

NOTE: The Council will hold a ceremonial presentation in honor of Memorial Day at 7:15pm in advance of the regular meeting.



**TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, May 23, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.**

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ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
May 9, 2011
DRAFT

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments offered.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Paterson acknowledged the work of the steering committee which includes CPT Michael Darcy representing the CT State Police, LT Hans Rhyhart representing the UConn Police Department, Windsor Police Chief Kevin Searles, Councilor Lindsey, Councilor Moran, Mayor Paterson, Town Manager Matthew Hart, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, and Fire Chief Dave Dagon.

1. Draft Police Services Study

Amy Paul of Management Partners presented an overview of the draft Police Services Study including the process used, the venues for public input and survey results. The culmination of the work to date presents a picture of the community's vision for police services. Craig Fraser of the Police Executive Research Forum reviewed the six options including a number of variations within those options. Council members discussed the current policing situation and the benefits and cost of the options. Town Manager Matt Hart will check to see if a regional police department would qualify for the regionalization incentives included in the state budget.

Mayor Paterson reiterated that the study was not initiated because of any dissatisfaction with the resident state trooper program but because the Town is desirous of additional coverage for both criminal and quality of life issues.

State Police Colonel Stebbins commented that the State Police are proud to serve the Town and that in many ways the resident trooper program provides many of the benefits of regionalization. UConn's Major Blicher stated that while it is premature to discuss the specifics of UConn's possible role in the options they are amenable to discussing the possibilities. Major Blicher is proud of the collaboration between the Town and the University.

By consensus the Council agreed to continue to review all the options through the input process.

Mayor Paterson thanked those in attendance for their contributions and interest in the study.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

May 9, 2011

DRAFT

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Shapiro who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kochenburger, Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Shapiro who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Schaefer who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Schaefer who abstained.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Small Cities (Community Development Block Grant) Public Hearing – Housing Rehabilitation Program

Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola and Community Consulting representative Peter Huckin described the purpose and awarding process for the housing rehabilitation grant under consideration. Currently the Town has approximately 1.1 million dollars in active loans. Ms. Capriola referenced two letters of support from current applicants which will be included in the minutes of this meeting. Mayor Paterson stated that CDGB grants have served the citizens of the Town very well over the years and that the money has been put to good use.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, is supportive of the project but questioned what the Town was doing to get the information out and who makes the final decisions on the grants. Mr. Huckin reported that eligibility criteria must be met first and then the projects on the waiting list will be reviewed. Ms. Capriola noted the program has been widely advertised on the Town's website and within the Human Services Department with additional steps planned.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, expressed concern with current applications being given priority and the use of these funds for Town projects. Ms. Capriola explained that emergency projects are always reviewed and other projects prioritized around those needing immediate attention. Funds used for the replacement of roofing at the Senior Center and bringing the Community Center into ADA compliance were program amendments approved by both Council and the granting agency.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, commented on piles of stones constructed along Old Turnpike Road. Ms. Wassmundt expressed concerns regarding liability, the use of a designated scenic road and the appropriateness of using the Town's right of way for one's own interest and entertainment.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, agreed with Ms. Wassmundt's concerns. Mr. Sikoski commented that the police study needs more input from residents and expressed his concerns with access to the town meeting.

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V. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Matt Hart reviewed highlights of his report. The Town Manager will check with appropriate staff regarding the stones on Old Turnpike Road, assured members that the public input portion of the police study will be widely advertised, and reported that he will be attending the ICMA conference in Gettysburg, PA at his own expense next week.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Schaefer announced the Mansfield Historical Society will be offering a program on Abraham Lincoln and Slavery next Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Moran noted the League of Women Voters will not be holding the Know Your Town Fair this year due to a lack of volunteers. Ms. Moran commented this was a loss for the community.

Ms. Keane inquired as to which Council members were going to coordinate the Council's Memorial Day celebration. Mr. Paulhus and Mr. Kochenburger volunteered.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2. Application for Small Cities Funding (Community Development Block Grant) Housing Rehabilitation Program

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective May 9, 2011, to adopt the attached grant application resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective May 9, 2011, to adopt the attached Program Income Re-use Resolution and Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan reported that the most recent information from the state indicates an increase of \$207,000 in funding to Mansfield. Since the gap in the state budget has yet to be addressed the Council decided to not set the mil rate until additional information is received. Ms. Trahan will check to see if the Regional School District 19's budget could be modified if there are significant changes to the Town's revenues.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

4. Request to Hire Consultant to Review Proposed Wells for Planned Ponde Place
Members expressed agreement with staff's suggestion that it is premature to hire a consulting firm as the regulatory bodies of the Town have the ability to require peer review information from the applicant during the PZC and IWA review processes. Eastern Highland Health District staff is in contact with the State DEP regarding the test wells.

5. Rental Fee for Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office Space.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to endorse the annual rental fee of \$7582.80 to be charged to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership for the use of 356 square feet of office space within the Audrey P. Beck Building, for the period from June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. The Town reserves the right to adjust the fee for any subsequent lease period.

Ms. Lindsey asked for information indicating what the current square footage rate is for the Downtown Partnership. By consensus the Council expressed a preference for a written lease agreement.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

In response to a question posed by Mr. Schaefer, the Town Manager reported additional information will be provided on the hydro turbine being planned for the Kirby Mill site.

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Mr. Schaefer requested three UConn fliers, indicating expected behavior of students on Spring Weekend, be entered into the minutes.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Toni Moran, Chair of the Community Quality of Life, reported the Committee met recently and are proceeding with a number of initiatives including the establishment of best practices for landlords and a review of steps taken at CCSU to deal with student parties.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petition Regarding Assisted Living

7. W. Stauder re: Public Safety Committee – Town Manager Matt Hart thanked Wunderly for her work as chair of the Public Safety Committee and wished her all the best. Mayor Paterson called her a wonderful supporter of the community. A thank you letter will be sent to Ms. Stauder.

8. Planning and Zoning Commission re: 2011-12 Capital Improvement Budget

9. G. Padick re: Process for reviewing requests to amend the Plan of Conservation and Development

10. G. Padick re: Proposed Revisions to the Mansfield Zoning Regulations – Agricultural Uses

11. 2011 Storrs Center Development Agreement by Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. and Storrs Center Alliance, LLC – March 31, 2011

12. State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: Equalized Net Grand List

13. CIRMA re: International Travel Program

14. Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc. re: John Lof

15. The Impervious Cover TMDL Project: An update for Mansfield commissions and citizens, April 28, 2011

16. UConn Student Living On-Campus/Enrolled at Storrs

17. Willimantic River Alliance to host Water Supply Forum

18. R. Favretti re: Storrs Center GR-1 Parking Garage

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

There are a number of items which have been identified as items for future agendas that will be addressed now that the budget has been approved by Council.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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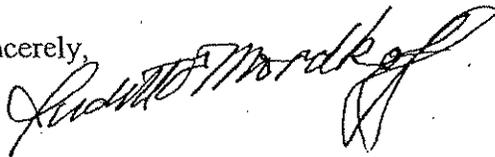
Department of Economic and Community Development
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106

To Whom It May Concern:

As an applicant on the waiting list, I am in support of the decision by the Town of Mansfield to apply for a Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant. I believe that continuing the Housing Rehabilitation Program would give a positive impact upon the community. The Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grants are an excellent resource for lower income homeowners to receive technical and financial support to repair their homes.

Without such assistance, there is a risk of my home deteriorating beyond repair. I support the Town of Mansfield and its Small Cities Grant Application, which will provide me with funds for much needed repairs to my home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Markof". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Sincerely, *Anne M. Piotek*

SPRING WEEKEND:

New Spring Weekend Policies

Off-Campus Housing policies

- **Carriage House (both this weekend and next weekend):**
 - Police enforcing a strict guest policy
 - Each apartment is limited to 30 guests
 - Anyone not on the list by the deadline will not be permitted
 - Police Officers will have the guests lists on computers and anyone not there will not be allowed into Carriage
- **X-Lot (until further notice):**
 - The owners have filed a no-trespass order with the state police
 - The order will last now "until further notice" and the state police will be enforcing it
- **Celeron:**
 - The owners have filed a no-trespass order with the state and UConn police
 - The order will last now "until further notice" and the state police will be enforcing it

Number of Arrests

**(in comparison to other
Spring Weekends)**

2010: 83% of the 84 arrests were non-students

2009: 80% of the 90 arrests were non-students

WANT MORE INFO?

GO

TO:

www.uconnspringweekend.weebly.com



CAUTION CAUTION

Spring Weekend

THE FACTS

NEW SPRING WEEKEND POLICIES

Dorm rooms

April 15th-17th: Any guest allowed in residence halls, but you **must have a guest pass**. No more than 2 guests per student. (normal guest policy)

April 21st-24th: **ONLY UConn students** (living on campus) can be guests in dorm rooms. **You must have a guest pass.**

Dining halls

April 21st-24th: **ONLY UConn students** allowed in dining halls. Can only use flex-passes for other UConn students (make sure you have your ID with you to show you are a **UConn student**).

ECONOMIC COSTS

- 250 to 300 public safety personnel are on duty each of the three nights.
- In 2010, 90 nursing students volunteered to work on Spring Weekend
- The cost to the state created by Spring Weekend is over \$300k per year

FOR MORE INFO: www.uconnspringweekend.weebly.com

SPRING WEEKEND

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

THE DO'S & DON'TS:

KEEP YOUR ID ON YOU

Get home safely

Use a designated driver

"We come together, we leave together"

Never leave a friend alone

Keep your drink in sight

Wear covered shoes (flip flops and broken glass don't mix)

Alternate between alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages

BE SAFE!

**DON'T
HESITATE TO
CALL 911**

Signs of Alcohol Poisoning:

Slowed breathing (<10 breaths/minute)

Eyes roll back into head

Vomiting while unconscious

Unresponsive

Slowed heart rate

Skin color change

Turn an individual on their side to prevent choking on vomit

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *Matt*
CC: Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works; Gregory Padick, Director of Planning; Conservation Commission; Four Corners Advisory Committee; Planning and Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency
Date: May 23, 2011
Re: Community Water and Wastewater Issues/EIE Water Supply Scoping Notice

Subject Matter/Background

At Monday's meeting, there are two items that I wish to review with the Council under this agenda item:

- 1) Staff will provide a brief update regarding the Four Corners Water and Sewer Project; and
- 2) Staff is seeking your concurrence with our intent to partner with the University of CT in conducting an environmental impact evaluation (EIE) of various options to bring additional water supply to serve the university as well as municipal uses.

Concerning number 1, please note that Committee Chair Gene Nesbitt has resigned from the committee for personal reasons. I believe that Gene has been instrumental in moving the project forward and would recommend that the Council appropriately recognize Gene's efforts in this regard.

With respect to number 2, you will recall that State Senator Williams and State Representative Haddad have proposed the issuance of state bonds to construct the planned tech park at the University. This proposal includes funding to bring additional water supply to Mansfield to serve university and potentially municipal needs.

The University wishes to proceed in a timely manner and intends to issue a scoping notice in the near future as the first step in retaining a consulting firm to conduct an EIE of various options to bring additional water supply to the town. These options include interconnections from the north (CT Water Company's proposal) and the south (Windham Waterworks) as well as various groundwater sites along the Willimantic River and in the Mansfield Hollow area. Once a consulting firm has been hired, the EIE should take approximately 12 months to complete.

Because the Town and the University have been working collaboratively to investigate additional water supply options, the University has invited the Town to partner in the EIE

process. In staff's view, the EIE process would enhance our work on the Four Corners water and sewer project and our ability to evaluate additional water supply options for the Town. Staff would coordinate the EIE process with the work of our water supply consultant, Environmental Partners, to limit redundancy and to ensure that we maximize the use of local and state funds. It would also be beneficial for the Town to accept this invitation in order to ensure that there is water supply for various municipal needs, such as the Four Corners and independent/assisted living project. In addition, by partnering in this effort we could begin a process to examine options for a new water and wastewater governance structure for Town and University uses. Assuming the Town desires to play a more significant role in future water and wastewater supply decisions, particularly those affecting the broader community, we need a governance structure that adequately serves both university and municipal needs.

