



Note: The Council will hold a ceremonial presentation to present a Proclamation in Honor of Girl Scout Week at 7:15pm.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, February 28, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

February 12, 2011

DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Shapiro

II. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DATED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan reviewed the Quarterly Financial Statements dated December 31, 2010.

Flag – As a future agenda item the Council will appoint a member to the Discovery Depot Board.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded to accept the Financial Statements dated December 31, 2010 as presented. The motion passed.

III. OPERATING BUDGET

Town Manager Matt Hart and Director of Finance Cherie Trahan reviewed the current and future revenues and expenditures. Mr. Hart commented the strategy for blunting the Town's reliance on State revenues include controlling and reducing expenditures, gaining efficiencies by use of shared positions, diversifying the revenue sources and enhancing the grand list.

IV. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGET

Ms. Trahan reviewed the revenue sources and capital improvement needs of the Town.

V. CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND

Ms. Trahan reviewed the current year funding and future budgets for the funds.

VI. DEBT SERVICE FUND

Ms. Trahan reviewed the current and future Debt Service Fund.

VII. COUNCIL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Council members agreed to meet on February 22nd and March 1st to discuss the School Building Project.

Flag – Councilor Shapiro requested the enrollment figures for the schools.

Flag – Councilor Lindsey requested an analysis of transportation costs required for one school in each end of Town and for two schools in the southern section of Town.

Flag – Mayor Paterson requested information regarding the level of staffing provided over the last few years.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Keane announced the Presidents' Day event will begin at 7:15 p.m. just prior to the February 14, 2011 meeting. The event will be broadcasted.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by all.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

February 12, 2011

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

February 14, 2011

DRAFT

Deputy Mayor Antonia Moran 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: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paulhus, Ryan, Shapiro

Excused: Paterson, Schaefer

Deputy Mayor Moran requested a moment of silence be observed for two members of the community who recently passed away. Gary Zimmer, known for his positive attitude and sense of fairness, served on the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission and was a member of the University/Town Relations Committee. Ray Elliot was a long time member of the maintenance staff at the Mansfield Middle School. The Deputy Mayor noted what an important role the maintenance staff plays in the life of students.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 Special meeting as presented. The motion was approved with all in favor except Mr. Shapiro who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Open Space Acquisition – Penner Property, White Oak Drive/Jonathan Lane/Fieldstone Drive

Jim Morrow, Chair of the Open Space Preservation Committee, and Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator and staff to the Committee, described the parcel under consideration and reported that the purchase is supported by the Plan of Conservation and Development, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Open Space Preservation Committee.

Roger Roberge Jr., owner of 66 White Oak Road, questioned which endangered species live on the land under consideration. Mr. Roberge also requested the affordable housing covenant on 66 White Road be removed, and if not, asked the Town to purchase the property. Statement attached.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, is in support of the purchase but asked that the accessibility to the fragile habitat be limited.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, offered his five minutes to Mr. Roberge for additional comments.

Jim Morrow, Chair of the Open Space Preservation Committee, commented the DEP does not allow the specific types of endangered species in any given area to be released and noted there are several Town owned properties in fragile areas which currently limit public access.

Town Manager Matt Hart reported the affordable housing covenant on 66 White Oak Road is a Planning and Zoning Commission issue which has been discussed. Mr. Hart will report back to the Council with the details of the situation.

Deputy Mayor Moran closed the public hearing.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, offered her impressions of the Council's budget session held on February 12, 2011 and asked for an analysis of the one million gallons a day projected water usage which might be required for area projects.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, expressed his disagreement with letters in the packet thanking the Public Works Department for their efforts. He commented on a complaint received by Council members regarding a confrontation between a citizen and a Town snow plow driver. Mr. Sikoski stated that he was the person who called the DEP regarding the salt storage situation at the town garage.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, asked the Council to look at the budget from a multi year perspective and to start to plan for some of the upcoming expenses.

V. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Report attached.

The Town Manager reported that he has spoken to the Director of Public Works about the incident between the snow plow driver and a citizen and will report back to the Council. Mr. Hart will be testifying at the Capitol tomorrow in support of a bill submitted by Representative Haddad which will clarify the ability of accredited police departments in a given area to enforce Town ordinances. Mr. Hart suggested a discussion of Masonicare's projected water requirements and the Town's long term support of the project be added to the next Council agenda.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Kochenburger commented on the Town's recent recognition as a healthy workplace noting the accomplishments of the Town in this area have resulted in direct savings to the Town. The benefits derived from the Community Center are both social and physical.

Mr. Shapiro asked if the proposed bill regarding accredited police departments has the support of the UConn Police Department. Mr. Hart will update the Council regarding the meeting between the University and Representative Haddad.

Mr. Paulhus thanked Boy Scout Troop 56 for serving as the color guard at the Presidents' Day event prior to the meeting. Council members requested a letter of thanks from the Council be sent.

Mr. Ryan reported the Region 19 production of Hairspray was amazing.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move Item 5, Presentation: Sustainability Committee, as the next item of business.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2. Proposed Open Space Acquisition – Penner Property, White Oak Drive/Jonathan Lane/Fieldstone Drive

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded, effective February 14, 2011, to authorize the Town to bid to purchase the Penner property located between White Oak Drive, Jonathan Lane and Fieldstone Drive, at the tax sale scheduled for April 13, 2011 or as it may be rescheduled, in an amount not to exceed the total tax delinquencies plus auction expenses and attorney's fees, and after the redemption period expires, to acquire it as open space and cancel its tax claims against the property as provided by law.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. UConn Landfill, Long-Term Monitoring Program

The report has been reviewed by the Director of Health who found no issues of concern.

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4. Town Easement – Storrs Road Improvements - Revision

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the easement entitled "EASEMENT (Storrs Center – Town of Mansfield)," which easement will convey for highway purposes approximately 9,088 square feet of land along the west side of Storrs Road in the vicinity of the Audrey P. Beck Building to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, together with a right to install a sedimentation control system and a right to grade.
The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation: Sustainability Committee

Lyn Stoddard, Chair of the Sustainability Committee and Virginia Walton, staff to the Committee, reported on the activities the Committee has undertaken during their first year and a half and outlined the priorities they have identified for the future.

6. Grant Application – Wheelchair Accessible Van for Elderly/Disabled

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective February 14, 2011, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart to submit a grant application to the State Department of Transportation to purchase a wheel chair-accessible van for elderly/disabled transportation.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Keane will forward some grant opportunities to assist with the matching fund requirements to Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald.

7. Hunting Lodge Bikeway/Salt Shed Authorization

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$105,250 For Construction Of The Hunting Lodge Road Bikeway/Walkway, And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds, Notes And Temporary Notes In The Same Amount To Finance The Appropriation" as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 24, 2009 and approved by the voters of the Town at referendum held November 3, 2009.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$263,130 For Construction Of A Salt Storage Shed To Be Located At The Mansfield Public Works Department Complex, And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds, Notes And Temporary Notes In The Same Amount To Finance The Appropriation" as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 24, 2009 and approved by the voters of the Town at referendum held November 3, 2009.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Amendment to Fee Waiver Ordinance – Senior Center Programs

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective February 14, 2011, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on February 28, 2011, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the Fee Waivers Ordinance, which amendment would add senior center fees as a fee that may be waived pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 2001 CSEA – Professional-Technical Employees

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Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective February 14, 2011, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 2001, CSEA – Professional & Technical Employees, which agreement shall enter into effect on July 1, 2010 and expire on June 30, 2013.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Lindsey, member of the Parking Steering Committee, reported that a draft cooperative agreement among the private and public owners of parking areas surrounding the Storrs Center Project is being discussed. The agreement would address enforcement of parking regulations.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. A. Blair re: Public Works Department
11. C. Eaton re: Public Works Department
12. T. Haggerty re: A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend
13. Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities re: South Eagleville Road walkway
14. Agriculture Committee re: Agriculture Committee Initiatives Report
15. Inland Wetland Agency re: Mansfield's IWA Approval
16. Planning and Zoning Commission re: Mansfield's PZC Approval
17. A. Bloom re: Subdivision Regulations
18. G. Padick re: Zoning Permit Applicant, Storrs Center Phases 1A and 1B
19. Top Ten Taxpayers, October 1, 2010 Grand List
20. State of CT, Department of Economic and Community Development re: Affordable Housing Land Use Appeals List
21. State of CT, Office of the Probate Court Administrator re: Probate Court Facilities Report
22. CCM re: CCM-member dues for FY 2011-12
23. CCM re: Education Funding Recommendations Sent to State Board of Education
24. CCM Hails Governor for Commitment to ECS Funding
25. The Connecticut Forum – "The End of Civility?"
26. Connecticut Republic re: Notice of lawful and peaceful assembly
27. The Business Council of Fairfield County Launches Award for Healthy Workplaces
28. Chronicle "PZC OKs center permit" – 01/20/11
29. Chronicle "Letters to the editor" – 01/21/11
30. Chronicle "Longtime planner to retire" – 01/21/11
31. Chronicle "UConn Spring Weekend report: Stop the insanity" – 01/21/11
32. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 01/24/11
33. Chronicle "Mansfield mulls report for Four Corners water" – 01/24/11

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34. Chronicle "We offer these threads, needles" – 01/24/11
35. Chronicle "Mansfield Four Corners: Two towns may collaborate for water source" – 01/25/11
36. Chronicle "Deadline coming for Masonicare" – 01/26/11
37. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 01/26/11
38. Chronicle "School decision deadline looms" – 01/27/11
39. Chronicle "Students: Spring Weekend moratorium will be difficult" – 01/29/11
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43. Chronicle "Shapiro replaces Haddad on town council" – 02/03/11
44. Chronicle "Several dozen turn out for Storrs Center PZC hearing" – 02/04/11
45. Chronicle "Storrs Center easements granted" – 02/04/11
46. Chronicle "Town of Mansfield is a safe place to work" – 02/07/11
47. Chronicle "Mansfield is ready to celebrate wintertime" – 02/08/113
48. Chronicle "Pool water drained by accident" – 02/09/11
49. Chronicle "Storrs Center close to key approval" – 02/09/117
50. Hartford Courant "UConn Task Force Recommends 'Voluntary Moratorium' On Spring Weekend" – 01/20/11
51. Nation's Cities Weekly "Downtown New London Reaches for New Heights with Help from NLC's America Downtown Program" – 01/17/11

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Kochenburger requested the school options be referred to by their descriptions (one-school, two school, etc.)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Given the absence of two Councilors, the Council agreed to postpone the scheduled executive session until March 14, 2011.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Antonia Moran, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

February 14, 2011

2-14-2011

To the Honorable Members of the Mansfield Town Council,

I am the owner of 66 White Oak Road here in Mansfield. My name is Roger C. Roberge Jr. I am supportive of the town acquisition of the Penner property for open space and endangered species. Seeing the open space borders White Oak development, I am requesting that the Town Council recommend removing the covenant affordable housing on the 66 White Oak Rd. The covenant/affordable housing on this property makes it virtually impossible for it to be sold due to the potential buyers cannot qualify due to the stringent guidelines and financial institutions will not assume the liability to ensure that the covenant/affordable housing standards are continually met. If 66 White Oak Road is continually going to be assessed and taxed the same as any other cape style house, then it should not be restricted and limited on who can purchase 66 White Oak Rd. due to income restrictions severely limiting the number of buyers, if any, that could meet the guidelines. This was evident during my attempted sale of the property during the summer/fall of 2009 which we listed 66 White Oak Rd. \$20,000.00 less than 78 White Oak Rd.(which is also a comparable sized cape with more land but, 66 White Oak Rd. is taxed higher than 67 White Oak Rd.) We had 6 potential buyers for 66 White Oak Rd. but none could meet the guidelines of the covenant/affordable housing or find financial institutions including FHA, VA or other government assisted programs to purchase said property.

Due to the fact that the Town Of Mansfield more than exceeds the number of areas for affordable housing but decides to retain 66 White Oak Rd. along with 78 White Oak Rd. as the only 2 house structures in the Storrs/Mansfield/Eagleville area then I would be willing to sell 66 White Oak Rd. to the town for the assessed price(\$262,800.00) and the Town paying 5% to Mansfield and 5% to the State of CT and all other closing costs, Attny fees and recording costs that are required by law.

Thank you for your time and I will await your decision,

Roger C. Roberge Jr
Owner of 66 White Oak Rd.

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Town Employees
Date: February 14, 2011
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Budget Retreat* – The Council held their annual budget retreat this past Saturday, February 12, 2011. I thought we had an informative and thorough discussion and thank the Council for your time. This is an important workshop as we enter into the preparation of the FY 2011/12 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.
- *Spring Weekend* – The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government Senate has released a state of position regarding spring weekend. Please see item number 12 in your Council packet for more information.

Departmental/Division News

- *Human Resources* - On February 11, 2011 the Town of Mansfield-Region 19-Mansfield Board of Education received the Business Council of Fairfield County's Platinum Award for Healthy Workplaces. The Business Council recognizes employers in a five-state region who "understand the competitive advantage of a healthy workforce and who have implemented cutting edge programs to promote a health workplace and assist their employees live healthier lives." Mansfield was the only government agency recognized and shared the Platinum spotlight with corporations such as IBM, Sikorsky and Nestle Waters North America.
- *Human Services* - The Mansfield Youth Service Bureau, in conjunction with local volunteers, will be offering a five-week "Grief Matters" group for children and families, beginning on Sunday, March 6, 2011 from 5:30 – 7:00PM at the Mansfield Town Hall. Grief Matters aims to create a sense of community for children and their families to learn and gain support from others who are experiencing similar situations. A parent or other adult is required to attend the group with the child. The group is open to families who have lost loved ones and professional volunteers from the community contribute their expertise to this program. The program is free for the Mansfield community. If you would like to learn more about the program, please call Patricia Michalak at 860-429-3319 or email at MichalakP@MansfieldCT.org.
- *Parks and Recreation*
 - As you know, last week we inadvertently drained the pool at the Mansfield Community Center. We had hoped to have the pool operational again by the end of last week. The cause of the incident was human error and we have taken measures to ensure that this doesn't happen again. Due to low pool temperatures the main pool remains closed until further notice. We are actively seeking alternative solutions to expedite raising the pool temperature, but it is very possible the heating process will take the remainder of this week. We will release updates to our members and the general public each day at 9:00 AM. The Parks and Recreation Department is doing everything in its power to return the pool to its regular operating condition and Community Center memberships will be extended for the amount of time the pool was not available. The direct cost to re-fill the pool is just over \$4,000. We apologize for this inconvenience and thank the members of our community for their patience as we work to re-open the main pool. The therapy pool will continue to remain open throughout the week.
 - We've scheduled our first ever "Winter Survival Skills Camp," to be held during the school's abbreviated February vacation. Registration is still underway for this program.

- On February 26th, the Community Center will host a movie night in the gym beginning at 5:30PM. This event is free of charge to all community center members and non-members pay the daily fee.
- Applications are now available for positions at Camp Mansfield. Those who are interested can stop by the Community Center and pick up an application packet. Applications will be available through March 12th.
- *Public Works* - There is a scarcity of salt in the Northeast. The Town currently has an outstanding order of 200 tons of rock salt with the state bid contractor, and they have only been able to deliver 22 tons. (This is still below our contracted amount of 1,000 tons for the year.) Hopefully, more will be on the way in the next week or so. In the interim, we are inquiring of other salt vendors in the Northeast to obtain additional salt (we will run out if the contractor cannot deliver!). So far we have not had any favorable replies.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *School Building Project* – As we discussed this past Saturday at the Council's Financial/Budget Retreat, we will hold Council workshops on the proposed school building project on Tuesday, February 22 and Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Both sessions will start at 6:30PM. I have attached to my report this evening a Hartford Courant article that provides some details on Governor Malloy's proposal to modify the state's school construction program. Under the Governor's proposal, the state would maintain the reimbursement rate of 20-80% for school renovations and reduce the reimbursement rate for new school construction from 20-80% to 15-65%. The Governor would also reduce the reimbursement rate for magnet school projects from 95 to 85%. These changes would affect any project that has not broken ground by April 1, 2012.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Planning and Design Committee, February 15, 2011, 5:00PM, Community Room, Mansfield Community Center
- Committee on Community Quality of Life, February 16, 2011, 7:30PM, Community Room, Mansfield Community Center
- Conservation Commission, February 16, 2011, 7:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, February 22, 2011, 2:30PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council Workshop (School Renovations Project), February 22, 2011, 6:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Planning and Zoning Commission, February 22, 2011, 7:00PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, February 23, 2011, 5:00PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Communications Advisory Committee, February 28, 2011, 7:00PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, February 28, 2011, 7:30PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the Town Calendar or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PUBLIC HEARING February 28, 2011

The Mansfield Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM at their regular meeting at 4 South Eagleville Road on February 28, 2011 solicit public comment regarding an amendment to the Fee Waivers Ordinance, which amendment would add senior center fees as a fee that may be waived pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance.

At this hearing persons may address the Town Council and written communications may be received. Copies of said proposals are on file and available at the Town Clerk's office: 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted on the Town's website (mansfieldct.gov).

Dated at Mansfield Connecticut this 15th day of February, 2011.

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; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk; Cynthia Dainton, Senior Services Coordinator
Date: February 28, 2011
Re: Amendment to Fee Waivers Ordinance – Senior Center Program Fees

Subject Matter/Background

At Monday's meeting, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to include senior center program fees as a fee that may be waived under the Fee Waivers Ordinance. The Council's recent practice is not to take action on a proposed ordinance on the same night as the public hearing.

I have included this item under old business in case the Council wishes to refer the proposed amendment to the Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee. However, as the proposed amendment is relatively straightforward and the Town Council has indicated its support for the proposal, the Council may not feel that a referral to the committee is necessary.

Attachments

- 1) 02/14/11 Amendment to Fee Waivers Ordinance – Senior Center Program Fees
Agenda Item Summary



Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt Hart*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services; Mary Stanton, Town Clerk; Cynthia Dainton, Senior Services Coordinator
Date: February 14, 2011
Re: Amendment to Fee Waiver Ordinance – Senior Center Program Fees

Subject Matter/Background

At the January 10, 2011 Council meeting, the Council requested that staff review the amendments necessary to add Senior Center program fees as a fee that may be waived under the Town's Fee Waiver Ordinance, as well as any projected costs.

Financial Impact

The American Community Survey shows four percent of Mansfield residents age 65 and older have income that is at the poverty level. During the last calendar year, 219 individuals participated in classes at the Senior Center where a fee was charged. If we conservatively estimate that 10 percent of those participants would qualify for a fee waiver, an estimated 22 individuals would qualify for either a 50 percent or a 90 percent waiver.

Program revenues for calendar year 2010 at the Senior Center were approximately \$33,552. Using staff's projections for 2010, participants qualifying for a fee waiver would account for 10 percent of the revenues earned, or \$3,355.20. If we assumed an average waiver of 70 percent (equalizing the 90 and 50 percent waivers) on this amount, we estimate the loss in program revenue to the Senior Center would be \$2348.64.

Recommendation

After reviewing the data, staff believes the financial impact to the Town would be minimal in light of the benefits to our residents. In keeping with our normal procedure for the amendment of Town ordinances, staff recommends the Council hold a public hearing to solicit comment regarding the proposed addition of Senior Center program fees to the Fee Waiver Ordinance.

[Adopted 2-10-1997, effective 3-8-1997

Editor's Note: This ordinance also superseded former Article III, ~~Fee Waivers~~, adopted 1-28-1991, effective 2-26-1991

]

§ 122-3 Title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Town of Mansfield Fee Waivers Ordinance."

§ 122-4 Intent.

It is the Town's intention to encourage participation and to provide services to all residents of the Town regardless of their financial status.

§ 122-5 Eligibility criteria.

[Amended 10-14-2003, effective 11-10-2003]

A.

This subsection shall apply to all of the services subject to this article and set forth in § ~~122-10~~, with the exception of the after-school program listed in § ~~122-10A~~ below. Applicable fees not reimbursed by a third party will be reduced by 90% for residents of the Town of Mansfield who present sufficient evidence that they are enrolled in the Medicaid (Title XIX) program, or that their current adjusted gross family or household income does not exceed 130% of the federally determined level of poverty. Fifty percent of fees will be waived for residents whose current adjusted gross family or household income does not exceed 185% of the federally determined level of poverty. Unreimbursed medical expenses exceeding 3% of adjusted gross income will be deducted in determining gross income for the purpose of this program. The eligibility criteria set forth in this subsection may be changed by resolution of the Town Council.

B.

For the ambulance fees listed in § ~~122-10~~ below only, applicants who qualify for a fee reduction of 90% per the immediately preceding subsection of this article shall instead receive a fee reduction of 100%. The fee reduction rates set forth in this subsection may be changed by resolution of the Town Council.

§ 122-6 Requests.

Requests must be made on a Town of Mansfield application form.

§ 122-7 Verification of information.

The information on the application may be verified by Town officials at any time during the year.

§ 122-8 Review of waivers; changes to information.

Waivers need to be reinstated on a yearly basis unless circumstances warrant a more frequent review. Any changes in family size or household income must be reported.

§ 122-9 Confidential information.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will be used only for eligibility determinations and verification of data.

§ 122-10 Applicability.

The following services are subject to this article:

A. Recreation programs (excluding bus trips and more than two summer camp sessions per child).

B. Planning and zoning fees.

C. Inland wetland fees.

D. Zoning Board of Appeals fees.

E. (Reserved)

Editor's Note: Former Subsection E, Subsurface sewage disposal and water supply wells, was repealed 8-8-2005, effective 9-3-2005.

F. (Reserved)

Editor's Note: Former Subsection F, Junk car disposal, was repealed 8-8-2005, effective 9-3-2005.

G. Solid waste disposal.

H. Recycling fees.

I. Ambulance fees.

J. Community Center memberships and programs.

[Added 10-14-2003, effective 11-10-2003]

K. Parks and Recreation after-school program.

[Added 12-8-2003, effective 1-3-2004]

L. Senior Center Program Fees.



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Date: January 24, 2011
Re: Status Report on Independent/Assisted Living Project

Subject Matter/Background

The Town of Mansfield is committed to supporting the development of an independent/assisted living facility in town, and has identified Masonicare as a preferred developer for this project. Masonicare currently has an option to purchase property on Maple Road, and will need a connection to a public water supply in order to proceed at that location. As discussed at previous Council meetings, the University of Connecticut is not in a position at the present time to authorize a connection to its water supply that is not listed as a committed use under the university's water and wastewater master plan.

Consequently, Masonicare is looking for some assurance from the town that a water supply connection would be available at a later point. While the town cannot provide any binding commitments at this time, I believe that we can communicate our intent to partnering with UConn to develop additional water sources to address our collective needs, including a connection for the independent/assisted living facility.

Based upon the Council's commitment to this initiative, I have issued the attached letter to Masonicare indicating the town's commitment to partnering with UConn to develop additional water sources to address our collective needs. I have also emphasized that the town would view a connection to Masonicare's proposed property on Maple Road as having the highest priority for new users (along with uses such as the proposed Four Corners water and wastewater district). To further demonstrate the town's willingness to assist Masonicare in this effort, I respectfully request that the Council indicate its support in securing water and wastewater service for the project.

Recommendation

Staff proposes the following motion for the Council's consideration:

Move, effective February 28, 2011, to authorize the Mayor to issue a letter to the Board of Directors of Masonicare, conveying the Town Council's support and commitment to working collaboratively with the appropriate parties to secure water and wastewater service for Masonicare's independent/assisted living project in Mansfield.

Staff and Masonicare representatives will be available at Monday's meeting to address any questions that Council may have regarding this item.

Attachments

- 1) M. Hart re: Water Supply for Independent/Assisted Living Project

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER



Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager

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February 22, 2011

Stephen B. McPherson, President
Masonicare
Corporate Services
22 Masonic Avenue
Wallingford, CT 06492

Dear Steve:

I am writing as a follow-up to our conversation on Monday concerning your continued interest in developing an Independent/Assisted Living facility in Mansfield. As you are aware from our meeting at UConn last week, it does not appear that the university is in a position at the present time to authorize any additional connections to their water supply that are not listed as a committed use under the university's water and wastewater master plan.

Given the limitations of the existing water supply, the Town of Mansfield is committed to partnering with UConn to develop additional water sources to address our collective needs, as we have recognized that the current situation is untenable and will not support any future development. Consequently, we are aggressively pursuing a number of different options, including wellfields and interconnections to existing water utilities, in order to meet our future water needs. Our taxpayers have authorized the expenditure of \$330,000 for engineering services related to the project. The town has retained an engineering firm, and we will be testing our preliminary water supply options over the next several months. While it is difficult to estimate an exact date when additional public water supply would be available, we believe that a 24-48 month timeframe is reasonable. Obviously, the permitting and construction of additional supply would require a number of authorizations at the state and local level as well as approval from our voters to appropriate additional bond funding for the project.

The Town of Mansfield is committed to supporting the development of an independent/assisted living facility in town, and we would view a connection to Masonicare's proposed property on Maple Road as having the highest priority for new users. As the designated "preferred developer" for this facility, we are interested in working collaboratively with you to support the success of this initiative, and we understand that access to water is critical to the project.

I appreciate your organization's continued interest in this project, and am willing to commit to work with you to bring this plan to fruition. I have placed this matter on the Town Council's agenda for its regular meeting on February 28, 2011 and will seek the Council's support in securing water and wastewater service for the project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

CC: Town Council
Four Corners Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee
Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Lon Hultgren, Director of Planning
Gregory Padick, Director of Planning



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager
Date: February 28, 2011
Re: Community-Campus Relations

Subject Matter/Background

For your information, I have attached statements of position from the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Senate regarding spring weekend. In addition, at Monday's meeting Town Council representatives and staff can provide an update regarding the recent activities of the Committee on Community Quality of Life.

Attachments

- 1) USG, A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend
- 2) Graduate Student Senate, A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend

Matthew W. Hart

From: Thomas Haggerty [thomas.m.haggerty@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:59 PM
To: philip.austin@uconn.edu; Nicholls, Peter; Barry Feldman; Urban, Ralph; John Saddlemire; Hudd, Robert; jim.walter@uconn.edu; Town Mngr; Town Council; PAUL.MCCARTHY@uconn.edu; Clausen, John; susan.herbst@uconn.edu; Joan Wood; rachel.rubin@uconn.edu
Cc: Briody, Joseph; Herman, Rebecca; Higgins, Katrina; Fox, Karla; Freake, Hedley; Brown, Scott; susan.spiggle@uconn.edu; Bramble, Pamela; Holsinger, Kent; Lowe, Charles; Corey Schmitt; Adam Scianna; Colon Jr, Richard
Subject: A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Blue
Attachments: Spring Weekend Legislation Final.doc

President Austin,

Attached is the final draft of "A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend" that was passed by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate an hour ago. Although the Speaker of the Senate and I have not officially signed the piece of legislation, I wanted to unofficially present a copy to you, Chairmen McHugh, President-Designate Herbst, the membership of the Task Force to De-Escalate Spring Weekend, and the Senate Executive Committee.

After months of open forums, committee meetings, and discussions with faculty, staff, students, and community members, the Undergraduate Student Government is presenting to you our official position on Spring Weekend.

The Undergraduate Student Government Executive Committee is hoping to meet with you in the near future to discuss this piece of legislation. In addition, I want to thank the members of the Task Force for the countless hours they poured into researching this issue and producing their report. Regardless of differing opinions, I can say with confidence that we all have the best interests of the University at heart.

All the best,

Thomas M. Haggerty
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University of Connecticut
Undergraduate Student Government
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A STATEMENT OF POSITION REGARDING SPRING WEEKEND

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government recognizes Spring Weekend as a topic of concern to the University of Connecticut and its surrounding community;

WHEREAS, the events of Spring Weekend can place and have placed the student body at risk;

WHEREAS, the events of Spring Weekend place a great strain on financial and human resources including but not limited to emergency medical personnel, University Police, State Police, landowners, administrators, Mansfield residents, staff members, and Resident Assistants;

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government acknowledges that those who are arrested on Spring Weekend are predominantly non-University of Connecticut students, and, therefore, believes that the participation of persons unaffiliated with the University of Connecticut on Spring Weekend is unnecessary and detrimental;

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government acknowledges that the University of Connecticut student population also contributes to concerns associated with Spring Weekend;

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government understands that many students are passionate about Spring Weekend and view it as a positive tradition and a source of university pride;

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government recognizes the need to balance enduring traditions with the dynamic academic and social environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government values the student body's thoughts and opinions and recognizes that our constituents have numerous and varied viewpoints regarding Spring Weekend;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government believes that advocating for the safety and well-being of the student body is our primary responsibility and it will work diligently to ensure our constituents are protected during Spring Weekend and have access to resources that will keep them safe;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government supports efforts to eliminate the presence of those who instigate harmful behavior during Spring Weekend events;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government supports a ban on guests who are not students at the University of Connecticut during Spring Weekend 2011 in order to encourage the sense of pride students feel uniting with their fellow Huskies, unimpeded by the actions of outsiders;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government strongly believes that efforts to curtail University-sponsored events located on-campus during Spring Weekend are counterproductive, as such events provide a safe and controlled environment at which University of Connecticut students are able to celebrate the culmination of their academic year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government holds its membership to the highest of standards and expects those in our organization to conduct themselves in a manner that embraces civility and propriety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government urges all students to take a proactive role in campus safety by acting in a mature and responsible manner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government endorses the University Senate's motion to initiate a Metanoia on community civility in memoriam of Jafar Karzoun, a fellow student who died as a result of injuries sustained during the events of Spring Weekend;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government encourages the Trustee-Administration-Faculty-Student Committee to expand the scope of the aforementioned Metanoia to include education on the complexities of Spring Weekend;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government will play an active role in the development and implementation of the aforementioned Metanoia;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Government commits to being a part of the ongoing conversation with other members of the University community regarding Spring Weekend.

Sara-Ann Bourque

From: Rich Colon [richardcolonjr@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 10:36 AM
To: philip.austin@uconn.edu; Nicholls, Peter; Barry Feldman; Urban, Ralph; John Saddlemire; Hudd, Robert; jim.walter@uconn.edu; Town Mngr; Town Council; PAUL.MCCARTHY@uconn.edu; Clausen, John; susan.herbst@uconn.edu; Joan Wood; Rubin, Rachel
Cc: Briody, Joseph; Herman, Rebecca; Higgins, Katrina; Fox, Karla; Freake, Hedley; Brown, Scott; susan.spiggle@uconn.edu; Bramble, Pamela; Holsinger, Kent; Lowe, Charles; Corey Schmitt; Adam Scianna; Thomas M. Haggerty; Louise Bailey
Subject: Graduate Student Senate A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend
Attachments: GSS Spring Weekend Resolution.doc

Good Morning President Austin,

Spring Weekend has been a topic of concern at the University for quite some time as it affects all students including both undergraduates and graduates. The GSS has been discussing our issues and concerns with the events for the past few years but we had never taken an official stance on the issue. Given the recent tragedy and the task force's recommendations the GSS felt that it was time we, like USG, offer our official stance on Spring Weekend.

Last night the Graduate Student Senate passed "A Statement of Position Regarding Spring Weekend." I have attached a copy of the resolution to this email and, like Tom had done, I would like to also share it with: Chairmen McHugh, President-Designate Herbst, the membership of the Task Force to De-Escalate Spring Weekend, and the Senate Executive Committee.

