not aware of their surroundings.

They often step out into the road without looking," Rousseau said. "They're doing everything but thinking about crossing a road."

Rousseau said even with the new signs, "pedestrians still kind of take advantage of the road whenever they can.

At the same time it has made drivers more aware of the crosswalks, he said.

Conn has made a lot of strides to make this campus safer, according to campus bus driver Donna Ribani, an employee of transportation services for five years.

do think the students are utilizing those crosswalks better and the signs are a great idea," she said.

Feldman said the university has met with student leadership early on in this process to increase safety on-campus.

As we get into some designs we will certainly ask for input from all the different constitute groups on campus," he said.

eldman said the response from students and parents to the new signs on North Eagleville Road have been very positive.

actually just got an e-mail from a parent thanking the university for doing this and anecdotally I hear positive things,"
e said.

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Finally, A First Step

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Photo Illustration Courtesy of Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Artist's rendering of the Storrs Center project is one step closer to fruition after its supporters presented their application to Mansfield's Planning and Zoning Commission Wednesday.

Storrs Center Proposal Officially Submitted

BY AARON LESCROART
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The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and UConn Alliance presented their Storrs Center application to the Planning and Zoning Commission Wednesday, taking the first step toward the beginning of construction after six years of planning and research.

"In order for the Partnership to execute an image of community, university and protection, they had to engage in a process in which they had to be patient and careful," said even Bacon, chairman of the Planning and Design Committee for the partnership.

Patience was indeed needed as this application - presented over four hours Wednesday at Town Hall - is a culmination of over 400 meetings as well as multiple studies and research over the course of six years.

The Storrs Center is a planned development that is set to be located alongside Storrs Road and Dog Lane. The purpose of the center is to create a downtown with a vibrant main street environment for Mansfield and UConn.

Macon Toledano, a representative of Leyland Alliance, said that they provided a plan that puts forth everything they want to do fully and efficiently, not piecemeal.

"This process is about collaboration and

teamwork from the beginning," Toledano said.

The applications submitted proposed amendments to the zoning and planning text regulations as well as rezoning the 47.7 acres of land where the Storrs Center will be located. The rezoning will set the area as a special design district which will allow Storrs Center to be a mixed-use area. In other words, it will be able to contain residential, retail, restaurant, office and other uses in the zone.

The Storrs Center was presented in sections, or neighborhoods, as Toledano put it, showing

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what was to be planned at each stage. They presented each section at a time in the order that they were going to be built, presenting each neighborhood with conceptual drawings of what each area would look like as well as three-dimensional models they manipulated to show different angles.

The plans included influences that were taken from other communities and college towns, according to Paul Gratzel. One such influence was containing prominent

corner towers on buildings and setting the buildings to allow for maximum visibility down the proposed village road that would be built.

Current plans show that only 17.7 acres of the 47.7 set aside are being developed. The rest is being left alone to preserve the wetland environment and protect the vernal pool.

Also presented to the Planning and Zoning commission were studies done on traffic

and parking in Storrs Center and why proposed changes should be made. Changes such as combining Bolton Road, Dog Lane, and Storrs Road into a conventional four-way intersection were planned to offset the intersection they have currently.

The committee did not allow for public comment due to the length of the presentation. There will be a continued hearing on April 5 where public testimony will be taken.

Hearings To Begin On \$165 Million Storrs Center Plan

March 28, 2007

By STEPHANIE SUMMERS, Courant Staff Writer

STORRS -- The developers of the \$165 million Storrs Center project will begin the hearing process tonight with a presentation before the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission.

Representatives of the Storrs Center Alliance and Mansfield Downtown Partnership - a public-private effort - will present details of their joint applications to create a special design district for the central village that would include retail, restaurant, office and residential space. One amendment would change the text of the zoning regulations and the other would reflect the 47.7-acre special district on town zoning maps.

The public will not have an opportunity to comment until the April 5 and 26 hearings. The meetings, including tonight's, are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at town hall.

"I am sure that the commission will have many questions," said Gregory Padick, Mansfield director of planning. He said the commission has stayed out of preliminary reviews to keep a clear mind for this stage of the process.

The applicants are also seeking a policy change that would allow the planning director to approve site plans without requiring a review by the commission. Under the change, the partnership would hold the required public hearings, not the commission.

"The applicant is hoping the commission will be favorably impressed with the amount of detail so that final permits can be issued by the zoning staff and not the full commission," Padick said.

In addition to hearing public comments, the commission will consider the applicants' preliminary master plan, design guidelines and studies on traffic, parking and drainage. It also will factor in town staff reviews of the application.

"It's not as if we walk in tomorrow and say, 'Here it is; yes or no?'" said Macon Toledano, project manager and vice president for LeylandAlliance, the developer. "You don't work for three years in a public process and not expect to do some final editing when it gets to planning and zoning."

The downtown makeover aims to create a lively "town and gown" junction for shoppers, diners, workers, University of Connecticut students and residents.

Of the 47.7 acres, about 30 include wetlands and a vernal pool that will be kept as open space. A separate review by the town inland wetlands commission is also required.