Recommendation

Unless the Council disagrees, I intend to accept the invitation to partner with UConn to conduct an EIE of various options to bring additional water supply to serve University as well as municipal uses. Because we do not yet know the cost and the full scope of the study, I would plan to come back to the Council once we have prepared a request for proposals (RFP) and a cost estimate, to seek your specific authorization to proceed. At that point in the process, I believe that it would also be helpful to develop a letter of understanding with the University to memorialize our mutual intent and the funding arrangement, and I would seek your specific approval of the same. Throughout this process, staff would intend to keep the Four Corners advisory committee, the Planning and Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency (PZC/IWA) and the Conservation Commission fully informed of our progress and to solicit their input and guidance.

Please let me know if you concur with this course of action. You can do this by consensus or by motion. If you prefer the latter, the following motion would be in order:

Move, to endorse staff's plan to partner with the University of Connecticut to conduct an environmental impact evaluation (EIE) of various options to bring additional water supply to serve University as well as municipal uses, with the understanding that staff shall return to the Council once staff has prepared a request for proposals and a letter of understanding between the Town and the University, to seek the Council's specific authorization to proceed.

Attachments

- 1) DRAFT Notice of Scoping for the University of CT Actions for Additional Water Supply Source(s)
- 2) G. Nesbitt re: Resignation from Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee
- 3) P. Lodewick re: Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee

Notice of Scoping for the University of Connecticut Actions for Additional Water Supply Source(s)

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: **Mansfield, Tolland, and Coventry**

Addresses of Project Locations: The preferred project location will be selected from a range of options that include:

- Interconnecting with a nearby reservoir-based water system northeast of the Main Campus in Storrs, CT. Such an interconnection would involve a new pipeline that would generally run southerly along Route 195 from the intersection of Baxter Street and the Route 195 in Tolland, CT, through the northeast corner of Coventry, CT, to the nearest feasible point to interconnect with the existing University of Connecticut (UConn) water supply system in Storrs, CT.
- Interconnecting with a nearby reservoir-based water system southwest of the Main Campus in Storrs, CT. Such a interconnection would involve a new pipeline which would generally run northerly along Route 195 from the intersection of Conantville Road and Route 195 in southern Mansfield, CT to the nearest feasible point to interconnect with the existing UConn water supply system in Storrs, CT.
- Developing new groundwater source or sources in the stratified drift aquifers along the Fenton River, Willimantic River, or Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, and conveying the water from the new source(s) via pipeline to the nearest feasible point to interconnect with the existing UConn water supply system in Storrs, CT.

Project Description: The University of Connecticut in direct partnership with the Town of Mansfield proposes actions that will identify and implement a long-term source of 0.5 - 1 million gallons per day of water for the University of Connecticut's public water supply system. The project comprises the possible installation of a new well or wellfields and excavation, installation and backfilling of new water mains to provide additional water to the University's public water supply system in and around Storrs, which currently also provides service to several Town of Mansfield facilities.

The proposed action would enable growth of the University and surrounding area consistent with prior the University Water Supply Plan, University Master Plans and associated Environmental Impact Evaluations, particularly for the proposed University Technology Park to be developed on the University's North Campus. The proposed action would improve the University water supply's margin of safety and supplement the available water during times of drier years when the existing supply is limited in response to aquatic and environmental concerns. This additional source of water supply would also enable economic development as delineated in the Town

Plan of Conservation and Development, particularly as envisioned for the Mansfield Four Corners and Storrs Center areas.

The alternatives for obtaining an additional water supply source for the University's public water supply system include:

- 1) Connecting with a nearby reservoir-based water company system to the northeast of the main campus by extending a transmission main south from Tolland along the Route 195 corridor; and
- 2) Connecting with a nearby reservoir-based water company system to the southwest of the main campus by extending a transmission main north from southern Mansfield along the Route 195 corridor
- 3) Installing and connecting to a new groundwater source in the stratified drift aquifers along the Fenton River, Willimantic River, or Mansfield Hollow Reservoir. The new groundwater source would preferably be installed on lands in Mansfield, CT currently owned by the University, Town of Mansfield, or the Army Corps of Engineers.

Project Map: Please see [map](#) for project location.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Monday, July 6, 2011.

Public Scoping Meeting will be held on June 28, 2011 at the University of Connecticut's, Bishop Center.

Additional information about the project can be arranged for viewing in person by contacting, Jason Coite, UConn Office of Environmental Policy [860] 486-9305. Fax [860] 486-5477

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Jason Coite

Agency: University of Connecticut – Office of Environmental Policy

Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, Unit 3055

Storrs, CT 06269-3055

Phone: 860-486-9305

Fax: 860-486-5477

E-Mail: jason.coite@uconn.edu <mailto:cameron.walden@ct.gov>

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Mr. Jason Coite

Agency:

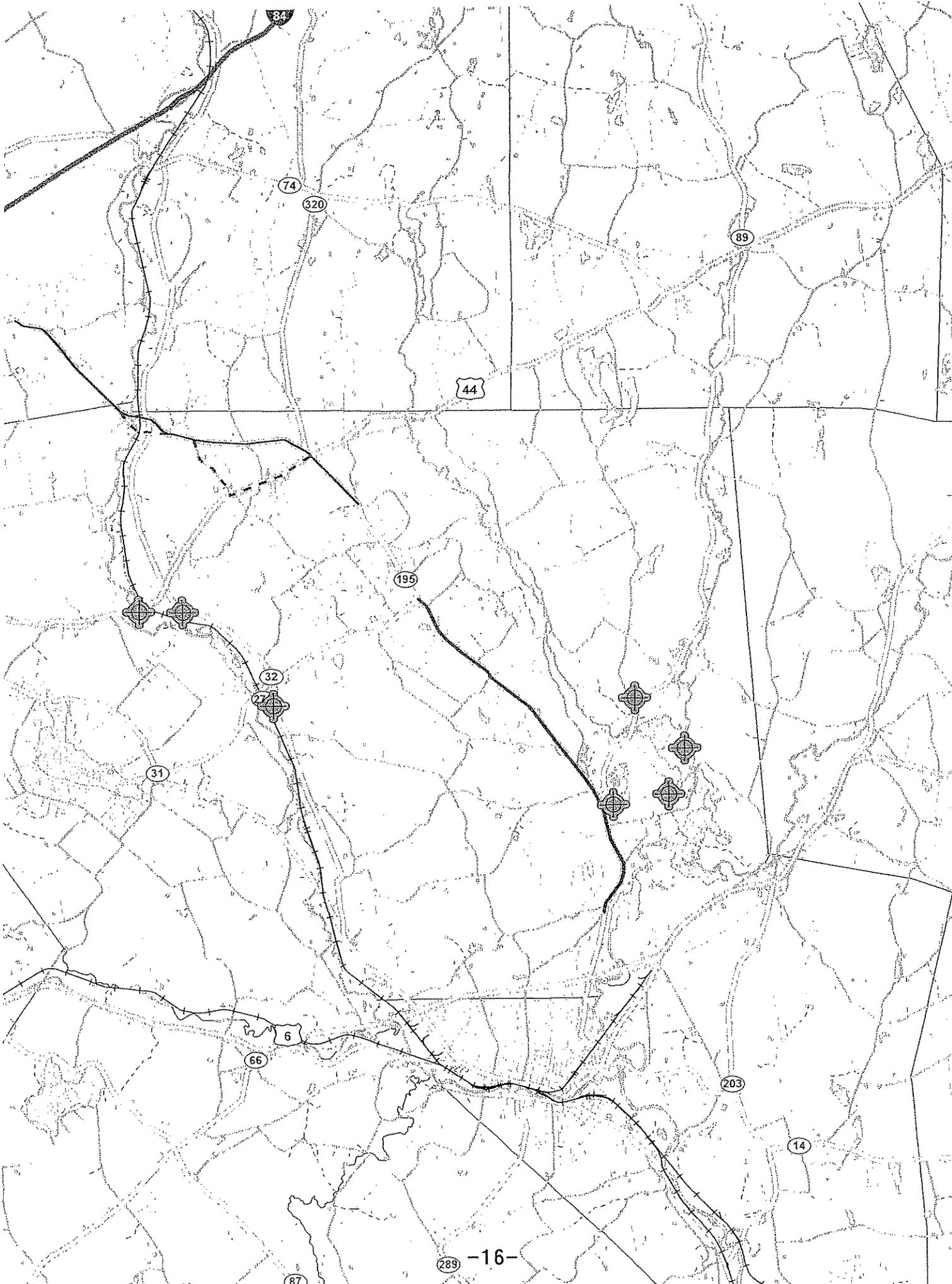
Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, Unit 3055
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E-Mail: jason.coite@uconn.edu<mailto:cameron.walden@ct.gov>

DRAFT



Mayor Betsy Patterson
Town of Mansfield

5/17/11

This is an official notice of my resignation from the 4-Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee effective at the end of this day. It has been my sincere pleasure to help bring about the focus on the 4- Corners development through the formation of this Advisory Committee and serving as the first Chairman of the Committee. Through the input of all of the Advisory Committee members, Town Staff, Town Council and many citizens of Mansfield, there has been significant progress in achieving the ultimate goal of the 4-Corners becoming a section of town of which we can all be proud with focus on a sustainable environment, economic base and quality of life.

The work of the two consulting firms has bridged the transition from concept to planning. When the consulting work is completed, the Advisory Committee should have a significant role in determining how the sewer and water recommendations can be implemented. This phase of the project will be challenging for all parties involved. I have full confidence that the Advisory Committee will continue to prosper and meet these challenges with new leadership.

I wish to express my appreciation to all current and past members of the 4 Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee for the individual efforts expended on behalf the project and specifically for the many tasks of the Committee. The support of the current and previous Town Council has enabled the Committee to function in the most effective manner possible. The tireless effort of Lon Hultgren and his staff is most appreciated.

Although I will be leaving Mansfield, my memories of the struggles to get the Advisory Committee established and the subsequent success of moving the project to the current status will not be left behind.

Sincerely,



Gene Nesbitt



Mansfield Downtown Partnership

Helping to Build Mansfield's Future

May 16, 2011

HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Gene Nesbitt
Chair
Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

Thank you for the good work the Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee is doing to evaluate water and sewer supply options for the Four Corners in Mansfield. At the Mansfield Downtown Partnership's Board of Directors meeting on May 5, 2011, the Board approved a motion to endorse the work that the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee is conducting to review water and sewer supply options and associated financing for improvement of the Four Corners.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Partnership's Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm at 860.429.2740. Thank you again for the commitment of the Committee to this important project for Mansfield.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Lodewick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Philip Lodewick
President



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *M.H.*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to the Town Manager; Mary Jane Newman,
Director, Mansfield Discovery Depot, Inc.
Date: May 23, 2011
Re: Discussion with Mansfield Discovery Depot re: State Grant Funding

Subject Matter/Background

Council had inquired about various legislative proposals that might affect the state grant funding that the Mansfield Discovery Depot (MDD) receives in support of its programs. Consequently, I have invited Ms. Mary Jane Newman, Executive Director of the MDD, to address the Council regarding this issue as well as the structure of the Town's relationship with the daycare and related topics.

Attachments

- 1) It's a long story!...made short. (History of the Mansfield Discovery Depot)
- 2) Agreement Between Town of Mansfield and Mansfield Discovery Depot
- 3) National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation for MDD
- 4) Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance re: Moving DSS State Funded Child Development Center to SDE
- 5) Appointment of D. Keane to Mansfield Discovery Depot, Inc. Board of Directors

Its a long story! . . . made short.

1995 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of Mansfield Discovery Depot. The preschool program was founded in 1970 as Mansfield Day Care Center (MDCC). A short history seems appropriate to mark the occasion.

In 1969 the Mansfield League of Women Voters conducted a survey of social service needs. The need for day care services was identified in the results. Planning for the service was a cooperative effort of the League, the Mansfield Community Council and the Community Development Action Plan. The day care center was a recommended service in their final report of 1971.

The preschool program was begun in October of 1970 in the First Baptist Church at the intersection of RT 195 and Spring Hill Road. It was supported and funded through the State of Ct Dept of Community Affairs and within three years was serving 26 children. The stated mission of the center, in line with the its funding from the state, was to serve children "disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social, or environmental conditions." The center's funding was received through the Windham Area Community Action Program(WACAP).