The GSS fully supports the recommendations of the Task Force and we hope to continue in this dialogue and help strengthen our community. Spring Weekend and the safety of our students is something I care very deeply about especially after working with Louise Bailey and her Student Life Committee while I was on the Board. I would like to personally thank everyone for their continued support on this issue and I look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Richard Colon
Graduate Student Senate President

A STATEMENT OF POSITION REGARDING SPRING WEEKEND

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate recognizes the series of non-sanctioned events that is known as Spring Weekend as a topic of great concern to the University of Connecticut and its surrounding community; and

Whereas, The events of Spring Weekend can place and have placed students and community members at risk; and

Whereas, To ensure the safety of students and community members the events of Spring Weekend place a great strain on financial and human resources including but not limited to emergency medical personnel, University Police, State Police, landowners, administrators, Mansfield residents, staff members, and Resident Assistants; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate acknowledges that alcohol abuse, violence, and the safety of students and members of the community are of the utmost importance in relation to the events of Spring Weekend; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate acknowledges that the intent of Spring Weekend is to strengthen the campus community yet the arrests that have been made on Spring Weekend are predominantly not members of the campus community, who work against this goal with little to no regard for the campus or its students; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate acknowledges that students who are members of the campus community also contribute to the arrests, violence, and other concerns associated with Spring Weekend; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate recognizes that the student body of the University of Connecticut is composed of both Graduate and Undergraduate students who are affected by the events that occur on Spring Weekend; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate understands that both Graduate and Undergraduate students attend the University of Connecticut to pursue academic and professional pursuits, and that the events of Spring Weekend hinder students' ability to conduct their research and academic interests; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate recognizes that while the events of Spring Weekend may help to build community and a social environment, these are secondary to the safety of students and community members and the academic and research missions of the university; and

Whereas, The Graduate Student Senate acknowledges that these dangers and concerns are not limited to the events of Spring Weekend but exist and need to be addressed for all weekends; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That the Graduate Student Senate values the safety of the students and members of the community above all else, and will assist the university in pursuit of this goal.

Resolved, Second, That the Graduate Student Senate places value on the intellectual and research pursuits of all students above the social interests of non-students and students alike.

Resolved, Third, That the Graduate Student Senate supports a ban on guests who are not students at the University of Connecticut during Spring Weekend 2011.

Resolved, Fourth, That the Graduate Student Senate urges its members and all members of the campus community to take a proactive role in the maintenance and safety of the campus and its students by acting in a mature and responsible manner.

Resolved, Fifth, That the Graduate Student Senate not only endorses the recommendations of the University of Connecticut's Spring Weekend Task Force but are also willing to endorse a more aggressive approach that will hold individuals accountable.

Resolved, Sixth, That the Graduate Student Senate also endorses the recommendations of the University Senate in regards to Spring Weekend, especially its motion to initiate a Metanoia on community civility in memoriam of Jafar Karzoun, a fellow student who tragically died as a victim of violence during the events of Spring Weekend.

Resolved, Seventh, That the Graduate Student Senate will play an active role in the development and implementation of the aforementioned Metanoia.

Resolved, Eighth, That the Graduate Student Senate encourages the university to expand its scope to address these problems and concerns to the entire school year and not just Spring Weekend.

Resolved, Ninth, That the Graduate Student Senate commits to being a part of the ongoing conversation with other members of the University community regarding Spring Weekend.

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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
Date: February 28, 2011
Re: Meeting with State Legislator

Subject Matter/Background

State Senator Donald Williams is planning to attend the Council's February 28th meeting to review the current legislative session and to address any related concerns that you may have. For your reference, I have attached various CCM reports, as well as other important documents.

At the meeting, I believe it would be important to emphasize the impact that the University of Connecticut has upon our municipal services, and the important of state aid to Mansfield.

Attachments

- 1) Town of Mansfield, State Grant Analysis
- 2) Town of Mansfield, State Owned Real Property, Grant in Lieu of Taxes
- 3) CCM, Governor's Proposed Budget FY 2012/13: Impact of Mansfield
- 4) CCM, Governor's Proposed Budget FY 2012/13: Impact on Cities and Towns
- 5) CCM, State Capitol Report
- 6) CCM, Mandates Report
- 7) M. Hart re Testimony in Support of HB 6112, An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Municipal Ordinances

Town of Mansfield/Mansfield Board of Education
State Grant Analysis

	ACTUALS											State Projected Budget
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Pequot Grant	2,903,714	2,950,637	3,074,999	2,128,664	1,714,079	1,337,580	1,436,767	613,032	389,462	349,407	191,334	195,374
PILOT	4,089,830	4,778,666	5,055,929	4,549,319	4,797,040	6,343,657	7,703,004	7,620,956	8,020,784	8,396,689	8,055,354	7,258,648
ECS	7,502,339	7,929,496	8,353,143	8,511,525	8,429,729	8,522,606	8,780,560	8,804,430	9,647,880	10,070,677	10,070,677	10,070,677
Transportation		281,887	330,951	255,593	250,535	239,570	252,197	265,653	277,161	247,412	137,067	135,074
Town Aid		215,218	215,814	100,881	79,680	127,680	186,038	203,154	204,262	205,614	206,217	206,217
State Revenue Sharing			472,523					359,404				
Total Actual	14,495,883	16,155,904	17,503,359	15,545,982	15,271,063	16,571,093	18,358,566	17,866,629	18,539,549	19,269,799	18,660,649	17,865,990
% Incr (Decr)		11.5%	8.3%	-11.2%	-1.8%	8.5%	10.8%	-2.7%	3.8%	3.9%	-3.2%	-4.3%
	BUDGET											As Amended
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Pequot Grant	2,852,782	2,960,570	3,059,920	2,687,660	1,361,183	1,764,300	1,474,330	1,256,558	385,429	385,000	668,391	382,670
PILOT	2,962,360	4,768,740	5,045,900	4,577,463	4,790,570	5,945,550	7,149,920	7,597,690	8,027,360	8,368,470	7,992,420	7,224,400
ECS	7,519,690	7,947,820	8,372,330	8,511,184	8,397,650	8,440,790	8,695,310	8,804,430	9,645,950	10,070,680	10,070,680	10,070,680
Transportation		315,000	315,000	315,000	255,950	260,000	242,120	240,860	269,620	283,060	238,900	199,930
Town Aid		214,085	215,218	215,815	78,495	79,680	127,680	186,038	148,980	204,260	150,616	206,217
State Revenue Sharing												
Total Budget	13,334,832	16,206,215	17,008,368	16,307,122	14,883,848	16,490,320	17,689,360	18,085,576	18,477,339	19,311,470	19,121,007	18,083,897
	VARIANCE - OVER (UNDER) BUDGET											
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Pequot Grant	50,932	(9,933)	15,079	(558,996)	352,896	(426,720)	(37,563)	(643,526)	4,033	(35,593)	(477,057)	(187,296)
PILOT	1,127,470	9,926	10,029	(28,144)	6,470	398,107	553,084	23,266	(6,576)	28,219	62,934	34,248
ECS	(17,351)	(18,324)	(19,187)	341	32,079	81,816	85,250	-	1,930	(3)	(3)	(3)
Transportation		(33,113)	15,951	(59,407)	(5,415)	(20,430)	10,077	24,793	7,541	(35,648)		
Town Aid		1,133	596	(114,934)	1,185	48,000	58,358	17,116	55,282	1,354		
State Revenue Sharing			472,523					359,404				
Total Variance	1,161,051	(50,311)	494,991	(761,140)	387,215	80,773	669,206	(218,947)	62,210	(41,671)	(414,126)	(153,051)

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
PILOT GRANT
STATE OWNED REAL PROPERTY
GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES

October 1 Grand List	1999	2000 *	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
University of Connecticut	\$ 409,901,190	\$ 390,458,450	\$ 443,020,780	\$ 463,020,780	\$ 483,020,780	\$ 941,613,470	\$ 1,002,219,242	\$ 1,007,933,938	\$ 1,047,181,652	\$ 1,047,417,552	\$ 1,060,861,563
Mansfield Training School											
Northeast Correctional Facility	16,964,460	18,089,770	18,089,770	18,089,770	18,089,770	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976	17,727,976
Eastern CT State University	1,995,090	3,049,340	3,049,340	3,049,340	3,049,340	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560	3,521,560
Other Real Property					1,243,760	2,515,660	2,515,660	2,104,396	2,104,396	2,104,396	
Totals	\$ 428,860,740	\$ 411,597,560	\$ 464,159,890	\$ 484,159,890	\$ 505,403,650	\$ 965,378,666	\$ 1,025,984,438	\$ 1,031,287,870	\$ 1,070,535,584	\$ 1,070,771,484	\$ 1,082,111,099
Fiscal Year	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12
Calculated PILOT Grant	\$ 5,042,759	\$ 4,880,518	\$ 5,743,979	\$ 6,523,086	\$ 7,034,461	\$ 9,561,593	\$ 10,563,536	\$ 11,077,579	\$ 12,245,857	\$ 12,388,291	\$ 12,519,484
Actual PILOT Payment	\$ 5,055,929	\$ 4,549,319	\$ 4,797,040	\$ 6,343,657	\$ 7,703,004	\$ 7,620,956	\$ 8,020,784	\$ 8,396,689	\$ 8,055,354	\$ 7,258,648	
Prior Year Mill Rate	.02613	.02635	.0275	.02994	.03093	0.02201	0.02288	0.02387	0.02542	0.02571	0.02571
Reimbursement Rate	45.12%	41.95%	37.58%	43.76%	49.28%	35.87%	34.17%	34.11%	29.60%	26.37%	

Note 1. The Mansfield Training School Facilities have been combined with UConn Depot Campus

Note 2. Full funding equals 45% of taxes receivable

* Revaluation Year- Mansfield Training School Campus Reduced in Value



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February 16, 2011

**PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO MAYOR, FIRST SELECTMAN,
CITY/TOWN MANAGER & FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**FY2012-FY2013 Governor's Proposed Budget Impact on:
Mansfield**

On February 16, 2011, the Governor proposed a budget for the FY2012-FY2013 biennium. Below please find a summary of the estimated statewide changes to major municipal grants.

Grant:	Current Year FY2011	Proposed FY2012	Proposed FY2013	Proposed FY2012 v. FY2011	Proposed FY2013 v. FY2011
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Education Cost Sharing	\$1.89 billion	\$1.89 billion	\$1.89 billion	No change	No change
Excess Cost – Student Based	\$139.8 million	\$139.8 million	\$139.8 million	No change	No change
Magnet Schools	\$174.1 million	\$215.9 million	\$235.6 million	\$41.8 million	\$61.5 million
Priority School Districts	\$117.2 million	\$112.6 million	\$112.1 million	-\$4.6 million	-\$5.1 million
Pequot-Mohegan Grant	\$61.8 million	\$61.8 million	\$61.8 million	No change	No change
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$115.4 million	\$115.4 million	\$115.4 million	No change	No change
PILOT: Manuf. Machinery/Equip.	\$47.9 million	\$0	\$0	-\$47.9 million	-\$47.9 million
PILOT: State-Owned Property	\$73.5 million	\$73.5 million	\$73.5 million	No change	No change
Town Aid Road Grant	\$30 million	\$30 million	\$30 million	No change	No change

In FY10 and FY11, ECS was partially funded by federal ARRA funds (\$540 million). Those funds will be replaced by state funding in the biennium.

The proposed budget also calls for additional sources of local revenue totaling an estimated \$85.2 million in FY12 and \$129.3 million in FY13. More information will be provided shortly.

Please note that grants to individual towns and cities may vary due to changes in grant formula elements.

Below is CCM's preliminary analysis of the impacts on Mansfield under this plan for certain key grant programs.*

Grant:	Current Year	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed FY2012 v.		Proposed FY2013 v.	
	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2011		FY2011	
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
Education							
Adult Education	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	
ECS Grant	\$10,070,677	\$10,070,677	\$10,070,677	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 0	0.0%
Non-public School Transportation	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	
Public School Transportation	\$134,920	\$125,794	\$121,403	\$-9,126	-0.1%	\$-13,517	-0.1%
Sub-Total: Education	\$10,205,597	\$10,196,471	\$10,192,080	\$-9,126	0.0%	\$-13,517	0.0%
Non-Education							
Local Capital Improvement	\$183,979	\$183,979	\$183,979	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 0	0.0%
Pequot-Mohegan Grant	\$195,911	\$195,033	\$195,033	\$-878	0.0%	\$-878	0.0%
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	
PILOT: State-owned Property	\$7,265,843	\$7,056,128	\$7,056,128	\$-209,716	2.99% 0.0%	\$-209,716	0.0%
Town Aid Road Grant	\$206,217	\$206,217	\$206,217	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 0	0.0%
Sub-Total: Non-Education	\$7,851,950	\$7,641,356	\$7,641,356	\$-210,593	0.0%	\$-210,593	0.0%
Total: Education & Non-Education	\$18,057,547	\$17,837,827	\$17,833,436	\$-219,719	1.2% 0.0%	\$-224,110	0.0%

*Some grants are not listed because town-by-town amounts are not currently available. Many of these grants will be featured in an upcoming CCM report.

Notes to Individual Grants for FY2012:

- **Adult Education** - \$20.6 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **ECS** - \$1.89 billion statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Non-Public School Transportation** - \$3.6 million statewide (\$400,000 reduction from FY2011).
- **Public School Transportation** - \$25.8 million statewide (\$2.8 million reduction from FY2011).
- **LoCIP** - \$30 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Pequot/Mohegan** - \$61.8 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **PILOT: Colleges and Hospitals** - \$115.4 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **PILOT: State-Owned Property** - \$73.5 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Town Aid Road** - \$30 million statewide (no change from FY2011).

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Governor's Proposed Budget FY2012-FY2013: Impacts on Towns and Cities

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Impact on Municipalities: Overview

On February 16, 2011, the Governor released his proposed budget for the FY2012-FY2013 biennium. The budget calls for combined General Fund and Transportation Fund expenditures of \$19.6 billion in FY2012 and \$20.0 billion in FY2013. This equates to increases of \$454 million (2.4%) and \$927 million (4.9%), respectively, over the current budget.

Overall, municipal aid would be increased by \$31.1 million (1.1%) in FY2012 and \$51.7 million (1.8%) in FY2013 compared to FY2011, excluding PILOT MME. The budget includes a \$39.2 million (1.6%) increase in education funding for FY2012 and a \$59.8 million (2.5%) increase for FY2013, compared to the current year. Non-education funding, again excluding PILOT MME, would be reduced by \$8.1 million (2.2%) in each year of the biennium versus FY2011.

The proposed budget calls for the elimination of PILOT MME. Those reimbursements totaled an estimated \$47,895,199 in FY2011.

Education Grants

The biennial budget includes education grants totaling \$2.47 billion in FY2012 and \$2.49 billion in FY2013. There is a significant increase in Magnet School grants, an additional \$41.7 million (24.0%) in FY2012 and \$61.4 million (35.3%) in FY2013 versus the current year. Grants for the OPEN Choice Program are increased by \$5.4 million (37.2%) in FY2012 and \$7.6 million (52.7%) in FY2013. There is also a 10-percent cut in school transportation compared to FY2011. Priority School Districts are reduced by \$4.6 million (4.0%) in FY2012 and (\$5.1) million (4.4%) in FY2013. Other education grants are level-funded or increased slightly in the biennium.

The proposal calls for schools in the Technical High School System (THSS) to be phased in as local schools. The state will finance the schools over the biennium as the transition occurs. Over time, all 16 schools will become local or RESC schools.

Below please find select statewide education grant totals.

- **Adult Education:** \$20,612,980 in FY2012; \$20,605,690 in FY2013 (increase of \$18,609 and \$11,319 from FY2011, respectively)
- **Education Cost Sharing:** \$1,889,609,057 each year (no change from FY2011)
- **Excess Cost-Student Based:** \$139,805,731 each year (no change from FY2011)
- **Magnet Schools:** \$215,855,338 in FY2012; \$235,564,251 in FY2013 (increase of \$41.7 million and \$61.4 million from FY2011, respectively)
- **Non-Public School Transportation:** \$3,595,500 each year (decrease of \$399,500 from FY2011)

- **Priority School Districts:** \$112,595,033 in FY2012; \$112,121,287 in FY2013 (decrease of \$4,642,155 and \$5,115,901, respectively)
- **Transportation of School Children:** \$25,784,748 in FY2012; \$24,884,748 in FY2013 (decrease of \$2,864,972 and \$3,764,972, respectively). Savings are projected due to RESC transportation study.

Please see the Appendix A for information on additional education grants.

Non-Education Grants

Non-education grants total \$356.3 million in each year of the biennium, which is a decrease of \$8.1 million from FY2011. The budget eliminates the Child Day Care grant, which totaled \$5.3 million in FY2011. Funding for child day care would be moved under a single, current-expense account in the State Department of Education. The proposal also reduces funding for Distressed Municipalities by \$2.0 million (25.6%) in each year. Please note that this total does not include the PILOT MME grants, which are discussed further below.

Below please find select statewide non-education grant totals.

- **Pequot-Mohegan Fund:** \$61,779,907 each year (no change from FY2011)
- **PILOT Colleges & Hospitals:** \$115,431,737 each year (no change from FY2011)
- **PILOT State-Owned Property:** \$73,519,215 each year (no change from FY2011)
- **DECD Payment in Lieu of Taxes:** \$2,204,000 each year (no change from FY2011)
- **DECD Tax Abatement:** \$1,704,890 each year (no change from FY2011)

Please see the Appendix A for information on additional non-education grants.

PILOT for Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment (MME)

The proposed budget eliminates funding for PILOT MME. Statewide reimbursements from the program totaled \$47,895,199 in FY2011 (See Appendix B for town-by-town FY2011 PILOT MME reimbursements). Statutes currently call for a reimbursement rate of 80 percent of taxes lost, but limit the total amount of PILOT MME to the amount appropriated, even if the amount payable to municipalities exceeds the amount appropriated. The result is that current reimbursements are below 80 percent of the lost property taxes.

CCM is working with OPM Secretary Barnes to ameliorate the negative fiscal impacts of the loss of these reimbursements. CCM will keep you apprised of developments.

New Sources of Local Revenue

The Governor has proposed new sources of local revenue -- sharing in state revenue streams and new local taxes -- that would be available to municipalities. These new sources of municipal revenue are estimated to amount to \$85.2 million in FY2012 and \$129.3 million in FY2013.

- **Eliminating the mandated property tax exemption for boats and planes.** Such property would be subjected to a tax rate of 20 mills in all towns and cities and collected by the municipalities.
- **Eliminating the mandated property tax exemption for certain large commercial vehicles.** Such property would be taxed at the general mill rate in their respective municipalities and collected locally.
- **Increases the hotel tax from 12 percent to 15 percent. One percentage of that would go to cities and towns.** The State would collect the tax and remit it to host towns and cities. This is an automatic levy and will not be a local option.
- **Creates a three-percent surcharge on car rentals. Two-thirds of the revenue would go to the State and one-third to municipalities.** The State would collect the tax and remit it to towns and cities. This is an automatic levy and will not be a local option.
- **Restores the cabaret tax, a levy on venues with entertainment that serve alcohol. Revenue from this tax would go to the towns and cities.** The State would collect the tax and remit it to host towns and cities. This is an automatic levy and will not be a local option.
- **Adds 0.1 percent to the increased sales tax rate of 6.25 percent for retail sales. Revenue from this surcharge would go to the municipalities in which the sales took place.** The State would collect the tax and remit it to host towns and cities. This is an automatic levy and will not be a local option.
- **Increases the municipal portion of the real estate conveyance tax rate from 0.25 to 0.50 percent, as a local option. The Governor is also calling for the tax to become permanent.**

Here is a breakdown of the estimated local revenues statewide in the fiscal years in which they will be realized.

- **Vessel Property Tax - \$38.7 million in FY2013**
- **Aircraft Property Tax - \$4 million in FY2013**
- **Commercial Vehicle Tax - \$? In FY2013 (estimated amount unknown)**
- **Hotel Tax - \$5.8 and \$6.1 million in FY2012 and FY2013, respectively**
- **Car rental Surcharge - \$1.6 million in each year of the biennium**
- **Cabaret Tax - \$900,000 in each year of the biennium**
- **Retail Sales Tax - \$24.0 and \$25.1 million in FY2012 and FY2013, respectively (Note: CCM had contacted OPM concerning the accuracy of the revenue estimates from the sales tax. OPM had already been examining the issue. It appears data associated with sales at large retailers may be skewed due to reporting methods.)**
- **Municipal Real Estate Conveyance Tax - \$52.9 million in each year of the biennium**

Other Programs and Funding

Town Aid Road (TAR) and LoCIP grants would each be funded at \$30 million in both FY2012 and FY2013, the same as in FY2011. TAR was bond-funded for this current year, but the proposed budget calls for a straight appropriation for the program through the Transportation Fund. LoCIP would be bond-funded.

STEAP grants are eliminated in both years of the proposed budget. The program is funded at \$20 million in FY2011. OPM stated that the reason for the elimination of funding is that there is currently a \$20 million unallocated balance in the program that is available.

Urban Act grants are funded at \$50 million in FY2012 and \$30 million in FY2013 in the proposed budget. There was no additional funding for the program in FY2011.

The budget calls for increased funding for the Clean Water Fund. General obligation bonds would total \$92.6 million in FY2012 and \$94.0 million in FY2013. FY2011 funding was \$15 million. Revenue bonds would be increased from \$120 million this year to \$233.4 million in FY2012 and \$238.4 million in FY2013.

Under the Resident State Trooper Program, municipalities would be responsible for overtime costs. This would mean a reduction of about \$840,000 for towns in the program in each year of the biennium.

The budget provides \$600,000 in incentives funds each year of the biennium to RPAs in order to promote voluntary consolidation. CCM is awaiting more detail on funding criteria.

School Construction

The reimbursement rate for new school construction is proposed to be reduced. That rate now ranges from 20 percent to 80 percent, depending on the wealth of the community in which the school is located. Reimbursement rates would be lowered to 15 to 65 percent for new construction. The rate for school renovations would remain at 20 to 80 percent.

The Governor is also proposing to reduce the reimbursement level for magnet schools to 80 percent from the current 95 percent. By court order, the reimbursement rate for magnet schools in Hartford is 100 percent.

The budget calls for bond authorizations of \$536.4 million for school construction in FY2012 and \$592.3 million in FY2013.

Expanded Gubernatorial Rescission Authority

The Governor is proposing expanded authority over budget rescissions. The proposal would increase the amount of budget cuts allowed from five to ten percent in most accounts and eliminate the exemption for municipal aid. Currently, municipal aid is exempt for cuts, along with debt payments and employee compensation.

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APPENDIX A: Breakdown of Municipal Grants
Under Governor's Proposed State Budget
FY2012-FY1013

Total Education and Non-Education Grants

	Current Year FY2011	Proposed FY2012	Proposed FY2013	Proposed FY2012 v. FY2011		Proposed FY2013 v. FY2011	
				Change:		Change:	
				\$	%	\$	%
Education and Non-Education Aid	\$2,795,916,481	\$2,827,004,814	\$2,847,580,343	\$31,088,333	1.1%	\$51,663,862	1.8%

Note: The non-education total does not include PILOT MME reimbursements, which were eliminated in the proposed budget.

Education Grants

	Current Year FY2011	Proposed FY2012	Proposed FY2013	Proposed FY2012 v. FY2011		Proposed FY2013 v. FY2011	
				Change:		Change:	
				\$	%	\$	%
Adult Education	\$20,594,371	\$20,612,980	\$20,605,690	\$18,609	0.1%	\$11,319	0.1%
After School Program	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Bilingual Education	\$1,916,130	\$1,916,130	\$1,916,130	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Education Cost Sharing	\$1,889,609,057	\$1,889,609,057	\$1,889,609,057	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Excess Cost - Student Based	\$139,805,731	\$139,805,731	\$139,805,731	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Health Serv for Pupils Private Schools	\$4,297,500	\$4,297,500	\$4,297,500	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Interdistrict Cooperation	\$11,127,369	\$11,136,173	\$11,131,935	\$8,804	0.1%	\$4,566	0.0%
Magnet Schools	\$174,131,395	\$215,855,338	\$235,564,251	\$41,723,943	24.0%	\$61,432,856	35.3%
Non-Public School Transportation	\$3,995,000	\$3,595,500	\$3,595,500	-\$399,500	-10.0%	-\$399,500	-10.0%
OPEN Choice Program	\$14,465,002	\$19,839,066	\$22,090,956	\$5,374,064	37.2%	\$7,625,954	52.7%
Priority School Districts	\$117,237,188	\$112,595,033	\$112,121,287	-\$4,642,155	-4.0%	-\$5,115,901	-4.4%
School Based Health Clinics	\$10,440,646	\$10,440,646	\$10,440,646	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
School Breakfast Program	\$1,634,103	\$1,634,103	\$1,634,103	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
School Readiness Quality Enhancement	\$1,158,608	\$1,158,608	\$1,158,608	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
School to Work Opportunities	\$213,750	\$213,750	\$213,750	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Transportation of School Children	\$28,649,720	\$25,784,748	\$24,884,748	-\$2,864,972	-10.0%	-\$3,764,972	-13.1%
Vocational Agriculture	\$4,560,565	\$4,560,565	\$4,560,565	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Young Parents Program	\$229,330	\$229,330	\$229,330	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Youth Service Bureaus	\$2,947,268	\$2,947,268	\$2,947,268	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Total Education Grants	\$2,431,512,733	\$2,470,731,526	\$2,491,307,055	\$39,218,793	1.6%	\$59,794,322	2.5%

Non-Education Grants

	Current Year FY2011	Proposed FY2012	Proposed FY2013	Proposed FY2012 v. FY2011		Proposed FY2013 v. FY2011	
				Change:		Change:	
				\$	%	\$	%
Capital City Economic Development	\$6,190,000	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000	\$110,000	1.8%	\$110,000	1.8%
Child Day Care	\$5,263,706	\$0	\$0	-\$5,263,706	-100.0%	-\$5,263,706	-100.0%
Community Services	\$116,358	\$87,268	\$87,268	-\$29,090	-25.0%	-\$29,090	-25.0%
DECD Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$2,204,000	\$2,204,000	\$2,204,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
DECD Tax Abatement	\$1,704,890	\$1,704,890	\$1,704,890	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Distressed Municipalities	\$7,800,000	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000	-\$2,000,000	-25.6%	-\$2,000,000	-25.6%
Housing/Homeless Services	\$686,592	\$634,026	\$634,026	-\$52,566	-7.7%	-\$52,566	-7.7%
Human Resource Development	\$31,034	\$0	\$0	-\$31,034	-100.0%	-\$31,034	-100.0%
Human Resource Development- Hispanic Prgms	\$5,900	\$0	\$0	-\$5,900	-100.0%	-\$5,900	-100.0%
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Local & District Departments of Health	\$4,264,470	\$4,294,470	\$4,294,470	\$30,000	0.7%	\$30,000	0.7%
Pequot-Mohegan Fund	\$61,779,907	\$61,779,907	\$61,779,907	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$115,431,737	\$115,431,737	\$115,431,737	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
PILOT: State-Owned Property	\$73,519,215	\$73,519,215	\$73,519,215	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Prop Tax Relief Elderly Circuit Breaker	\$20,365,899	\$20,505,900	\$20,505,900	\$140,001	0.7%	\$140,001	0.7%
Prop Tax Relief Elderly Freeze Program	\$560,000	\$390,000	\$390,000	-\$170,000	-30.4%	-\$170,000	-30.4%
Property Tax Relief for Veterans	\$2,970,099	\$2,970,098	\$2,970,098	-\$1	0.0%	-\$1	0.0%
Reimburse Property Tax-Disability Exempt	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Services to the Elderly	\$44,405	\$0	\$0	-\$44,405	-100.0%	-\$44,405	-100.0%
Teen Pregnancy Prevention	\$870,326	\$56,567	\$56,567	-\$813,759	-93.5%	-\$813,759	-93.5%
Town Aid Road	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Venereal Disease Control	\$195,210	\$195,210	\$195,210	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Total Non-Education Assistance	\$364,403,748	\$356,273,288	\$356,273,288	-\$8,130,460	-2.2%	-\$8,130,460	-2.2%

Note: The non-education total does not include PILOT MME reimbursements, which were eliminated in the proposed budget.