The town, developers, university and residents have collaborated on the plans. The town council and the university board of trustees have passed recent statements of support for the project's application.

"For this project to move ahead, both the regulations and the mapping have to be approved," Cynthia van Zelm, executive director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership said. "What everyone has to remember is that the planning and zoning hearing is based on the text and map amendments. We haven't even gotten to the permits."

Partnership officials hope the zoning work will be done this spring, so that state and federal permits can be procured in time for an early 2008 groundbreaking. Construction cannot begin until businesses in a university-owned strip mall are relocated.

Construction is expected to take five to eight years.

The project has been delayed, which will presumably affect the price tag because of escalating construction costs, Toledano said. The private financing, which will cover all but 12 to 14 percent of the project, will not be fully sought until the zoning is in place, but both Connecticut and out-of-state investors have shown interest, he said.

Van Zelm said \$18 million in state and federal money is being sought to build two garages and \$500,000 from a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant is being put toward the Dog Lane building where many of the existing businesses will be relocated.

On Thursday, the governor's office announced a \$2.5 million state match to a federal grant for Storrs Road improvements is in line to be approved Friday by the State Bond Commission.

"This project, designed to cluster new growth in areas that have already been partially developed, will give them that downtown feel without consuming vast quantities of open space," Gov. M. Jodi Rell said in the announcement, praising the Storrs Center's adherence to her smart-development initiative.

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Project Getting Strong Support

Big Names Favor Storrs Center Plan

By STEPHANIE SUMMERS
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STORRS -- In the game of shaping public opinion, the heavy hitters led off Thursday night, making strong statements to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission in favor of the proposed Storrs Center special design district.

Mayor Betsy Paterson topped the order, followed by Town Manager Matt Hart, UConn President Phil Austin, Joshua's Trust President Madge Manfred - although not speaking for her institution - resident Ruth Moynihan and businesswoman Irene Schein.

All expressed full support for the project and its leadership.

The Storrs Center Alliance and Mansfield Downtown Partnership are co-applicants in seeking zoning text and mapping changes needed to create the design district. The proposed \$165 million project would offer a mix of housing, shops, services, offices, restaurants and entertainment.

When Manfred came to the University of Connecticut as a student years ago, she said, "I thought I had come to the end of the world. There was nothing here and it's not much more today."

"This is something I've hoped to see for a very long time," she said, praising the project's focus on clustered housing, open space and environmental sustainability.

Hart issued economic growth estimates: 900 full-time jobs when the project is completed, \$1.8 million in new tax revenue during construction and \$2.5 million net revenue growth at completion.

Austin linked the project to UConn's "renaissance," which he said has transformed what was once a suitcase campus to a seven-day-a-week, year-round culture that will attract outstanding students and faculty.

Schein complimented the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for tackling relocation of businesses. And Moynihan praised the developer, LeylandAlliance, for agreeing to care for 30 acres of green space in the 47.7-acre development.

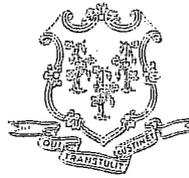
Robert Coughlin, UConn professor emeritus and a 30-year resident, said the district's zoning should be contingent upon a conservation easement for the open space portion of the site. He also suggested that approvals be done in phases rather than in one lump.

But the biggest issue he raised was about UConn's ability to supply water for the development when the Fenton and Willimantic rivers have shown stress from overuse. He asked that a pending report on water be reviewed carefully. "I'd hate to see the owners of this development have to drill wells and lower the water table for every other Mansfield resident," he said.

The commission will finish hearing public comments on April 26 in town hall council chambers.

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April 9, 2007

Matthew W. Hart
Audrey P. Beck Building
Four South Eagleville Rd.
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Hart,

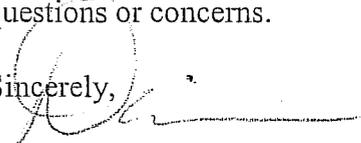
Hi Matt

Thank you for writing in support of S.B. 282 regarding funding for invasive plant control. The problem of aggressive, non-native plants in our state has become a significant issue. By devoting appropriate resources, we may educate the public and take effective actions to control this problem.

With the funding provided in the bill, significant steps can be taken to protect our local environments from this destructive force. I am in support of this bill and will do everything in my power to make sure it receives the attention it deserves.

Thank you for writing about this issue. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Rep. Denise Merrill

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April 11, 2007

Mr. Jim Finley, Executive Director & CEO
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
900 Chapel Street, 9th Floor
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Mr. Finley,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Mansfield Town Council, which is in support of House Bill #6927. I urge you to reconsider CCM's current position in opposition to House Bill #6927.

Mansfield has a combination-career-volunteer fire department. Our volunteer firefighters are an integral component of our operations; they help to ensure quality fire service is provided to our residents. Some of Mansfield's volunteer firefighters are career firefighters in neighboring communities and entities; passage of House Bill #6927 will ensure that these individuals can continue to serve our community in a volunteer capacity during their off-duty time.

Attached, please find a packet of information prepared by fellow Mansfield Councilor and volunteer firefighter Alan Hawkins. I am confident that you will find the materials compelling and useful.

Regards,

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

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