The relationship with WACAP was less than satisfactory and MDCC felt that the purposes of the center would be better served if the Town were its delegate agency and its space was in a town facility.. In the summer of 1972 the Town Council established a committee that would explore in detail the Town's concerns, and the responsibilities involved, if the center were to be relocated to a Town building. This committee included members of the Town Council, Social Services, the Board of Education, and the MDCC staff and parents. Following the work of this committee and a public hearing, on May 8, 1973 the Town Council voted unanimously to become the sponsor of MDCC. Renovations were begun at the Storrs Grammar School and on October 1,1973 the doors were opened at the new quarters with 26 children enrolled and expanded space to meet the needs of up to 45 children.

In 1978 the Town of Mansfield authorized a bond to pay for renovations at Storrs Grammar School which would turn the building into the present municipal building. The day care center needed to move! Space was located in the Buchanan Center which was then housing the finance dept and the board of education. On December 4, 1978 this new home was opened. To meet the funding requirements of a hot lunch program, meals were catered from the Southeast Elementary School.

Again the site turned out to be a temporary home. In 1984 MDCC was moved to space in the Southeast School which was not longer being used as an elementary school. The school was shared with Eastconn, which ran a large program for children with special needs. The staff of MDCC collaborated with the staff of Eastconn to run some unique cooperative programs that benefitted the children in both programs. Only a few years later, it was determined that Southeast would be reopened as an elementary school and the day care again need to move on.

A committee went to work looking for suitable sites in town. None were readily available. A temporary home in the Middle School was negotiated and the staff again packed boxes. In the summer of 1988 the program moved to a wing of the Middle School. At the same time plans were laid to establish a permanent home for the program.

The University of Connecticut determined that their own need for day care was acute. They joined the effort and in collaboration with the Town of Mansfield accessed land and funds to build an early childhood building from the ground up. Working with Jim Vance and Associates, an architectural firm in Hartford, staff of MDCC designed a uniquely beautiful and functional building. It was opened in the fall of 1990 and the program's name was officially changed to Mansfield Discovery Depot.

With the move in 1990, the program expanded once again to include a small infant/toddler program and more preschool enrollment. In the 1994-95 school year the program began an all day kindergarten in response to many requests from parents. The program still receives state funding and serves a wide cross section of the community. As we begin the 5th program year in this building we are serving 80 children with a staff of 24 people.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN OF MANSFIELD
AND MANSFIELD DISCOVERY DEPOT

This agreement made this 2nd of Jan, 1997 by and between the Town of Mansfield (hereinafter called the Town) and the Mansfield Discovery Depot (hereinafter called MDD) witnesseth that;

Whereas the Town of Mansfield has for many years supported the concept of child daycare for all of its citizens, and;

Whereas the Town owns a building on Depot Road designed and built for the provision of daycare services, and;

Whereas the Town pursuant to C.G.S. 8-210 receives State financial assistance for the provision of daycare services, and;

Whereas the Town annually receives a grant from the University of Connecticut for the provision of daycare services for families associated with the University and;

Whereas MDD, which prior to July 1, 1992, was known as Mansfield Daycare Center, Inc. has provided child daycare services at Town owned buildings since October 1, 1973.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the Town and MDD do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Town of Mansfield agrees to:

1. Provide the building at 50 Depot Road for MDD to use as a child daycare center;
2. Apply annually for a State daycare grant. Said funds to be made available to MDD for the use in operating a child daycare center at the Town facility;
3. Apply annually to the University of Connecticut for a grant to provide child daycare services to University families. Said funds to be made available to MDD for the use in operating a child daycare center at the Town facility;
4. Annually apply for the food reimbursement program from the State Department of Education, said funds to be made available to MDD for use in operating a child daycare center at the Town facility.
5. Provide a full range of building and grounds maintenance services to MDD at costs mutually agreed upon;

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6. Provide a full range of financial management services to MDD at costs mutually agreed upon. The Director of Finance shall serve as Treasurer of the MDD.
7. Pay debt service on the building at 50 Depot Road.

II. Mansfield Discovery Depot agrees to:

1. Provide licensed child daycare services in accordance with the regulations of the State Department of Health. One-third of the enrolled slots shall be available to families associated with the University of Connecticut;
2. Assure that any meals provided to children with funding from the State Department of Education are in accordance with the standards of the State Department of Education;
3. Determine its own internal policies and methods of operation, provided that it maintain compliance with all State of Connecticut child daycare regulations and all local health and safety regulations;
4. Carry and maintain the following insurances:
 - a. Property insurance for all of its equipment and building contents.
 - b. General liability in the amount of \$1 million each occurrence and \$2 million aggregate for the furnishing of child daycare activities.

Each year, the MDD shall provide the Town with a Certificate of Insurance stating the above coverages are in effect and the Town of Mansfield is an additionally insured party. The MDD agrees to hold the Town of Mansfield harmless.

5. Keep all assets purchased with Town funds free from any adverse lien, levy, security interest, attachment or encumbrance and in good working order. MDD agrees not to sell, transfer or dispose of any personal property with a value in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) without prior consent of the Town Manager.
6. Annually adopt a balanced budget wherein total revenues are anticipated to be equal to or greater than total expenditures. Supplemental appropriations in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) that must be paid for by the use of fund balance must be approved by consecutive actions of the MDD Board of Directors and the Town Council.

In the event that MDD dissolves, ceases to operate, commences any proceeding under bankruptcy or insolvency laws or fails to provide child daycare services to the Town, the Town reserves the right to take title to the assets of MDD including all equipment.

MDD's Board of Directors will at all times include (as a member of the Daycare Board) up to two members appointed by the Town Council.

The term of this agreement shall commence as of the date first mentioned above, and shall terminate on the 5th anniversary of such date, provided, however, that the term of this agreement shall be automatically extended for a period of five years at each such 5th anniversary, unless either party hereto shall give written notice of its intent to terminate this agreement not less than 90 days prior to such 5th anniversary date.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this 2nd day of JAN in the year nineteen hundred and ninety ~~SIX~~ SEVEN

Virginia K. Malik
Witness

Robyn Hermes
for the Mansfield Discovery Depot

Jeffrey H. Lee #0
Witness

Martin H. Belman
for the Town of Mansfield

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Having met the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards,
Mansfield Discovery Depot, Inc.

*50 Depot Road
Storrs, CT 06268
Program ID 291071*

is hereby awarded

NAEYC Accreditation

by the NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

07/01/2015

Certificate is valid until date above.

www.rightchoiceforkids.org
accreditation.information@naeyc.org
800-424-2460



Mark R. Ginsberg
Mark R. Ginsberg, Ph.D.
NAEYC Executive Director

NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

Summary

<u>Percentage of Met Criteria By Program Standard</u>		<u>Percentage of Met Criteria For Each Classroom Observed</u>	
1.	Relationships	100%	Purple 1 98%
2.	Curriculum	100%	Orange Toddler 96%
3.	Teaching	96%	Yellow Room 97%
4.	Assessment	100+*	Purple Infants 98%
5.	Health	100+*	Green Room 99%
6.	Teachers	100%*	
7.	Families	100+*	
8.	Community Relationships	100+*	
9.	Physical Environment	96%	
10.	Leadership and Management	100+*	

<u>Summary of Required Criteria</u>		<u>Candidacy Requirements</u>	
1.B.09	PASS	Administrator Qualifications	MET
3.C.02	PASS	Assistant Teacher Qualifications	MET
3.C.04	PASS	Collaboration	MET
5.A.03	PASS	License/License Exempt Status	MET
5.A.12	PASS	Teacher Qualifications	MET
10.A.02	PASS		
10.B.04	PASS		

* Score includes credit given for meeting Emerging Criteria. Please note that even if your program scored 100% or better on a particular Program Standard, there still may be topic areas reported for ongoing improvements. This can occur because Emerging Criteria are given extra credit when scoring. Therefore, there could be unmet criteria in a particular topic area although the credit given for meeting the emerging criteria raised the Program Standard score to 100% or more

NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

Summary Continued

Program Portfolio Feedback

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for creating a Program Portfolio that thoroughly documents how the program's policies and procedures meet the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria assessed.

Classroom Portfolio(s) Feedback

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for creating Classroom Portfolio(s) that offer detailed and clear documentation of how your program's classrooms meet the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria assessed.

NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

COMMENDATIONS

1. Relationships

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for promoting positive relationships among all children and adults to encourage each child's sense of individual worth and belonging as part of a community and to foster each child's ability to contribute as a responsible community member.

2. Curriculum

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for implementing a curriculum that is consistent with its goals for children and promotes learning and development in each of the following areas: social, emotional, physical, language and cognitive.

4. Assessment

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for using ongoing, systematic, formal and informal assessment approaches to provide information on children's learning and development. These assessments occur within the context of reciprocal communications with families and with sensitivity to the cultural contexts in which children develop. Assessment results are used to benefit children by informing sound decisions about children, teaching, and program improvement.

5. Health

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for promoting the nutrition and health of children and protecting children and staff from illness and injury.

6. Teachers

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for employing and supporting a teaching staff that has the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children's learning and development and to support families' diverse needs and interests.

7. Families

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for the high level of compliance with this component. Recognizing the importance of a reciprocal relationship between families and programs is essential to ensure that programs are meeting the needs of the children and families that the program serves.

8. Community Relationships

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for effectively establishing and maintaining reciprocal relationships with agencies and institutions that can support it in achieving its goals for the curriculum, health promotion, children's transitions, inclusion, and diversity.

10. Leadership and Management

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for administering a program efficiently and effectively, ensuring that all involved persons, staff, children, and families are included. The way in which a program is administered will affect all the interactions within the program.

NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

AREAS FOR ONGOING IMPROVEMENT BY PROGRAM STANDARD

3. Teaching

The Academy commends your program for using developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching approaches that enhance each child's learning and development in the context of the program's curriculum goals.

Teaching staff who purposefully use multiple instructional approaches optimize children's opportunities for learning. These approaches include strategies that range from structured to unstructured and from adult-directed to child-directed. Children bring to learning environments different backgrounds, interests, experiences, learning styles, needs and capacities. Teachers' consideration of these differences when selecting and implementing instructional approaches helps all children succeed. Instructional approaches also differ in their effectiveness for teaching different elements of curriculum and learning. For a program to address the complexity inherent in any teaching-learning situation, it must use a variety of effective instructional approaches. Whether one teacher works alone or whether a team works together, the instructional approach creates a teaching environment that supports children's positive learning and development across all areas.

Topic areas for ongoing improvement:

3.C Supervising Children

9. Physical Environment

The NAEYC Academy commends your program for creating an environment, both indoors and outdoors that fosters the growth and development of the children.

The program's design and maintenance of its physical environment support high-quality program activities and services as well as allow for optimal use and operation. Well-organized, equipped, and maintained environments support program quality by fostering the learning, comfort, health, and safety of those who use the program. Program quality is enhanced by also creating a welcoming and accessible setting for children, families, and staff.

Topic areas for ongoing improvement:

9.C Building and Physical Design

MOVING DSS STATE-FUNDED CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS TO SDE HAS UNINTENTIONAL NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES

The Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance does not support the transfer of DSS State-Funded Child Development Centers from DSS to SDE because this move does not address the fundamental problems inherent in Connecticut's fragmented and inefficient early child care and education system and may have unintended negative consequences.

KEY FACTS ABOUT DSS STATE-FUNDED CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS:

- Established more than 40 years ago as a work support for low-income working parents; 80% of parents served with DSS subsidy *must be working*.
- Located in 69 different communities.
- Serve approximately 4,300 children (1200 infants and toddlers; 2800 pre-schoolers; 300 school age children).
- Required to have NAEYC accreditation.
- Administered by non-profits or municipalities.