APPENDIX B: FY2011 PILOT MME Payments

Town	Year	Amount
Andover	2011	\$2,929
Ansonia	2011	\$70,732
Ashford	2011	\$2,843
Avon	2011	\$213,211
Barkhamsted	2011	\$33,100
Beacon Falls	2011	\$38,585
Berlin	2011	\$646,080
Bethany	2011	\$54,901
Bethel	2011	\$229,948
Bethlehem	2011	\$6,305
Bloomfield	2011	\$1,440,606
Bolton	2011	\$19,812
Bozrah	2011	\$110,715
Branford	2011	\$304,496
Bridgeport	2011	\$839,881
Bridgewater	2011	\$491
Bristol	2011	\$2,066,321
Brookfield	2011	\$97,245
Brooklyn	2011	\$8,509
Burlington	2011	\$14,368
Canaan	2011	\$17,075
Canterbury	2011	\$1,610
Canton	2011	\$6,344
Chaplin	2011	\$554
Cheshire	2011	\$598,668
Chester	2011	\$71,130
Clinton	2011	\$168,444
Colchester	2011	\$31,069
Colebrook	2011	\$436
Columbia	2011	\$21,534
Cornwall	2011	\$0
Coventry	2011	\$8,359
Cromwell	2011	\$27,780
Danbury	2011	\$1,534,876
Darien	2011	\$0
Deep River	2011	\$86,478
Derby	2011	\$12,218
Durham	2011	\$122,637
Eastford	2011	\$43,436

East Granby	2011	\$430,285
East Haddam	2011	\$1,392
East Hampton	2011	\$15,087
East Hartford	2011	\$3,576,349
East Haven	2011	\$62,435
East Lyme	2011	\$17,837
Easton	2011	\$2,111
East Windsor	2011	\$237,311
Ellington	2011	\$181,426
Enfield	2011	\$219,004
Essex	2011	\$80,826
Fairfield	2011	\$82,908
Farmington	2011	\$440,541
Franklin	2011	\$13,545
Glastonbury	2011	\$202,935
Goshen	2011	\$2,101
Granby	2011	\$28,727
Greenwich	2011	\$70,905
Griswold	2011	\$35,790
Groton	2011	\$1,388
Groton	2011	\$0
Guilford	2011	\$55,611
Haddam	2011	\$2,840
Hamden	2011	\$230,771
Hampton	2011	\$0
Hartford	2011	\$1,083,328
Hartland	2011	\$758
Harwinton	2011	\$17,272
Hebron	2011	\$1,793
Kent	2011	\$0
Killingly	2011	\$567,638
Killingworth	2011	\$4,149
Lebanon	2011	\$24,520
Ledyard	2011	\$296,297
Lisbon	2011	\$2,923
Litchfield	2011	\$2,771
Lyme	2011	\$0
Madison	2011	\$6,880
Manchester	2011	\$861,979
Mansfield	2011	\$5,502
Marlborough	2011	\$5,890
Meriden	2011	\$721,037
Middlebury	2011	\$67,184

Middlefield	2011	\$198,671
Middletown	2011	\$1,594,059
Milford	2011	\$1,110,891
Monroe	2011	\$151,649
Montville	2011	\$356,761
Morris	2011	\$2,926
Naugatuck	2011	\$274,100
New Britain	2011	\$1,182,061
New Canaan	2011	\$159
New Fairfield	2011	\$912
New Hartford	2011	\$110,586
New Haven	2011	\$1,087,471
Newington	2011	\$758,790
New London	2011	\$30,182
New Milford	2011	\$628,728
Newtown	2011	\$192,643
Norfolk	2011	\$5,854
North Branford	2011	\$243,540
North Canaan	2011	\$304,560
North Haven	2011	\$1,194,569
North Stonington	2011	\$0
Norwalk	2011	\$328,472
Norwich	2011	\$161,111
Old Lyme	2011	\$1,528
Old Saybrook	2011	\$38,321
Orange	2011	\$85,980
Oxford	2011	\$72,596
Plainfield	2011	\$120,563
Plainville	2011	\$443,937
Plymouth	2011	\$124,508
Pomfret	2011	\$22,677
Portland	2011	\$73,590
Preston	2011	\$0
Prospect	2011	\$56,300
Putnam	2011	\$139,075
Redding	2011	\$1,055
Ridgefield	2011	\$452,270
Rocky Hill	2011	\$192,142
Roxbury	2011	\$478
Salem	2011	\$3,740
Salisbury	2011	\$66
Scotland	2011	\$6,096
Seymour	2011	\$255,384
Sharon	2011	\$0

Shelton	2011	\$483,928
Sherman	2011	\$0
Simsbury	2011	\$62,846
Somers	2011	\$72,769
Southbury	2011	\$16,678
Southington	2011	\$658,809
South Windsor	2011	\$1,084,232
Sprague	2011	\$204,376
Stafford	2011	\$355,770
Stamford	2011	\$407,895
Sterling	2011	\$19,506
Stonington	2011	\$80,628
Stratford	2011	\$2,838,621
Suffield	2011	\$152,561
Thomaston	2011	\$315,229
Thompson	2011	\$62,329
Tolland	2011	\$75,056
Torrington	2011	\$486,957
Trumbull	2011	\$163,740
Union	2011	\$0
Vernon	2011	\$121,917
Voluntown	2011	\$1,589
Wallingford	2011	\$1,589,756
Warren	2011	\$235
Washington	2011	\$231
Waterbury	2011	\$2,076,795
Waterford	2011	\$27,197
Watertown	2011	\$521,334
Westbrook	2011	\$214,436
West Hartford	2011	\$648,560
West Haven	2011	\$137,765
Weston	2011	\$366
Westport	2011	\$0
Wethersfield	2011	\$17,343
Willington	2011	\$15,891
Wilton	2011	\$247,801
Winchester	2011	\$249,336
Windham	2011	\$369,559
Windsor	2011	\$1,043,076
Windsor Locks	2011	\$1,567,628
Wolcott	2011	\$189,485
Woodbridge	2011	\$27,108
Woodbury	2011	\$45,172
Woodstock	2011	\$55,097

Berlin: Kensington F.D.	2011	\$9,430
Berlin: Worthington F.D.	2011	\$747
Bloomfield: Center Fire	2011	\$3,371
Bloomfield: Blue Hills	2011	\$88,142
Cromwell: Fire District	2011	\$1,662
Enfield: F.D.#1	2011	\$12,688
Enfield: Hazardville Fire #3	2011	\$1,089
Enfield: N.Thmpsonville F.D.#4	2011	\$55
Enfield: Shaker Pines #5	2011	\$5,096
Enfield: Thompsonville #2	2011	\$2,814
Groton: Mystic Fire D. #3	2011	\$19
Groton: Mystic Fire D. #3	2011	\$478
Groton: Noank F.D.	2011	\$0
Groton: Old Mystic F.D. #5	2011	\$1,610
Groton: Poquonnock Bridge Fire	2011	\$17,967
Groton: West Pleasant Valley	2011	\$0
Killingly: Attawaugan F.D.	2011	\$1,457
Killingly: Dayville F.D.	2011	\$33,885
Killingly: Dyer Manor	2011	\$1,157
Killingly: E. Killingly F.D.	2011	\$75
Killingly: So. Killingly F.D.	2011	\$150
Killingly: Williamsville F.D.	2011	\$5,325
Manchester: Eighth Utilities District	2011	\$55,013
Middletown: South Fire	2011	\$165,713
Middletown: Westfield Fire	2011	\$8,805
New Hartford: Village Fire D.	2011	\$5,664
New Hartford: Pine Meadow	2011	\$104
New Hartford: South End Fire D.	2011	\$8
Canaan: Canaan Fire D.	2011	\$0
Plainfield: Central Village Fire D.	2011	\$1,167
Plainfield: Moosup: Fire D.	2011	\$1,752
Plainfield: Plainfield Fire D.	2011	\$1,658
Plainfield: Wauregan Fire D.	2011	\$4,360
Putnam: E. Putnam F.D.	2011	\$8,196
Putnam: E. Putnam F.D.	2011	\$841
Simsbury: Simsbury Fire D.	2011	\$2,135
Sterling: Sterling Fire D.	2011	\$1,034
Stonington: Pawcatuck Fire D.	2011	\$4,424
Stonington: Quiambaug FireD.	2011	\$65
Stonington: Wequetequock Fire D.	2011	\$58
Trumbull: Center District	2011	\$461
Trumbull: Long Hill Fire D.	2011	\$889
Trumbull: Nichols Fire D.	2011	\$3,102

Watertown: Watertown Fire D.	2011	\$0
West Haven: Allingtown Fire D.	2011	\$17,230
West Haven: First Center Fire D. #1	2011	\$7,410
West Haven: West Shore FireD. #2	2011	\$29,445
Windsor: Wilson Fire D.	2011	\$170
Windsor: Wilson Fire D.	2011	\$0
Windsor: Windsor Fire D.	2011	\$38
Putnam: West Putnam District	2011	\$0
Middletown: City Fire District	2011	\$27,038
Stonington: Old Mystic Fire D.	2011	\$1,999
Borough of Danielson	2011	\$0
Borough of Jewett City	2011	\$3,329
Borough of Stonington	2011	\$0
Windham: First D.	2011	\$7,096
Stafford Springs Service Dist.	2011	\$12,400

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities. CCM is an inclusionary organization that celebrates the commonalities between, and champions the interests of, urban, suburban and rural communities. CCM represents municipalities at the General Assembly, before the state executive branch and regulatory agencies, and in the courts. CCM provides member towns and cities with a wide array of other services, including management assistance, individualized inquiry service, assistance in municipal labor relations, technical assistance and training, policy development, research and analysis, publications, information programs, and service programs such as workers' compensation, liability-automobile-property insurance, risk management, and energy cost-containment. Federal representation is provided by CCM in conjunction with the National League of Cities. CCM was founded in 1966.

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STATE CAPITOL REPORT

February 18, 2011

2011, Issue 5

CCM's State Capitol Report is designed to keep members informed about important legislative issues and actions taken by CCM staff on behalf of towns and cities, as well as suggested actions you can take to protect the interests of your municipality. These legislative reports will be sent to CCM-members periodically throughout the session.

For additional information on any of the bills listed and the most up-to-date news on legislative issues affecting municipalities - see [CCM's Legislative Action Center](#).

You can also follow CCM on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for real time updates and information from the State Capitol.

- Feel free to forward this report to other municipal employees and officials

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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS

On February 16, Governor Malloy introduced his biennial budget proposal for FY 2011-13 to the General Assembly. CCM appreciates that the Governor has made municipalities and their property taxpayers a priority in his budget proposal in light of the unprecedented economic difficulties faced by the State.

CCM has published Town-by-Town State Budget Impact Analysis for member-municipalities based on the Governor's budget proposal. They can be found at the following link:

[CCM Town-by-Town State Budget Impacts](#)

Below is a quick synopsis of statewide individual grants for FY2012:

- **Adult Education** - \$20.6 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **LoCIP** - \$30 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **ECS** - \$1.89 billion statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Pequot/Mohegan** - \$61.8 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Non-Public School Transportation** - \$3.6 million statewide (\$400,000 reduction from FY2011).
- **PILOT: Colleges and Hospitals** - \$115.4 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Public School Transportation** - \$25.8 million statewide (\$2.8 million reduction from FY2011).
- **PILOT: State-Owned Property** - \$73.5 million statewide (no change from FY2011).
- **Town Aid Road** - \$30 million statewide (no change from FY2011).

The Governor has made considerable efforts to protect municipal aid, especially in the context of a \$3.5 billion state budget deficit. Level funding for most municipal aid programs is a big relief for towns and cities.

CCM is organizing and leading an advocacy campaign to reject the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes program for Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment (PILOT MME). As you know, this \$48 million program was designed to reimburse towns and cities for the loss of revenue due to state-mandated property tax exemptions. It is unfair for the State to break its reimbursement promise to municipalities hosting these properties and forcing other property taxpayers in your community to subsidize a state-mandated tax break for companies owning such property.

CCM will be seeking **(1)** a restoration of funding for this reimbursement program or **(2)** the reestablishment of local taxing authority over this property.

Although not specifically included in the budget proposal, CCM will continue to strongly push for meaningful mandates reform, including raising the threshold that triggers the prevailing wage rate, allowing towns to post notices on the Internet, rather than in newspapers, and a statutory prohibition against new unfunded state mandates. Please follow our weekly Mandates Report to learn more about current and newly-proposed mandates, as well as mandates relief proposals.

The proposal by the Governor is the first and most significant shot in what will be a hotly contested budget debate in the General Assembly.

If you have any questions, please contact [CCM's Public Policy & Advocacy Staff](#).

CCM PRESS CONFERENCE - LOCAL LEADERS RESPOND TO GOVERNOR MALLOY'S BUDGET ADDRESS

Local officials from rural, suburban, and urban municipalities convened at the Capitol, on February 16th, in a coordinated response to Governor Malloy's proposed budget.

Overall, local leaders were appreciative that Governor Malloy made municipalities, and their property taxpayers, a priority in his budget proposal in light of the unprecedented economic difficulties faced by the State. See CCM's press release.

Among CCM-member mayors, first-selectmen and town/city managers in attendance:

- Mary Glassman, First Selectman of Simsbury and CCM President
- John DeStefano, Mayor of New Haven
- William Finch, Mayor of Bridgeport
- Barbara Henry, First Selectman of Roxbury
- Adam Salina, Mayor of Berlin
- Scott Slifka, Mayor of West Hartford
- John Flanders, First Selectman of Cromwell
- Robert Ward, Mayor of Bristol
- Ken Flatto, First Selectman of Fairfield
- Scott Jackson, Mayor of Hamden
- Sydney Schulman, Mayor of Bloomfield
- Brian Sear, First Selectman of Canterbury
- Anthony LaRosa, Mayor of Rocky Hill
- Robert Lee, Town Manager of Plainville

ACTIONS IN COMMITTEES

APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee raised a mandate reform bill, SB 452, for a public hearing (date not yet set). This proposal would enact a statutory prohibition against new unfunded state mandates, unless there is a 2/3 vote to override by the General Assembly.

For more information on Appropriations issues, please contact Ron Thomas of CCM.

COMMERCE

CCM testified this week in favor of SB 901, which would require the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development to assign a municipal ombudsman who interacts regularly and directly with local government, to improve coordination for economic development and planning.

CCM stressed that in order to truly streamline the permitting process between the state and municipalities, the Committee should amend the proposal to **(1)** require a municipal ombudsman be assigned in all state agencies, and **(2)** to require state agencies to work collaboratively on applications when permit requirements fall within multiple state agencies.

For more information on Commerce issues, please contact Donna Hamzy of CCM.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS

The Committee had a hearing this week on the various election bills, including the Secretary of the State's proposal SB 942 "An Act Concerning the Integrity of

Elections". Among other things, the bill seeks to make several changes regarding elections, including: **(1)** requiring municipalities to create an emergency contingency plan for all polling places; **(2)** requiring municipalities to certify to the Secretary of the State the number of ballots ordered for a particular election cycle and that certain factors were considered; **(3)** providing the Secretary of the State with the authority to develop regulations for the training of moderators; and, **(4)** allowing the Secretary of the State to remove moderators under certain circumstances.

Also, discussed at the hearing was SB 384, which would allow registrars of voters to **(1)** designate fewer polling places for primaries and **(2)** designate a single moderator to serve for both primaries, in situations where more than one primary is taking place.

CCM submitted testimony on both of these bills.

For more information on GAE issues, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver of CCM.

LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

CCM testified this week, urging Committee members to enact legislation that would implement strict timetables under the Municipal Employees Relations Act (MERA), similar to the rules established under the Teacher Negotiation Act (TNA). The bill, HB 6328, is vague and needs work. Therefore, CCM recommended amendments to the bill that would streamline the process - and could limit the size of liabilities for retroactive pay and benefits.

At the same hearing, CCM testified in opposition to a new, significantly costly state mandate proposal. HB 6329 would mandate that towns and cities pay for health insurance of both the spouses and children of any police officer and/or firefighter killed while in the performance of their duties. While this proposal is well-intended, it would impose an costly state mandate during the worst fiscal crisis in decades. CCM noted -- as local officials draft their budgets -- many are grappling with the prospect of more concessions, service cutbacks and layoffs. This bill would force additional costs on local budgets when towns cannot afford them.

The Committee announced this week that there will be a public hearing on **(1)** adjustments to the prevailing wage thresholds, and **(2)** changes to the binding arbitration process such as, qualifications of neutral arbitrators, and exempting municipal fund balances as criteria for ability to pay during negotiations. The date and time of the public hearing has not yet been announced - so stay tuned to CCM for updated information.

For more information on Labor issues, please contact Bob Labanara of CCM.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

On February 18, the Committee held a hearing on, among other things, regionalism (a "regional assets"-type proposal), allowing municipalities the ability to publish notice of the availability of particular documents on their website, rather than in newspapers (HB 6339 - CCM proposal), and eliminating the penalty of treble damages against zoning enforcement officers for frivolous or without probable cause citations (SB 862 - CCM proposal).

On February 14, the Committee held a hearing on, among other things, reform of the recreational land use law (repeal of *Conway v. Wilton*) (SB 43 & 90, HB 5254), mandating that tax collectors provide a "reason for and justification" of jeopardy tax collections to property owners (HB 5202), and requiring the state auditors to audit the books and accounts of any municipality that receives more than 35% of its revenue from the state, and has a population over 30,000 (SB 501).

For more information on Planning & Development issues, please contact Ron Thomas of CCM.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

CCM testified on several bills affecting municipalities this week. Most notable were CCM's support of:

1. SB 888, a proposal to eliminate certain "telecommunicator" training for POST-certified police officers, which would relieve local departments of this duplicative training, while maintaining the integrity of local emergency response services; and
2. HB 6327, which would raise the statutory surcharge cap, from .50 to .75, for this State's E-9-1-1 program. CCM supported this modest increase as being necessary to implement the next generation software of the E-9-1-1 program.

There were also several other proposals before the Committee this week that would impose new, unfunded state mandates on towns and cities. Although well-intended, CCM testified in opposition to these proposals because they would establish new administrative and fiscal burdens on limited local resources. Among these proposed mandates were:

1. HB 5326, which would require carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in all public school buildings;
2. HB 5341, which would require law enforcement personnel to conduct DNA analysis on all persons arrested for serious felonies; and
3. HB 6113, which would mandate new training requirements for law enforcement personnel with regard to missing adult persons cases.

CCM urged the Committee to either **(1)** make sure that the State would provide adequate funding to implement such proposals, or **(2)** to take no action on them.

Copies of CCM testimony on Public Safety.

For more information on Public Safety issues, please contact Bob Labanara of CCM.

TRANSPORTATION

CCM, along with public safety officials and local grassroots organizers, testified this week in support of allowing towns and cities the discretion to use cameras at red light intersections for the purposes of deterring and enforcing red light violations (SB 822, HB 6178 & 6179). The proposals would also allow those municipalities that decide to install such technology to recoup a portion of the fines collected from such violations.

For more information on Transportation issues, please contact Donna Hamzy of CCM.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HEALTHCARE BILLS

The **Insurance & Real Estate, Public Health and Human Services Committees** held a joint public hearing this week regarding several healthcare reform bills. HB 6308, most commonly referred to as "*Healthcare Pooling*" would permit municipalities to purchase employee health insurance through the state employee plan. This bill would provide relief from rate hikes, and allow towns to access a much more stable healthcare pool. This proposal is similar to a bill passed last year, which allows municipalities to purchase prescription drugs through the state plan.

The committees also heard testimony on HB 6305, referred to as the *SustiNet* proposal. The bill would advance the recommendations of the SustiNet Board to, in particular, create a plan that would allow municipalities to join into the Sustinet health care plan by 2012. The proposal would also set guidelines to allow small businesses and those uninsured to enter into the plan by 2014.

Other proposals heard would allow Connecticut to take advantage of new opportunities under the federal health reform legislation, including money for Medicaid and retiree health insurance.

For more information on this hearing, please contact Mike Muszynski of CCM.

TESTIMONY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CCM members and staff submit testimony and speak regarding hundreds of bills every session. Please see the Testimony section of our website for testimony submitted to General Assembly committees on bills of particular interest to towns and cities.

CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following Committees have Public Hearings scheduled on the dates listed below. Please visit the Public Hearing Notices tab of CCM's Legislative Action Center for more information on these hearings, including key bills scheduled and the CCM staff member to contact for assistance.

- Children - Tuesday, February 22, 2011
- Public Safety - Tuesday, February 22, 2011
- Education - Wednesday, February 23, 2011
- Environment - Wednesday, February 23, 2011
- Labor & Public Employees - Wednesday, February 23, 2011
- Transportation - Wednesday, February 23, 2011
- Commerce - Thursday, February 24, 2011
- Energy & Technology - Thursday, February 24, 2011
- Insurance - Thursday, February 24, 2011
- Labor & Public Employees - Thursday, February 24, 2011

Please note the Joint Rules of the General Assembly **require only a five-day public notice of hearings**. CCM notifies members the day they are announced.

CCM staff understands the difficulty posed by the short notice of these hearings. We are here to assist members in submitting testimony and/or signing up to testify for hearings.

A complete list and text of bills considered can be found on the Connecticut General Assembly website.

DON'T BE SHY, TESTIFY!

The public hearing process at the General Assembly is in full swing. Municipal leaders provide a strong compelling voice on issues of importance to towns and cities. Please consider testifying, either in-person or in writing.

CCM-members developed the CCM 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM for the Governor and General Assembly to use as a blueprint for change during these difficult fiscal times. Your help is still needed though. State legislators need to hear directly from you. Without your personal testimony (either written or verbal), CCM: The Voice of Local Government will not be as strong.

CCM staff will:

- Inform you of when public hearings are scheduled;
- Draft testimony for you to personalize, and provide key talking points on specific legislation;
- Submit your written testimony to the proper committees on your behalf; and
- Sign you up to speak before the committees on the days of public hearings.

Please contact a member of the Public Policy & Advocacy Staff for further assistance.

CCM MANDATES REPORT



Please view this week's...

Mandates Report - 2011, Issue 4

During the Legislative Session, CCM produces this weekly report to inform members and the Legislature, about pending bills that propose new state mandates on towns and cities.

Some of these bills would have a significant fiscal impact on local governments and their residential and business property taxpayers.

CCM urges members to speak with your legislative delegation about the impact these bills could have on your community.

CCM'S NEXT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

CCM's Legislative Committee Meeting:
February 24, 2011
9am - 11 am
-Full breakfast will be served-

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE: **Officer's Club at the Connecticut Armory, Hartford**

The timing of the meeting enables us to provide you with an up-to-date, detailed analysis of Governor Malloy's proposed budget.

- GUEST SPEAKER -

- **Ben Barnes, OPM Secretary**, will discuss Governor Malloy's newly-announced budget proposal and its impact on local government.

We urge you to take advantage of the timing and location of CCM's meeting by scheduling meetings with your state legislators. By that time, you will have an analysis of the impact of the Governor's proposed budget on your municipality, as well as information on other important legislation affecting towns and cities. Being armed with this important and timely information will make your meeting with legislators more fruitful.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Finley or Ron Thomas at (203) 498-3000.

CCM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

As of Friday, February 11, 2011 CCM has launched a new and improved website designed specifically for providing members with the most up-to-date information in a easy and timely fashion.

Please take a few minutes to view the new site - especially the newly re-designed Legislative Action Center found under Public Policy and Advocacy, ***which we encourage you to make your first stop each morning.***

www.ccm-ct.org

CCM's POLICY POSITIONS 2011

CCM's State Legislative Program

CCM's annual State Legislative Program is developed with proposals from member-municipalities, which are prioritized by CCM's issue-area policy committees and approved by CCM's Legislative Committee.

CCM's 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

CCM's Policy Briefing Book

CCM's Policy Briefing Book was distributed to state and local officials outlining **CCM's 2011 State Legislative Priorities** and providing detailed information on issues of greatest importance to local government.

CCM ISSUES POLICY BRIEFING BOOK

If you have questions concerning this State Capitol Report or on any state-local issues, please contact CCM's Public Policy & Advocacy Team:

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CCM's weekly Mandates Reports can be found at www.ccm-ct.org in the Public Policy & Advocacy section under Reports and Publications.



CCM MANDATES REPORT

February 18, 2011

2011, Issue 4

This report focuses on **pending bills that propose new state mandates** on towns and cities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE

WHERE'S THE RELIEF?

PROPOSED MANDATES RELIEF

PROPOSED NEW UNFUNDED MANDATES

These bills are currently being considered in their respective committees - some of which would have a significant impact on local governments and their residential and business property taxpayers.

WHERE'S THE RELIEF?

The 2011 General Assembly and Governor Malloy have a unique opportunity to make positive structural changes to the operation of government, changes that will bring significant cost savings.

State mandates are requirements imposed by the State on towns and cities. They burden residential and business property taxpayers with significant costs and siphon precious resources from local programs and services.

Make no mistake: we support the objectives of many of these mandates -- such as special education, public health, recycling, and clean water requirements -- but oppose the State's failure to (1) pay for them, and (2) adjust, postpone, or repeal certain mandates particularly during the current economic climate.

There are over 1,200 state mandates imposed on Hometown Connecticut and their residential and business property taxpayers. Relief from some of these mandates is important to the fiscal recovery of towns and cities.

Progress has been made - many state officials have become more aware of the impact of state mandates on municipalities, and their consequences in terms of financial and administrative burdens - but much more needs to be done.

Connecticut's local property taxpayers - residential and business - urge the new Governor and General Assembly to enact comprehensive reform of state mandates.

PROPOSED MANDATES RELIEF

HB 5304
HB 5349
HB 5402
HB 5412
HB 5597
HB 5598
HB 5602
HB 5711
HB 6107
SB 453

ADEQUATELY FUNDING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

CCM strongly supports full PILOT funding. This bill would increase PILOT payments to towns and cities. Payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) to local governments are in place to reimburse municipalities for state-mandated property tax exemptions. PILOT funding has been slowly eroding and is nowhere near covering lost revenue. Inadequate PILOT funding shifts the burden of these state mandates onto the remaining property taxpayers in a community.

*Current Location: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,
Appropriations Committee, Planning and Development Committee*

HB 5191
HB 5930
HB 6098
SB 76

BINDING ARBITRATION REFORM

The most significant drivers of municipal costs are employee salaries and benefits. These are also some of the toughest costs to contain. Binding arbitration and other factors give municipalities' limited options to address cost increases.

The following are options lawmakers should consider as an immediate means of improving the local bargaining/arbitration process:

1. Modify state-mandated compulsory binding arbitration laws under the Municipal Employee Relations Act (MERA) and the Teacher Negotiation Act (TNA) by maintaining the power of local legislative bodies to reject arbitrated awards by a two-thirds vote, but providing that the entire contract goes back to negotiation in the event of such a rejection.

2. Prohibit arbitrators from including municipal fund balances (essentially "emergency contingency funds") in determining a municipality's ability to pay under the Teacher Negotiation Act (TNA) and Municipal Employees Relations Act (MERA) by adopting national GFOA guidelines for appropriate municipal fund balances .

3. Similar to the rules established under the Teacher Negotiation Act (TNA) - establish strict timetables under the Municipal Employees Relations Act (MERA) by (a) maintaining the ability to modify, defer, or waive negotiation

deadlines - provided that interest arbitration is completed no later than one year from the date the contract expires; and (b) for grievance arbitration, enacting a deadline of ninety-days after the close of the hearing (which includes submission of briefs).

4. Modify the State appointment process for neutral arbitrators to ensure parties are assigned an arbitrator at random - from a pool of up to 10 neutral members rather than the current list of twenty arbitrators.

Current Location: Appropriations Committee, Planning and Development Committee, Labor and Public Employees Committee

HB 6039

ELECTION AUDIT RELIEF

Would restrict the scope of post-election audits to only one tabulator in a polling place. Audits are a costly and time-consuming process. Reducing them saves money without sacrificing accountability.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

HB 5062

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION RELIEF

HB 5122

Would provide relief from the in-school suspensions mandate, which imposes additional costs on local school districts in the way of space, staff, and additional administrative duties. The decision-making process for when an in-school suspension is warranted, should be left to local authorities.

HB 5157

HB 5667

HB 5669

HB 5672

HB 5687

Current Location: Education Committee

SB 71

SB 455

SB 584

SB 392

LEGAL NOTICE COST RELIEF

Would relieve towns and cities from the mandate to pay exorbitant fees for posting certain notices in newspapers, and provide mandate relief to local governments in excess of \$2 million statewide.

We urge you to pioneer a new era of government transparency by allowing communities to post their goings-on legally, on their websites, for the entire world to see, comment and act upon.

This state mandate has out-lived its purpose and should be amended to conform to the realities of today's world.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

SB 384

POLLING PLACE RELIEF

Would allow registrars of voters to designate fewer polling places and moderators for primaries.

There are large expenses associated with each polling place that has to be opened for voting - programming of machines, staff, etc. Historically, fewer voters turn out for primaries and this option would allow local election officials to make decisions most appropriate for their community.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

HB 5138

HB 5570

SB 73

SB 349

SB 340

POSTPONE "RAISE THE AGE"

Postponing the mandates included in PA 07-4 would: (1) provide much-needed fiscal and administrative relief to hard-pressed property taxpayers and local governments during this economic crisis, and (2) allow local and state leaders adequate time to address procedural and funding concerns and solutions.

According to police officials, implementation of this mandate could result in significant additional costs to municipalities for staffing, training and infrastructure.

Current Location: Judiciary Committee

HB 5088

HB 5089

HB 5091

HB 5092

HB 5093

HB 5094

HB 5095

HB 5248

HB 5249

HB 5317

HB 5320

HB 5774

HB 5775

HB 5776

HB 6243

HB 6244

SB 75

SB 95

SB 483

SB 610

SB 690

PREVAILING WAGE ADJUSTMENT

Huge social and state savings, and greater fairness, could be achieved by amending the State's prevailing wage mandate: (1) Adjust the thresholds for renovation construction projects from \$100,000 to \$400,000; (b) Add just the thresholds for new construction projects from, \$400,000 to \$1 million; and (3) index both thresholds for inflation thereafter.

Prevailing wage thresholds have not been adjusted since 1991. Prior to that, the Legislature adjusted prevailing wage thresholds on a six-year schedule.

The 20-year absence of adjustments to the project-cost triggers of Connecticut's prevailing wage mandate has cost the State and local governments millions of dollars - money that is desperately needed now to deliver local and state services during this recession. In addition, the term "prevailing wage" connotes "average wage," which sounds reasonable. However, in fact, prevailing wages are markedly higher than average wages.

*Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee,
Planning and Development Committee*

HB 5722
SB 504

PUBLIC RECORDS - FEES TO COVER COSTS

Would increase a variety of municipal fees that are set in statute.

In many cases, these fees have not been increased in decades. In today's tough fiscal climate, the least the State can do - at no cost to itself - is provide municipalities with ways to off-set costs of providing certain types of specialized services.

CCM prefers legislation that would give the residents and businesses of municipalities broader authority to recoup the cost of services by allowing local governments the authority to set fees they deem appropriate for their own communities.

*Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee,
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee*

HB 5254
HB 5315
HB 5458
HB 5574
HB 5590
HB 5770
SB 43
SB 507
SB 517
SB 611
SB 831

RECREATIONAL LAND USE LIABILITY RELIEF

Would provide the same protection from liability to municipalities that is currently enjoyed by the state and private landowners, for certain cases involving injuries as a result of recreational activities on certain lands made available as open space.

This would codify municipalities under the protections of the Recreational Land Use Act (CGS 52-557f et. seq.), which provides partial immunity to owners of recreational land made available to the public without charge. That is, they are liable only for injuries occurring on such land when there is a "willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity."

*Current Location: Planning and Development Committee, Judiciary
Committee, Environment Committee*

HB 6301
SB 421

RELIEF FROM COSTLY HIGH SCHOOL REFORM MANDATES

Would repeal/delay certain provisions of PA 10-111, the high school reform mandate, unless the state fully funds them.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 5564
HB 6105
SB 403
SB 79

RELIEF FROM EVICTED TENANTS POSSESSIONS STORAGE

Would relieve municipalities of the state mandate to store the personal property belonging to evicted residential tenants. Municipalities were relieved in 1997 of the mandate to remove and store the possessions of evicted commercial tenants, and then relieved of the responsibility to remove and transfer the belongings of residential tenants in 2010.

While some relief has been achieved, the tenant evictions mandate is costly to municipalities.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

HB 5198
HB 5534
HB 5536
HB 5673
HB 5695
SB 107
SB 108
SB 425
SB 512

RELIEF FROM MINIMUM EDUCATION BUDGET REQUIREMENT

Would provide municipalities some relief from the Minimum Budget Requirement. The MBR mandates that municipalities "budget" a specific level of funding for education, regardless of actual need. MBR does not allow for the realization of any savings achieved through efficiencies, regional cooperation, or other savings measures implemented on the local level. Rather it forces local taxpayer expenditures even if such funding levels are not warranted.

Current Location: Education Committee, Planning and Development Committee

HB 6254
SB 182
SB 523

REVALUATION DELAY

Would allow municipalities the option to delay revaluations -- until the economy can rebound. This is a reasonable means to (a) provide savings from the cost of conducting the unfunded revaluation mandate, and (b) provide a measure of relief to hard-pressed local property taxpayers by delaying either implementation or phase-in of a revaluation. Precedent exists: a similar deferral was allowed during the economic slump in 2003-04.

The cost of conducting property revaluation, as currently mandated, could cost a small town approximately \$220,000. Statewide -- this mandate could potentially postpone over \$3.2 million in revaluation costs for towns scheduled to conduct revaluations in 2009, and over \$6.2 million for those scheduled to conduct revaluations in 2010.

Current Location: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, Planning and Development Committee

HB 5197

SPECIAL EDUCATION - BURDEN OF PROOF RELIEF

Would place the burden of proof for the need of special education services on the parents, as is currently done in most states.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 5676
HB 5694
HB 6015
HB 6103
HB 5681
SB 430

SPECIAL EDUCATION - EXCESS COST RELIEF

Would provide relief to local governments for special education costs - the single largest cost accelerant of education spending in Connecticut. It is estimated that special education costs grow 5%-6% per year, 1%-2% faster than most other education costs. How, and at what level, the State reimburses municipalities for these mandated costs is one of the hottest state-local issues - and the State has been falling behind.

With special education expenditures now topping the \$1.5 billion mark, the local share may now reach \$1 billion. Special education spending accounts for at least 14% of all education spending in Connecticut and costs keep growing faster than other school spending (5%-6% vs. 3%-4%). Complicating matters, unforeseen demands for the most expensive special education services too often result in local mid-year budget shuffling, supplementary appropriations, and other extraordinary measures. This is particularly true in smaller towns where the arrival of a single new high-cost special education student during the school year can create a budget crisis.

Current Location: Education Committee, Planning and Development Committee

HB 5306
HB 5980

STREAMLINING PERMITS

Municipal leaders and developers have explained that the approval processes, with requirements that are either duplicative or counter to each other, can be so long that projects can flounder and are sometimes abandoned.

CCM has long advocated requiring "economic development teams" to be established for projects with permitting requirements in multiple state agencies - namely, Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation.

Creating "teams" for these projects that include applicable agencies, municipalities, and developers; will go a long way towards improving the state-local partnership for economic development-- and the completion of important projects.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

HB 5839
HB 5960

TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROPERTY TAXES

Due to a change in the way certain telecommunications properties are now being treated for property tax purposes, local governments stand to lose a significant amount of property taxes this year because of the shift of the payment date, from April to July.

PA 10-171 needs to be amended to clarify that wireless telecommunications companies that had been assessed by the State, but are now to be assessed by municipalities - will continue to pay their taxes in the same year in which the property is assessed (e.g. if on 10/01/10 grand list, they pay in FY10-11).

Current Location: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

SB 616
SB 876
SB 888

TRAINING EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

Would allow certain public safety personnel to be exempt from emergency medical dispatch training (1) if such PSAPs contract with another entity to provide local emergency medical dispatch services (i.e. medical interrogation, dispatch prioritization, and pre-arrival instructions); or (2) if the police officer is certified through POST.

This is a reasonable means to streamline the implementation of this vital training - while not compromising emergency response services provided by local emergency personnel.

Current Location: Public Safety and Security Committee

HB 5050
HB 5055
HB 5141
HB 5150
HB 5180
HB 5251
HB 5252
HB 5255
HB 5257
HB 5478
HB 5587
HB 5648
HB 5653
HB 5785
HB 5927
SB 77, SB 78
SB 91, SB 176
SB 452,
SB 515
SB 681

UNFUNDED AND UNDERFUNDED MANDATE PROTECTION

Would enact a Constitutional amendment or statutory prohibition to prohibit the passage of unfunded or underfunded state mandates without a 2/3 vote of both chambers of the General Assembly. This will ensure that thoughtful and open debate on the merits of mandates occur prior to them being foisted on property-taxpayers.

Local governments are continually seeking protection from new unfunded state mandates. There are many good ideas for new services, property tax exemptions, increased benefits, and so on. However, if the state doesn't pay for them, it only exacerbates the current dependence on the local property tax--further straining the ability of local governments to provide the services that best suit the demands of their community.

*Current Location: Planning and Development Committee,
Appropriations Committee*

PROPOSED NEW UNFUNDED MANDATES

HB 5762 **ADVERSE POSSESSION NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Would, among other things, require municipalities to notify property owners that a party is seeking to acquire the person's property through adverse possession.

Current Location: Judiciary Committee

SB 466 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Would provide property tax abatements for units of affordable housing regardless of whether such units are new or owner-occupied.

Current Location: Housing Committee

HB 6303 **ANIMAL POUNDS**

Would require municipal animal officers to obtain a "current" list of nonprofits and use such list to attempt treatment for ill or injured animals in their custody, when such animals are considered adoptable.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

HB 6263 **ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FOREST LANDS**

Would allow properties currently in the 10 mil Preservation Program for forest lands to convert to PA 490 for assessment purposes.

While CCM understands the intent behind this proposal, the reality is that it shifts the decision-making authority away from local officials regarding what their property tax policies should be. Similar to other provisions of PA 490, municipalities should be given the option to adopt this new treatment for such properties if they deem it to be in the best interest of their community.

Every year there are many well-intentioned proposals to reduce the property tax burden of one group or another. Everybody wants out of the property tax - but peeling off one group after another is not reform. Again, these would only serve to shift the burden of those taxes to the remaining property owners of a given municipality. Currently, there are close to 2-dozen local-option property tax abatements and 75 mandated ones.

Current Location: Environment Committee

HB 5375 **BUILDING RETROFIT MANDATE**

Would require the retrofitting of certain buildings to meet greenhouse gas emissions.

Current Location: Environment Committee

HB 6226 **CROSS-REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY**
Would, among other things, require animal control officers to file a detailed written report when observing animal abuse or neglect. The report is to be submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture, who must forward the report to the Department of Children & Families.

Current Location: Select Committee on Children

HB 5173 **DNA TESTING MANDATE**
HB 5246 Would require that persons arrested on serious felony charges submit to DNA testing.
HB 5341 It is unclear as to who pays for such testing.
HB 5904
HB 5906 DNA testing is not an inexpensive endeavor. If local police departments are saddled
HB 5908 with these costs, it could have a significant impact on local budgets.
HB 6086

Current Location: Judiciary Committee, Public Safety and Security Committee

SB 142
SB 397
SB 470
SB 615

HB 5004 **EDUCATION MANDATE**
HB 5123 Would require local boards of education to pay for transportation and tuition costs for resident students to attend another school due to health problems.

Current Location: Education Committee

SB 139 **ELDERLY HOUSING AND SENIOR CENTERS**
Would, among other things, require each housing authority or municipal developer operating elderly housing projects to, (1) remove snow from any parking lot or sidewalk on the premises of each housing project or congregate housing maintained by such authority or developer and, (2) remove snow from any vehicle owned by a resident that is lawfully parked on the premises of each such housing project or congregate housing.

Current Location: Select Committee on Aging

HB 5022 **ELECTION BALLOT MANDATE**
HB 5232 Would mandate the number of election ballots to be purchased by municipalities.
HB 5749
HB 5976 There is an established process for addressing a ballot shortage during an election.
HB 5983 This process was followed in all but one municipality and provided a seamless flow
SB 659 of ballots to electors. Imposing a new mandate, a state-specified number of ballots --
SB 660 in reaction to the happenings in one municipality is bad public policy. Ballots are
costly -- between \$.50 and \$1.00 per ballot.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

HB 5941

ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES

Would require that all newly-purchased school busses be electric.

Current Location: Transportation Committee

SB 370

EXPANSION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Would redefine state statutes regarding "service in time of war" in order to allow more veterans to qualify for certain veterans' benefits and property tax exemptions.

Current Location: Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SB 798

FORCING MUNICIPALITIES TO PAY DOUBLE

Would unnecessarily mandate that towns and cities automatically pay double the amount of an award as a result of a civil action decided in favor of an employee or labor union.

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

HB 5674

INCREASED COSTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

SB 119

Would increase the costs of delivering early childhood education by increasing the state requirements for certification of such teachers.

SB 580

Current Location: Education Committee, Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

SB 929

INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL NURSES

Would mandate education and continuing education requirements for school nurses. CCM is not aware of any statewide problem that would necessitate imposing this proposal, especially during these difficult fiscal times.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 6260

JEOPARDY TAX MANDATE

Would require municipal tax collectors to provide written notice to persons subject to a jeopardy tax, explaining why such tax collection is necessary.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

HB 5727

LIABILITY MOVED TO TOWN

Would remove liability from the registrars of voters for fines for failure to comply with audit procedures and place such burden on the town.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

HB 5471 **LOCAL PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS**
Would require that zoning regulations encourage the preservation of farm land, forest land and open space.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

HB 5470 **LOCAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT**
Would require that local plans of conservation and development recommend ways to preserve agricultural land resources.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

SB 646 **LOWER RECOUNT THRESHOLD**
Would mandate a lower threshold to trigger a recount following an election, thus potentially increasing the number of recounts.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

SB 56 **MANDATE ON INSURANCE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**
Would among other things, mandate health insurance policies prohibit a coinsurance, co-payment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for ultrasound screenings related to certain mammograms.

Current Location: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

HB 5344 **MANDATED BENEFIT EXPANSION**
Would extend all veterans' benefits to include members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.

Current Location: Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

HB 5056 **MANDATED EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS**
Would mandate that police officers obtain an associate degree no later than five years after they are hired. This proposal is unclear whether it applies to "all" or "new" officers. Municipal police departments are already struggling to attract new recruits while also trying to maintain an adequately staffed force.

Current Location: Public Safety and Security Committee

SB 879 **MANDATED EYE DROPS COVERAGE**
Would mandate that all health insurance policies provide additional coverage for prescription eye drops for employees in certain situations.

This proposal was identified last session (SB 92, File No. 24) by OFA as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could "increase costs to certain fully insured

municipal plans that currently do not provide the coverage mandated. The coverage requirements may result in increased premium costs when municipalities enter into new health insurance contracts."

Current Location: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

HB 5917 **MANDATED FUNDING LEVELS FOR SENIOR CENTERS**

Would require municipalities to (1) provide the same level of funding to senior centers as in the previous fiscal year and (2) cover the shortfall of senior centers that result from employee benefit increases.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

HB 5057 **MANDATED SENIORITY**

Would mandate that the son and/or daughter of a firefighter killed in the line of duty, be placed in the first position on the list for hiring or on the reserve roster for appointment to service in a fire department, provided the son or daughter has passed the required written and physical examination for entrance to the fire service.

Current Location: Public Safety and Security Committee

SB 154 **MANDATED WORK CREDIT**

Would require municipalities to grant volunteer firefighters work credit for time spent at fire calls.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

SB 411 **MANDATES FEE WAIVERS**

Would waive marriage license fees for couples whose civil unions were merged by law into marriage.

Current Location: Planning and Development Committee

SB 13 **MANDATES ON INSURANCE COPAYMENTS**

Would prohibit individual health insurance policies and group medical contracts covering prescription drugs from imposing different co-payments for prescriptions based on where the prescription is filled (i. e., retail v. mail-order pharmacy).

In a similar proposal from 2010 (SB 15) -- OFA estimates this mandate may increase costs to certain fully insured municipal plans which offer discounted copayments for prescriptions filled through the mail-order pharmacy in comparison to the local retail pharmacy, such as the Municipal Employees Health Insurance Plan, (MEHIP). OFA identified this proposal (2010, File No. 3) as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities.

Current Location: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

HB 5912

MANDATING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Would mandate that all towns and cities conduct a public hearing before every vote on potential project labor agreements.

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

SB 629

MONEY FOLLOWS THE CHILD

Would change the education funding formula to one that takes funds from local governments to support alternative education venues.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 6036

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX COLLECTION

Would mandate that the statute of limitations for collection of property taxes on motor vehicles be changed, from 15 years to 8 years, thus, cutting the amount of time municipalities can collect what is owed in half.

Current Location: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

SB 235

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON SCHOOLS

Would establish a new framework for addressing bullying in schools by, among other things, mandating special staff appointments and specific training.

Current Location: Education Committee

SB 359

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE MANDATE FOR OVERTIME NOTICES

Would mandate that municipalities provide employees adequate notice of any mandatory overtime if such overtime will, on its own or cumulatively, exceed more than eight hours per pay period.

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

HB 5296
SB 141
SB 167
SB 426
SB 578

NEW CURRICULUM MANDATES

Would add new required coursework to the state-mandated curriculum. Such new subjects would include: the meaning of Veterans Day and Memorial Day; Diabetes education; the founding documents of the United States; and, personal finance to name a few.

While these may be worthy subjects, the addition of new curriculum mandates will either (1) increase costs to provide an additional course or (2) result in the elimination of another course already offered.

Instead, CCM urges the State to provide the framework and guidance for such new curriculum so local school districts may easily incorporate it into their coursework, if it is what best meets the needs of their students.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 5032
HB 5309
HB 5441
HB 5448
HB 5446
SB 10
SB 20
SB 21
SB 315
SB 396

NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES

Would mandate insurance policies cover certain new medical procedures/items.

Some of the costly new procedures and items mandated in these bills include: weight loss programs, breast thermography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, hearing aids, routine patient care costs for clinical trial patients, and certain prostate cancer treatments and prescription drugs.

While all of these have their merits, the bottom line is that they will increase insurance costs across the board at a time when we can least afford it.

*Current Location: Insurance and Real Estate Committee,
Appropriations Committee*

HB 6013

NEW MANDATE ON SCHOOL YEAR LENGTH

Would extend the minimum school year length, from 180 to 200, and require that break periods be no longer than 21 consecutive days.

The increase in school days would have a direct fiscal impact on local governments to provide public education, not to mention the impact it would have on existing labor contracts.

Current Location: Education Committee

SB 838

NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Would provide special property tax treatment for certain properties that engage in wildlife management.

Every year there are many well-intentioned proposals to reduce the property tax burden of one group or another. Everybody wants out of the property tax - but peeling off one group after another is not reform. Again, these would only serve to shift the burden of those taxes to the remaining property owners of a given municipality. Currently, there are close to 2-dozen local-option property tax abatements and 77 mandated ones.

Current Location: Environment Committee

HB 5670

NEW SCHOOL POSTING MANDATE

Would require the posting of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in all school buildings.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 5113

NEW TRAINING MANDATE FOR MISSING PERSONS CASES

HB 6113

Among other things, would mandate new training for local police officers with regard to procedures of missing persons cases.

Current Location: Public Safety and Security Committee

HB 5793

NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Would, among other things, mandate that municipal animal control officers complete certain training requirements as certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

Current Location: Environment Committee

HB 5101

NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Would mandate that all local police officers are trained on the appropriate procedures for the enforcement of immigration law, and for the determination of the immigration status of persons arrested for serious crimes.

Current Location: Public Safety and Security Committee

HB 5914 **NEW WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANDATE**

A mandate "in effect", this bill would remove the requirement that a "physical injury" must occur in order to receive workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

This is a retread of proposed unfunded state mandates from the past that have all been clearly labeled as potentially significant cost-drivers at the local level. Now is definitely not the time to be imposing new costs on your hometowns' budgets. The present workers' compensation law is reasonable and should not be changed. The existing system retains fairness and equity in servicing injured workers and it should be allowed to continue working towards that end.

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

SJ 25 **NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

SB 941 Expanding the absentee ballot eligibility to anyone interested in voting in that manner would place a huge administrative and financial burden on local governments, primarily in the town clerks offices. Instead of creating a new costly mandate on towns and cities, careful consideration should be given to the many different mechanisms being used across the country to expand voter access without hampering the integrity of the system. Let's not rush into a new thing.

Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee

SB 140 **OPEN ENROLLMENT MANDATE FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS**

Would require local boards of education to permit students to attend any state vocational high school of their choice, regardless of location.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 5466 **PAID SICK LEAVE MANDATE**

SB 913 Would, among other things, mandate that most towns and cities employees provide paid sick days to their employees. An identical proposal from the 2010 session (SB 63) was identified by OFA as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities, and that there would be additional "costs" as a result of this new mandate (File No. 80).

In an economy where local officials are struggling to sustain critical services - amidst historic deficits, evaporating revenues, and layoffs - this bill would be a new unfunded state mandate on hometowns and negatively impact local budgets.

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

HB 5038 **POLICE OFFICERS: JUVENILE DETENTION**

Would prohibit police officers from turning a child over to a juvenile detention center upon arrest, unless officers first obtain court orders for such detention.

Current Location: Judiciary Committee

HB 5085 **POLICE OFFICERS: TRAINING REQUIREMENT**
Would require that municipal and state agencies comply with standards proposed by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission.

Current Location: Judiciary Committee

HB 5666 **PRE-KINDERGARTEN MANDATE**
Would require any school district already providing pre-K curriculum to pay for any resident student to attend a pre-K program at an inter-district magnet school. Such mandated expenses would only exacerbate the current funding squeeze experienced by local boards of education.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 5554 **PROPERTY TAX CAP**
Would mandate a "limit" on the amount towns and cities can increase local property taxes. A staunch advocate for property tax reform -- CCM has lead the charge for relief from this burdensome tax for decades. However, as the State grapples with its historic fiscal crisis and potential cuts to state aid loom over local budgets, this bill is not the answer. This proposal would handcuff local officials from the ability to raise revenue needed to sustain vital services such as public safety or public works. Hometowns need more revenue-raising options beyond just the local property tax -- to hamstringing them with limits implicit in this bill, absent any alternatives, would produce a negative impact on our communities' bottom-line.

Current Location: Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

SB 846 **REPORTING DEADLINE: EDUCATION MANDATE**
Would, among other things, require school districts or state charter schools that receive a newly-enrolled student from a different district, to notify the student's prior district of the enrollment within two days after the student registers. Currently, there are time restrictions.

Current Location: Select Committee on Children

HB 5445 **Rx DRUG MANDATE**
Would mandate health insurance policies expand prescriptions drug coverage to provide coverage for a ninety-day supply of such drugs.

Current Location: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

HB 5195 **SCHOOL FACILITIES MANDATE**
HB 5326 Would mandate the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in all existing schools, schools under construction, and any plans for a new school building.

Current Location: Education Committee, Public Safety and Security Committee

SB 711 **SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES**
Would require that any school bus purchased for use in the state be equipped with seat safety belts.

Current Location: Transportation Committee

SB 96 **SPECIAL "JUST CAUSE" PROVISION FOR ASSISTANT CHIEFS**
Identical to a defeated state mandate proposed during the 2010 session (SB 170), this year's version, would mandate that local assistant chiefs of police be granted special protection under a "just cause" provision. Although CCM is sympathetic to some of the obstacles local police departments may face when recruiting potential successors for chiefs of police -- the rationale for "just cause" standards for chiefs, which is that department investigations need to be free of political pressure, does not exist for assistants. Local departmental administrative accountability lies with the Chiefs of Police.

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

HB 5146 **SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**
HB 5646 State mandates come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes, the State does not
HB 5717 specifically impose a mandate on municipalities, rather it passes a "de facto
SB 126 mandate". This bill is a "mandate in effect" which seeks to, in essence, box a
municipality into adopting such an ordinance which, as a practical political matter,
they cannot avoid.

While this bill is a worthy cause, and one that many municipalities will feel compelled to enact, especially when the country is involved in two wars. In a situation such as this, the State seeks to buy good will from a segment of the public - with local property tax dollars.

Current Location: Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

HB 5175 **STATE MANDATED BENEFITS FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS**
HB 5465 Would mandate that towns and cities provide municipal paraprofessionals benefits in accordance with the federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee

SB 427

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

Would mandate the availability of universal preschool in certain municipalities.

Current Location: Education Committee

HB 6029

WIND TURBINES

Would extend property tax exemptions for renewable energy projects to wind turbines and their associated components.

Current Location: Energy and Technology Committee

If you have questions concerning this State Capitol Report or on any state-local issues, please contact CCM's Public Policy & Advocacy Team:

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**Testimony in Support of House Bill No. 6112 – An Act Concerning the
Enforcement of Municipal Ordinances**

**Public Safety and Security Committee – Public Hearing
February 15, 2011**

**Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager, Town of Mansfield**

Thank you Mr/Ms. Chairman for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 6112, an act that serves to clarify that police officers or employees of an accredited police department with appropriate jurisdiction within the municipality have the ability to enforce local ordinances and regulations.

This issue is important to Mansfield due to the fact that we are the home of the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs. The University of Connecticut does have an accredited police department, and, in their role as campus police, these officers are appointed to serve as special constables for the town. There are times, such as a mutual aid situation, where the university police respond to calls or patrol off-campus. For these situations, it would be helpful to ensure that university police have the ability to enforce Mansfield ordinances and regulations as do the resident state troopers and town constables that patrol our town.

The workload associated with policing the neighborhoods adjacent to the Storrs campus is significant. In FY 2010/11 to date, our resident troopers and town constables have issued 184 citations for violations of town ordinances, primarily for alcohol and nuisance complaints in our off campus housing areas. Our troopers and constables also issue a fair number of municipal parking citations in neighborhoods adjacent to campus.

Arguably, the university police have the authority to issue local ordinances and regulations pursuant to the fact that they are appointed as special constables for the town. However, the Town of Mansfield wishes to ensure that the university police have this power and we have asked our state representative, Gregory Haddad, for his assistance. Representative Haddad has accordingly submitted this bill.

I would imagine that this bill would also prove beneficial for other Connecticut municipalities that host an accredited police force other than the municipal police entity. The examples that I am most familiar with are those communities, such as Danbury, Farmington, Middletown, Stamford, Waterbury, West Hartford, New Haven and Windham, which host colleges and universities with accredited police departments.

I encourage your support of House Bill No. 6112, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.



General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 6112

January Session, 2011

LCO No. 3023

03023HB06112PS_

Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:

(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subdivision (10) of subsection (c) of section 7-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

(10) (A) Make all lawful regulations and ordinances in furtherance of any general powers as enumerated in this section, and prescribe penalties for the violation of the same not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless otherwise specifically provided by the general statutes. Such regulations and ordinances may be enforced by citations issued by designated municipal officers or employees, or police officers or employees of an accredited police department with jurisdiction within the municipality, provided the regulations and ordinances have been designated specifically by the municipality for enforcement by citation in the same manner in which they were adopted and the designated municipal officers or employees or police officers or employees issue a written warning providing notice of the specific violation before issuing the citation;

(B) Adopt a code of ethical conduct;

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES.

- (C) Establish and maintain free legal aid bureaus;
- (D) Perform data processing and related administrative computer services for a fee for another municipality;
- (E) Adopt the model ordinance concerning a municipal freedom of information advisory board created under subsection (f) of section 1-205 and establish a municipal freedom of information advisory board as provided by said ordinance and said section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	7-148(c)(10)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that police officers may enforce local ordinances.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. HADDAD, 54th Dist.

H.B. 6112



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matthew Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Greg Padick, Director of Planning; Tim Veillette, Project Engineer
Date: February 28, 2011
Re: Public Information Meeting--Storrs Road Enhancement Project

Subject Matter/Background

As you know, the Town has received a Federal enhancement grant to extend the walkway on the west side of Route 195 south to Liberty Bank and build a short walkway up Flaherty Road to Storrs Heights Road. We have completed the preliminary design for this project and now need to have a public information meeting with interested parties to discuss the preliminary design.

We would like to schedule this meeting for the beginning of the second Council meeting in March (March 28, 2011).

Financial Impact

This project is funded by a federal grant and a 20 percent local contribution from the Town that was approved at town meeting. The Town will have to maintain these walkways.

Recommendation

In order to give staff ample time to get the notices out to all interested parties, we recommend that a public information session be scheduled for the March 28, 2011 Council meeting. Staff will notify the necessary officials and nearby residents and businesses.

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

Move, effective February 28, 2011, to schedule for 7:15 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 28, 2011, a public information session regarding the Storrs Road Enhancement Project.

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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; Jessie Shea, Planning Office
Date: February 28, 2011
Re: Small Cities (Community Development Block Grant) Public Hearing –
 Housing Rehabilitation

Subject Matter/Background

Staff wishes to hold a public hearing at the Council's regular meeting on March 28, 2011 to review and discuss its proposed application to the State Department of Economic Community Development for funds under the Small Cities Program.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Town's community development and housing needs and to review and to discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development and community facilities. The Town is considering submitting an application to obtain \$300,000 in funds for its housing rehabilitation revolving loan program. Citizens and other interested parties may raise other potential or proposed projects eligible for Small Cities funding for review and discussion at this hearing.

In anticipation of this submission, staff will be available at the hearing to review the status of the Town's current Small Cities activities.

Financial Impact

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money to states, which may distribute the resources to non-entitlement communities (population less than 50,000). If the grant is awarded, funding would come from Small Cities grant monies (via CT DECD) and in-kind resources such as staff time would be dedicated to the program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends holding a public hearing to review and to discuss its proposed application to the State Department of Economic Community Development, for funds under the Small Cities Program.

If the Town Council supports this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, effective February 28, 2011, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on March 28, 2011, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed application to the State Department of Economic Community Development for funds under the Small Cities Program.

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 20, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Holly Matthews, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Carrie Silver-Bernstein,

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

Mr. LaPlaca asked for a moment of silence to remember those killed, those severely wounded, and those families trying to cope with the tragic shootings in Arizona and in memory of Timothy Quinn, former Board Chair.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Goodwin School student, Ethan Stone, discussed his progress in mathematics enrichment programs.

Ms. Silver-Bernstein arrived at 7:40pm.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Goodwin Bequest Fund Committee: MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to approve changing the model of the Goodwin Bequest funding projects and the amount funded to up to \$1000 per project. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. Policy Committee: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adopt three policies: *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Fiscal Compliance, Individual with Disabilities Education Act – Alternative Assessments for Students with Disabilities for Statewide and District-wide Assessments, and Family and Medical Leave*. VOTE: Unanimous in favor. School Building Committee: Mr. LaPlaca updated the Board on the progress of the committee.

Goodwin School PTO: Diane Briody, President, discussed the fund raising efforts the PTO participates in to raise money to support Goodwin. She was joined by Laura Scruggs, Vice-President and Todd Jeffers, Secretary.

NSBA "Ten New Year's Resolutions for School Board Members". Mr. LaPlaca reviewed article from National School Boards Association.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 2011-2012 School Calendar – Mr. Baruzzi presented the Board with a draft calendar for review and discussion.
- Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF) – Mr. Baruzzi reported on the CCJEF v. Rell lawsuit that challenges the state to enforce fundamental right to adequate educational opportunities in Connecticut's public schools. Mansfield is part of this lawsuit.
- Futures Education: Clinical and Educational Services Analysis for the Mansfield Public Schools- Mr. Baruzzi shared the report with the Board. Details will be discussed during the Special Education Budget discussion on February 3, 2011.
- Enrollment/Class Size: The principals noted no significant changes this month.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Introduction and Overview: Mr. Baruzzi provided an overview of the 2011-2012 proposed budget of \$20,572,170 which represents a decrease of .08% from the adopted 2010-2011 budget.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms Patwa that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of January 20, 2011 be approved or received for the record: Ms. Patwa expressed gratitude and appreciation to the retirees for their contributions to the district. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the December 9, 2010 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the retirement of Judy Baxter, 5th grade teacher at Mansfield Middle School and Mary Rameaka, preschool teacher at Vinton School effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of Karen Herrick, Special Education teacher at Vinton School, Jennifer Meizels, 6th grade teacher at Mansfield Middle School, and Eileen Melody, Guidance Counselor at Mansfield Middle School.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Ms. Patwa requested to discuss the district's policies and practices to support healthy options and physical activity for all students.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Ms. Lin, to move to Executive Session at 9:50pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Executive Session: Discussion regarding strategy with respect to pending complaint/litigation; complaint filed with Office of Civil Rights, No. 01-10-1269

MOTION by Ms. Paulhus, seconded Mr. Walikonis, adjourn at 10:06pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Patricia Michalak, MA
Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 2010
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Frank Perrotti, Co-Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Kathleen McNamara, YSB Senior Social Worker
Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Chuck Leavens, EOS Counselor
Teri Hebert, Educational Consultant
Jeff Smith, Resident
Eileen Griffin, Social Worker, LCSW
Sevan Angacian, UConn Ph.D. Candidate

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:03PM by Chair, Ethel Mantzaris

II. Approval of minutes: November 9, 2010

- Meeting minutes from November 9, 2010 were accepted and approved

III. Reports

Director's Report – Kevin Grunwald

- Holiday Programming
- Ethel asked how people find out about holiday programming, how people are eligible, and record keeping
- Can we get a donor list?
 - List will be published and will be out next week

Coordinator's Report – Pat Michalak

- Regional YSB's met again
- COPE program is expanding
- Post cards were mailed to each COPE family

- Kathy and Sevan met with parents at Goodwin during parent-teacher conferences
- UConn baseball boys continue to be great role models
- Planning underway for Grief Matters group
- Initial meeting took place with 19 participants and 5 volunteers present
- We already have 13 families for March 2011
- Kathy confirmed that past families come back as well
- Initiated a new program for boys at MMS – Called Boys Counsel
- Matt (YSB intern) and EO Smith senior, Dave, are helping with this; Dave is well-loved (as stated by Chuck)
 - Big Friend
- Little friends and big friends went to UConn arcade
- Community Outreach provided transportation and dinner for this
- People's Bank provided basketball tickets
- Pat provided photos for the Board to look at
- Kathy indicated this is good collaboration and great for transition programming

IV. Old Business

There has not been a Challenge meeting yet:

- Kevin reported that Matt Hart was supposed to schedule it with Fred and it hasn't happened as Matt has been intensely involved with the downtown partnership. Frank and Kevin will attempt to meet with Matt after this meeting.

Universal Intake Form:

- Kevin said he has not made any particular progress here because he is working on holiday programming
- Kevin will report back to the Board in January regarding the Universal Intake Form. (in which we will not be having a formal meeting)

YSB Budget

- Kevin is working on it at this point Matt has not requested any changes

V. New Business

Assisting at-risk students with transitions:

- Leap, Challenge, Jump programs –
- Leadership program before Challenge for 7th and 8th grade students with Ken Caputo was discussed
- Might this tie it in more with what we do here at YSB? – Suggested by Kathy and Pat
- Chuck discussed all at-risk kids in Challenge versus some kids who are models for those at-risk involved in Challenge
- Kathy suggested that the Challenge kids have been disconnected from YSB – Can we get them back involved in YSB to be the role models we need in our programming?

VI. Other

Chuck mentioned that Scott Driscoll, a police officer from Glastonbury, will be coming to EO Smith to talk about Internet safety and cyber-bullying

- Thursday, January 6th from 12:00-1:05, and 1:10-2:10
- He will also address faculty at the end of that day
- Eileen mentioned idea of having a meeting for parents with him, as well
- The Board is invited to this event
- Eileen and Chuck will report back in February about this

Teri brought up Safe Choices programming:

- Safe Choices is in planning stages for high school girls
- Will be held at Eastern this year

Jeff brought up the Soroptomists – group of professional young women:

- The Ball is coming up on February 5, 2011 at the Elks
- \$40/ticket

Jeff also brought up insight about society:

- Are boys being left behind?
- Are male minorities being left behind?
- Need to start at the grassroots –

Jeff also mentioned alternative high school (at Depot) and where it fits in with us here at Adv. Board:

- Chuck mentioned that the school is at capacity now and addressed the success of having a different setting for skill sets that are not necessarily engaged in the mainstream program
- Student needs to have attempted other programming within the mainstream to prove that the alternative model needs to be used for their individual success
- Pat asks – should we be more involved with this and how?
- Children can be unpredictable in that they seem to be coming in with concerns and then flourish; the opposite can also occur –
- Transitioning can be a concern, so at what point do we make the call that the student should be placed in a different setting?
- It is harder to get into Windham Tech than ever before
- Openings are limited
- Discussed educational model and trends in general

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:54PM

Minutes submitted by Sevan Angacian



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Patricia Michalak, MA
Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

**Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Agenda**

Tuesday, October 12, 2010
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Frank Perrotti, Co-Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Kathleen McNamara, YSB Senior Social Worker
Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Jerry Marchon, Police Officer
Chuck Leavens, EOS Counselor
Eileen Griffin, Social Worker, LCSW
Sevan Angacian, UConn Ph.D. Candidate

Guests:

Matthew Lawrence, Youth Service Bureau Graduate Social Work Student

Proceedings:

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:02PM by Chair, Ethel Mantzaris

II. Approval of minutes: September 14, 2010

Meeting minutes from September 14, 2010 were accepted and approved

III. Reports

- Directors Report – Kevin Grunwald

- David Katz presented at “Farm to Table” and Kevin was in attendance
 - www.Davidkatzmd.com
- Community conversations about education – funding was accepted; looking for people to attend
- Coordinator’s Report – Patricia Michalak
 - COPE groups have started in all of the schools
 - Matt has started with Adventure Learning Program at MMS
 - Matt will also be starting a boys group; Matt will be assisted with a high school senior named David Keplesky (Chuck spoke of his great personality)
 - Big Friends orientation and training; UConn student will be working on dissertation about volunteerism with Big Friends
 - Kathy attended a free workshop on Behavior Management; some of this will hopefully be used with COPE groups
 - YSB got all 3 of our grants (State of Education Grant, Enhancement Grant, and NECASA Grant)
 - Discussion about arrests and referrals from last month’s meeting - Jerry expanded further:
 - Do we need a Juvenile Review Board (JRB)?
 - Could we connect with other towns to coordinate a regional JRB since we have so few people?
 - Looking at funding for a person to coordinate the JRB

III. New Business

- Review Advisory Board Accomplishments and Goals:
 - Reviewed and read through the YSB Goals for 2010-2011
 - Discussed the reestablishment of police representation and who might be asked to serve on the board
 - Discussed oversight to ensure that comprehensive services are provided to YSB clients through Human Services:
 - Talked about universal intake form
 - No-wrong door concept
- Ethel moves that we adopt these goals;
- They were accepted at 12:27PM

IV. Presentation - Challenge Slide Show

- Watched film and Chuck answered questions during the viewing
- Frank suggested funding come from the budget for Challenge or from the Board of Education:
 - Should this be a line item again?
- Do we bring in some students from Ashford and Willington?
 - Kevin will approach Region 19 with approval from the Advisory Board

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:03
- Minutes submitted by Sevan Angacian

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Offices
January 10, 2011
8 AM**

MINUTES

Present: Frank McNabb (Chair), Alexinia Baldwin, Jim Hintz, Corine Norgaard, Betty Wexler

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Frank McNabb called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. He welcomed Corine Norgaard and Betty Wexler as new Committee members.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 22, 2010

Alexinia Baldwin made a motion to approve the November 22, 2010 minutes. Jim Hintz seconded the motion. Ms. Norgaard and Ms. Wexler abstained. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2011

Ms. Norgaard made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2011. Ms. Wexler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Staffing at UConn Co-op Table (January 16 and January 17 from 11 am to 5 pm) and Community Center Table (January 25 and 27 from 9 am to 1pm)

Mr. McNabb said that Committee members have a table on January 16 at the Co-op covered. He asked for assistance for January 17. Ms. Norgaard said she could cover from 11 am to 12 pm; Ms. Wexler can cover from 12 pm to 1 pm; and Mr. McNabb said he would cover 1 pm to 4 pm.