REASONS NOT TO MOVE DSS STATE-FUNDED CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS TO SDE:

- Inter-agency transfer does not address the issues that make our early childhood system so dysfunctional, including multiple funding streams and redundant reporting requirements.
- Transfer to SDE, which has historically prioritized preschool programs over services to infants and toddlers, jeopardizes the infant/toddler slots state-funded centers currently provide.
- Transfer might result in conversion of these centers to School Readiness programs, which would (1) negatively impact communities currently served by state-funded centers but not entitled to School Readiness funds, (2) reduce flexibility for parents, since School Readiness subsidies may only be used in the parent's town of residence; and (3) result in a reduction of services for infants, toddlers, and school-aged children.

	DSS State Funded Centers	School Readiness
Age of children	Infants and toddlers Pre-schoolers After school care	Pre-schoolers
Geographic location	69 communities state-wide	Limited to competitive and priority districts
Work requirement	Requires 80% of parents to be working	No work requirement
Flexibility	Transferable between communities	Not-transferable; restricted to community of residence

A BETTER SOLUTION: SUPPORT S.B. 1106 – MOVE CENTERS ONCE AND MOVE THEM RIGHT!

- Proposed SB 1106 would move all early childhood programs, including these state-funded centers, to a designated department of early education and child development.
- This department would focus on creating the coordinated system of early care and education, which Connecticut currently lacks, by:
 - ✓ braiding and blending funding streams to create fully-funded slots, increase efficiencies, and reduce redundancies; and
 - ✓ ensuring *all* children ages 0-8 (including infants and toddlers) are receiving appropriate services from high-quality programs sufficiently diverse to meet a variety of needs.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER



Sara-Ann Bourque, Executive Assistant to Town Manager

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May 18, 2011

Ms. Mary Jane Newman
Director
Mansfield Discovery Depot
- Interoffice Mail -

Dear Mary Jane:

I am pleased to inform you that at its regular meeting on March 28, 2011, the Town Council appointed Councilor Denise Keane as the Council's representative to the board of directors for the Mansfield Discovery Depot, Inc. for an indefinite term.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Sara-Ann Bourque
Executive Assistant to Town Manager

CC: Matthew Hart
Mansfield Town Council
Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

Attach:(1)



Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MH*
CC: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager; Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance
Date: May 9, 2011
Re: Fiscal Year 2011/12 Mill Rate

Subject Matter/Background

The FY 2011/12 budget was recently approved by the voters at Town Meeting and the Town Council needs to set the mill rate for next fiscal year. At staff's advice, Council agreed to hold off on setting the mill rate until we had more information regarding the state budget and the status of the Governor's negotiation with state employee bargaining units, as represented by the State Employee Bargaining Agents Coalition (SEBAC). As you know, the Governor's administration has reached a tentative agreement with SEBAC. While this tentative agreement needs to be ratified by the members of the individual bargaining units, staff believes that it would now be appropriate for the Council to move to set the mill rate.

Recommendation

Staff suggests the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Tax Rate for the Town of Mansfield for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 be set at 26.68 mills, and the Collector of Revenue be authorized and directed to prepare and mail to each taxpayer tax bills in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and that such taxes shall be due and payable July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012.

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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: May 23, 2011
Re: Contract Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for Resident State Trooper Services

Subject Matter/Background

Attached please find the contract renewal between the Town and the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for Resident Trooper Services. The contract would run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 and provide for the services of eight resident troopers and one resident trooper sergeant. (The actual document references seven troopers and one supervisor, and needs to be corrected in this regard.) As in previous years, the Town would be responsible for funding 70 percent of the cost of the program, although there is proposed legislation (SB 1017) in the current session that would increase the reimbursement rate for overtime costs to 100 percent.

The Council has recently received a draft of the police services study, which provides detail regarding a number of options for the provision of law enforcement services in Mansfield. If during the term of the two-year agreement the Town wishes to change the number of personnel assigned to Mansfield or to terminate the contract, we would have discretion to take those actions, subject to the terms of the agreement. Any other desired changes to the contract would most likely need to be negotiated as part of a successor agreement.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Manager to renew the proposed contract in the form of the resolution suggested below.

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

Resolved, effective May 23, 2011 that Town Manager Matthew W. Hart is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Mansfield with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, for the services of resident state troopers for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

Attachments

- 1) Contract Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for Resident State Trooper Services

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
AND THE**

TOWN OF: Mansfield, Connecticut

TOWN ADDRESS: 4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

FOR THE SERVICES OF RESIDENT STATE POLICE TROOPERS

TOWN FEIN#: 06-6002032 **AGREEMENT NUMBER:** 2000/291

CONTRACT PERIOD: July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013

In consideration of the Town of Mansfield (hereinafter the "Town"), acting through its Chief Executive Officer (hereinafter the "Town CEO"), duly authorized, paying all costs pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 29-5 and other good and valuable consideration, the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police (hereinafter the "State Police"), acting through its Commissioner, duly authorized, hereby agrees to provide the Town of Mansfield with the services of one (1) Resident State Police Supervisor and seven (7) Resident State Police Trooper(s) during the above-referenced contract period.

This Contract is subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

I. Law Enforcement Operations and Activities

A. Authority Over Police Operations. The Town hereby delegates to the State Police the authority to supervise and direct the law enforcement operations of appointed constables and police officers in the Town as set forth below.

1. Except for terms and conditions that conflict with the Town's obligations under the Connecticut Municipal Employee Relations Act (hereinafter "the MERA") and/or are contained within any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the town police officers' or constables' collective bargaining representative, all town police officers and constables shall be subject to applicable provisions of the current Resident State Trooper Program Administration and Operations Manual of the Department of Public Safety (hereinafter the "Manual"). Copies of the Manual shall be provided to the Town CEO and each police officer or constable of the Town who shall be responsible for compliance therewith. The Town shall ensure that each police officer or constable in the Town

provides a signed copy of the form attached hereto as Exhibit A evidencing such town police officer's or constable's receipt of the Manual and his or her understanding that he or she is responsible for adhering to its provisions, excepting only those terms and conditions that conflict with the Town's obligations under the MERA and/or are contained within any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables' or officers' collective bargaining representative.

2. The Town shall promptly advise the State Police in writing of any terms and conditions of the current Manual which the Town reasonably believes conflict with any provision of any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables' or officers' collective bargaining representative and shall provide a copy of any such agreement to the State Police.
3. During collective bargaining, the Town shall attempt to negotiate terms and conditions consistent with the performance standards and other provisions of the Manual.

B. Patrol Activities and Assignments

The Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, as applicable, assigned to each Town shall be responsible for making all patrol and special activity assignments for Town police officers or constables, including the law enforcement duties to be performed, taking into consideration the needs of the Town after consultation with the Town CEO, sound police practices, and any rights of the Town police officers or constables as specified in any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables'/officers' collective bargaining representative and the Town's obligations under the MERA.

C. Investigative Methods

The use of investigative methods, including but not limited to the conduct of all criminal investigations, application for and execution of all arrest and search warrants, use of force, vehicular pursuits, related activities, and reporting procedures, in the Town shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual.

1. Serious crimes, serious injury crimes and most complex incidents that involve in-depth, follow-up investigation, crime scene processing, seizure of evidence, application for and execution of search warrants, and out-of-town investigative work shall be conducted by the Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, as applicable, by State Police personnel assigned to the area State Police Troop, respective State Police major crime unit or any other State Police investigative unit deemed appropriate by the State

Police. The State Police may, in its sole discretion, make exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis. A serious or complex investigation may be assigned to a town police officer or constable by the State Police after taking into consideration the nature of the case, requirements of the investigation, the shift resources, response time, and the experience and training of the Town police officer or constable.

2. Every effort will be made by the State Police to allow a Town police officer or constable to remain involved in self-initiated, serious criminal investigations to the extent consistent with sound law enforcement investigative principles and practices.

D. Reports and Records

All Town police investigative records shall be maintained by the Department of Public Safety. All investigative reports shall be prepared, formatted and submitted in the manner approved by State Police. The Town shall be responsible for providing network access to the State Police records management system in accordance with the requirements of the State Police.

E. Chain of Command

Resident State Police Supervisors or Troopers, where applicable, shall directly supervise the law enforcement operations of all Town police officers or constables. The Town CEO of a resident trooper town shall have reasonable, direct access to the area State Police Troop Commander, the Resident Trooper Supervisor and Resident State Police Troopers for regular and on-going communications regarding law enforcement problems in the Town.

1. In the absence of the assigned Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, where applicable, the chain of command for Town police officers or constables shall progress to the area State Police Troop Commander, or his duly assigned on-duty shift supervisor, and to the State Police District Commander.
2. The intent of this contract is to provide positive direction for the working relationship between town police officers/constables and State Police personnel. All significant conflicts between Town police officers/constables and State Police personnel shall be referred to the next senior officer in the State Police chain of command.

F. Telecommunications

The Town shall follow all State Police procedures regarding use, access and maintenance of State Police supplied telecommunications equipment and technology. If the Town operates its own radio system and dispatch function,

Town police officers/constables, when dispatched to respond to an incident by such dispatch center, shall immediately notify the Troop State Police dispatch center of the incident to which they are responding.

G. Use of Police Canines by Town Police Officers/Constables

The use of police canines by Town police officers/constables shall be consistent with State Police policies and procedures. Towns electing to use alternative programs for training and certification or recertification of police canines shall assume all costs and liabilities associated with such programs. In the event a Town police canine is employed in a manner inconsistent or contrary to policies and procedures of the Department of Public Safety, the Town assumes all liability for any injuries or damages caused thereby.

H. Overtime

The State Police retains the right to make overtime assignments of State Police personnel in accordance with the prevailing State Police collective bargaining agreement and state law. Overtime assignments in the Town that require state police services outside the scope of this agreement and Connecticut General Statutes Section 29-5 such as those that fall within the scope of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-284 shall be assigned in accordance with the prevailing State Police collective bargaining agreement and paid for by the Town in accordance with the prevailing rates for private contractor extra duty overtime assignments. This provision is intended to apply only to overtime performed by state police personnel and is not intended to limit the rights of local officers or constables under any applicable local collective bargaining agreement.

II. Administrative Responsibility

A. The Town shall retain administrative responsibility for its personnel, including but not limited to, ensuring compliance with entry level standards for newly hired police officers or constables and training and certification requirements established by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-294a *et seq.* and associated Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or as otherwise required by law, compensation for services rendered, hours or shifts to be worked, and provisions of uniforms and equipment.

1. Resident State Police Supervisors or Troopers, as applicable, shall cooperate with the Town by scheduling Town police officers and constables so as to enable them to meet these requirements in a timely manner.

B. Administrative Investigations/Discipline

All misconduct or performance issues on the part of Town police officers or constables which cannot reasonably be resolved through counseling or the issuance of a Performance Observation Report by the Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, if applicable, and which may warrant the imposition of discipline, however minor, or the need for additional remedial training, shall be promptly reported to the Town CEO. The Town CEO shall be kept apprised of any counseling or the issuance of any Performance Observation Reports.

1. Allegations of misconduct on the part of Town police officers or constables which cannot reasonably be resolved through counseling or the issuance of a Performance Observation Report by the Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, if applicable, and which may warrant the imposition of discipline, however minor, shall be investigated by the State Police in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Manual and with any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables'/officers' collective bargaining representative, if any. The State Police may recommend the imposition of appropriate disciplinary measures and/or remedial training for Town police officers/constables. Imposition of discipline, if any, upon Town police officers/constables, or assignment for additional training to remedy performance deficiencies on the part of Town police officers/constables, shall be the responsibility of the Town.

C. Evaluations

In accordance with its obligations under the MERA and consistent with the terms of any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and constables' or police officers' bargaining representative, the Town shall implement a work performance evaluation system for all of the Town's police officers or constables. Such work performance evaluations shall be issued at least annually.

1. The Town recognizes that evaluations are: 1) an effective supervisor's tool; and 2) that they identify superior or substandard work performance.
2. Consistent with the terms of any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables' or officers' collective bargaining representative, the Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, if applicable, and the Department of Public Safety shall provide recommendations to the Town CEO concerning the periodic evaluation of the work performance of Town police officers or constables.

3. The Town shall make the final disposition on all work performance evaluations. Copies of completed work performance evaluations shall be filed in each Town police officer's/constable's official personnel files which shall be available to Resident State Police Supervisors and Troopers, as applicable, upon request.

III. Payment for Services Rendered

A. Costs and Schedule of Payments

The Town agrees to reimburse the State Police for the cost of compensation, maintenance and other expenses, including reasonably necessary overtime costs, for its assigned Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper(s), as applicable, consistent with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 29-5, in accordance with the following:

1. The State Police shall invoice the Town on an annual basis, in arrears, for the accrued costs of services rendered under this Contract with the exception of overtime which shall be invoiced on a quarterly basis, in arrears.
2. The Town shall pay the State Police for the invoiced costs of services rendered under this Contract within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice. If the Town disputes all or a portion of a pending invoice, it shall be the responsibility of the Town CEO to notify the State Police in writing before payment is due.
3. The State Police shall have the right to assess a late fee in the amount of five percent (5%) of the unpaid balance of each invoice for which undisputed amounts remain unpaid after sixty (60) days. In calculating unpaid amounts, partial payments shall first be applied to the oldest outstanding balances, and then to each successive outstanding balance until fully paid.

IV. Risk of Loss and Indemnification

- A. The Town assumes the risk of loss for any and all activity involving full or part-time Town constables, municipal police officers, other municipal employees providing police services, law enforcement officers providing police services pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with the Town, and Town police canines, and hereby agrees to hold harmless the State of Connecticut and the Department of Public Safety, its officers, agents and employees, from any cause or action arising out of the activity of such full or part-time Town constables, police officers or other municipal employees providing police services, or if applicable, the activity of any town police canine, and to

indemnify the State of Connecticut and the Department of Public Safety, its officers, agents and employees, from any liability resulting from the same.

The Town shall hold harmless and indemnify the State of Connecticut and the Department of Public Safety, its officers, agents, and employees, from any liability resulting from a cause or action founded either upon respondeat superior or supervisory liability arising from the acts or omissions of full or part-time Town constables, police officers or other municipal employees providing police services, or, if applicable, the activity of any town police canine, made pursuant to a provision of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables' or officers' collective bargaining representative, that is in conflict with a provision of the Manual.

Additionally, the Town shall hold harmless and indemnify the State of Connecticut and the Department of Public Safety, its officers, agents, and employees, from any liability resulting from any cause or action founded either upon respondeat superior or supervisory liability arising from the acts or omissions of a constable or officer that has refused or failed to execute Exhibit A, attached hereto.

1. For the period covered by this Contract, the Town will insure itself and its employees with a \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit police professional liability or law enforcement liability insurance policy, or its equivalent, naming the State of Connecticut and the Department of Public Safety, its officers, agents and employees, as an additional insured with respect to any liability for acts of Town constables, municipal police officers or other municipal employees providing police services, law enforcement officers providing police services pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with the Town, or, if applicable, the activity of any town police canine, and submit a certificate of insurance (or self-insurance) to the Department of Public Safety prior to the effective date of this Contract.
2. It is understood and agreed by the parties that each Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper, as applicable, exercising his or her police power or performing services pursuant to this Contract is an employee of the State of Connecticut and not of the Town and that, except to the extent limited by law, the State of Connecticut, and not the Town, is responsible for such Resident State Police Supervisor or Trooper's actions while in the performance of their assigned duties.

V. Notices

Any written notices required under this Contract shall be delivered as follows:

If to the Town:

Matthew Hart
Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, Connecticut 06268

If to the Department of Public Safety:

Reuben F. Bradford, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457-9294

VI. Governor's Executive Orders

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Agreement as if they had been fully set forth in it. This agreement may also be subject to Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.

VII. Termination

This Contract shall remain in full force and effect for the entire term of the Contract period stated above unless sooner terminated by either the Town or the State Police by providing thirty (30) days prior written notice of its intent to terminate the Contract.

Town of Mansfield

State of Connecticut
Department of Public Safety

By _____
Matthew Hart
Its Town Manager
Duly Authorized

By _____
Reuben F. Bradford
Commissioner

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form:

Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

Date: _____

Exhibit A

**RESIDENT STATE TROOPER ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS MANUAL
*ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT***

I, _____, have received a copy of the Resident State Trooper Administration and Operations Manual and understand that as a local officer/constable in the Town of Mansfield, I am responsible for complying with the provisions of this Manual not governed by either any collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the constables' or police officers' collective bargaining representative or terms and conditions that conflict with the Town's obligations under the Connecticut Municipal Employee Relations Act.

Signature

Date

cc: Official Personnel File

Department of Public Safety

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER PROGRAM A&O MANUAL

SECOND EDITION

Authority and Purpose

Pursuant to the authority invested in the Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Connecticut by Sections 4-8 and 29-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, all guidelines, directives and orders in this manual and such additions, amendments or revocations as may be required are prescribed to govern the activities of constables and town police officers operating within the Department of Public Safety Resident State Trooper Program except for those provisions that conflict with a town's obligation under the Connecticut Municipal Employee Relations Act and/or within any collective bargaining agreement between the town and the constables' or officers' collective bargaining representative. The contents of this manual are intended to prescribe rules and regulations intended to ensure the efficient delivery of police services provided to the public by town police officers or constables.

Restricted Information

Sensitive or confidential information located on appropriately marked pages of this manual is not intended for public dissemination and is restricted to official police use only. No restricted portion of this manual shall be distributed without specific and prior written permission of the Commissioner of Public Safety or a deputy commissioner.

Cancellation of Prior Directives and Date of Effect

Prior Department of Public Safety rules, regulations, orders and directives for town police officers and constables that conflict with this manual shall be null and void upon publication and distribution of this manual edition. If any provision of the Department of Public Safety 5th Edition A&O Manual is in conflict with any provision of this manual, the department manual shall be binding. All applicable department general orders, special orders shall remain in effect unless superseded, rescinded or countermanded by a subsequent and specific manual directive or general order.

Signed at Middletown, Connecticut, this 10th day of March 2011

____ Signature on File _____

Colonel Danny Stebbins
Commanding Officer of State Police
Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety

MANSFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2010

Chairman Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

Present: Members – Fraenkel, Gotch, Pellegrine, Singer-Bansal

Alternate – Clauson

Absent: Members – Katz

Alternate – Accorsi

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2011

Fraenkel moved to approve the schedule as presented. Gotch seconded the motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2010

Fraenkel moved to approve the minutes as presented. Singer-Bansal seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Tyler

**Town of Mansfield Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office
1244 Storrs Road (behind People's United Bank in Storrs Commons)**

5:00 PM

Minutes

Members Present: Karla Fox (Chair), Paul Aho, Martha Funderburk, Manny Haidous, Matthew Hart, Meredith Lindsey, Michael Taylor

Ex-Officio Members Present: Lon Hultgren, Howard Kaufman (by telephone), Macon Toledano, and Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Chair Karla Fox called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2010

Martha Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010. Meredith Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Remarks from the Chair

Karla Fox referenced the memo from Cynthia van Zelm and Lon Hultgren outlining key remaining issues for the Parking Steering Committee's consideration, and the referenced working draft of a cooperative agreement for parking enforcement in and around the future Storrs Center.

4. Continued Discussion of Issues for Storrs Center Parking including Enforcement and Storrs Center Surrounding Parking

Lon Hultgren reviewed the main points in the memo. Based on Committee input and discussions with the development team, the recommendation is to start with free, restricted parking in public and private lots in Storrs Center.

Mr. Hultgren said the input from the private property owners on the Committee was that it would be helpful to have supplemental enforcement to the enforcement that the property owners are already undertaking. One suggestion, based on the West Hartford model, would be for these private property owners to have a letter on file with the Town of Mansfield requesting this enforcement when called. The participating property owners would pay for this supplemental enforcement if fines would not cover all of the cost. Mr. Hultgren said a next step would be to obtain some estimated costs for this enforcement from a third party operator.

Mr. Hultgren said that ticketing and towing could be part of the supplemental enforcement system. The property owners would still have the ability to tow as they do now.

He noted that clear signage about parking rules will need to be in place.

Mr. Hultgren said due to the University of Connecticut and EO Smith High School's current enforcement, it may not be practical to include their lots in the enforcement system.

Meredith Lindsey asked why the Post Office and Courtyard Condo lots were not included. Mr. Hultgren said those lots may not be as much of a concern for Phases 1A and 1B since that part of the project is the furthest away from those lots. He thought those lots need to be looked at in a later phase.

Ms. Funderburk said the University will want to stay involved but its system is unique since no one else is allowed to ticket on the University lots except the University. Ms. Fox agreed that it would be difficult to include the University in a cooperative agreement.

Mr. Hultgren asked how the University handles enforcement after hours. Ms. Funderburk said that after 5 pm, lots are open parking. Mr. Hultgren queried as to whether that could be changed for lots near Storrs Center. Ms. Fox said the difficulty is that lots such as the Area 2 lot near the School of Fine Arts needs to be open for public events at the Nafe Katter Theater and the von der Mehden Recital Hall.

Matt Hart said the impact may be less if parking is free on the lots and on-street. There would be less incentive to park off the Storrs Center site. The garage and Dog Lane lot will be more populated by residents.

Mr. Taylor said he was pleased with the working draft of the cooperative agreement. He suggested that the agreement could be an initial step while everyone waits to see how the parking evolved on-street. How will the parking and financial needs for on-street parking evolve? Manny Haidous said a test case will be Storrs Road which will have the first on-street parkers. Mr. Hultgren said that a true test may not come until Phases 1A and 1B are operational.

Mr. Hultgren noted that a "parking tsar" will probably need to be brought on once the parking gets more involved with the multiple phases of the project.

Mr. Haidous asked if there would be any transitional parking lots. Macon Toledano said this may come into play with construction planning. The zoning regulations do allow for temporary lots during construction.

Mr. Toledano said there will be construction staging in the current Bishop lot area that will be leased by Storrs Center Alliance. Ms. Funderburk noted that this area will not be used for staging until the new lots for Bishop Center users is built. Ms.

Fox encouraged the Partnership and LeylandAlliance to update the neighbors. Ms. van Zelm said an initial meeting was held with the adjacent neighbors by the University with respect to the new lot, and future meetings will be held to update the neighbors.

Mr. Toledano said the team's phasing strategy is based on relocation in terms of when businesses are ready to move out of the University- owned commercial building. Once that building comes down the area can be used for temporary parking.

Mr. Haidous asked if the Town would adopt ordinances with respect to clearing out cars on the road if there is inclement weather.

Ms. van Zelm said the issue of the location of employee parking was still to be decided and she asked for feedback from the Committee. Mr. Haidous asked if a retailer wanted to pay for its employee's parking, could they? He expected that the location of employee parking spaces would be dictated on the number of employees.

Mr. Hultgren said his concern is that discounted employee parking should not be in the garage.

Mr. Taylor said employee parking should be designated for a specific area (s).

Mr. Hultgren suggested obtaining feedback from the retail consultant. Mr. Taylor said he assumed the Town's only interest would be that an employee not take valuable customer parking.

The Committee thought that a proposed \$30/month employee parking in the garage was not a good idea.

Howard Kaufman noted that it is difficult to track employees as West Hartford's Director of Public Works John Phillips noted at the last Committee meeting. If the rates are kept low enough at a location that may be further away, it may deter employees from parking at the choice spaces. He agreed with Mr. Hultgren that it would be good to get some feedback from the retail consultant on employee rates. The Town's parking consultant Walker Parking could help with the best location. Mr. Hart said that lots or the garage would be the better location for employee parking than on-street.

The Committee reviewed Appendix A in the draft cooperative agreement. Mr. Hultgren suggested that towing after a car has been parked for two hours in lots may be unrealistic. Mr. Taylor said a two hour limit would open up 90 percent of the spots. He suggested that if the parking is for two hours, there be an hour plus grace period before towing begins. Mr. Haidous said the largest issue is with the University student who parks and leaves for the day. Mr. Hultgren suggested that the new poacher may not be a student.

Mr. Haidous asked about the boundary of enforcement. Mr. Hultgren noted that a map would be developed but the proposed agreement would allow property owners to opt in or out. Mr. Hultgren said it was unclear if the Town and EO Smith would want additional enforcement in its lots. The high school may want additional enforcement at night. Mr. Haidous said he understood the concern of driving revenue away from the garage where parking is free.