Ms. van Zelm said she will e-mail the Frequently Asked Questions to the Committee members so they can be prepared for questions. She will provide a packet of materials and handouts to Bruce Clouette who will be the first person to staff the table.

Mr. McNabb will check with the Co-op on the location of the table.

With respect to the Community Center table, on January 25, Ms. Norgaard will cover from 9 am to 10 am; Ms. Wexler will cover from 10 am to 11 am; and Mr. McNabb will cover from 11 am to 1 pm.

On January 26, Cynthia van Zelm will cover from 9 am to 11 am; and Mr. Hintz will cover from 11 am to 1 pm.

5. Update on Renewals

Mr. McNabb reported that 243 members had renewed thus far for 2011 for a total of over \$12,000. He said there are 125 outstanding renewals; he signed 2nd letters of renewal today.

6. Follow-up on Outreach

Ms. van Zelm said she will follow-up with David Evan again at UConn Athletics about staffing a table during a UConn men and women's basketball game. Mr. Hintz thought that Gampel was a preferred venue as the XL Center is more difficult logistically once the game starts. The Committee agreed to look at two Notre Dame games (February 19 for the women and March 5 for the men) at Gampel.

Mr. McNabb said he is still interested in placing information about Storrs Center, the Partnership and membership in the tax bills. He will talk to Mayor Paterson. Ms. Baldwin expressed caution about this idea.

Mr. Hintz said the Town's Community Quality of Life Committee is working with UConn Student Affairs to send out a letter town-wide on resources regarding off-campus issues.

He said April would be the timing for sending information out when the budget information is sent to town residents.

Ms. van Zelm said that Ms. Kathleen Paterson in the Partnership office will follow-up with Horizons and the Windham Hospital Staff Link about placing information in those publications. Ms. Norgaard will find out the name of the new staff person handling communications at the Hospital.

Ms. van Zelm will follow-up with Joan Hunt at the Reminder about its involvement with the Partnership.

Ms. van Zelm will also follow-up with Lisa Lewis about a link off the Alumni Association's website to Storrs Center.

Ms. Norgaard will follow-up with Joshua's Trust and their potential membership/involvement.

Ms. van Zelm will talk to Fran Archambault, head of the EO Smith Foundation about the high school's involvement in Storrs Center.

Ms. van Zelm will talk to Roger Adams about a table at the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo.

Ms. McNabb queried whether the UConn would place information about Storrs Center in its admissions packet.

Ms. van Zelm said the Partnership will have a table at UConn's spring open house on April 16. Mr. McNabb said he could assist with staffing.

Mr. Hintz said that UConn's spring Off-Campus Housing Fair is on March 2. He said the Partnership can again have a presence.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Monday, February 14 at 8 am in the Partnership office.

8. Adjourn

Alexinia Baldwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Norgaard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
November 18, 2010
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Long, Chairperson; Mr. Simonsen, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Eddy; Secretary and Treasurer; Ms Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Ms Christison-Lagay Assistant Secretary; and Ms Fields, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by the Chairperson.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Ms Christison-Lagay to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2010 Regular Meeting and November 10, 2010 Special Meeting. Motion approved unanimously

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the October bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports –A (General)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to approve the September Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Ms Hall to approve the October 2010 Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Resident Advisory Committee

Mr Eddy is finalizing the survey with Mr. Simonsen. The survey should be distributed shortly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance meeting will be cancelled for the month of December.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RAP Update

Ms Fields spoke with Christina Keune at DECD who expects DECD will be able to cover the additional cost of RAP from January to June for the existing recipients. Ms Fields will apply to use the APTS program (which is the money paid as the State Service Charge to CHFA each quarter) to cover those new

tenants paying over 30% of their income and not covered under the RAP program for the months of January through June 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Call for Aid at Wright's Village

Ms Fields suggested that we consider the idea of taking the call for aid offline: it has only been used by accident over the past five years. Many residents either call 911 or have a lifeline that is with them wherever they are not just in the bedroom or bathroom. The system requires money to monitor and to keep in working repair. The system was put in service in the early 80's; technology today offers better emergency coverage. Before making the decision, Ms Fields will confirm that there are no legal requirements to keep the system operational. If there are no requirements, Ms Fields will send a letter to all tenants explaining that the current system is antiquated and that the costs of more advanced options, such as lifeline, can be deducted as a medical expense

ARRA Weatherization Program

Ms Fields met with individuals from the Access Agency, Department of Social Services and CL&P to discuss the project. Next week the Access Agency will contact her to set up dates for energy audits for each unit. The energy audits will probably not begin until December. Once that is completed, the MHA will be advised of what work can be done on the units. At that time Ms Fields will present it to the Board for approval. The Housing Authority is required to approve all work prior to it being performed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
December 17, 2010
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Long, Chairperson; Mr. Simonsen, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Eddy; Secretary and Treasurer; Ms Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Ms Christison-Lagay Assistant Secretary was excused; and Ms Fields, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by the Chairperson.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Ms Hall to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion approved unanimously

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Bills

A motion was made by Ms Hall and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the November bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports –A (General)

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to approve the October Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Hall to approve the November 2010 Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Resident Advisory Committee

The survey will be completed and distributed in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RAP Update

Ms Fields requested an increase in the RAP contract and is waiting for a response from Christina Keune at DECD. Ms Fields applied to use the APTS

program (fees paid as the State Service Charge) to Corinne Nocida at CHFA and is waiting for a reply.

ARRA Weatherization Program

The Access Agency has set up the energy audits for January 3rd and 4th. Once that is completed, the MHA will be advised of what work can be done on the units.

Call for Aid at Wright's Village

Ms Fields is continuing to investigate the possibility of removing the monitoring of the system. It is anticipated that the information gathering and tenant input will take a few months to complete.

2000 GMC Truck Donation

The old 2000 GMC Sierra truck was donated to Cars for Breast Cancer.

NEW BUSINESS

Holinko Estates Kitchen and Bath Upgrade

Ms Fields is gathering information and pricing on upgrading the kitchens and baths. It is anticipated that the upgrades could be done as unit turn over. Unit 2G is in especially bad shape and will be serve as a prototype for the others.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
February 3, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Min Lin

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Vinton School students participating in the Vinton Mileage Club discussed their accomplishments with sponsoring teachers, Jennifer Zugarazo and Justin Monahan introducing the program.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from the Republican Town Committee recommending Ed Neumann to fill the Board of Education vacancy. Letter from Bryan Salai concerning snow and ice conditions on school roofs.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to add discussion regarding filling the vacancy left by Chris Kueffner's resignation on the Board as an agenda item. VOTE Unanimous in favor.

VINTON PTA: Sarah Delia and Lisa Drzewiecki, Co-Presidents discussed fund raising activities sponsored by the PTO to support enrichment activities at Vinton School. They also asked the Board to consider the Vinton School site as an option in the School Building Project and to consider using some or a portion of February vacation to make up snow days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: School Building Committee: Mr. LaPlaca updated the Board on the progress of the committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- 2011-2012 School Calendar – MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Matthews, to adopt the proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- 2010-2011 School Calendar – MOTION by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Ms. Matthews to amend the 2010-2011 School Calendar as below: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
 - Shorten the February vacation from a full week to Monday, February 21st and Tuesday, February 22nd adding three student school days.
 - Make March 21st a student school day, moving the Professional Development Day for teachers to the end of the school year.
 - Shorten the total instructional days from 183 days to 182 days.
- Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF): The CCJEF meeting has not been rescheduled.
- Summer Enrichment Program: Mr. Baruzzi presented a report by Melissa Mitchell regarding the Summer Enrichment Program with Renzulli Learning.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed one additional proposal which will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- 2009-2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, reviewed the auditor's report to the Town Council.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Regular Programs/Middle School/Elementary Schools: The building principals reviewed the programs and answered questions from the Board.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – District Management: The Superintendent reviewed the section and answered questions from the Board.
- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Support Services – The Director of Special Education and Student Support Services reviewed the section and answered questions from the Board.

- 2011-2012 Proposed Budget – Special Education - The Director of Special Education and Student Support Services reviewed the section and answered questions from the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Replacement of Board Member, Chris Kueffner: MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to appoint Ed Neumann to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy left by Chris Kueffner's resignation, until the next election. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded Ms Patwa that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of February 3, 2011 be approved or received for the record:

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 20, 2011 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jennifer Hill, Special Education teacher at Goodwin School effective immediately.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Mrs. Adamczyk and Dr. Leclerc discussed the "Hoops for Hurlock" fund raiser at the Middle School.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Report from the Policy Committee regarding future school calendars and making up snow days.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Ms. Silver-Bernstein, to move to Executive Session at 10:40pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Executive Session: Discussion regarding strategy with respect to pending complaint/litigation; complaint filed with Office of Civil Rights, No. 01-10-1269

Returned to open session at 10:58pm

MOTION by Ms. Matthews, seconded Mr. Walikonis, adjourn at 10:58pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk



MINUTES
MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
 Wednesday, January 5, 2011
 6:30-7:30 Council Chambers- Town Hall

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Higham, V. Fry, R. Leclerc (staff), MJ Newman, J. Goldman, C. Guerrerri, L. Dahn, S. Baxter (staff), J. Stoughton (Chair), G. Bent (Chair), A. Bloom (staff), E. Soffer Roberts, A. Bladen
REGRETS: P. Braithwaite, J. Suedmeyer, L. Young, D. McLaughlin

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
<p>Actions needed/ Announcements</p>	<p>Welcome: Chair J. Stoughton called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Adopt Minutes of December 1, 2010: Correct spelling of Esther Soffer Roberts' name.</p> <p>S. Baxter announced that Sonya Conrad has resigned from MAC.</p> <p>Jan. 13 is the training date for RBA 101. Information was distributed about trainings that are being offered through Graustein. There is a survey online re: training interests.</p>	<p>Minutes accepted with that correction.</p> <p>Please respond online to the training survey.</p>
<p>Interim Report</p>	<p>S. Baxter reported that the interim report was submitted on December 15, 2010. Each team leader has a packet with their section of the report; Sandy thanked people for their assistance with this. Reminder that we only have 3 months left in this grant period to complete work that we have committed to. C. Guerrerri reported that the second part of the grant reapplication will be out by the end of this month. Team Leaders were asked to plan next steps for the next 3 months.</p>	
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>S. Baxter reported on a meeting that she and K. Gunwald had with Mindy Perkins from the Windham Region Transit District re: transportation needs. J. Higham reported that there were a lot of comments about transportation received in the survey. We are trying to find out where the residents are that need public transportation and where they need to go. A. Bloom suggested looking at the possibility of a "hub" location that we could bring people to, such as the Community Center. At this time we need to define a process to determine how we will gather this information. Discussion re: what the role of MAC is, how can we advocate, and how can we teach people to advocate for themselves? The group acknowledged that this is an issue that goes beyond the purview of MAC. J. Goldman suggested that it might be easier to pilot a bus to the library; also, what about the mobile home parks in town as locations that need to be served? K. Grunwald suggested bringing this to the Transportation Advisory Committee. J. Goldman suggested that we start with a manageable task while attempting to work with the TAC around longer-term resolution of this issue.</p>	<p>MAC Executive Council will bring transportation data from the survey to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Also, Judy will involve Louise Bailey in the discussion about bringing residents to existing programs.</p>

<p>Community Conversation</p>	<p>S. Baxter issued a plea for a Coordinator for this event, as we are 11 weeks out as of today. J. Stoughton stated that we need to clarify what the tasks are.</p> <p>The group reviewed K. Grunwald's draft Powerpoint presentation for the Conversation. There was much discussion about the format of the conversation and the three options that were presented to be discussed in the small group session. C. Guerrerri pointed out that we are trying to accomplish two things by holding a conversation on education and presenting the status of our plan. Several members were concerned about an over-emphasis on education in the options, and specifically universal pre-school. It was pointed out that the purpose of the conversation is to generate discussion, identify areas of disagreement, and to reach common ground as a point to take further action. It was agreed that representatives from each team will work with Kevin to modify the powerpoint so that the options represent all aspects of our Results Statement and Plan.</p> <p>We have Korean and Chinese Moderators and Need one Korean Reporter -Location? -Gloria, Food- Sonya and Patty (Sonya's role will need to be taken on by someone else as she has resigned) -Planning Checklist- Handout</p>	<p>Contact S. Baxter re: helping with the Coordinator's role.</p> <p>The following people will work on the powerpoint with K. Grunwald: A. Bladen, E. Soffer Roberts, J. Higham, and S. Baxter</p> <p>Detailed assignments will be discussed at the next Executive Council meeting.</p>
<p>Team Up-Dates</p>	<p>-Team Leaders update the whole MAC group assembled about Next Steps after Interim Report.</p>	<p>No Discussion</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM. Next MAC Meeting February 2, 2011 -Council Chambers- 6:30-7:30</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

5:00 PM

Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
1244 Storrs Road

Minutes

Present: Chair: Steve Rogers, Roger Adams, Brien Buckman, Curt Hirsch, Marty Hirschorn,
Rene Schein, Brian Wells

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Steve Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

2. Public Comment

There was no public present.

3. Approval of September 29, 2010 minutes

Rene Schein made a motion to approve the September 29, 2010 minutes. Roger Adams seconded the motion. Brien Buckman noted that his first name had been misspelled in the list of attendees. The minutes were approved with an abstention by Mr. Buckman.

4. Update on Town Economic and Community Development Efforts

Cynthia van Zelm said since her update to the Committee in September 2009, a small staff group of herself, Town Manager Matt Hart, Town Planning Director Greg Padick, and Partnership Special Projects Coordinator Kathleen Paterson have been meeting monthly and working on some economic and community development initiatives town-wide. She said a dialogue has begun with UConn's Technology Incubation Program. Ms. van Zelm said that she and Mr. Hart had begun a business visitation program and have met with NERAC and with one of the commercial property owners in town. Ms. Paterson is working on a business visitation packet. An economic and community development webpage has been added to the Town's website (www.mansfieldct.org). A Mansfield marketing kit developed by the Windham Region Council of Governments has also been placed on the webpage. Ms. van Zelm said one of the Town Manager's office interns is working on a database of available vacant commercial and industrial land in town.

Mr. Rogers said he thought the Committee's mission is complimentary to the staff work.

5. Continued Review of Committee Charge

The Committee continued to review the Committee's revised charge. Mr. Buckman suggested expanding on what it means to strengthen existing businesses (bullet #1). Ms. Schein suggested adding language about communicating with current businesses on a regular basis as a way of assisting/strengthening businesses.

The Committee discussed how far its scope should go, especially with respect to a business inventory. Should it focus just on Storrs Center businesses or all businesses in Mansfield? Mr. Rogers thought it made sense to focus on the overall community to the extent that is possible.

Mr. Rogers said he thought there might eventually be a merchants association for the Storrs Center businesses. Would the Committee serve that role or another entity?

Mr. Adams said the Chamber of Commerce could send information about its educational programs to a Partnership business inventory list.

The Committee discussed what assistance it might provide to businesses that will be affected by relocation. Mr. Rogers said it would be helpful to know if any businesses have concerns. The Committee asked Ms. van Zelm to provide information on all the businesses affected by relocation and what current businesses had signed Letters of Intent to be part of the new project.

Mr. Rogers said it would be helpful for the Committee to be a sounding board once Storrs Center is up and running with respect to issues that may affect businesses. Ms. van Zelm also noted that it will be important for access to businesses to be clear once construction starts.

Marty Hirschorn expressed interest in the Committee's involvement in providing input to the master developer on what type of businesses the community would like to see in Storrs Center.

Ms. van Zelm said she will talk to Howard Kaufman at LeylandAlliance about speaking to the Committee about commercial leasing.

Ms. van Zelm will also check with Leyland about whether they still have information from the surveys that former retail consultant Live Work Learn Play conducted a few years ago in Mansfield about shopper preferences.

Mr. Rogers said he hopes that the Committee charge can be finalized at the next meeting and recommended to the Board for final approval.

Mr. Rogers asked Committee members to e-mail him any changes with respect to the Committee charge.

6. Future meetings

The Committee agreed to meet on November 17 at 5 pm in the Town Hall as the Partnership had a meeting already scheduled for 5 pm on the 17th. Mr. Hirsch will secure a conference room.

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee

on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday October 26, 2010

2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

I. Recording Attendance:

Present: W. Gibbs (Chair), J. Tanner, C. Colon-Semenza, Rachel Leclerc (staff/guest), KA Easley (staff), K. Grunwald (staff)

Regrets: J. Blanshard, J. Sidney

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for September 28, 2010 were accepted, with the correction of J. Tanner expressing regrets.

III. New Business

- a. Children with Disabilities: Rachel Leclerc, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services for the Mansfield Public Schools attended the meeting as a guest. Members explained that we are attempting to expand the role of the committee to look at the needs of children with disabilities. Rachel reports that her department provides services to children

from age 3 to 8th grade. She supervises all personnel who provide services to children with special needs. Children are often referred as early as age 2, which may be the first time that parents are connected to services. Not all parents are aware of birth-3 services. The school system holds a screening for 3 and 4 year old children in May for pre-school services. This is advertised as a pre-school screening to determine eligibility. This is also an opportunity to identify children with special needs. Results of the screening are shared with parents. Some children are admitted as "models students" into the pre-school program. Two years ago they changed the focus from special education to a general pre-school program. In kindergarten some children with special needs are identified who have not had a preschool experience. Staff can serve as consultants to the classroom teacher rather than providing direct services. The goal is inclusion for all children when appropriate. No child is turned away, and children that they serve run the gamut of abilities and disabilities. By law, testing must be done for children who are identified as possibly having disabilities. State law requires classroom intervention prior to testing for children with learning disabilities. There are 2 special ed. teachers at each elementary school, along with a full-time school psychologist. Their main focus is working with teachers in classrooms. Each school also has a full-time speech clinician. Trends: large onset of young children identified on the autism spectrum. There is a group of staff

trained to identify children on the educational spectrum (Autism Diagnosis Observational System) to determine their needs; not a medical diagnosis. The school system is also focused on the use of assistive technology, and contract with EASTCONN to evaluate children's needs. C. Colon-Semenza asked about how this committee can step in beyond children's educational needs? One of the issues does have to do with accessibility issues at the schools. Rachel reports that there are no core groups of children with specific disabilities/of a certain age that could be grouped together. C. Colon-Semenza raised the question about a support group for parents and families or maybe a recreational group for children. Rachel refers to the Parks & Rec. Department for inclusive programs. In the past there has been a support group for parents at the Middle School in one specific classroom. The school system has been in touch with the Special Ed. PTA (SEPTA), which is currently very active in Willington. This may be a venue for parents in Mansfield, Ashford and Willington. Rachel feels that the biggest need for parents is respite care and support. She also sees that transportation is an issue. K. Easley asked if there are any staff or parents who would be interested in joining this committee? Rachel will put that question out.

b. "Other": none.

IV. Old Business

- a. Goals for FY 10/11: K. Grunwald reviewed the goals and accomplishments that were submitted to the Town Manager's Office. C. Colon-Semenza suggested adding the presentation that we will be doing to our goals.
- b. Proposed Brochure: J. Tanner feels that the first bullet under accomplishments is too vague. She suggested something more specific, or to delete the bullet altogether. C. Colon-Semenza would like to leave it, but make it more specific. It was agreed that it will be changed to: "Instrumental in improving conditions related to accessibility for improved access to local businesses." Also: change "regularly reviewed; advocated, etc." to use a consistent tense.
- c. Election issues at Mansfield Community Center: K. Grunwald provided a response from the Town Clerk and the registrars, along with information about absentee ballots. We will discuss how to best promote information about absentee ballots at a future meeting.
- d. Publicity efforts/Community Presentation: C. Colon-Semenza contacted Cindy Dainton at the Senior Center. She suggested a presentation on the use of durable medical equipment/resources. This is scheduled for February at the Senior Center. The deadline for the Senior Sparks newsletter is January 1. Christina is looking for input on this; look at bringing in different groups to be present. She will be meeting with Jennifer Lortie to discuss her role. Christina asked for

suggestions about how to publicize this to the community. Committee members will work with her to publicize the event and contact different providers for resources.

- V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM. The next meeting is November 23. Cynthia Van Zelm of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership has been invited to present an update on the Storrs Downtown development and will identify issues that are being considered related to accessibility.

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee

on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday November 23, 2010

2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

I. Recording Attendance

Present: J. Blanshard, F. Goetz, Gloria Bent, K. Grunwald (staff), J. Sidney, J. Tanner, W. Gibbs (Chair)

Regrets: KA Easley

II. Approval of Minutes: the minutes for October 26, 2010 were approved as written.

III. New Business

a. Welcome new member: Gloria Bent introduced herself to members and explained her interest in joining this group. She has connections with families in town who live with children who have disabilities.

b. "Other": F. Goetz raised concerns about two crosswalks on Rt. 275 that cannot be accessed by

people in a wheelchair from the sidewalk. There is some question about who is responsible for maintaining this, although Fred believes that the Town is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks. K. Grunwald will follow-up with Lon Hultgren.

J. Tanner pointed out that the two accessible spaces in the upper lot of the Community Center and the space at the boat launch on Plains Rd. still don't have signs indicating the \$150 fine. K. Grunwald will follow-up with Bill Hammon. W. Gibbs will check on what's being done at UConn. J. Tanner suggested sending out the letter again to private businesses, and also offer reflective stickers as an option.

J. Blanshard raised concerns about the walkway from Glen Ridge not being funded. J. Sidney suggested that this Committee write a letter to the Town Council to encourage them to seek another source of funding to build this walkway as soon as possible; suggest that this be included in the Town's budget. K. Grunwald will draft a letter to be sent out under W. Gibb's signature on behalf of the Committee. G. Bent

suggested that the Committee could also lobby the Town Council to include funding for this in the Town Budget.

J. Tanner relayed her experience regarding difficulties that she had at CCSU recently with accessibility. She sent letters to three separate officials and did not get any response. The suggestion was made that she attempt to contact the chancellor, David Carter.

IV. Old Business

- a. Proposed Brochure: K. Grunwald distributed copies of the revised brochure. Changes:
“Advocated for accessible transportation and parking.”
“additional support(s)”
“Assures access to all recreational and cultural opportunities within the community.” (last bullet)
Change the picture on the front.
- b. Follow-up to Rachel Leclerc’s presentation: J. Blanshard suggested that we invite individuals from the school system to come together to discuss the challenges that they face in serving children with disabilities. She suggested inviting the superintendent, a special ed. teacher, Rachel and someone from transportation. The goal would be to decrease the isolation that parents of these children experience. K. Grunwald raised a

question of the purpose of the meeting. G. Bent stated that she feels that the issues become greater once kids age out of the services provided through the school system. She sees recreation and housing as being important issues, along with advocacy for improved services. She also felt that it might be helpful to hear from someone from the Birth-3 program. G. Bent will invite Joe McLaughlin to attend one to the Committee meetings in February or March. K. Grunwald will send contact information for the Disability Advocates Coalition to G. Bent.

c. Publicity efforts/Community Presentation: no discussion due to Christine Colon-Semenza not being present.

V. Adjournment: Adjourned at 3:30 PM. Members agreed to cancel the meeting December 28. Next meeting will be on January 25. (Cynthia Van Zelm of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership has rescheduled for that date).

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee

on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday January 25, 2011

2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

- I. Recording Attendance: Chair W. Gibbs called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.
Present: K. Grunwald (staff), W. Gibbs (Chair), C. Colon-Semenza, J. Blanshard, J. Tanner, K.A. Easley (staff).
Regrets: G. Bent, J. Sidney
- II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2010 (December meeting cancelled) were accepted as written.
- III. New Business
 - a. Mansfield Downtown Partnership Update- Cynthia Van Zelm provided an update on Storrs Center and distributed drawings for Phases 1A and 1B. These phases include rental apartments and commercial space. There will be a public hearing at the Bishop Center on Feb. 1 regarding

the proposed design. Construction would begin in 2012. Several businesses have signed letters of intent to be included in phase 1A. All floors will be served by elevators; Cynthia identified accessible parking spaces, and a concern was raised that there may not be enough, and that they may not be appropriately located. C. Colon-Semenza and J. Tanner made several constructive suggestions about parking options. All housing units are adaptable for handicap use, and some will be built as accessible. There will also be accessible spaces on the street and in the parking garage. Construction will be starting in May of this year. K. Grunwald pointed out that one challenge is that as a “walkable community” parking becomes a critical issue.

- b. Recommendation of a representative to the Human Services Advisory Committee: J. Blanshard expressed interest in serving on that committee.
- c. “Other”: none.

IV. Old Business

- a. Proposed Brochure: group agreed to have the brochure available for the presentation at the Senior Center on Feb. 23.
- b. Publicity efforts/Community Presentation: C. Colon-Semenza talked about the presentation at the Senior Center 2/23 at 12:45 to publicize the existence of the Committee and make people

aware of services that are available. She has contacted Jennifer Lortie at Eastern CT Assistive Technologies Center, and Cristina be talking about the services offered through the Nayden Clinic. K. Grunwald will see if Gianna Stebbins can talk about transportation services. J. Blanshard is willing to talk about Peapod grocery delivery. C. Colon-Semenza will contact ATG and Hudson Rehab. who are distributors for durable medical equipment. She will also check with Storrs Drug and Medical Pharmacy. J. Blanshard will try to get someone to speak on services for the blind. W. Gibbs will provide an overview of the work of this committee. We will give representatives a brief opportunity to present their services and then they will be set up to distribute brochures and answer questions. K. Grunwald will write a press release and distribute this; will also provide information on the Disability Advocacy Collaborative. Get back to Cristina by 2/15 to confirm the speakers via email.

c. Accessibility issues previously identified:

W. Gibbs checked at UConn and discovered that the handicapped parking violations is \$130.

K. Grunwald has submitted a work order to Facilities Maintenance to have the parking signs put up.

K. Grunwald distributed a draft letter to the Town Council concerning the proposed walkway from Sycamore Dr. The group approved the letter and it was signed by W. Gibbs.

J. Tanner did not contact the chancellor at the state university system re: her concerns, but she will pursue this.

- V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.
The next meeting scheduled is February 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes
9:30 AM – Senior Center
January 10, 2011

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), M. Thatcher, J. Quarto, A. Holinko, Joan Terry (guest), B. Lavoie (staff), S. Gordon, A. Poirier, C. Dainton (staff), T. Rogers, J. Adamcik, W. Bigl, C. Pellegrine (Vice-Chair)
REGRETS: D. Nolan, T. Quinn

- I. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair C. Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. A. Holinko reported that T. Quinn is still at MCNR.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Note that C. Pellegrine is not staff. The minutes of the **December 13, 2010** meeting were accepted with that correction.
- IV. **Correspondence – Chair and Staff:** none.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Report of Nominating Committee:** J. Quarto nominated Joan Terry to become a new member of the Commission on Aging. The nomination was unanimously accepted, and she will be recommended to the Town Council for appointment to the Commission.
 - B. “Other”: none.
- VI. **Optional Reports on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations**
 - A. **Health Care Services**

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – B. Lavoie has contacted the Montville COA and has received permission to use their resource directory as a template for “At Your Fingertips.” A student will be working with Barbara on revising this. Four people have expressed interest in working as an advisory group to look at senior health services. In February a Caregiver’s Support Group will be starting; co-led with Barbara by Maryann Donato. Another student will be working with Barbara to complete emergency medical forms.
 - B. **Social, Recreational and Educational**

Senior Center – C. Dainton distributed copies of her monthly report. The holiday luncheon in December was very well-attended. T. Rogers asked about fee waivers for Senior Center classes. K. Grunwald reported that the Town Council is reviewing the ordinance.

Senior Center Assoc. –T. Rogers reported that the Association will be creating a nominating committee for offices to be voted on in June. The chorus has not found a new director or accompanist yet.

Volunteer Transportation- Gianna Stebbins reported that there were 14 rides provided in December. There were 3 ride requests during the holidays that we were not able to accommodate due to availability of volunteers.

C. Housing

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: K. Grunwald reported that representatives of Masonicare will be meeting with the UConn Water Authority to discuss the future availability of water for their project.

Wrights Way: J. Adamcik said that they are exploring a grant to improve energy efficiency of the apartments.

Jensen's Park: E. Poirier reported that there will be a diabetic clinic on Jan. 28 with pharmacy students from UConn. He handed out flyers.

Glen Ridge, Juniper Hill, Other: no reports.

D. Related Town and Regional Organizations such as:

Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no reports.

VII. Old Business

A. Long Range Plan Update: members reviewed the copy of the Long-Range Plan. The Commission voted unanimously to accept this as the Long-Range Plan, along with a plan to disseminate this to the larger public. J. Terry suggested pulling out the proposed Action Steps from the plan, and K. Grunwald will create a separate document that does this. K. Grunwald suggested looking at publicizing the plan. C. Pellegrine and J. Quarto, A. Holinko will develop a publicity plan.

B. Triad: W. Bigl reported that the last meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The group will be meeting to plan a Drug Take-Back program. They are looking at copying driver's license photos for the Yellow Dot Program. A program on Identity Theft will be held at Jensen's, Mansfield Senior Center, Juniper Hill and Glen Ridge by People's Bank.

VIII. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission: none.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM. Next meeting: **Monday, February 14, 2011 at 9:30 AM** at the Senior Center. C. Pellegrine asked members if they would like to consider another time for the meeting. The suggestion was that it be scheduled for a day other than Monday. After some discussion it was agreed that the meeting time will not be changed for now. A. Holinko and J. Terry announced that they will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

Town of Mansfield
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of 19 January 2011
Conference B, Audrey P. Beck Building
MINUTES

Members present: Joan Buck (Alt.), Robert Dahn, Peter Drzewiecki, Neil Facchinetti (Alt.), Quentin Kessel, Scott Lehmann, John Silander. *Members absent:* Frank Trainor. *Others present:* John & Suzanne Listro, Joseph Boucher (Towne Engineering), Grant Meitzler (Wetlands Agent).

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:32p by Chair Quentin Kessel.
2. The draft **minutes of the 15 December meeting** were approved as written.
3. **IWA referrals.**

- a. **W1467 (Listro, Candide La)** The planned 12 January IWA field trip to this site was cancelled by snow, and no map was included in the packet for this meeting. Joseph Boucher of Towne Engineering provided maps and outlined the proposal to the Commission on behalf of the applicants.

John & Suzanne Listro propose to split off, from their two lots near the intersection of Candide La and Stearns Rd, a third lot fronting on Candide La. The driveway would snake between wetlands along the east edge of this lot, cross an old bulldozed ditch between the western wetland and another one to the east, and ascend diagonally northwest up a slope (11% grade, fun in winter) to a house site at the rear of the lot. The application calls for an unpaved driveway, crossing the bulldozed ditch on a culvert, with a level spreader on the slope beyond to disperse runoff into the wetland below. Conservation easements (comprising about 44% of total area) are proposed for the wetlands on the three lots. After some discussion, the Commission agreed on the following **motion** (Buck, Facchinetti; all in favor save Dahn and Drzewiecki, who abstained to avoid appearance of a conflict of interest):

In view of the specified level spreader and pervious surface for the driveway, the Commission foresees no significant impact on wetlands, provided the proposed erosion controls are in place during construction. Given the driveway's close proximity to wetlands, the Commission hopes that the homeowner will continue to maintain a porous surface.