Mr. Taylor said if there is a two hour limit of parking in the lots, it would need to be signed to indicate that it is for use of the services in Storrs Center. Mr. Hultgren will revise the language to reflect this suggestion.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Haidous and Mr. Kaufman agreed that they would want interactive shopping between their lots.

The Committee reviewed draft Appendix B. Ms. Funderburk said that the University fines are \$25 to \$30. She, thus, thought the proposed \$10 fine was too low. Ms. Funderburk will provide the rates to Ms. van Zelm.

Mr. Taylor suggested if a private towing company, the property owner should also be paid a fee by the offender.

Ms. Lindsey asked who would be responsible for issuing citations. Mr. Hultgren said he thinks there is precedent for it being done outside of the police i.e., a third party operator. This is an issue that legal counsel needs to review.

Mr. Taylor reiterated that he would like the ability to ticket on his private lot if it is possible. He said he would be willing to sign a legally binding agreement that would hold the Town harmless if someone is ticketing incorrectly. He suggested that the cost of the ticket would not go to the private property owner but into the enforcement "pot."

Mr. Kaufman said he has no objection to private property owners ticketing if it is possible and Storrs Center Alliance may want that option as well.

Mr. Hart asked about how appeals to fines would be adjudicated? He noted that the Town has volunteer hearing agents.

Mr. Taylor said his concern is whether a third party operator would have the incentive to assist quickly with ticketing on a private lot.

Mr. Hultgren reiterated that a legal opinion is needed as to what is feasible for private property owners. He will revise the draft cooperative agreement with the comments from the Committee.

Mr. Hultgren will review the titles of the signatories to a cooperative agreement with the signatories.

Ms. Fox asked about whether it is appropriate for the University to be a signatory. Mr. Hultgren said the University may not want to be a signatory or would want enough exemptions.

Mr. Hart asked if enabling legislation is needed to allow for municipal powers to be given to people to ticket. Mr. Hultgren said the Town's attorney would need to be consulted.

With respect to draft Article L. Disputes in the draft cooperative agreement, Mr. Taylor thought that 10 days to resolve any dispute was too short. Mr. Hultgren agreed and Mr. Taylor suggested 30 days.

Mr. Hultgren asked for comments on how signatories could pull out of the agreement. Is 6 months notice appropriate? Mr. Hart advised looking at the timeframe in terms of the potential financial reliance on that signatory for the other partners. Mr. Hultgren queried as to whether payment into the enforcement pool could be on a pay as you go basis? Mr. Hart asked about paying on a quarterly basis?

With respect to draft Appendix C, Mr. Hultgren said that Walker Parking can help fill in the number of spaces for each lot which would determine the proportional vote if matters of business in the cooperative cannot be resolved by consensus.

Mr. Kaufman cautioned against the complexity of allowing too many entities to ticket. Mr. Hultgren suggested that supplemental enforcement through towing may not be needed if property owners can ticket. Mr. Kaufman said a third party operator can help with estimates on how much supplemental enforcement would cost.

With respect to next steps, Ms. Fox suggested that the legal feedback be ready by the next meeting. Ms. van Zelm and Mr. Hultgren said they will work with the Town attorney Dennis O'Brien.

Mr. Hart suggested additional review by a third-party operator when they are brought on board. Mr. Kaufman agreed that a third-party operator and Storrs Center Alliance's retail consultant can review the draft cooperative agreement once it is more formalized.

Ms. Fox suggested an update to the University Parking Committee in February.

7. Review of next meeting date

The Committee will meet on March 8.

Mr. Hultgren said he will make changes to the draft cooperative agreement and send it to the Committee before the next meeting.

Ms. van Zelm suggested that she and Mr. Hultgren put together a one page memo on the remaining key items to discuss for the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

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

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

MINUTES

Members: Steve Bacon, Karla Fox, Jon Hand, Frank McNabb, Peter Millman, Ruth Moynihan, Betsy Paterson, and Karin Randolph

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm and Kathleen Paterson

Guests: Board member Alex Roe; Mansfield Director of Planning Greg Padick

Storrs Center Team: Tim Andre and Norm Goldman (Desman Associates), Sam Gardner (Gregg Wies & Gardner Architects), Macon Toledano (LeylandAlliance), Geoff Fitzgerald (BL Companies), Lon Hultgren (Town of Mansfield)

1. Call to Order

Steve Bacon called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2011 and March 15, 2011

Betsy Paterson made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2011. Frank McNabb seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Betsy Paterson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2011. Frank McNabb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with abstentions from Peter Millman and Ruth Moynihan.

4. Review of DRAFT Zoning Permit Application for Parking Garage and Intermodal Center

Mr. Bacon introduced Tim Andre, Norm Goldman, Sam Gardner, Macon Toledano, and Lon Hultgren.

Mr. Bacon noted that this was the Committee's third meeting on the parking garage and intermodal center.

He reviewed the process for authorization of a zoning permit for Phases 1A and 1B buildings. He noted that the process will be very similar for the parking garage and the intermodal center except that the applicant is the Town of Mansfield as the Town will be the owner of the facility. He said the Committee may be asked to act on a motion, at its next meeting on April 19, that the plans conform to the Storrs Center design guidelines.

Mr. Hultgren noted that he is working on supplemental information for the zoning permit application regarding information required in the Storrs Center Special Design District regulations.

Mr. Hultgren referred to the site plans on the table. He noted that Village Street now wraps around the intermodal center for better access to the intermodal center and the garage. Mr. Hultgren said he, otherwise, does not believe the site plans have changed a lot since the last meeting except that the intermodal center has grown to approximately 3,000 square feet. The garage is approximately 300,000 square feet.

Greg Padick said he thought the new road pattern will make it easier to access the garage and the intermodal center. The Town Traffic Authority also reviewed this layout and agreed that it is improved with respect to access. Macon Toledano noted that previously the access was not direct (was around buildings) but now the access goes right past the intermodal center.

In response to a question from Ms. Moynihan, Mr. Gardner said that there will be several bus pull-offs.

Peter Millman noted the diagonal parking on part of Village Street and asked if this permanent. Mr. Toledano replied in the affirmative and reiterated that he would like consensus from the Committee that the diagonal parking is acceptable.

Mr. Millman noted his concern about pedestrian access behind the garage going to and from the Phase 1A buildings. How will pedestrians be accommodated, as this will be a natural path that they will take.

Geoff Fitzgerald said the intention is for pedestrians to use Village Street. Mr. Millman noted that the street behind the garage will be the quicker way. Mr. Toledano said that the Bishop lot will accommodate some visitors and that will be closer to access the Phase 1A buildings.

Mr. Millman expressed his concern about safety on the road behind the garage. Mr. Gardner noted that the road will be lit, and there could be some traffic calming.

Mr. Bacon asked if Mr. Millman's concern could be addressed. Mr. Toledano said a sidewalk would need to be at least 5 feet wide per the Storrs Center design guidelines. Mr. Fitzgerald said the land becomes more constrained near the entrance to the garage. Mr. Millman wondered if a sidewalk could go on the opposite side of the garage. Mr. Goldman said there will need to be enough turning radii for the buses. Mr. Toledano also noted the constraints by wetlands.

Mr. Hultgren also said that traffic calming could be put in as needed.

Mr. Toledano said the team will go back and see if pedestrian access can be improved behind the garage.

Frank McNabb asked if all utility services will go in at once in Village Street. Mr. Hultgren replied in the affirmative. Mr. Padick said per conditions on the Storrs Center regulations approval in 2007, the road will have to be built out before the garage opens.

Karla Fox asked about parking for the Post Office. Mr. Hultgren said this is planned to be reconfigured and Mr. Toledano noted that the Post Office is relocating some of its operations to the Storrs Post Office. This will necessitate a need for more parking spaces.

With respect to the diagonal parking, Mr. Toledano referred to the presentation the team did at the prior Planning and Design Committee meeting. The issue was that diagonal parking would allow there to be more parking spaces for visitors to the retail. He said this idea was discussed with Mr. Padick, Mr. Hultgren and the Town Traffic Authority.

Ms. Paterson noted that she had experienced diagonal parking in Ventura, CA and it worked much better for traffic flow.

Mr. Bacon asked how original 15 to 16 feet wide sidewalks on Village Street compare to other areas. Mr. Fitzgerald said the sidewalk widths vary throughout the project but the minimum currently being planned is 8 feet.

Mr. Bacon asked if cafes on Village Street sidewalks can still be accommodated? Mr. Fitzgerald said "yes," as a 5 foot minimum is required for a passable area.

Mr. Andre went over the garage layout. There will be a place for shared cars. Floors one through three will be for visitors with the upper floors nested for residents. Every floor has a lobby space overlooking the Village Street or the intermodal center. The stairwells will be open with glass which will help with passive security.

Mr. Andre said the only piece that has changed since the last meeting is the facades as they got rid of the railings and are designing with mesh. The roof has been simplified and there will not be a beacon-type light.

Karin Randolph asked about the issue brought up at the last meeting about the heat in the elevator shaft. Mr. Andre said the elevator shaft will be ventilated and they are looking at heating and cooling options.

Mr. Padick asked about the color of the garage. Mr. Andre said conceptually they are looking at a gray precast color. Mr. Padick said people will be interested in the color of the garage.

Mr. Gardner said the intermodal center will be more prominent with the reconfiguration of the street. He showed the Committee the massing of the structure. He said to extend the facade, he did screening and created an outdoor space under a pergola.

Mr. Gardner said the intermodal center will be the place of interaction between people. It is proposed to include restrooms, an information center and multi-purpose bike space on the first floor. The second floor is proposed to have showers and restrooms for bike users, and the elevator lobby for the parking garage. The only access to the second floor bike area would be by an access card. He said he is pricing out the cost of offices over the first floor.

Mr. Gardner said there will be screening in front of the building. Alex Roe said she would like to see texture on the front of the building.

Mr. Hultgren said the downstairs restrooms will be public and monitored.

Mr. Millman asked if residents could rent space in the bike area? Mr. Gardner replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Hultgren reiterated that the garage has places for car sharing vehicles and charging stations for electric cars. He said that UConn has asked for proposals for shared car services and the Town would have spaces in its garage as well as UConn's garage.

Mr. Bacon asked about a meeting that was held with transit providers. Mr. Hultgren said the potential transit providers (WRTD, UConn, Peter Pan) appreciated the ability to stage buses for an extended period of time.

Mr. Hultgren noted that the intermodal center will have the technology to tie into the ITS on the buses so that riders will know exactly where the buses are and their time of arrival at the intermodal center.

Ms. K. Paterson asked if elevations would be provided.

Ms. van Zelm said that the formal zoning permit application is expected on April 12 with the Committee meeting on April 19. Ms. van Zelm said the plan is for the public hearing to be held by the Partnership on May 4. Mr. Padick said that he can place conditions on the application, if needed, after the public hearing is held as the review is an administrative review.

Jon Hand said he had hoped for more traditional New England architecture. Mr. Gardner said the thinking was to do more of a "quiet" building as there is a lot of going on in this area and many of the other buildings are more traditional. Ms. Paterson said the goal was for the parking garage to not be intrusive.

Mr. Gardner said he will project a model with elevations at the Committee meeting on April 19.

Mr. Bacon noted that except for the sidewalk behind the parking garage, the Committee seemed ok with the general direction the garage and the intermodal center are proceeding.

5. Review and Action on Village Street and Transit Pathways Layout

Mr. Millman made a motion to approve the recommendation of partial diagonal parking on Village Street. Mr. Hand seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Committee agreed to pass along a record of this motion to Director of Planning Greg Padick.

6. Topics for Next Meeting and Set Meeting Date

Mr. Bacon said the meeting on April 19 may include a motion that the parking garage and intermodal center comply with the Storrs Center design guidelines.

Mr. Padick asked that information on color options for the parking garage and intermodal center be brought to the Committee meeting on the 19th. Mr. Gardner said he will bring some material samples.

Mr. Millman said he would like to see some color options other than neutral. Can the Committee see some accent colors? Ms. Roe noted that color needs to be balanced with quality.

7. Adjourn

Mr. McNabb made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Paterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Cynthia van Zelm

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Meeting of Tuesday, 05 April 2011
 Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Jay Ames, Blanche Serban. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn, Kelly Kochis, Scott Lehmann. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).
2. The minutes of the 01 March 2011 meeting were approved as written.
3. **Downtown Partnership.** Kim informed the committee about the preparations underway for the Festival on the Green.
4. **Appointment and re-appointment letters** for the committee members were received. Jay O'Keefe will contact Kelly Kochis to find out if she plans to continue serving in the committee. Jay A. plans to attend the meetings without being member of the committee per se.
5. **MCC exhibits.**
 - a. Jay A. will write an application for a **puppet show** to go on display in June.
 - b. Blanche talked with Karen Anger the art teacher at **Goodwin and Southeast Elementary School** in Mansfield and they will bring the artwork to the Community Center during the students spring break (18-22 April).
 - c. Kim will contact the **E. O. Smith** group to let them know when they have to take down their art.
 - d. Kim will talk with **Martin Calverly** about taking down his photographs in the hallways and lower sitting room areas.
 - e. Blanche will contact **Reneé Raucci** about her coming exhibition.
 - f. Kim will contact **Murray Wachman** to find out if he has other pieces he would like to include in the show, and if he would like to hang his art on August 15th.
 - g. Kim will fill in an application for an exhibition of portraits printed in canvas.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
15 Jan – 14 Apr	<i>E.O. Smith student art</i>				<i>Martin Calverly (New England photos)</i>	
15 Apr – 31 May	<i>Mansfield School Art</i>					
01 Jun – 15 Aug	<i>Storrs Puppet Theatre items?</i>			<i>Reneé Raucci? (watercolors)</i>	<i>Helen Dewey (watercolors)</i>	
15 Aug – 15 Oct	<i>Festival advertising Art show winners</i>					

6. Jay O'Keefe thanked Jay A. for the service in the AAC.
 8. **Adjourned at 7:50p.** Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 03 May 2011.
- Blanche Serban, Secretary, 03 March 2011.

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Meeting of Tuesday, 01 March 2011
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MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann. *Members absent:* Jay Ames, Kelly Kochis, Blanche Serban. *Others present:* Helen Dewey, Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. Helen Dewey showed 7 small framed watercolors of landscapes and flowers that she would like to exhibit. The Committee agreed that they were suitable. The first available exhibit period is 01 June to 15 August, and Ms. Dewey thought the hallways would be the best display area for her works. She has a couple of larger watercolors that could be included in her show and will submit photos of any additional works for approval before installation. Ms. Dewey left the meeting.

3. The minutes of the 04 January 2011 meeting were approved as written. (The February meeting was cancelled by snow.)

4. **MCC exhibits.**

- a. The **E. O. Smith art** is up in the display cases, and **Martin Calverly** has hung his photographs in the hallways and lower sitting room areas.
- b. Blanche finally succeed in reaching **Reneé Raucci**, who remains interested in exhibiting. Perhaps she'd like the upper sitting room area, starting 15 April? Or the entire sitting room for 01 June to 15 August? Scott will ask Blanche to contact her about dates.
- c. Scott will also ask Blanche about arrangements for the Mansfield elementary school art show (15 April to 31 May).
- d. Tom will try to remember to approach **Suzy Staubach** about showing her ceramics.
- e. **Murray Wachman** has applied to show largish oils: faces of people, trunks of trees. The first available exhibit period is probably fall, starting in September. Kim will ask if he'd like to exhibit then and whether he has other works that would add variety to a show.

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5. Beverly Rigler's show of quilts and wall hangings at the Mansfield Library was officially approved.

6. **Storrs Center Development.** Jay O'K reported that the Downtown Partnership is starting to consider the design of Storrs Center's public spaces. The Committee (along with other interested parties) will be invited to provide input.

7. **Report to Committee on Committees.** Jay O'K will report that the Committee's charge needs no modification and that Kim should be listed its Chair. Scott will decide by the April meeting whether he will then retire from the Committee.

8. **Adjourned** at 7:50p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 05 April 2011.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 03 March 2011; approved 05 April 2011.

MINUTES
Human Service Department Advisory Committee
Special Meeting
April 20, 2011
3:00-4:00

- I. Call to Order: K. Grunwald called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM and welcomed members to this new committee. Members were asked to introduce themselves.

Present: Kevin Grunwald (staff), Dexter Eddy, Joan Terry, Frank Perrotti, Joan Quarto, Ethel Mantzaris, Matt Hart (staff), Victoria Nimirowski, Sara Anderson, Jane Blanshard
Regrets: None

- II. Approval of minutes: As this was the first meeting of this committee, there were no minutes to be approved.

- III. Town Council Charge to the Committee: K. Grunwald reviewed the Town Council's charge to this committee; "to serve in support of the department's mission to enhance the well-being and help meet the basic needs of all residents of Mansfield." There were no comments or questions.

- IV. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, And Secretary: E. Mantzaris was nominated as the Chair and was approved unanimously. F. Perrotti was nominated as Vice-Chair and was approved unanimously. V. Nimirowski was nominated as secretary but declined. J. Quarto was nominated as Secretary and was approved unanimously.

J. Blanshard suggested that we tape record this meeting for the minutes. It was agreed to do this, and J. Quarto as secretary will work with the department secretary on creating the minutes from the recording. K. Grunwald will send out a distribution list. E. Mantzaris raised a question about what the function is of the group. M. Hart thanked members for volunteering and suggested that the committee work with key staff to assess community needs and identify whether or not we have the resources to meet those needs. He thinks that it would be helpful for this committee to assist the department in establishing a mission and goals. E. Mantzaris asked for a copy of the organizational chart, and J. Blanshard requested

job descriptions. M. Hart suggested adding budget pages and inviting key staff to the next meeting. K. Grunwald will invite YSB Coordinator and Senior Center Coordinator to the next meeting.

K. Grunwald asked members to talk about the work of the advisory committees that they are representing. J. Blanshard stated that MACNPD has worked hard to make Post Offices accessible to people with physical disabilities. The issue of access to buildings is an area of concern. J. Terry said that she will be interested in pursuing the issue of doctors being unwilling to accept Medicare patients, which came up at the recent COA meeting. She feels that this is an area that this committee should attend to. V. Nimirowski is interested in ways that this department can collaborate with outside agencies, including WAIM. E. Mantzaris would like to see Youth Services expanded and strengthened. S. Anderson said that she is excited about the ability to find cross-over issues from other groups that impact children and families. The focus of MAC is on children age birth-8. J. Quarto said that she is not sure what the issues are for the Mansfield Senior Center Association.

- V. Overview of the Human Service Department: K. Grunwald distributed copies of the department's annual report for last year and provided an overview regarding the organizational structure of the department. J. Blanshard mentioned that she has notes from a focus group that was held at the Senior Center.
- VI. Freedom of Information and Ethics Issues for Advisory Committees: D. Eddy clarified that a 2/3 majority is required to go into Executive Session. J. Quarto asked what the ethics issues are; M. Hart explained that it is important for members to be familiar with the Town's ethics code. Copies of the code will be made available to members.
- VII. Meeting Schedule: Members agreed that we will meet on the third Wed. of the month at 2:00 PM, and will discuss meeting during the summer at one of our next meetings.
- VIII. Future Agenda Items/Adjournment:
 - J. Blanshard suggested future agenda items including the focus group information from the Senior Center. She

distributed several items that she would like to see discussed.

- M. Hart announced that there is a proposed project for the next fiscal year to build a sidewalk on South Eagleville Rd. from Glen Ridge.
- D. Eddy raised a question about what is happening re: Assisted Living; perhaps the committee should take an interest in that.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grunwald

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Chair Tom Callahan, Michael Allison, Phil Barry, Harry Birkenruth, Mark Hammond, and Matt Hart

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Phil Barry called the meeting to order at 3:10 in Tom Callahan's absence. Mr. Callahan arrived later in the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2011

Phil Barry made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Birkenruth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Update on DRAFT Budget

The Committee continued its discussion on the Partnership office space.

4. Update on Storrs Center

Cynthia van Zelm went over the schedule with respect to Storrs Center construction. She said the former UConn Publications building is scheduled to be demolished in May. The zoning permit approval process for the parking garage and the intermodal center is starting with the review process through the Partnership's Planning and Design Committee.

Mr. Callahan said that LeylandAlliance will take down the UConn property it is acquiring in phases. He noted that Leyland has also closed on the private property at 10 Dog Lane and 13 Dog Lane.

Mr. Birkenruth asked about an update on the commercial leasing including process. He would like Charter Realty (Leyland's commercial leasing agent) to be brought to a future meeting. Ms. van Zelm said that Howard Kaufman with LeylandAlliance and Charter Realty will be attending the next Partnership

Business Development and Retention Committee by phone. She suggested that they attend a Board meeting and will follow-up.

Mark Hammond and Michael Allison said that the leasing team should also be looking at space for professional offices to locate in Storrs Center as well.

Mr. Hart reviewed the Town Manager's proposed budget for the Town Council's consideration which includes a \$125,000 contribution to the Partnership's operating budget.

Mr. Hammond moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes sections 1-200 (6) (D), 1-200 (6) (E) and 1-210 (b) (5).

Mr. Brikenruth seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes sections 1-200 (6) (D), 1-200 (6) (E) and 1-210 (b) (5).

Present: Committee members Mr. Allison, Mr. Barry, Mr. Birkenruth, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Hart

Also Present: Ms. van Zelm

6. AJ Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year

The Committee discussed the AJ Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year award and made a recommendation for Mr. Callahan to bring to the full Board of Directors.

7. Update on Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee

Ms. van Zelm said that Gene Nesbitt, chair of the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, had expressed interest at the last Four Corners Committee meeting in an endorsement from the Partnership Board of Director's of the Committee. Mr. Callahan asked if Mr. Nesbitt and Finance Committee member and Partnership representative on the Four Corners Committee, Phil Spak, could give an update at the next Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm

Town of Mansfield
Energy Education Team
Minutes of Meeting
April 12, 2011

Present: Dan Britton (chair), Coleen Spurlock, Dennison Nash, Don Hoyle, Pene Williams, Madeline Priest (Neighbor to Neighbor), Dave Nelson (guest), Cathy White (guest), Miriam Kurland (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the March 8, 2011 were approved.

Pene reported that much of the 20by2010 Clean Energy Google Group e-mail discussion has centered on green building requirements for residential construction. It was suggested that one of the Neighbor to Neighbor workshops focus on green building/green retrofits for contractors and residents.

Don stated that on May 6 & 7, 2011 he will be attending "Partnering with a Green God: Calling People of Faith to Environmental Ministry," a two day program sponsored by the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ. The keynote speaker is Bill McKibben. With 20 different workshops being offered, Don will attend one on transition towns and another on our transgenic food supply.

Madeline reported that the official launch of the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge on March 22nd received excellent press coverage. Governor Dan Malloy, Representative Joe Courtney and DEP Commissioner Dan Esty were in attendance. The local launch for Mansfield, Lebanon & Windham is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Windham Textile Museum and Garden on the Bridge. Bob Kremer from Glenridge Cooperative has agreed to do a lighting program during one of the community's coffee hours. The Unitarian Universalists are planning a Neighbor to Neighbor presentation during a Sunday service. Madeline will meet with all the elementary and middle school enrichment teachers in June. Jeff and Jenna spoke to the Garden Gate Club. A Home Energy Basics presentation is being planned for residents in June and is being publicized through the Parks and Recreation summer brochure. Neighbor to Neighbor has put out a request for proposals for Home Energy Solutions energy auditors. (Currently, Neighbor to Neighbor is working with the energy auditors that have been selected by CL&P.) The energy auditors who are chosen will also need to have working relationships with contractors that specialize in energy efficiency. Ginny stated that the link to the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is on the Mansfield website home page.

For Earth Day Ginny reported that she is borrowing a portable photovoltaic panel from the Clean Energy Fund for UConn's Spring Fling on Thursday, April 21 and for the Storrs Farmers Market on Saturday, May 14. Staff from Neighbor to Neighbor will be present at both events. The May 14 Storrs Farmer's Market will feature the Neighbor to

Neighbor energy challenge, the Kirby Mill hydro project, the CleanEnergyOptions program and the portable solar panel.