Mr. Boucher and the Listros left the meeting.

- b. **W1469 (Town of Mansfield, Statutory Regulation Revision)** A change in state statutes requires revision of language in the Town's wetlands regulations concerning conservation or preservation restrictions. The new language makes clear that if a state agency holds such a restriction, the agency must be notified of any permit application concerning land to which it applies (save in certain limited cases). Since the change is mandated, no action by the Commission appears called for.
4. **Storrs Center project.** Some modifications have been proposed for Phase 1 construction,

but they appear to be in line with the general plan for the Storrs Center development, which the Commission has endorsed (cf. comment to PZC, approved 17 April 2007).

5. Four Corners water supply. A study of water supply options for the 4-Corners area by Environmental Partners Group concludes that the water supply potential of Cedar Swamp is probably too limited to meet the needs of this area. Its 6 Jan draft report recommends additional wells on the Willimantic River near Mansfield Depot or below Eagleville Lake as the best water-supply option.

6. Proposed revisions to subdivision regulations. Changes suggested by the Commission in the draft language regarding preliminary review and shared driveways were largely incorporated into the final proposal. Kessel will communicate the Commission's support of these provisions to the PZC.

7. Commission vacancy. Joan Stevenson has resigned, leaving the Commission with one vacancy. Perhaps one of the Alternates would like to fill it. Drzewiecki will ask Catherine Carlson, a hydrologist at ECSU, if she's interested in joining the Commission as an alternate or member.

8. Adjourned at 8:44p. Next meeting: 7:30p, Wednesday, 16 February.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 22 January 2011; approved as corrected 16 February 2011.

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 6, 2011**

**Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
1244 Storrs Road**

4:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Steve Bacon, Harry Birkenruth, Gregg Haddad, Matthew Hart, David Lindsay, Philip Lodewick, Frank McNabb, Betsy Paterson, Christopher Paulhus, Alex Roe, Steve Rogers, Kristin Schwab, Bill Simpson, Antoinette Webster and David Woods

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

2. Opportunity for Public to Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Betsy Paterson made a motion to approve the December 2, 2010 Board minutes. David Woods seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Update on Storrs Center including Review and Status of Zoning Permit Application for Phases 1A and 1B

Mr. Lodewick said he asked Tom Trubiana, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer at EDR, to join the Board by telephone. Mr. Lodewick said that EDR had recently released a prospectus for a secondary stock offering where it erroneously identified the housing at Storrs Center as student housing. Mr. Lodewick said that EDR will prepare a letter to the Board and the Town Council regarding this error.

Mr. Trubiana joined the Board by telephone. Mr. Trubiana apologized for the incorrect characterization of the Storrs Center housing as student housing. Mr. Trubiana said EDR's vision is the same as it has been for the last two years when it began working with LeylandAlliance – a mixed-use downtown center for all constituencies. The housing will be designed for a broad constituency and there will be on-site management.

Harry Birkenruth said it will be important to inform the SEC about the correction. Mr. Trubiana said the market is aware of the fact that EDR is branching into other markets such as the projects at Johns Hopkins University and Storrs Center. Mr. Trubiana said he will follow-up with counsel on next steps. He said he will be attending the next Town Council meeting on Monday to address the issue. A letter from Mr. Trubiana to the Partnership Board and the Town Council, apologizing and explaining the error, was given to Partnership staff for distribution.

Ms. van Zelm said a Partnership Board public hearing has been scheduled to Feb. 1 at 7 pm to hear comments on whether the zoning permit application for Phases 1A and 1B meets the Storrs Center Special Design District regulations.

Matt Hart said the Town Council approved authorizing the Town Manager to sign the development agreement between the Town and Storrs Center Alliance and EDR on January 4. He said there are three ancillary agreements that need to be approved by the Town Council – a parking lease with EDR; a parking management agreement with Storrs Center Alliance; and a Town Square license agreement with Storrs Center Alliance.

Alex Roe said the University's Buildings and Grounds Committee will review the first set of easements for the project at its meeting next Tuesday. The Board of Trustees will then meet on January 26 to review the easements.

Mr. Lodewick said the Partnership's attorney Lee Cole-Chu is working on revisions to the agreement between the Partnership and Storrs Center Alliance.

5. Director's Report

Ms. van Zelm said the monthly open house will be at 6 pm following the Board meeting.

She told the Board that the Inland Wetlands Agency and the Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting January 18 at 7 pm to further consider the modification to the Storrs Center Alliance wetlands license and the special permit modification for the DL-1 building.

Ms. van Zelm said the Partnership's Planning and Design Committee will meet on January 25 at 5 pm to further review the plans and design guidelines checklist for Phases 1A and 1B.

Ms. van Zelm said that Winter Fun Day is scheduled for February 12 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Community Center and Special Projects Coordinator Kathleen Paterson is looking for volunteers for this annual event.

6. Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee Update

Ms. van Zelm said the Town's consultant Environmental Partners will have a draft report on various water options for the Four Corners Committee at its next meeting on January 11.

She said that members of the Town's Sustainability Committee will also meet with the Committee.

Matt Hart said the Four Corners project allows the Town and the University to look at the overall water needs in the community.

Mr. Hart asked that the Board continue to consider its role with respect to Four Corners and reiterated that Four Corners is one of the three areas in Mansfield that the Partnership is charged with addressing economic development. He noted that the Board has good experience with the Storrs Center project that can be brought to bear on Four Corners. Betsy Paterson agreed.

Mr. Lodewick said it is not unrealistic for the Partnership Board to be brought into this discussion.

Harry Birkenruth noted that it is important that Four Corners is addressed with respect to its function as an entryway to the town and Storrs Center. It seems inconsistent with developing an attractive downtown while the main entry to the community is not as attractive. Steve Rogers noted that the key is providing water and sewer to Four Corners. Development and beautification will follow.

Frank McNabb asked about the timing on providing sewer and water to Four Corners. Mr. Hart said it depends on the solution but it will take a few years. He said the Four Corners Committee is looking to create a design district. He said that while the University considers the entryway to the University to be at Horsebarn Hill, University landscape planner Mark Westa agreed to help the Committee with planning at Four Corners on a volunteer basis.

Alex Roe reported that the University is continuing to work on the road from the University to Route 44 and that it is waiting for Connecticut Department of Transportation final review.

Kristin Schwab said there has been some discussion of looking at the gateway between Four Corners and Storrs Center and how that can be made more pedestrian and bike friendly.

7. Committee Reports

Advertising and Promotion

Dean Woods noted that the next Planning and Design Committee and Advertising and Promotion Committee meetings conflict. Ms. van Zelm will look to reschedule the Advertising and Promotion Committee.

Business Development and Retention

Mr. Rogers said the next Committee meeting is February 9 at 5 pm.

Festival on the Green

Ms. Paterson said that she and Partnership staff have a meeting with Dean Woods and Rod Rock at the School of Fine Arts (SFA) about possibly collaborating on the *Festival* with the SFA as the SFA will hold its 50th anniversary weekend of events in mid-September. She said she will report back to the Board after they meet. Ms. Paterson noted there may be some logistical issues to work out with the current *Festival* location anyway as Storrs Center could be under construction, including Storrs Road.

Finance and Administration

In Chair Tom Callahan's absence, Ms. van Zelm said that the Committee reviewed a draft Letter of Intent from LeylandAlliance for space for the Partnership office in Phase 1A. It will be reviewed by the Partnership's attorney and with the Committee again.

Membership Development

Mr. McNabb reported that there are currently 243 members who have paid \$12,000 in dues. He said the Committee will be staffing a table at the UConn Co-op and Community Center this month.

Nominating

Mr. Lodewick said the Nominating Committee will meet on February 3 at 3 pm before the Board meeting.

8. Other

Ms. Paterson recognized Gregg Haddad at his last Partnership Board meeting as he is now Mansfield's State Representative and has resigned from the Town Council. She commended Gregg for his wonderful job as Deputy Mayor and his support of the Partnership and Storrs Center. Mr. Haddad thanked the Mayor and said he is interested in continuing his involvement with the Partnership and possibly serving on a committee.

9. Adjourn

Ms. Schwab made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Paulhus seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
January 20, 2011
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Long, Chairperson; Mr. Simonsen, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Eddy; Secretary and Treasurer; Ms Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Ms Christison-Lagay Assistant Secretary; and Ms Fields, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by the Chairperson.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Hall to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2010 Regular Meeting. Motion approved unanimously

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Christison-Lagay to accept the December bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports –A (General)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Hall to approve the November Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to approve the December Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Eddy reported that the Town Council approved re-establishing the human services advisory committee. Mr. Long asked Mr. Eddy if he would represent the Housing Authority. Both the Board and Mr. Eddy agreed to nominate Mr. Eddy to the advisory committee. Mr. Eddy will be responsible for reporting back to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The January meeting was cancelled due to snow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RAP Update

Ms Fields applied to use the APTS program (fees paid as the State Service Charge) funds for those individuals which RAP will not cover. The application for funds was accepted. Payment will be made through June at which time the Board will reassess the situation.

ARRA Weatherization Program

The Access Agency completed the energy audits on January 3rd. The MHA will be advised of the work plan when completed. Ms Fields expects to hear from the Access Agency within the next few weeks.

Call for Aid at Wright's Village

Ms Fields is continuing to investigate the possibility of removing the monitoring of the system. It is anticipated that the information gathering and tenant input will take a few months to complete.

Holinko Estates Kitchen and Bath Upgrade

Work continues on Unit 2G. It is expected to be complete by the end of January. Once completed, a field trip will be arranged for Board members to view the unit as well as one that has not been upgraded.

NEW BUSINESS

Carpeting for Office

Ms Fields has received carpet samples and costs to replace the existing carpeting that is old, worn and being held together with duct tape in some spots. Ms Fields would like to replace the carpet using carpet tiles to allow the Housing Authority to replace worn or stained areas in the future without incurring the cost of moving all the furniture and replacing all the carpet.

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to appropriate up to \$4,500 for carpeting the office. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting Dates

The Finance Committee set their meeting dates for the next few months.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
1244 Storrs Road**

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

MINUTES

Members: Steve Bacon, Jon Hand, Chris Kueffner, Frank McNabb, Peter Millman, Ruth Moynihan, and Betsy Paterson

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm and Kathleen Paterson

Guests: Geoff Fitzgerald (BL Companies); Andy Graves (BL Companies); Lou Marquet (LeylandAlliance); Greg Padick (Town Director of Planning); Alexandria Roe (Partnership Board); and Macon Toledano (LeylandAlliance)

1. Call to Order

Steve Bacon called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Review of Preliminary Plans for Phases 1A and 1B

Mr. Bacon reviewed the previous meeting with the Committee. He stated his understanding was that the development team had made changes to the plans based on the Committee's feedback.

Geoff Fitzgerald explained that some minor changes had been made to the site plan to make sure that the plans fit the zoning guidelines. He said that BL Companies is waiting on the Dog Lane design and is preparing for the 90% review by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT). He noted that the plans are still in progress.

Chris Kueffner asked about the status of the zoning change.

Macon Toledano explained that the team had decided to reduce DL-1 by one floor to conform to the regulations for the PB-2 zoning guidelines. Mr. Toledano then explained that the building had to be shifted to fit on the property line.

Mr. Fitzgerald clarified that the request to the Town of Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) was not for a zoning change but for a special permit modification to the DL-1 building.

Mr. Toledano added that the change in the building height was a response to two things. First, the change is part of a response to the Committee's feedback on the composition of the façades. Second, the decision was a response to the comments made by PZC members at the public hearing on December 1 regarding the building height.

Betsy Paterson asked if the change affected the number of apartments in DL-1.

Mr. Toledano replied that the change eliminates two units. He added that the change reinforced the vision for the Town Square area as laid out in the Storrs Center Special Design District (SC: SDD). He said that the buildings are not designed for the maximum height allowed by the SC: SDD (85 feet). He explained that the buildings are proposed to have five stories and the average height will be 70 feet.

Ruth Moynihan inquired about the depth of the buildings.

Andy Graves responded that the buildings are 60 feet deep in most areas but closer to 70 feet in DL-2 when the overhang is included.

Mr. Fitzgerald shared a new rendering with the Committee and explained the perspective of the image. He noted that the artist took some creative license in depicting the streetscape. For instance, not all of the planned street trees were included so that more of the building could be viewed.

Ms. Moynihan asked what types of trees will be used.

Cynthia van Zelm noted that the SC: SDD guidelines dictate what types of trees may be planted.

Peter Millman commented that he thought the team had done a terrific job of making the first floor inviting and that, in his view, the first two or three floors have a greater impact on the pedestrian experience than the height of the building does.

Ms. Paterson asked about the height of the Buckley dorm.

Greg Padick replied that Buckley is seven stories tall.

Jon Hand said he liked seeing the tower detail but wondered if it was really tall enough to call a "tower." He also liked the idea of the different heights.

Ms. Paterson agreed and said she thought it created more of a vista.

Mr. Bacon asked about the number of crosswalks on Dog Lane, about the width of Dog Lane near the parking garage, and whether additional crosswalks would be needed.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that Dog Lane will be about 22 feet wide, which he believes to be crossable. He said that the crosswalk requested by Frank McNabb in a previous meeting had not yet been added to the drawing but would be included in final plans.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed by general consensus that they would like to see another crosswalk added to Dog Lane in the area near the parking garage.

Mr. Bacon asked about the composition of the crosswalks.

Mr. Fitzgerald responded that the crosswalks would be a contrasting color. He added that he would like to see a raised crosswalk on Dog Lane.

Mr. Hand thought that a raised crosswalk would not be a problem because Dog Lane already features speed bumps farther west.

Mr. Toledano reviewed the revised elevations with the Committee. He noted that they are still working on the plans and that the current focus is to break up the façades more, as the Committee had recommended.

Mr. Padick inquired about the building materials.

Mr. Graves reviewed the materials that would be used, including cast stone, clapboard, thin brick, and wood trim. He offered to bring samples of the cast stone to the next meeting and referred the Committee to the original design board for the DL-1 building.

Mr. Toledano referred the Committee to the SC: SDD and reviewed the discussion of the Town Square on page 16 of the SC: SDD guidelines. He commented that the design is intended to create the Town Square as described in the SC: SDD.

Mr. Graves reviewed the revised elevations for TS-1. He said that CL&P is requiring individual meters for each apartment at ground level. Mr. Graves explained that, to accommodate this requirement, banks of meters will be added to the back of TS-1 but that they will be built into cabinets that are accessible but still tasteful.

Ms. Moynihan expressed concern with the location of a convenience store in TS-1.

Mr. Toledano explained that the convenience store was listed as an example and that no plans have been finalized for such a use. He said they will continue to pursue tenants and will keep it in mind.

Mr. Kueffner expressed his preference that the elevators should be less dominant and that the stairs should be more readily accessed to encourage the use of the stairs rather than the elevators.

Mr. Graves explained that the elevators to be used are a newer type called “echo space elevators” and that they use about a third less energy than typical models. He added that changes to the stairs are still possible and noted that the drawing – which is a work in progress – does not yet show the windows planned for the stairwell.

Mr. Fitzgerald noted that, according to building code, the stairwell has to lead directly outside.

Mr. Toledano added that accounting for fire egress issues dictates design to some extent.

Mr. Millman asked if glass could be added to the back wall of the stairwell, too. He referenced the biology building at UConn and commented that the design of the main stairwell in that building was very well done.

Ms. Moynihan suggested that a medical clinic be included on the first floor.

Ms. van Zelm said that such a use is under consideration and that the development team has been approached by several people who are interested in the project.

Mr. Toledano pointed out the locations of the stairs and the elevators on the upper floors and noted that the stairs are more prominent on those levels.

Ms. Moynihan asked if the apartments could be reconfigured so that they are all on the south side of the building. She said she was worried that some apartments would not receive enough sunlight in the current design.

Mr. Marquet responded that doing so would result in a much narrower building and would increase building costs by about 25% or more.

Mr. Graves added that the building would have to be twice as long.

Mr. Moynihan expressed concern with the location of the three bedroom apartments over the Vanilla Bean Café space and commented that families would not want to live above the restaurant.

Mr. Graves explained that there will be a seven-inch concrete slab between the residential and commercial uses.

Ms. Moynihan reiterated her concern regarding the number of bathrooms in each apartment.

Mr. Millman discussed the different types of units available at Freedom Green, as a local example, and the typical number of bathrooms and bedrooms.

Mr. Graves reminded the Committee that, in addition to tailoring the design to fit the design guidelines and the building codes, he also is trying to accommodate two clients and that decisions on the number of bedrooms and bathrooms is market-driven.

Alex Roe recommended that the team continue to work on the elevations and expressed particular concern for the design of the side of TS-1 that motorists traveling south from campus will see first.

Mr. Hand expressed his preference for the look of the east elevation.

Mr. Bacon agreed with Ms. Roe regarding the elevation facing campus and its role as the first impression of the downtown area.

Mr. Millman reminded the Committee that these buildings will be viewed within the context of the Shippee building.

Mr. Toledano explained the process of finalizing the windows and walls and the layout of the interiors, then the façades of the fronts, and the current focus on the ends.

Mr. Hand said he was pleased with the changes to the long expanse of TS-1 and then asked about the rooflines.

Mr. Graves explained the building code and the limitations those regulations place on the design. He said that the goal is to create variation in the rooflines while conforming to the building code.

Mr. Marquet commented that he would like to work with UConn on improving the landscaping in the back of Phase 1A.

Ms. Roe said she would be more than happy to work with Mr. Marquet on landscaping. She then asked about the colors of the buildings and expressed concern regarding painting effects.

Mr. Graves replied that paint should never be the solution for a design problem and that the goal is to have the structure of the building stand on its own merit. Mr. Graves then reviewed the plans for DL-1 and DL-2.

Mr. Millman asked whether there would be a building over the new Storrs Automotive building.

Mr. Graves answered that the Storrs Automotive building would be a single story. He then said that the decrease in the height of DL-1 necessitated changes to the residential floors. Mr. Graves explained that the building code requires that within 75 feet, there must be two means of egress. He pointed out that with the shorter building, he could not keep the stairwell where it had been originally because that would lead to nowhere on the fifth floor. He explained the solution was to add another hallway that serves as a second point of egress.

Mr. Toledano explained that the solution may not be ideal from a design perspective but that it fits the building code requirements. He then noted that the decrease in the height of DL-1 by one floor has a positive impact on the façade of the building by adding even more variance in the rooflines.

Mr. Graves noted that, because he was still working on the back façade of DL-1 and DL-2, the drawings were not complete. He explained that he would like to have a tower at the end of DL-1 to cap the building.

Mr. Millman said that he recognized that many of the changes had been made in response to the Committee's comments and that it would be impossible to please every person's tastes but that he felt the design may be getting too articulated at the end of DL-1.

Mr. Kueffner said that he had to disagree with Mr. Millman and that he liked the current design for DL-1.

Mr. Toledano commented that there had been a lot of internal debate on the subject.

Mr. Bacon said that it might look better as one travels up Dog Lane to have the shorter end of the building closest to Storrs Automotive, which as noted earlier will be a single story.

Ms. Roe asked about the material planned for the columns of DL-2.

Mr. Graves explained that they would be made of a reinforced fiberglass.

Mr. Marquet added they would look like wood.

A general discussion of the design of the tower piece for DL-2 commenced with the general consensus being that work remained on that corner.

Mr. Kueffner expressed concern that the cupola on top of Storrs Automotive appeared too large.

Mr. Graves explained that, in his experience, when cupolas are designed to appear proportional on the plans, in reality they look too small. He said that he prefers to design the cupola about 25% larger so that once it is built and viewed from a distance, it looks proportional.

Ms. Moynihan asked about the ceiling heights in the apartments.

Mr. Graves said that they are 9 feet in the front and 8 feet in the back where the kitchen and bathrooms are.

Ms. Roe inquired as to the intention for TS-2 in regards to the number of tenants.

Mr. Marquet explained that the tenanting of TS-2 is still in progress so the space has been designed to be flexible.

Mr. Graves reviewed the residential levels and the green roof and noted that they are still discussing with the Mansfield Fire Marshal what is permitted for the roof.

Mr. Millman wondered if some of the units could be moved to the back of the building.

Mr. Graves said they tried that idea but that it made the access through the interior very awkward.

The Committee expressed general concern for the appearance of the garage wall from the interior spaces.

Mr. Marquet acknowledged their concerns and explained some of the options being explored. He then said that there had been some changes to the garage itself because they had a chance to meet with the design firm selected by the Town. The changes recommended by the design firm were to improve how the garage functioned.

Mr. Millman said that he felt that overall, the team had been very careful in crafting a pleasant pedestrian experience; however, he was concerned that the pedestrian access from the garage to DL-1 had not received the same attention.

Mr. Toledano said the goal is to direct people through the intermodal center, but he agreed with Mr. Millman that the pathway on the northeast side of the garage should be addressed. He added that the grant from the Federal Transit Administration may cover that piece.

Ms. van Zelm reminded the Committee that they will be reviewing the design of the streets once they are prepared, as they will each phase of the project.

Ms. Roe expressed concern regarding the rooflines all around the Town Square area and encouraged the team to continue to work on that piece.

Mr. Kueffner asked if the design of the roof on the left side of TS-2 was final or if it could be adjusted. He said that he did not have a specific solution to suggest but was not totally comfortable with the design shown.

Mr. Graves said that the design is not final and that he will continue to work on it. He added that he and Mr. Toledano had been working on that roofline but had not yet found a satisfactory solution.

Mr. McNabb inquired about the plans for radon protection and recommended a type of barrier film that he has found to be productive.

Mr. McNabb and Mr. Marquet discussed the merits of barrier films versus an under-slab venting system.

Mr. McNabb also asked whether the windows will be Low E, about plans for preventing condensation problems, about controlling noise levels, and about the type of doors that will be used in the interior spaces.

Mr. Graves said that there is a new product on the market that they are considering for the interior doors but that they have not decided yet. He noted that all doors leading to the corridor will adhere to the Fire Code.

Mr. Marquet said that the preference is for a solid core door, but that the material had not been determined yet.

Mr. Toledano referred the Committee to the Sustainability Guidelines for requirements regarding Mr. McNabb's other questions.

Mr. McNabb asked if there would be any attic space.

Mr. Graves responded that there would be but that it would be mostly limited to housing mechanical equipment.

Ms. Moynihan expressed her concern about the amount of water needed for the project.

Mr. Graves explained that the Sustainability Guidelines will be followed in regards to water usage and reminded the Committee that the Guidelines call for water efficiency at 30% better than current EPA guidelines.

Mr. Millman expressed his appreciation of the work completed thus far on the design. He added that he does not expect any design can please all tastes but that he thinks the plans look wonderful so far. He raised a concern regarding the planned asymmetry of the façade of TS-2 facing Bolton Road. He said he would prefer something more symmetrical.

Mr. Marquet recounted that he felt the same as Mr. Millman when he first viewed the drawings but that he has since changed his mind. He referenced examples in Lowell, Mass., and Waterbury, Conn. where quirky buildings have become the featured properties.

Mr. Graves said that particular façade had been debated internally.

Ms. Paterson commented that many older downtowns that have evolved over generations of renovating and revitalizing result in asymmetrical buildings. She said she thinks it adds to the character of a community and creates a "sense of place" and referenced towns in Maine.

Mr. Toledano said they can continue to work on this design.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2010.

Ms. Paterson moved to approve the Minutes from November 16, 2010 as presented.

Mr. Kueffner seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Topics for next Meeting and Set Meeting Date

Mr. Bacon said he thought that the design plans had progressed well but that work remained. He asked Ms. van Zelm and Mr. Padick for a review of the next steps, which they provided.

After some discussion, the Committee decided by general consensus the following plan: Mr. Toledano and his team will continue to work on the design with the Committee's feedback in mind. At Mr. Padick's suggestion, they will maintain a list of any changes made following the December 15 meeting for the Committee's reference. Copies of the plans will be available for the Committee members to review at their convenience in the Partnership office. The next Committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 25, 2011, unless members feel that a special meeting is warranted.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Kueffner moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Millman seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kathleen M. Paterson

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
1244 Storrs Road**

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

MINUTES

Members: Steve Bacon, Karla Fox, Jon Hand, Chris Kueffner, Frank McNabb, Peter Millman, Ruth Moynihan, Betsy Paterson, Karin Randolph, and Pene Williams

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm and Kathleen Paterson

Guests: Harry Birkenruth; Honey Birkenruth; Tom Callahan; Geoff Fitzgerald (BL Companies); Andy Graves (BL Companies); Toni Moran; Greg Padick (Town Director of Planning); Alexandria Roe; and Macon Toledano (LeylandAlliance)

1. Call to Order

Steve Bacon called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2010.

Betsy Paterson moved to approve the Minutes from December 15, 2010 as presented.

Peter Millman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Continued Review and Recommendation on Zoning Permit for Storrs Center Phases 1A & 1B

Mr. Bacon provided a recap of the previous two meetings and outlined the expected process for the evening.

Macon Toledano told the Committee that the Inland Wetlands Agency and the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a modification request for Phases 1A and 1B and a special permit modification for DL-1, respectively. He commented that the two approvals were important steps that paved the way to move ahead with the rest of the process.

Mr. Toledano said that the design team had tried to listen carefully to all of the Planning and Design Committee members' comments. He said that, since the last meeting, their focus had been to further refine the plans based on those comments.

Geoff Fitzgerald reviewed the site plan with the Committee. He said that there had been only a few minor changes. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that another lighting option had been added. In addition to the lights that would match those currently located along the pedestrian walkway, an alternative, high-efficiency LED option was added.

Mr. Toledano commented that the LED option is not as pretty but that it is dramatically more efficient. He explained that the light feature does not include a traditional glass globe.

Greg Padick stated that there will be a number of accessory features, such as lighting, that will need to be coordinated throughout the entire project, so it may be necessary to provide flexibility in the approval so that those details can be thoroughly discussed in the context of the whole project and not just Phase 1A and 1B.

Mr. Fitzgerald agreed with Mr. Padick's suggested approach, especially because of the number of participants working on the different pieces of the project, such as the teams for the intermodal center and for the garage. He added that the accessory features are usually the last to go in, so there is time to work on them.

Mr. Padick shared a concern from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the parking area near the Daily Campus building. He said that some commissioners were concerned that cars would be backing into the line of traffic from the parking spots.

Mr. Toledano explained the layout of the parking and noted that they had to accommodate the seventeen Daily Campus spaces.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that, as the engineer of the plans, he felt comfortable with the layout. He reviewed a typical layout for parking for a grocery store or other retail and noted that the layout near the Daily Campus is more generous.

Mr. Toledano added that the spaces are almost all reserved for the Daily Campus, with the exception of some ADA-complaint spaces and a couple of landing zones. He said that it would not be an area in which the general public would look to park.

Ruth Moynihan asked if the parking lot behind Buckley Hall would still be student parking.

Mr. Fitzgerald replied that it would remain student parking. He noted that the University is considering different options regarding whether or not to keep the lot connected to other nearby lots or to close it off.

Ms. Moynihan asked if the plan to relocate the volleyball and basketball courts was still in place.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that the current plans show the volleyball and basketball courts near the Bishop Center but noted that they are not a part of the Special Design District. He said the University is considering other options for the location of the courts.

Mr. Millman suggested moving the courts to the front of Shippee.

Alex Roe asked about the location of the dumpsters and the railing.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that the railing was included as a safety measure but that he could look for a more appealing style.

Frank McNabb asked if there was space near Storrs Automotive for dropping off cars.

Mr. Toledano explained that there were five parking spaces solely for the use of Storrs Automotive in addition to the three bays.

Ms. Moynihan expressed concern that five spaces were not sufficient.

Mr. Padick said that for businesses located within a Planned Business – 2 zone (as Storrs Automotive will be), the business owner is required to provide a parking plan for approval.

Mr. Toledano said that the development team will discuss with Storrs Automotive the different options.

Mr. Bacon noted that at a previous meeting Mr. McNabb had asked about adding a crosswalk on Dog Lane.

Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed that the crosswalk had been added and reviewed the locations of each crosswalk on Dog Lane.

Ms. Roe asked if the issue of the temporary road near Store 24 had been resolved.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that they are actively working on it and that the CT DOT is very involved. He said that the CT DOT has high standards for temporary roads and that all options are being examined.

Ms. Moynihan asked about the status of the Thai restaurant and reiterated her desire to see the restaurant remain in the area.

Cynthia van Zelm explained that there are on-going discussions between the master developer and the business owner. She noted that the discussions between each business and the developer are private negotiations of which the Partnership is not a part.

Mr. Toledano confirmed Ms. van Zelm's statement that discussions are on-going and added that the business owners will have several options and will have to decide what is best for them.

Ms. Moynihan emphasized her concerns and said that she felt that having a downtown would not be worth it if existing businesses have to close.

Ms. van Zelm explained that each of the businesses that will need to relocate because of construction will be provided with relocation benefits.

Mr. Padick stated that all issues regarding the temporary road are being thoroughly discussed and assured the Committee that they should feel comfortable with the way in which the issue is being addressed.

Mr. McNabb asked if it would be possible to sell gasoline at the auto repair shop.

Mr. Bacon said no, the sale of gasoline in the area is restricted by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Ms. Paterson recalled that the DEP had grandfathered in the repair shop to move to the new location.

Mr. McNabb asked if the plan to use gas heat was still in place and, if so, where the tanks would be located.

Andy Graves explained that the plans call for natural gas piped in from existing lines so no tanks would be needed.

Mr. McNabb asked about the location of the recycling containers.

Mr. Graves explained that he has been working with the Town's Recycling Coordinator, Ginny Walton, for months to determine the locations and the estimated volume of trash and recycling that will be generated. He said that he and Ms. Walton had then worked with Willimantic Waste Paper to determine how to address those needs. They decided to have two eight-yard dumpsters, one each for recycling and for trash, with pick up three times a week. He said that this solution works for the space and will help mitigate any resulting odors because the pick up will be so frequent. Inside the residential floors, there will be 65-gallon receptacles with half-a-week capacity.

Mr. McNabb asked for clarification on the furnaces.

Mr. Graves explained that each residential unit will have its own furnace. He said that he originally wanted to use heat pumps, but the cost was too high and would have added at least \$1.5 million to cost of the project. He added that the heating and cooling systems included for the residential units are highly efficient and exceed the standards set in the Sustainability Guidelines for Storrs Center.

Ms. Moynihan asked if each residential unit would have its own thermostat.

Mr. Graves replied that they would and added that they would be programmable set-back thermostats to control each unit's furnace. He said that there would be a high-efficient, gas-fired, central hot water system.

Mr. McNabb asked about the plans to deal with snow on the roof.

Mr. Graves replied that bar snow guards would be used, as required in the building code.

Ms. Moynihan asked if there were plans for a green roof on any of the buildings.

Mr. Toledano said that Dr. Michael Klemens, the project ecologist, had specifically said that green roofs would not be allowed for most of the project because they divert water from the wetlands. Mr. Toledano reviewed the water treatment plans with the Committee and explained how rainwater would

be treated and released into the wetlands area. He said that the plan is to improve the health of the wetlands and noted that the US Army Corps of Engineers was very enthusiastic about the plan.

Pene Williams asked if there were plans to use gray water systems.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that they are not proposing a gray water system because it would require two sets of pipes and it would be very expensive.

Mr. McNabb asked about the fiberboard noted for use on the exterior.

Mr. Graves explained that the fiberboard would have the look of wood but would be more durable and require less maintenance. He referred Committee members to the design board for DL-1 from 2006, which included samples of the fiberboard. Mr. Graves then passed around display boards with samples of other materials planned for use in the façades. He explained the process of creating the cast stone.

Mr. Bacon asked if the reveal of the bricks would be the same as with full bricks.

Mr. Graves said once the bricks are installed, there will be no way to tell that it is not a full brick. He said special attention would be paid to the turns to ensure a consistent look of full brick.

Mr. Graves then reviewed the changes to the elevations with the Committee. He noted that there were only minor adjustments based on comments from previous meetings. He added that he was still in the process of matching the floor plans to the revised elevations.

Toni Moran asked if the slanted roofs resulted in lost space in the residential units on the top floors.

Mr. Graves explained that they are pulling the eaves out so only about a foot or so of ceiling and floor space will be lost inside the dwelling units.

Jon Hand said he thought that the north elevation of DL-2 did not match the south elevation.

Mr. Graves agreed and said that he would make that correction. He explained that the roofline of DL-2 had to be adjusted to meet the building code. The south elevation is shown correctly.

Ms. Moynihan said she was concerned with the size of the retail space in TS-2. She referred to the space listed at 30,000 square feet and commented that it was large.

Mr. Toledano explained that, because the tenants for TS-2 have not been confirmed yet, the team left the space open. He referred Ms. Moynihan to the other side of the building where, as examples, the team had shown the first floor divided into smaller spaces. He said that until the tenants are confirmed, the spaces are shown as examples only.

Mr. Graves noted that most of the work that was done on the façades since the last meeting was to add detail.

Ms. Roe said she did not see separate dining rooms in the residential units and asked for the reasoning behind that decision.

Mr. Graves said that he designed the residential units based on the requests given to him from EDR, who made their decisions based on the market studies they have conducted. He added that the state of Connecticut requires that every unit in a residential building be ADA-complaint, and so that constrains the design further.

Ms. Moynihan expressed her concern that the buildings will be too tall. She said that she thinks there should be only three residential floors.

Mr. Graves shared full-color depictions of the elevations with the Committee. He said that more are in process and will be ready for the Feb. 1 public hearing.

Mr. McNabb asked if there will be aluminum around the storefronts.

Mr. Graves said that there will be aluminum used but that it would be wrapped in hardy wood trim to create a more traditional look to the storefronts.

Ms. Roe asked if the back of the buildings could have similar detail to the front elevations, specifically for the building closest to the Daily Campus building.

Mr. Kueffner said he would like to see more detail added to the barn which will house the auto repair shop, specifically the north elevation. He suggested adding a window or faux door, transoms above the garage doors, and windows (instead of louvers) for the cupola.

Mr. Graves thanked Mr. Kueffner for his suggestions and said he will look into possibly incorporating some of them.

Ms. Moran noted that louvers are historically accurate.

Mr. Kueffner said he would also like to see mullions on the windows on the east elevation of the barn.

Mr. Padick suggested that, rather than create new plans for review, Mr. Graves could include a list of the changes from Committee members that will be incorporated in the design as a supplement to the application package.

Ms. Williams asked if there was a provision for the possible future installation of solar panels.

Mr. Graves explained that there are no current plans for solar panels due to cost concerns but the design of the roofs would allow for future installation.

Mr. Bacon asked if the tower had changed on the north section of DL-2.

Mr. Graves said that he has had many discussions with Mansfield's Director of Building and Housing Inspection Mike Nintean. He explained that to accommodate the building code requirement of the 70 foot average height, he had to adjust the roofline. He said one minor change was to incorporate gambrel roofs instead of mansard and to add vertical breaks to the back of the building.

Ms. Kueffner asked if the plans still called for an electrical room on the first floors.

Mr. Graves said yes. He explained that doing so allows the fire department to easily shut off power to all commercial uses in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Bacon asked for a review of the elevations of TS-2.

Mr. Graves said that the minor changes added detail. He referred the Committee to the corner of the west elevation and to the addition of windows in the stair tower. He said that other modifications were to enhance the entry to the residential units to better distinguish the entryway from the commercial spaces.

Mr. Kueffner commented that the square windows added to the stair tower did not do Mr. Graves' work justice and wondered if there were alternative options.

Mr. Graves said he had tried to use scaled down versions of the windows from the residential floors but that they did not look right.

Mr. Fitzgerald suggested adding trim to the top of the windows.

Mr. Hand said that he preferred the previous version of the west elevation.

Mr. Millman agreed but noted that it could be difficult to get the full understanding from the flat drawings as opposed the full-color renderings.

Mr. Bacon disagreed and noted he preferred the current version.

Ms. Moran asked if the color renderings were accurate in their depiction of the dimensions of the buildings.

Mr. Graves replied that the renderings were based on the architectural drawings, and so all the dimensions are accurate. However, he noted that the perspective of the drawings is flat whereas the renderings are closer to what a person would see standing in front of the buildings.

Ms. Williams asked for clarification on the plant grid.

Mr. Graves explained that building code limits the number of windows that can be on walls that are within a certain proximity to a property line. He said that he did not want to add fake windows, so the team decided on a plant grid. He added that the plant grid could be removed as it is not a structural element.

Mr. Padick commented that there will be awnings and signage for each business that will all be under separate review and that will add to the overall look of the buildings.

Ms. Paterson asked what the purpose of awnings would be.

Mr. Padick said that awnings can either be decorative or practical in providing shading or protection from the elements.

Mr. Toledano said that the developer will encourage businesses to add awnings but that it will be up to each individual business whether to add one, which is why they are not included in the drawings. He said that the team could consider adding one in to set a precedent.

Mr. Bacon supported the idea of including an awning as encouragement for other businesses to add them.

Mr. Graves noted that the amount of sunlight each storefront receives will be determined largely on which elevation they face. He said that some businesses, especially those with outdoor uses, may want the awnings for the shading, whereas those with less direct sunlight may not wish to add them.

Mr. Millman asked if his concerns about the experience of walking from the parking garage to DL – 1/2 had been addressed.

Mr. Toledano said that the sidewalks in that area may be included as part of the garage design. He explained that the garage and intermodal center will be included in a separate zoning permit, which will be brought to the Planning and Design Committee for review, and that permit will address the sidewalk area.

Mr. Millman expressed his desire to see a really standout building that accounts for the pedestrian experience.

Ms. van Zelm noted that the garage and intermodal center will be the topic of the next Planning and Design Committee meeting.

Ms. Roe expressed her hope that the design team will not be afraid to vary the shades of color among the building elements.

Mr. Bacon asked for clarification on the change in formatting in the design checklist on page five.

Mr. Graves said that he tried to follow the format of the original checklist, which included the variation seen on page five.

Mr. Millman asked to see the preliminary master plan.

Mr. Fitzgerald directed the Committee's attention to a design board depicting the preliminary master plan and noted that the only significant change was the relocation of DL-1 from a separate, stand-alone building to the current location adjacent to DL-2. He showed that the size of the Town Square had not changed from the preliminary master plan, approved in 2007 by the Planning and Zoning Commission, nor had the location of the roads.

Mr. Toledano commented that the current plans are remarkably close to the preliminary master plan.

Mr. Bacon noted a typographical error on page twelve.

Mr. Padick commented that John Jackman had some concerns regarding the questions on page seventeen and suggested that the team speak directly with him.

Mr. Bacon asked for clarification on a reference to the "design team" on page fourteen.

Mr. Toledano explained that the reference is to the design team for the parking garage and the intermodal center. He reviewed the selection process which the Town, as the recipients of the funding for both buildings, had conducted through bid processes as required by state and federal guidelines, respectively.

Mr. Padick said that he felt that signage fell into the same category as previously discussed elements, such as lighting, that can be fully determined at a later date because it will need to be consistent throughout the project.

Mr. Bacon asked if the requirement that surface parking be properly landscaped applied to the Bishop Center lot.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the lot in question is a University-owned lot on University land.

Mr. Toledano added that the Bishop Center lot does not fall within the Storrs Center Special Design District and therefore is not held to the same requirements.

Mr. Millman asked if the list of trees to be used was derived from the guidelines.

Mr. Toledano replied in the affirmative and noted that some changes had been made based on input from Rudy Favretti.

Mr. Bacon asked how the team selects tree gates and whether they can accommodate growing and expanding tree bases.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the tree gates will not be one solid piece but will be constructed of different pieces that can accommodate different sizes.

Ms. Williams asked if the plans included permeable pavement.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that only one section will include porous pavers. He then explained the various challenges of using porous pavers, from durability to the depth of the sheet rock below. He also reviewed the water retention and treatment plan with the Committee.

Mr. Toledano expanded on the explanation of the water system and reiterated the ultimate goal of improving the existing wetlands to the east of the project.

Mr. Bacon suggested that a final order of business might be to act on a motion. A draft of the motion was shared with the Committee. Mr. Bacon explained that the Board of Directors was hoping that the Committee would advise them as to whether the Committee believes the designs are consistent with the guidelines.

Mr. Kueffner asked for clarification of item six in the statement of use on page three.

Ms. van Zelm explained that item six was consistent with the conditions set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission in their approval of the Special Design District in 2007.

Mr. Kueffner asked about the time constraints listed on page five and expressed concern that they were overly strict.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that the time constraints were based on Mansfield's zoning regulations.

Mr. Padick explained that the zoning regulations regarding time constraints of construction activity does not apply to interior work.

Mr. McNabb moved to approve the motion as presented: "In accordance with its charge, the Planning and Design Committee of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. has met during the last several months with representatives of Storrs Center Alliance, whose application (filed jointly with Education Realty Trust) for a zoning permit for plans to develop Storrs Center Phases 1A and 1B has been submitted to the Director of Planning for the Town of Mansfield. The Committee conducted meetings on November 16, 2010, December 15, 2010 and January 25, 2011 to review initial plans for Phases 1A and 1B, make recommendations for changes to the plans and review revised plans. Based on its review, the Committee is recommending to the Partnership Board of Directors that the zoning permit for Phases 1A and 1B meets the design guidelines adopted by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and incorporated into the Special Design District regulations."

Mr. Hand seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Preparation for Public Hearing on February 1

Ms. Paterson requested that the fact that the proposed Town Square is the same size as was approved as part of the Preliminary Master Plan in 2007 be included in the presentation because there have been questions from the public on the subject.

Ms. van Zelm noted the suggestion and said that planning for the public hearing would begin later in the week.

Mr. Bacon said that Committee members would be welcome to speak at the public hearing and that he hoped they would all attend regardless of whether they planned to speak.

6. Topics for Next Meeting and Set Meeting Date

Ms. van Zelm noted that the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 at 5:00 pm in the Community Room of the Mansfield Community Center. She explained that the topic will be the parking garage and intermodal center and that the design teams of those projects will be in attendance. She added that additional stakeholders will be invited to attend the meeting, and so the larger venue was needed.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Kueffner moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Millman seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Kathleen M. Paterson

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Sustainability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
December 15, 2010

Present: Stoddard (chair), Lennon, Hultgren (staff), Walton (staff)

The meeting began at 5:16pm.

The minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction in the spelling of ICLEI.

Walton reported that the Energy Education Team met with the Neighbor to Neighbor organizers to begin contacting Mansfield agencies/organizations that will potentially be partners in the Neighbor to Neighbor energy challenge. The anticipated launch of the program is either February or March when the website will be unveiled. The Sustainability Committee agreed to be a Neighbor to Neighbor energy challenge partner.

Hart reported that he and the Director of Finance, Cherie Trahan, will be meeting with Sam and Michelle Shifrin to discuss the purchase of electricity generated from the Kirby Mill hydro project. Although the Town is mid term in a five year electric energy contract, they will discuss the purchase of renewable energy credits in the interim.

The committee continued its discussion of priorities, by focusing on the economic sustainability category. Hultgren stated that economic sustainability is one component of the triple bottom line, which includes social equity, ecology and economy. Priorities under economic sustainability were identified as follows:

- Promote an understanding of sustainability that includes ecology, equity and economics
- Sustainable Town wide economic strategies that builds on the unique attributes of the community
- Storrs Center
- Four Corners
- Town wide

The five broad categories of (1) staffing, (2) gathering data/informed planning, (3) raising public awareness and educating residents, (4) engaging and participating in Town projects and issues and (5) economic sustainability will be added to the draft progress report for the Town Council and e-mailed to the committee before the January meeting. It is hoped that at the January meeting, the report to Town Council will be finalized.

Hultgren suggested that the sustainability committee meet with the Four Corners Advisory Committee before they go to the Planning and Zoning Commission with design guidelines in order to promote an understanding of the triple bottom line of economic sustainability. Stoddard and Lennon stated that they are available to attend the January 11, 2011 Four Corners Advisory Committee meeting to begin a dialogue about economic

strategies that build on the unique attributes of the community. Hultgren will contact the committee chair to include them on the meeting agenda.

Walton reported that the intermodal center and parking structure are in the beginning of their design phase. According to the design team, the intermodal center could serve as an architectural focal point in the Downtown. Walton suggested that while there is the opportunity, the Sustainability Committee could advocate for prominent sustainable features in the design of the intermodal center. The committee will send a letter to Cynthia vanZelm, the Downtown Partnership Director, offering assistance in making the Downtown a model sustainable development.

The next meeting will be January 26, 2011. Stoddard will call members to see if 5 pm is a better time to meet than 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton

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Item #8

February 11, 2011

Matt Hart
Town of Mansfield
Mansfield, Connecticut 06268

Dear Matt:

I wish to advise you that at the meeting of February 10, 2011, the Mansfield Board of Education unanimously voted, with one abstention, the following motion:

The Mansfield Board of Education adopts the Superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$20,572,170.

I will furnish a detailed copy of the budget for you and the Town Council members prior to the meeting the Board of Education has with the Town Council on April 14, 2011.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Baruzzi

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Item #9

GREGORY J. PADICK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

February 24, 2011

Mr. Todd Levine
Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation Barns Grant
940 Whitney Avenue
Hamden, CT 06517-4002

Re: Healey Barn Grant Application
476 Storrs Road, Mansfield CT

Dear Mr. Levine,

I am please to register my support of Michael Healey's Barn Grant Application regarding an existing barn located at 476 Storrs Road in the Mansfield Center area of Mansfield. Mr. Healey has been working with Mansfield's staff members and the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission to restore the 18th Century Experience Storrs House and we look forward to his planned restoration of the historic barn on this property. The subject property has been identified as an important historic feature in Mansfield's 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development and the restoration of the barn will further enhance the historic and scenic character of this area. The barn is prominently visible from both north and south as one travels on Storrs Road (Route 195). It also is visible from Bassetts Bridge Road to the south and the Old Mansfield Center Cemetery and Cemetery Road to the north.

The barn is the third to be built on the same site in the late 19th Century, the earlier two having burned in 1846 and 1872. Its floor plan is traditional for the period with a drive-in floor for wagons to unload hay by an overhead fork-lift, and there are bays on each side of this wagon floor for hay and some stables. There is also a stable basement. The unique feature of the barn is the design of its cupola which is four-sided, each side having three vertical louvered panels, each panel being circular at the top, presenting a "trefoil" effect. The bare spire at its top suggests that it may have held a weathervane.

The barn is part of the complex of buildings at the center of the 1755 historic Col. Experience Storrs farm on lots twelve and thirteen of the original plan for Ponde Place, Mansfield Center's original name. Colonel Storrs was the grandson of Samuel Storrs, one of Mansfield's first settlers. Experience Storrs, a Yale graduate and member of the Connecticut General Assembly was given the rank of Captain by that body in 1766, and over the next ten years he rose to the rank of Colonel. When the Lexington Alarm sounded, he marched his men of the Second Company of the Fifth Regiment north to the defense of Boston. Later, his company also fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

This subject barn and the Storrs house define the south end of a large field. The historic Old Mansfield Center Cemetery (established in 1692 and placed on the National Register in 1992) defines the north end of the field, while on the eastern side is one of the ponds of Ponde Place. The field is an important historic feature because this is where Col. Storrs trained his company. So here, right in the center of Mansfield, stands an important vignette of its history – the Storrs house and barn complex, the pond, and the ancient cemetery. For these reasons the Town of Mansfield purchased this field as a significant piece of open space in the center of three important historic features. Now the field, the cemetery, and the pond are well protected, and the Healey family is attempting to preserve the south side of this historic vignette. Recently, the Town of Mansfield received a grant to develop a trail system with information plaques that highlight the area's historic significance. The trail will cross the Healey property immediately east of the subject barn.

In summary, the barn at 476 Storrs Road exemplifies 19th Century barn construction and its restoration will significantly enhance the scenic and historic character of the area. It is readily visible from public roadways and abutting Town owned property and it is situated in a very prominent historic village area adjacent to one of the oldest cemeteries in eastern Connecticut. The requested grant will promote further investment on this historic property and will greatly benefit Mansfield and the greater Windham Region.

Please contact me at 429-3329 or padickgj@mansfieldct.org if I can be of further assistance.

Very Truly Yours,



Gregory J. Padick
Mansfield Director of Planning

CC: Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
Mansfield Historic Society

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Item # 10

GREGORY J. PADICK, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Memo to: Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield Conservation Commission
From: Gregory Padick, Director of Planning
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2011
Re: Proposed Inland Wetlands Regulation revisions



The attached 2/14/11 draft revisions to Mansfield's Inland Wetlands Regulations and associated legal notice are referred to you for review. The proposed revisions also have been referred to the Commissioner of the CT. Department of Environmental Protection and Town Attorney. The draft revisions also have been filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the Town's web site.

This revision is based on a 2010 Legislature amendment to the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for April 4, 2011. Any comments on the draft revisions must be submitted prior to the close of the public hearing. Please contact me at 429-3329 if you have any questions regarding this referral.

February 14, 2011 Draft

Proposed Revisions to Mansfield's Inland Wetlands Regulations

(New provisions are underlined or otherwise indicated)

(Deletions are bracketed or otherwise indicated)

(Explanatory Notes are provided to assist with an understanding of the proposed revisions. These notes are not part of the proposed zoning revisions.)

Proposed Inland Wetlands Regulation Revisions:

1. Revise Section 7.10.c. to read as follows:

No person shall file a permit application, other than for interior work in an existing building or for exterior work on an existing building that does not expand or alter the footprint of [an] such existing building, relating to property that is subject to a conservation restriction or a preservation restriction unless the applicant provides proof that the applicant has provided written notice of such application, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party holding such restriction, including, but not limited to, any state agency that holds such restriction, not later than 60 days prior to the filing of the permit application.

2. Revise Section 10.9 to read as follows:

In the case of an application where the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of subsections 7.10 C or 7.10 D of these regulations, (1) the party holding the conservation or preservation restriction, other than a state agency that holds such restriction, may, not later than fifteen days after receipt of actual notice of permit approval, file an appeal with the inland wetlands agency, subject to the rules and regulations of such agency relating to appeals. The inland wetlands agency shall reverse the permit approval upon a finding that the requested land use violates the terms of such restriction[.]; or (2) the state agency that holds such restriction may, not later than thirty days after receipt of actual notice of permit approval, file an appeal with the inland wetlands agency, subject to the rules and regulations of such agency relating to appeals. The inland wetlands agency shall immediately reverse such approval if the commissioner of the state agency that holds such restriction certifies that the land use authorized in such permit violates the terms of such conservation or preservation restriction.

3. Revise Section 7.10.c. to read as follows:

Nothing in subsection 7.10 C or 7.10 D of these regulations shall be construed to prohibit the filing of a permit application or to require such written notice when the activity that is the subject of such permit application will occur on a portion of property that is not restricted under the terms of such conservation or preservation restriction.

Explanatory Note:

The proposed revisions are per 2010 Legislation which amended Section 47a-42d of the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Mansfield Inland Wetland Agency will hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2011, at 7:15pm in the Council Chambers, A.P. Beck Bldg., 4 So. Eagleville Rd., to hear comments on revisions to Mansfield's Inland Wetlands Regulations to insert statutory revisions that clarify permitting on properties subject to conservation or preservation restrictions.

At this Hearing, interested persons may be heard and written communications received. No information from the public shall be received after the close of the Public Hearings. Additional information, including the wording of the proposed revisions, is available in the Mansfield Planning and Town Clerks Offices and at www.mansfieldct.org.

R. Favretti, Chair
K. Holt, Secretary

TO BE PUBLISHED Tuesday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 30, 2011

****PLEASE CHARGE TO THE MANSFIELD PZC/IWA ACCOUNT**

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Public Notice
to
Bus and Taxi Operators

The Town of Mansfield, is applying for a capital grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, to acquire vehicles to be used in meeting the special transportation needs of the elderly and disabled residents in the Town of Mansfield.

Any interested transit or paratransit operator in the proposed service area may review the proposed application by contacting Kevin Grunwald, 4 South Eagleville Rd., Storrs, CT 06268; 860 429-3314.

A public hearing will be held if requested by interested parties.

Any comments should then be sent to the Town of Mansfield, with a copy to the Windham Region Council of Governments.

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Point of Contact: Carol Pellegrine, Chair
 Commission on Aging
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For Immediate Release

Mansfield Commission on Aging Updates Long-Range Plan for Seniors

The Mansfield Commission on Aging has completed its long-range plan for the period of January 2011 through December 2013. The Commission continues to support the idea of a senior friendly community, one that provides services, programs and opportunities that improve the quality of life for older adults. The Commission reviewed the current needs of elder residents in relation to physical environment and housing, health care services, social and cultural services, safety and security and transportation needs. Within that framework, the Commission has created a number of action recommendations to help meet the needs of the elderly.

Regarding physical environment and housing, the Commission continues to support an assisted living construction project close to the Senior Center complex. Recognizing the increased demands of our Wellness Center, the Commission will work to expand present services with the possible inclusion of a geriatrician. The Commission supports the use of a UCONN Intern to help update and make available online, the Senior Center's publication "At Your Fingertips" (a reference guide to available senior services in the area). The Commission supports the TRIAD Program in helping to inform seniors regarding safety and security. Finally, the Commission has been a strong supporter of the newly organized Volunteer Driver program and will continue to work towards its further development beyond medical appointments. The Commission has worked in the past to encourage the placement of bus shelters and is further recommending the placement of benches within.

It will be the ongoing work of the Commission to identify specific areas of concern, prioritize issues and develop action plans in the future to make Mansfield a desirable residence for its citizens as they age. Complete copies of the Commission on Aging's Long Range Plan may be found at the Human Services Office, the Senior Center and on the website (mansfieldct.gov).

Commission on Aging Members Include: Carol Pellegrine, chair; Joan Quarto, vice-chair; Wilfred Bigli; Sam Gordon; April Holinko; Don Nolan; Joan Terry and Mary Thatcher.

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**Town of Mansfield's
Commission on Aging:
Long-Range Plan**

January 2011-December 2013

A. INTRODUCTION

This plan is an updated version of the plan that was developed for the period 2007-2010, and is intended to provide guidelines and a structure for the Mansfield Commission on Aging as it carries out the following mandate:

1. To study the conditions and needs of elderly persons in relation to housing, economics, employment, health and nutrition, recreation, transportation and other matters.
2. To recommend and evaluate programs to meet the needs of the elderly and to suggest priorities for action.
3. To serve as a resource group to which Mansfield citizens could turn, either individually or as groups, when they have problems or questions about programs or needs of the elderly.
4. To furnish information outlining needs to agencies and groups who are interested in, or who provide services for the elderly.

The plan is also designed to be specific enough to provide direction and a basis for evaluation of ongoing initiatives. It is intended to be fluid and flexible to accommodate changing conditions and acquisition of new knowledge and information. The plan contained in this document covers the period 2011-2013, in the belief that rapidly changing conditions will continue to require an update within the next three years. The group also agreed to incorporate strategies into the Long Range Plan that support realistically achievable and measurable objectives. It is the intent of the Commission to utilize this plan to set priorities and to then identify strategies to achieve specific outcomes.

B. FRAMEWORK

To accomplish the task of creating a long-range plan, the Commission on Aging continued to utilize the framework of a "senior friendly community". As the State of Connecticut's "State Plan on Aging" reports, "many of today's communities are not adequately equipped and "aging sensitive," to enable older people to remain in their communities with independence and choice. As their needs change, older adults must frequently either move out of their communities or make less than desirable adaptations." The concept of a "senior friendly" community was developed by the North Carolina Division of Aging as an element of their response to a growing demographic shift in their population. "A senior friendly community offers a wide range of social and economic supports for all citizens, including seniors; values seniors' contributions to the community; promotes positive intergenerational relations; considers the needs and interests of seniors in physical and community planning; respects and supports seniors' desire and efforts to live independently; and, acknowledging the primary role that capacity for caring." The focus of senior-friendly families, friends and neighbors play in the lives of older adults, enhances their community initiatives is

individuals, neighborhoods, agencies, organizations and public and private programs that collaborate to remove barriers to services and opportunities and that improve the quality of life for older adults wherever they live.

A senior-friendly community identifies the following critical factors as elements of the community: Physical Environment, Health, Economy, Technology, Safety/Security, Social/Cultural Involvement, Services/Support, and Transportation, and then evaluates them along the following dimensions: Existence, Adequacy, Accessibility, Equity and Efficiency. The document that results from this evaluative process identifies assets, opportunities and areas for development.

C. POPULATION PROJECTIONS

In developing this plan, it is important to take population projections and demographics into account. In 2009 the American Community Survey estimated that the number of individuals age 65 and older represented 12.6 percent of the U.S. population. In Mansfield that figure is closer to 8%, but by 2030, the number of people age 65 and older will reach 20 percent of the U.S. population, and in Mansfield it is projected that 22% of our population will fall into that group. Older persons who reached age 65 in 1998 could expect to live an additional 17.8 years; women could expect to live another 19.2 years and men another 16 years.

The largest growth rate of older Americans will occur during the next 30 years as the Baby Boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, reach age 60. Between 2006 and 2010 the first wave of Baby Boomers turned 60, contributing to a significant increase in Connecticut's older adult population. The population of Mansfield is growing slowly, but with a much larger percentage of our residents living longer and falling into the category of "seniors."

D. HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Connecticut's "Plan of Aging" indicates that there has been a growing appreciation for the fact that while old age may be a time of greater risk for declines in health and daily functions, it need not inevitably be associated with such negative outcomes. There has been an increased awareness that considerable numbers of older adults continue to enjoy relatively high levels of physical and cognitive functioning and remain actively engaged in various life pursuits well into their 70's, 80's and even 90's. Although considerable and needed attention is devoted to health and functioning problems that are most commonly experienced by older adults, aging is not uniformly associated with significant disease and disability.

Commission members continue to feel that there are a wide variety of health-related programs that are currently available in Mansfield, many of which are offered through our Senior/Wellness Center. The key question that arose was

whether or not these services are fully utilized and adequate to meet the needs of our senior residents.

Proposed Action Steps/Recommendations:

- Monitor health promotion activities consisting of exercise, nutritional guidance and regular preventive physician visits must continue to be offered if they are to have a long term positive impact upon both health maintenance and cost containment of health care. These services also need to be well publicized.
- Encourage health promotion efforts that focus on identifying risk factors.
- Ensure that seniors are adequately informed about issues related to healthcare, and healthcare providers are better informed about the services provided through the Senior Center.
- Support formation of a Geriatric Committee by the Mansfield Senior Center Association to focus on development of enhanced geriatric services. This might result in the creation of a satellite geriatric clinic.
- Work collaboratively with the MSCA in the promotion of Health and Wellness activities.
- Examine the impact of changes in the Medicare system on seniors in Mansfield.
- Evaluate staffing needs for senior wellness services offered by the Town.

E. ECONOMY/FINANCIAL

Many older adults also live on low and fixed incomes. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, nearly 26,700 older adults in Connecticut live at or below the federal poverty level. In the Town of Mansfield 5.5% of residents age 65 and older live below the federal poverty level, which lags behind the 14% of our total population who live in poverty. While poverty does not appear to be a problem for many senior residents, rising property taxes and the cost of medical insurance do raise concerns for some.

The existing long-range plan identified the need to promote information on such programs as reverse mortgages, investments and insurance. In reviewing the current status of this effort it was noted that the Sparks newsletter makes information available, as well as local publications like the Willimantic Chronicle, WAM Horizons, and the Town of Mansfield Annual Calendar/Report. A question was raised as to how residents get information about available services (such as fee waivers), and what help the Town may be able to provide along these lines. It was also noted that there is a need for information about volunteer conservatorship training. Tax preparation assistance and legal service representation is currently offered at the Senior Center.

Proposed Action Steps/Recommendations:

- Reach out proactively to individuals who may qualify for subsidized services.
- Offer periodic education on issues such as estate planning and reverse annuity mortgages.
- Maintain the job listing for seniors currently on the bulletin board.
- Offer a presentation on conservatorship at the Senior Center, and encourage individuals to serve as conservators.

F. PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT/HOUSING

The existing long-range plan identified the need to inform residents about housing options and to possibly explore shared housing programs and the impact of younger disabled residents in senior housing facilities. The general feeling is that residents are very familiar with Wright's Village and Juniper Hill, and that there appears to be a wide range of housing needs for seniors, based on service needs, income, and other factors.

One area of significant interest continues to be the development of an assisted living facility in this community. In 2005 the Town of Mansfield contracted with Brecht Associates of Philadelphia, PA to conduct a market feasibility study to determine whether or not the local area could support the location of an assisted living community or related senior housing options. That study indicated that based on qualitative interviews, site analysis, and results of the demand analyses for active adult, independent and assisted living, the conditions are favorable for the development of such projects. In 2008 the Town Council selected Masonicare as a preferred developer for an Independent/Assisted Living project. Masonicare has identified a potential site for their project, and is proceeding with development work. At this point, the town sees itself only as a potential facilitator, and not a developer, of an Independent/Assisted living project in Mansfield.

Proposed Action Steps/Recommendations:

- Continue to support the Masonicare Independent/Assisted Living project.
- Advocate for environmental improvements like benches, bus shelters, automatic door openers, etc.
- Make seniors aware of the range of housing options and services available to residents.
- Examine the potential for the addition of supportive structures and devices to assist access to buildings.

G. TECHNOLOGY

The existing long-range plan does not specifically address the area of technology. It should be noted that since 1994 there have been huge strides made in the development and use of technology that is utilized by seniors in many areas of their lives. There is now a well-equipped computer lab at the Senior Center, along with community computers available in the Senior Center, the library and the Community Center. The computers in the Center's computer lab have built-in assistive and adaptive programs for people with disabilities, including a program that can read text aloud. Also, since the last version of this plan, the Town has installed assistive hearing equipment in the Town Council Chambers.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Publicize the broadcasting of Town Council meetings on Channel 13 and the availability of assistive hearing devices in the Council Chambers.
- Explore the use of the "Safelink Wireless System" to use cell phones for emergency calls.

H. SAFETY & SECURITY

The existing long-range plan identified the following priority issues in this area: improved communications regarding existing safety programs, promotion of the use of cell phones, ongoing presentations on safety and security issues, and support for sidewalk construction and maintenance. The feeling was that these items are still relevant and should be incorporated into the revised plan. This was not borne out by the results of the survey.

Proposed Action Steps/Recommendations:

- Offer periodic presentations on strategies and programs for protecting assets.
- Offer presentations to provide automatic safety updates to residents.
- Use the TRIAD program as a vehicle to address safety issues and to help inform seniors regarding possible scams, abuses and other areas of safety concerns.
- Focus on scams and different types of senior exploitation by posting information on a bulletin board.

I. SOCIAL & CULTURAL INVOLVEMENT

The existing plan urges advocacy for expansion of Senior Center programs that offer social, recreational, and educational opportunities to all seniors in Town, and expansion of outreach services to seniors who rely on assistance for transportation. The feeling is that there are currently many opportunities in town for volunteerism, intergenerational activities, lifelong learning, and spiritual growth. It was also felt that this community provides ample opportunities for volunteerism, is sensitive to individuals who have disabilities, that information

about programs is well-publicized, and that our community encourages an appreciation for racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity. There is also a feeling that more needs to be done to make these opportunities available to seniors who are confined to their homes. This could include promoting the use of programs such as the Senior Connections conference call programs, or developing a network of craft tutors who would make home visits. As with many of these areas, the issue of transportation comes up as both an obstacle and also an area needing additional support.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Continue to include transportation as an element of social/cultural activities.
- Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of offering reduced cost tickets to events at Jorgensen and other cultural venues.

K. SERVICES & SUPPORT

The area of Services & Support is incorporated into several areas of the existing plan, and tends to cross many lines. This primarily refers to a wide range of programs and services that are designed specifically to meet the needs of seniors. When talking about this area, how to get information out to seniors is a critical question. One suggestion was to use the Sparks newsletter to feature one service on a monthly basis. The publication "At Your Fingertips" was also mentioned as a useful tool, although it needs to be updated. The general feeling is that there are multiple sources of information, including: the Human Services Department, the Library, and the internet. A suggestion was made that there be one phone number identified as the primary source for people to call for Information & Assistance, and the consensus was that this is an appropriate role for the Senior Service Social Worker. Other suggestions included use of the Town Calendar and Infoline.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Continue to utilize Sparks as a key source of information.
- Complete the update of "At Your Fingertips."
- Provide help with understanding and finding the full range of in-home and community options available to support continued independence and quality of life.
- Review non-profit agency funding requests.
- Encourage outreach efforts aimed at low-income and homebound seniors.

L. TRANSPORTATION

The issue of transportation tends to cross many lines, as it often impacts on the issue of accessibility to programs and services. Reliable and dependable transportation is critical to helping community members remain healthy, productive individuals. Older adults rely on the automobile as their primary mode

of transportation. More than 80 percent of Connecticut's adults' ages 65 and older have active driver's licenses. Many know, however, that at some point changes in vision, hearing, reaction time and other related conditions or illnesses could affect their ability to safely drive. Transportation is important in helping many older adults make crucial connections, but in many locations especially in rural regions such as Mansfield it is often lacking or even nonexistent.

The existing long-range plan identified specific road improvements to be made in town, along with supporting transportation alternatives and the use of Dial-A-Ride services. There is currently a Regional Transportation Plan in place that identifies all plans and priorities for all transportation initiatives in Mansfield, and this needs to be incorporated into this long-range plan, along with the results of studies that have been done on transportation. Since the last version of the plan was written, a Volunteer Driver Program has been implemented for seniors. One suggestion was to look at use of the town's Transportation Advisory Committee as a resource in this area.

Proposed Action Steps:

- Continue to support and promote the use of Dial-A-Ride and the Volunteer Transportation Program.
- Advocate for the installation of bus shelters and benches at all bus stops.
- Explore additional transportation options.
- Offer services to promote safe driving and driver evaluation.

M. SUMMARY

Mansfield is clearly a town that is attractive to seniors and has much to offer. In general seniors seem to appreciate the range of programs and services that are available, and take full advantage of them. It will be the ongoing work of the Commission on Aging to identify specific areas of concern, prioritize issues, and develop an action plan for the commission. It is our hopes that in doing this we will continue to maintain Mansfield's reputation as a desirable residence for all ages.

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Below is a reprinted article from the February 21, 2011 edition of the National League of Cities' (NLC) Nation's Cities Weekly publication.

President's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request Gets Mixed Reviews from Cities

by NLC Federal Relations Staff

Although Congress has yet to complete work on the fiscal year (FY) 2011 budget, last week President Obama released his \$3.73 trillion budget request for fiscal year 2012. According to the President, his request is designed "to help America win the future by out-innovating, out-educating, and out-building our global competition." But those investments will come at a price. The President's budget request includes more than \$1 trillion in deficit reduction, of which two-thirds comes from spending cuts.

In response to the President's request, NLC Executive Director Donald J. Borut acknowledged disappointment and pledged that NLC and city leaders would work with the Administration and Congress in the coming months to ensure final spending decisions will help, not harm, local economies.

"We look forward to working with our federal partners to restore the opportunities that allow families to thrive and to restore the fiscal health of our national and local economies, so that our country, our cities and our families can prosper in the long run," Borut said.

The following summarizes highlights of the President's FY 2012 budget proposal for federal investments targeted at cities and towns.

Energy

Under the President's request, the Department of Energy's (DOE's) budget would increase by 12 percent or \$3.1 billion in FY 2012 to meet priorities that include advancing research on clean energy technologies and manufacturing, doubling the share of electricity generated from clean energy sources by 2035, and putting one million electric vehicles on the road by 2015.

DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy would receive \$3.2 billion for investments in solar and wind and other renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency improvements to the nation's building stock and vehicles.

Though the budget proposal does not include funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, a popular local government program funded in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, it does include \$320 million for Weatherization Assistance Grants and creates a new "Race to Green" competitive grant program for states and municipal governments to improve the energy efficiency of commercial buildings.

Environment

The President's request calls for \$9 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a decrease of \$1.3 billion from FY 2010 levels. While providing \$46 million to support the 2012 implementation of a national program to reduce greenhouse gasses and improve fuel economy for cars and trucks, the proposal significantly reduces funding for the State Revolving Funds. The Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds would receive \$1.6 billion and \$990 million, respectively, representing an overall cut of \$947 million for the two programs.

While the Brownfields program would be level funded at \$99 million, the Superfund program would be cut by approximately \$100 million to \$1.2 billion. The proposal also includes \$9.9 million for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-Department of Transportation-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities for technical assistance with smart growth initiatives.

Transportation

In the absence of a consensus on a long-term transportation reauthorization program, the President's request for transportation funding includes the Administration's proposal for a \$556 billion six-year program and many changes in the underlying transportation program itself.

While these far-reaching proposals call for increased spending, they do not identify a new funding source. They do specify that funding needs to come from user fees rather than general Treasury revenues. The request also includes funding for the national intercity passenger rail program, Amtrak, a national infrastructure bank and an expanded high speed rail program.

Specifically under the President's authorization proposal, all surface transportation programs would be funded by a new vehicle, the Transportation Trust Fund, ensuring more coordination among the current fragmented surface transportation programs within the Department of Transportation. The newly designated fund would replace the Highway Trust Fund, which federal fuel taxes currently support.

Bowing to the reality of limited federal resources, the budget request also would expand financing programs. The Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Program, or TIFIA, would be increased 18 percent to \$2.34 billion, and loan guarantee programs would double to \$80 million. The proposed National Infrastructure Bank would be funded at \$50 billion.

Housing and Community Revitalization

The President's proposal would decrease funding for HUD by 1 percent to \$34 billion. Although a 1 percent reduction appears small, the costs of funding existing housing vouchers and providing basic upkeep for public housing stock continue to grow. To meet the rising costs of keeping current housing assistance recipients in their homes, the proposed budget would provide less for community planning and development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Despite campaign promises for full funding, the President's budget cuts CDBG by 7 percent, or \$300 million, below the FY2010 level of \$4 billion. However, the budget would maintain funding for the Sustainable Communities Initiative, a competitive grant program, at \$150 million and the Choice Neighborhoods program, the successor to HOPE VI, at \$250 million.

Homeless Assistance Grants would see a significant increase, from \$1.86 billion to \$2.37 billion, primarily for the benefit of homeless veterans and families with children.

Lastly, the President is proposing to replace the expiring Empowerment Zone program, which awarded special tax credits for neighborhoods targeted for revitalization, with a "Growth Zone" program that would couple tax benefits and grant funding; and that would draw on resources from HUD, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Agriculture. Initial funding would provide for 20 Growth Zone neighborhoods.

Municipal Finance

In the FY 2012 request, President Obama proposes making Build America Bonds (BABs) permanent; however, the subsidy, which the U.S. Treasury would provide, is reduced from 35 to 28 percent, a "revenue-neutral" subsidy rate.

The request also calls for expanding the use of BABs, which had been limited to governmental issuers and capital expenditures, to be used more broadly for current refinancing and short-term working capital. They could also be sold by 501(c)(3) non-profit issuers.

Workforce Development

While the President's overall request for the Department of Labor (DOL) is 13 percent lower than FY 2010, reductions in job training program funding were limited to 9 percent. Unfortunately, though, if adopted into law, these cuts would come at a time when unemployment remains high and significant numbers of Americans remain in need of the re-employment and job training services offered by local one stop centers and workforce development programs.

Under the President's proposal, the dislocated worker program would receive \$1.4 billion in FY 2012, up from \$1.25 billion last year; however, both the disadvantaged adult and youth programs would be cut. The disadvantaged adult program would receive \$861 million, down from \$907 million last year, and the youth employment program would receive \$924 million, down from \$1.03 billion.

Importantly, further state and local funding reductions would occur as a result of proposed changes to DOL's Workforce Innovation Fund. Funds for the program would cut by \$300 million to \$3.3 billion with the balance set aside for competitive grants to states, regions and localities wishing to transform their workforce systems, test new ideas or replicate successful ones to deliver better employment and education results.

Finally, the department would spend \$500 million for Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training for competitive grants to higher education institutions that prepare workers for high skilled jobs, \$115 million (level funding) for YouthBuild and \$60 million (level funding) for Green Jobs.

Education

The Department of Education's budget proposal calls for an increase in overall spending by nearly 4.5 percent. Funding for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I direct grants to local education

agencies would increase from \$14.5 billion in FY 2011 to \$14.8 billion in FY 2012, but funding for other programs would decrease.

For example, funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act would decrease from \$12.1 billion in FY 2011 to \$11.7 billion in fiscal year 2012, and funds for Race to the Top would decrease from \$1.35 billion to \$900 million.

The budget also calls for \$350 million for a new Early Learning Challenge Fund to boost quality of early learning programs, \$300 million for a new round of i3 (Investing in Innovation) grants, \$150 million for the Promise Neighborhoods program, which integrates educational and social services in targeted communities, and \$1.27 billion (an increase of \$100 million) for after school programs known as the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Family Services

The President's budget for the Department of Health and Human Services calls for decreases to several community programs. Head Start would be funded at levels comparable to last year — \$8.1 billion — as would Social Services Block Grants at \$1.7 billion. But the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program would be cut by more than half from \$5.3 billion in FY 2011 to \$2.6 billion in FY 2012.

Public Safety and Emergency Management

The President's request calls for FY 2012 cuts in state and local criminal justice grants by \$588 million. However, a majority of these dollars would come from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program and the ban on earmarks, keeping core grant programs for communities at near-level funding.

For instance, COPS hiring grants for community policing stayed level at \$600 million, while Byrne Justice Assistance Grants were only decreased by \$50 million to \$487 million. Funding for reentry programs and problem solving courts also remained level.

The President's FY 2012 Homeland Security request sustains federal funding for state and local preparedness grants totaling over \$3.8 billion, including \$1.05 billion for the State Homeland Security Grant Program and \$920 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative. The budget also increases Assistance to Firefighter Grants to \$670 million. The President also requested \$600 million in various transportation and infrastructure protection grants.

Communications Services

The President's budget lays out a plan to provide high-speed wireless services to at least 98 percent of all Americans within five years and build out a nationwide interoperable public safety communications network. The President's initiative would support a one-time investment of \$5 billion to the Universal Service Fund so it can expand "4G" high-speed wireless technology throughout the United States.

The program would also reallocate a portion of radio spectrum known as the D Block directly to public safety to help form the basis of a nationwide public safety communications network, as well as provide an infusion of funds to begin the build-out of the public safety network, finally fulfilling a key recommendation of the 9/11 commission.

While the cost-revenue numbers on this program are complex, it is ultimately revenue generating due to the auction of underutilized spectrum. The federal government has estimated it could bring in upwards of \$27.8 billion from the sale of spectrum over the next 10 years. Approximately \$15 billion would be utilized for the construction of the new nationwide public safety network, and \$3 billion for investment in modernizing first responders' communications devices. The approximately \$10 billion remaining would be utilized to pay down the federal deficit.

Congress will begin considering the President's proposal later this year.

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Hearing closed for zoning regulation revisions

By MIKE SAVINO
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MANSFIELD — The planning and zoning commission closed a public hearing Monday on proposed zoning regulation changes, but it will wait on making a decision until seeing further revisions.

The PZC tabled a decision after closing the hearing, with Town Planning Director Gregory Padick saying he would have some revisions for the commission at its Feb. 22 meeting.

He said the revisions were based on recommendations from Town Attorney Denis O'Brien, who wrote in a legal opinion the PZC should make some "cosmetic changes" that would not change the effect of the proposal.

But Padick said he wanted to give the PZC some time to see the changes in the full context of the proposed regulations and suggested the commission wait until March 7 for a vote.

He also said the PZC should make sure the changes did not alter the document enough to require another public hearing.

The commission received no comments during Monday's public hearing, but Padick said the changes would "re-prioritize" the town's zoning regulations.

He said some of the changes would take key points in the current document and place them "right at the beginning of the (regulations)."

He added a town's zoning regulations are intended to be a policy statement and the PZC is responsible for enforcing the policies.

"If you meet the (regulations), you should be approved," Padick said.

One major change would allow for more input from the PZC and other land-use boards before an application for a subdivision is formally submitted.

Padick said the request for more input during the pre-application process came about because some land-use officials felt the current process led to too many conditions and map changes being included in board decisions.

He said the new process would allow for concerns among land-use boards to surface before a formal application, when the applicant can make changes more easily.

"It is our hope that this will lead to a much smoother application process," he said.

Padick said town staff has been working with the regulatory review commission for "eight or nine months" on the revisions, during which time everyone went through the "entire set of regulations."

The PZC did not receive any comments from the public Monday and PZC Chairman Rudy Favretti recommended commission members save their comments for the Feb. 22 meeting.

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USG: Spring Weekend should ban visitors

By MIKE SAVINO ^{2/10}
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STORRS — The University of Connecticut's Undergraduate Student Government agreed Wednesday on the need to ban non-students from Spring Weekend, but stopped short of agreeing on a voluntary moratorium.

The Spring Weekend Task Force recommended a voluntary moratorium in its final report, which it released on Jan. 20.

Former UConn President Mi-

chael Hogan created the task force last May after an altercation during April's Spring Weekend resulted in the death of a student.

It was the second time in less than a year that a student had died during an altercation at an event with a large gathering.

In a resolution passed Wednesday, the USG agreed on the need to focus on safety during Spring Weekend, typically the last weekend before the last week of classes

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in the spring, saying the gatherings have "placed the student body at risk."

USG President Thomas Haggerty could not be reached for comment this morning.

The resolution also acknowledged the "great strain on financial and human resources" caused by Spring Weekend, which has estimated crowds of between 10,000 and 15,000 people, according to the task force.

The USG said it supports the task force's recommendation for a ban on all guests during the weekend when Spring Weekend typically falls.

The task force said Spring Weekend has grown rapidly over the last decade and estimated UConn has between 6,000 and 7,000 registered guests during the time period, with an unknown number of unregistered guests.

UConn emergency personnel have said the majority of their calls involve non-students and the ban would prohibit non-students from also using dining halls.

The USG also endorsed a "metanoia," or change of heart, among Spring Weekend attendees toward "community civility in memoriam of Jafar Karzoun."

Police said Karzoun, a junior at the time,

was killed in an altercation with Edi Rapo, of East Hartford, who was not a UConn student.

Rapo is facing second-degree manslaughter and other charges and is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court Feb. 25.

Earlier in the same school year, UConn football player Jasper Howard was fatally stabbed during an altercation outside a student organization-sponsored event on campus in October 2009.

John Lomax III, 22, of Bloomfield, pleaded no contest to first-degree manslaughter on Jan. 14 and is scheduled to appear in Rockville Superior Court March 25 for sentencing.

While endorsing calls for safety, the USG did not recommend the voluntary moratorium included in the task force's final report.

In fact, the USG resolution disagreed with the task force's call to end UConn-sanctioned events during Spring Weekend.

Still, UConn spokesman Michael Kirk said the university is "gratified" the USG is generally supportive, noting the student body pledged to "play an active role" in addressing Spring Weekend issues.

"We're glad that student government recognizes the hazards Spring Weekend represents," Kirk said, adding students need to be involved

with the solution.

Mansfield Mayor Elizabeth "Betsy" Paterson agreed. "If the students aren't involved in the solution, you have no solution," she said.

Paterson said she had not read the USG resolution as of this morning, but recognized a voluntary moratorium would be tough to achieve given Spring Weekend's long history.

"Kids see Spring Weekend as a rite of passage," she said.

The task force said in its report the event has "existed in difference capacities" since the 1960s.

Paterson, who works in UConn's Office of the Bursar with students, also said some students are part of the problem, but "the majority of students who go to Spring Weekend are not there to cause trouble."

She also agreed it is "encouraging" to hear students calling for responsibility, but added the town still has to "prepare for everything" this Spring Weekend.

"I honestly don't know what to expect," she said.

Along with the call for a moratorium, Easter falls during the Spring Weekend time period this year and it is hoped that could curb the crowds.

Mansfield wants to buy open parcel 2/12

By MIKE SAVINO
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The town council will conduct a public hearing Monday to discuss the possible acquisition of property deemed to have "statewide significance."

The public hearing will be part of the council's meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Office Building, and will focus on a 3.9-acre property abutting town-owned land.

The property, owned by the estate of Lawrence J. Penner Jr., is slated for a tax sale in the near future and the town could acquire the site if it receives no bids.

In a memo to the planning and zoning commission this week, Town Planning Director Gregory Padick said the property also contains a stretch of land "of statewide significance."

He said the land — which is located in between Jonathan Lane and White Oak and Fieldstone drives — contains a portion of an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp.

Padick said much of the swamp is already protected through town ownership or conservation easements in the area and the Penner property has been "an open space priority for years."

Kenneth Metzler, an ecologist with the state Department of Environmental Protection, said in a letter to Padick the swamp area offers habitat for "state-listed species" or those considered endangered or rare.

Town Manager Matthew Hart, meanwhile, said in a memo to Padick that the Penner property is undeveloped, has no road frontage and primarily borders other properties deemed as open space.

He also said the current owners of the property, with an assessed value of \$10,220, have not paid taxes to the town for 10 years and currently owe \$3,240 in taxes.

The town has attempted to contact the owners to collect taxes or negotiate a transfer, but have not been successful because the owners currently live out of state.

Hart said the town is currently scheduling a tax sale for the property and state law prohibits the town from bidding on the site during the sale. The town can choose to acquire the property after the tax sale if it receives no bids and Hart said in the memo the acquisition, including attorney's fees, would cost approximately \$5,000.

Padick, meanwhile, said in his memo the town could begin the process to acquire the property as soon as March or April if it receives no bids. The open space preservation committee expressed support for the acquisition Dec. 21 and the PZC did the same during its meeting last Monday.

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We offer these threads, needles

Threads to the Town of Mansfield for being deemed by the Business Council of Fairfield County as one of the state's 30 healthiest workplaces. Buoyed by a combination of wellness programs and facility safety, Mansfield was honored for its "cutting edge programs or best practices to promote a healthy workplace," according to the council, which looks at employers in the tri-state area. While safe and happy employees seemingly are worth the effort, there are financial incentives too. According to Mansfield Mayor Elizabeth "Betsy" Paterson, insurance rates for such "safe" employers are lower, saving tax dollars in the process.

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Mansfield casino 2/16 dollars to be slashed

By MIKE SAVINO
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — Town officials are expecting to receive about half of the anticipated total for casino grants after the state discovered an error in its calculations.

Town Manager Matthew Hart said the latest figures from the state have the town receiving \$195,374 in the Pequot-Mohegan grant for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

The town had been anticipating a \$382,670 grant, but Hart told the council last month the state had to revise the figure after it realized it had made an error.

The grant is distributed based on a formula and the state had to recalculate the grants after it realized the error, something Hart said is "unfortunate for us."

The change comes late in the fiscal year, which ends June 30, and Hart said the timing makes it more difficult to deal with the reduction. "It's very challenging and I think there's a flaw in the process," he said, adding cities and towns rely on the figure when they make their budget.

He said the formula does have a "number of moving parts," but also noted the state has made reductions to the funding in the middle of a fiscal year before.

Mansfield uses its funding for the capital improvement budget, where the town sets aside money for larger projects or purchases in the future. As a result, Hart said the change will not impact the current operating budget.

Mansfield Finance Director Cherie Trahan said the town is anticipating more revenue from ambulance services than originally projected and could use that additional money to offset the reduction.

She also said the town could put off some the projects if it still does not have enough funding.

Hart said the town likely cannot rely on the Pequot-Mohegan grant to substantially fund its capital improvement budget and he believes the town should look to appropriate more town funding in the future.

Because the capital improvement budget allocates funding for larger projects and more expensive equipment, Hart said the town should look at increasing the allocation in its own budget to account for reductions in grants.

"You ignore those needs at your own peril," he said.

Hart said the town will not jump to any conclusions about next year's budget, though, because Gov. Dannel P. Malloy is unveiling his proposed budget today.

Hart said Mansfield is especially hit when the state reduces its aid to towns because more than 40 percent of Mansfield's budget is covered by state grants.

He noted Payment In Lieu of Taxes grants, funding for state-owned and tax-exempt properties, are supposed to reach 45 percent of what the town would receive if the parcels were privately owned.

"We haven't approached that figure in years," Hart said, adding the town's PILOT grants — for the University of Connecticut and other properties — has been roughly half of that level.

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Share the costs of Spring Weekend

After months of evaluating a situation that has gotten seriously out of hand, the Spring Weekend Task Force has recommended a "voluntary" moratorium on the excessive drinking, partying and disruption students and their guests, invited and uninvited, cause each April.

Unfortunately, a brief survey of students at the University of Connecticut conducted by *Chronicle* reporters seems to indicate there won't be many volunteers for that moratorium.

Though some students did agree the weekend excesses need to be curbed, especially in the wake of the death of one student during last April's Spring Weekend, support for the proposal was muted.

"It will work if the students want it to work," is what one student said and it seems to sum up the situation.

The UConn Undergraduate Student Government didn't exactly embrace the call for a moratorium with enthusiasm either, though it did agree to ban non-student visitors that weekend.

The problem won't be fixed, however, by UConn students simply agreeing to not invite guests that weekend. By most accounts, the biggest problems are caused by uninvited college and high school students who flock to the campus and its vicinity for an opportunity to party.

As long as there is a Spring Weekend, those uninvited guests will show up.

And why should the students care about a moratorium?

Spring Weekend is an excuse to party. An excuse to let go of inhibitions and binge. An opportunity to let down the hair just before finals.

So what, that thousands of non-students show up, get plastered and cause damage and disruption for the peaceful town of Mansfield and the university's neighbors in Storrs, the nugget of Mansfield nestled around the university.

Why should the party-crazed visitors care? They come. Party until they pass out. And then leave when they eventually wake up.

Students living on campus also play the visiting game and travel to parties at the Celeron and Carriage House apartment complexes. They just don't have as far to travel as those uninvited guests when they eventually wake up.

As far as the students are concerned, this isn't Pearl Harbor. No one is going to step forward and enlist in a moratorium, voluntary or not.

Why should they? They have nothing at stake.

Officials estimated Spring Weekend in 2009 cost \$225,000 for the efforts of the town, university, state and local police and emergency responders.

The way to change Spring Weekend forever is to change the equation.

Give the students a stake in the weekend, specifically the cost of the weekend the state and town have to pay to provide police and emergency personnel to take care of inebriated students, control traffic and arrest those engaging in illegal activities.

Send the bill for the weekend to the Undergraduate Student Government.

And don't feel sorry for them about the size of the bill.

According to UConn documents, there are 17,345 undergraduate students on the Storrs campus. The bill for dealing with the spring weekend would amount to \$13 for each student, or just \$9 each if the 6,748 graduate students are added in.

That's around the cost of a six-pack.

It might also make sense for UConn to include the legal expenses last Spring Weekend is likely to end up costing.

The parents of Jafar Karzoun, the student who was killed during last Spring Weekend, have hired an attorney who has notified UConn of plans to sue the university for his needless death.

Add those legal costs to the costs for emergency personnel and maybe the USG will begin to understand the consequences of Spring Weekend's excesses.

Making the students shell out some of their spending money to cover the costs they inflict on the surrounding community might finally get their attention and bring the partying under control.

Right now, all the students are paying for is the beer and booze.

Make them also pay for the fuss they cause.

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Mansfield's grand list sees slight increase

By MIKE SAVINO 2/17
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — Although the town saw only a slight increase in its grand list over the past year, officials said the additional revenue will still help as they put together the budget.

The grand list increased by \$5.35 million, or 0.55 percent, to a net total of \$974,016,941, Assessor Irene LaPointe said, adding the final figure is subject to change due to assessment appeals.

The grand list is a collection of all of the town's taxable property, including real estate, motor vehicles and personal property.

At the current mill rate of 25.71 mills, the grand list increase would mean an additional \$137,459.75 in tax revenue.

Mayor Elizabeth "Betsy" Paterson said she was pleased to see the figure, adding it was "better to go up than down."

The largest actual increase came from real estate, which rose by \$5.2 million from 2009, or 0.6 percent, to a total of \$872,640,700.

Personal property increased by just over 1 percent in 2010, or \$339,869, to \$33,282,447, while motor vehicles decreased by 0.29 percent, or \$198,811, to \$68,093,794.

Paterson said the overall increase in the grand list will be beneficial as the town council begins to prepare its budget proposal.

"Anything that helps us go up on the revenue side (is beneficial)," she said, adding it's a "tough" year overall financially.

She said the council's goal this year will be to maintain the town's current level of services, adding she "can't say there'll be a lot of" new services in the budget for fiscal year 2011-12.

While the town will also likely see a reduction in state aid, Paterson said she

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Slight increase for Mansfield's grand list

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thought Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's proposed budget was not as bad for Mansfield as it could have been "considering the circumstances."

The town's top 10 taxpayers and their assessments include:

- Connecticut Light & Power Co., utility, \$11,894,406.
- ING US Students No. 8 LLC, apartments, \$10,285,870.
- Eastbrook F LLC, commercial, \$9,242,310.
- ING US Students No. 1 LLC,

apartments, \$8,371,580.

- Celeron Square Apartments LLC, apartments, \$7,360,360.
- Colonial BT LLC, apartments, \$6,342,380.
- New Samaritan Corp., nursing home, \$5,368,370.
- Glen Ridge Cooperative Inc., housing co-operative, \$5,306,770.
- Carriage Polo Run LLC, apartments, \$4,895,240.
- Hayes-Kaufman Mansfield Associates, commercial, \$4,655,000.

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Two firms hired to design hub

for Storrs Center

By MIKE SAVINO
Chronicle Staff Writer

MANSFIELD — The Mansfield Downtown Partnership announced this morning it has hired two companies to help design the intermodal hub and transit pathway for the Storrs Center project.

The intermodal hub is one of the pieces to complete phases 1A and 1B of the \$220 million mixed-use project, with a ground-breaking slated for the spring.

Downtown Partnership Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm said Leyland Alliance LLC, Education Realty Trust, or EDR, and town officials are all working together on various aspects of the project.

"It's all moving along on a parallel course," van Zelm said about the plans.

The Downtown Partnership, the nonprofit organization overseeing the project, said Gregg Wiles & Gardner Architects of New Haven, and BL Companies of Meriden will design the intermodal hub.

The town received a \$4.9 million federal grant over the summer for the hub, which will service buses, bicyclists, pedestrians and other forms of transportation.

Town Public Works Director Lon Hultgen said the intermodal hub will help link bus services from the University of Connecticut and the Windham Region Transit District.

He added the access for pedestrians and bicyclists will help "connect the adjacent residential neighborhoods, civic buildings, cultural amenities and surrounding towns in a comprehensive network" of transportation access.

Firms hired to design hub for Storrs Center

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Along with the intermodal hub, the town is also working on the Village Street, parking garage and town square, and van Zelm said she is expecting the town to submit zoning applications for those aspects soon.

Those parts of the project, which are the responsibility of

the town, are technically not part of phases 1A and 1B but will be part of the overall first round of construction.

Van Zelm said those aspects of Storrs Center, as well as the reconstruction of Dog Lane and Route 195, are still essential to the first round of construction and planners for all designers for all the components are working together.

Leyland Alliance, the mas-

ter developer, and EDR, hired to build and maintain the rental apartments, received zoning permits for phases 1A and 1B last week, and will now apply for building permits.

"Now we can move forward from overall project approvals toward the commencement of construction," said Leyland Alliance Vice President Howard Kaufman.

Phases 1A and 1B, contain about 290 rental apartments and

69,000 square feet of retail space combined, from Leyland Alliance and EDR.

Town Planning Director Gregory Padick approved the zoning permits Feb. 9 after determining the plans met special design guidelines for the Storrs Center area.

The planning and zoning commission approved the design guidelines in 2007. The guidelines require town planner approval for zoning permits before moving forward on each phase.

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Needles to whoever was responsible for the Mansfield Community Center's pool's accidental emptying. The problem was discovered Feb. 8, when a near empty swimming pool was found by morning staff at the center. The situation resulted from a backwashing job gone bad. Center staffers routinely reverse the water pumps to clean the filters and maintain water levels. Unfortunately, this particular staffer neglected to re-adjust the pumps and the "backwashing" continued overnight, draining the pool. Mistakes happen and it's important to realize this was simply human error. Still, it cost \$6,000 to refill the pool, which was closed for several days because of the time it took to reheat the water. All of this at a time when indoor pools are in high demand.

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UConn Student Leaders Rebuff Spring Weekend Moratorium

They Do Support Proposed Ban On Campus Guests On Those Days

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Student leaders at the University of Connecticut considered a task force's recommendation of a voluntary moratorium on this year's Spring Weekend but decided they'd rather party on.

The Undergraduate Student Government at UConn also said in a position paper distributed Thursday that it doesn't back the task force's suggested cancellation of other university-sponsored events during the weekend, but does support the proposed ban on guests to campus that weekend.

"We did talk about a moratorium," said Thomas Haggerty, president of the student government, "but it came down to: A lot of students just do not support the idea of a moratorium. ... I don't support it because I don't think it's a solution to the problem. I don't think students will buy into it."

The students support the ban on guests "to encourage the sense of pride students feel uniting with their fellow Huskies, unimpeded by the actions of outsiders," the position paper said. But canceling other events on campus would be "counterproductive," the students wrote, as those events provide "safe and controlled" alternatives to partying during the weekend.

The students also called for a "metanoia" — a period of reflection — on "community civility" and on "the complexities of Spring Weekend" as a memorial to Jafar Karzoun, the student who died of injuries suffered during last year's spring weekend.

The task force — which was appointed last year by then-UConn President Michael Hogan and included administrators and public safety and community representatives — had asked students to consider a voluntary moratorium in recognition of the deaths of Karzoun and of Jasper Howard, a UConn football player, who was killed in October 2009 following a dance on campus.

Michael Kirk, spokesman for the university, said the task force would have liked the students to back a moratorium, but "we are gratified with their support on several of the recommendations."

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He said the university is "glad that students recognize the hazards that Spring Weekend presents."

Mansfield Mayor Betsy Paterson, a member of the task force, said the students' lack of support for a moratorium "doesn't surprise me. Not that I'm not disappointed, but I'm not surprised."

"The students feel that it's their right to have Spring Weekend," she said. "They see it as a rite of passage. It's a longstanding event whether we like it or not."

She said students didn't have much input into the recommendation for a moratorium — no students were on the task force. "Obviously, any solution we come up with has to include the students in the process because if students don't buy into it, it's not going to work."

Paterson said there will be more to do between now and Spring Weekend — April 22-24 this year — to attempt to scale it down.

Spring Weekend is not a university-sanctioned event and for years the university has tried to discourage the parties, most of which are held near but not on the campus. A report the task force released last month said that by the 1990s, the event had become "vast, unwieldy, unpredictable and dangerous" with a crowd estimated at 10,000 to 15,000.

Most of the violence and arrests during the weekend involve people who are not UConn students, which is why the task force recommended a ban on guests to campus.

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