The Team revisited draft goals that were developed May 13, 2010. Work has been in progress for gathering baseline information on municipal energy consumption. Ginny reported that through the work of student interns, the baseline data for municipal energy consumption is almost complete. The Sustainability Committee will be reviewing the information at their April meeting. Ginny will work with CL&P to get a baseline count of the number and size of renewable energy systems in Mansfield. Through the effort of the Neighbor to Neighbor staff, CL&P will be providing Mansfield's total residential energy consumption. It was suggested that net zero houses and ductless heat pumps be included in the workshop series.

Ginny discussed with the Energy Education Team if the Town should join the EPA's Energy Star Community Energy Challenge, designed to promote energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy in New England towns. Members thought the Town of Mansfield should participate in the EPA challenge as a way to link into grant opportunities, receive assistance with portfolio manager and be recognized for its efforts. The Town has already taken some of the steps, including assessing the Town's municipal energy use through Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Ginny will discuss this with the Town Manager, Director of Public Works and Director of Maintenance.

Ginny reported that a ribbon cutting is being scheduled for the end of May at E. O. Smith High School for the additional 4 kilowatts of PV panels now operating on the school's roof (a total of 7 kilowatts).

The Energy Education Team discussed whether to host another lighting sale. Some new products, including LED lights, are now available. Since Neighbor to Neighbor is offering free lighting retrofits and the LED lights are still very expensive, it was decided to forego the lighting sale. Ginny will work with Madeline to promote the lighting retrofit program. Lighting retrofits will be included as part of the workshop series.

Dennison reported on the progress of the Juniper Hill Village photovoltaic system. Don will let the Team know when they are having a ribbon cutting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
April 14, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Min Lin, Ed Neumann, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein (by phone), Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Holly Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 7:41pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Students from all three elementary schools presented songs and poems they performed at the COLT Rhyme Festival. The elementary Spanish teachers, Diane Hutton, Beth Schwartz, and Jennifer Zugarazo and the students described activities at the festival which was held in Washington, CT. The Baker family, Steve, Jeanne, Jordan, and Tommy from Vinton School shared their blog (<http://riverhomestead.blogspot.com>) about life on the Willimantic River.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported there will be an Executive Session regarding negotiations following the meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- COLT Rhyme Festival: See Hearing for Visitors
- Mansfield Be Well Program: Ande Bloom, Eastern Highlands Health District, discussed the program provided to Town of Mansfield, Region 19, and MBOE employees. The goal of the Be Well Program is to improve the overall health and wellness of employees through wellness initiatives that target risk factors and wellness issues that influence health.
- All Hazards MOU: Robert Miller, Director, Eastern Highlands Health District, reported on the planning and preparation for many types of public health emergencies and asked that Mansfield Public Schools be formally identified as "Points of Dispensing (POD) in local mass dispensing plans. MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Lin, to authorize the Superintendent to sign the All Hazards Memorandum of Understanding between the Mansfield Board of Education and the Eastern Highlands Health District. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- CCJEF: Mr. Baruzzi updated the Board on the roundtables meeting and litigation update.
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): Mr. Baruzzi reported on the AYP suggest annual targets for the 2011 spring CMT testing.
- Summer Program Survey: Mr. Baruzzi shared the results of a survey to parents of children participating in the summer online enrichment program. He reported that the administrators have reviewed options of expanding summer school offerings.
- K-4 Progress Report: Mr. Baruzzi reported on changes to the K-4 Progress Reports for the 2011-2012 school year
- Strategic School Profile: Mr. Baruzzi reported on the Strategic School Profile 2009-10 recently received from the State Department of Education.
- Annual Retirement Party: After discussion, the Board endorsed the annual staff retirement party at UCONN's Rome Ballroom.
- Staff Recognition: The Board discussed staff recognition options.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: Mr. Baruzzi reviewed seven additional proposals which will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant changes in enrollment this month.

FOUR SCHOOLS BUILDING PROJECT: The Board discussed the school building project decision by the Town Council and the need for the Council to determine next steps.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mr. Walikonis that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of April 14, 2011 be approved or received for the record with a revision on the March 24, 2011 minutes: VOTE: Unanimous in favor with Ms. Lin abstaining.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the March 10, 2011 Board meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the March 24, 2011 Special Meeting.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education accepts the retirement of two Mansfield Middle School teachers, Ann Levesque, French and Norma Posocco, 8th grade language arts and social studies, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request of Jennifer McMunn, 7th grade Reading/Language Arts teacher, for maternity leave and unpaid childrearing leave through December 2011.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, Superintendent's evaluation, and non-union wages and salaries. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

The Board moved into Executive Session with Mr. Baruzzi in attendance at 10:21pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:54pm. MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Mr. Walikonis to ratify the CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 (Mansfield Instructional Assistants) contract effective 7/1/11 – 6/30/14 and the Mansfield Secretaries Association contract effective 7/1/11 – 6/30/14. VOTE: Unanimous in favor

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Ms. Lin, to adjourn at 10:56pm. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee

on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday March 22, 2011

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

I. Recording Attendance

Present: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Blanshard, F. Goetz,
KA Easley (staff), Joe McLaughlin (guest),

Regrets: G. Bent, C. Colon-Semenza, W. Gibbs, J.
Sidney

II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for February 22,
2011 were not approved due to the lack of quorum.

III. New Business (other added by majority vote)

- a. Birth-to-Three Services: Guest- Joe McLaughlin introduced himself to the group. He and his wife Donna operate McLaughlin and Associates, housed in the basement of the First Church of Christ. They are funded by the State of CT to provide services to families who have a child with a developmental delay or disability. They currently serve 175 families in Mansfield and

surrounding towns, and have approximately 20 staff working with them. Joe distributed brochures for the program. This is a nationwide program; Part C of the Special Education law to provide services to families with children needing intervention services. Children get referred through Infoline, and families have choice regarding where they choose to receive services, and they can change providers if they are not pleased with the services they are receiving. Every town in CT has at least two programs. Since 1996 these services have served 92,600 families in CT, and in that time the state has had 8 due process hearings to resolve complaints. There is now a sliding scale family fee that was instituted last year; fixed at the family's adjusted gross income and family size. There is no fee for families earning less than \$45,000 a year. They have a data system to track children and their developmental progress, and have demonstrated that 53% of children who use Birth-3 services don't need special education services when they reach kindergarten. This represents a significant cost savings, and demonstrates the value of early intervention. One of the benefits is that the program is family-centered and services are provided in the child's home. This is a public-private partnership, and some programs are state-operated. The reimbursement rate is set by the state. Most children are referred by families or pediatricians. Infoline does an initial telephone screening and then refers the family to a provider. Eligibility is determined by a diagnosed medical condition that is predictive of a

developmental delay, or if the child shows a significant developmental delay in any one of five developmental areas on a standardized measure, or if there is a mild delay in two of the five areas.

- b. Wheelchair Accessible Van Application: K. Grunwald reported that the Town is applying for a grant to purchase a wheelchair accessible van for seniors and residents with disabilities.
- c. "Other": none.

IV. Old Business

- a. Community Presentation: Follow-Up- J. Blanshard felt that it went well, and was disappointed that more people did not attend. If it is done in the future it should be better publicized, and the publicity should be done with more planning.
- b. Storrs Downtown Development: K. Grunwald provided information about the conditional zoning approval that was granted on the zoning application for Storrs Downtown: "Revisions to the design of the parking, loading driveway and waste disposal site improvements situated north of building DL-1/2 and east of building TS-1. The Planning and Zoning Commission has expressed concerns regarding vehicular and pedestrian safety in this area, the Mansfield Solid Waste Advisory Committee has raised concerns regarding access to the dumpster near building DL-1 **and the Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities has suggested providing accessible parking spaces closer to**

building entrances. Additionally, consideration should be given to specifically identifying all reserved spaces. A final design for this area shall be approved by the Director of Planning with assistance from other Mansfield Staff members.” J. Tanner asked that the committee be allowed to view the final design.

- c. Accessibility issues previously identified:
- KA Easley had sent information to Chair W. Gibbs about the use of warning tickets for cars illegally parked in accessible spaces.
 - J. Tanner asked if we had found out where Big Y had obtained \$150 fine stickers. Signs are still not up at the Community Center parking lot. K. Grunwald will pursue this.
 - KA Easley asked members to suggest an engaging name for the Committee’s website. J. Tanner suggested putting a “hit counter” on the web page. K. Grunwald will pursue this with the IT department.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

The next meeting is April 26, 2011. There may be a new member, and W. Gibbs has asked the committee to consider election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday February 22, 2011

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

I. Recording Attendance

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), F. Goetz, J. Sidney, J. Blanshard, G. Bent, W. Gibbs (Chair), KA Easley (staff), C. Colon-Semenza

REGRETS: J. Tanner

Chair W. Gibbs called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM.

- #### II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for January 25, 2011 were reviewed. It was suggested to add that C. Colon-Semenza and J. Tanner made constructive suggestions about the parking in the Storrs downtown area. The minutes were accepted with that addition.

III. New Business

- a. "Other": G. Bent has contacted Donna McLaughlin from McLaughlin & Associates to talk about Birth-3 services. She will invite them to attend either the March or April meetings at 2:30.

IV. Old Business

- a. Brochure: K. Grunwald distributed a draft of the revised brochure. He will add a phone number and website link. Brochures will be made available at the Community Presentation tomorrow.
- b. Community Presentation (2/23): C. Colon-Semenza distributed copies of a program brochure that she made to be distributed at the event tomorrow. Presenters will each be given 3 minutes, with time for question/answer and individual discussions later. The event will begin at 12:45. J. Sidney recommended that we promote the State Office for Health Care Advocacy for their services. C. Colon-Semenza invited her to speak on this tomorrow.
- c. Storrs Downtown Development: K. Grunwald distributed copies of a memo that he wrote to the Director of Planning relating concerns that this committee raised about parking and accessibility. Greg used this in review of their application for zoning approval, and apparently this is reflected in his conditional approval. K. Grunwald will get

copies of the conditions of the approval and distribute them to committee members.

- d. Accessibility issues previously identified: J. Sidney reported that not all parking signs in Mansfield indicate the \$150 fine. K. Grunwald stated that he has submitted a work order in for this. She also said that she continues to see cars parked in accessible spaces that don't have a permit. Committee members suggested that she contact the police.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grunwald

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – October 20, 2010 (approved 4/27/2011)

ATTENDING: Darren Cook, Sheldon Dyer, Don Field, Michael Gerald, Frank Musiek, Howard Raphaelson
STAFF: Jay O’Keefe, Curt Vincente
GUESTS: Steven Vampatella, Bill Pritchard-Thorpe (potential EOS Student Reps)

- A. Call to Order – Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. He welcomed the guests noted above.
- B. Approval of Minutes – F. Musiek moved and H. Raphaelson seconded that the minutes from the April 28, 2010 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously. There were no minutes from the July 28, 2010 meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Reviews – J. O’Keefe reported that Mansfield Little League was previously all set with their Co-sponsorship and that the few missing items from both the Tri-Town Youth Football and Cheerleading Association and the WAM United Soccer Association have been received and are now all set. Co-sponsorship applications were previously approved pending the receipt of the missing items, therefore no action was required. J. O’Keefe will communicate with representatives from each group to invite them to the January meeting for their 2011 review.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns. The new website is still a work in progress. C. Vincente reviewed the packet information regarding the Community Center fees, noting unanimous Town Council approval of the Year 8 fees as submitted. The following upcoming meetings or events were noted: Member Appreciation Week October 25 through November 1, new “Friends of Mansfield Community Center” meeting on October 30, and the Annual Charter Member Reception on November 20. F. Musiek noted that there has been positive feedback on the new weight rack and was installed recently. Staff provided brief updates on Southeast Park, Skate Park and Lions Memorial Park, noting that the person responsible for some of the vandalism at Lions Memorial Park was arrested.
- D. Correspondence – None
- F. Director’s Report – C. Vincente noted that most of his report was covered under Old Business or will be discussed under New Business items.
- G. New Business – The spring quarterly report was included in the packet and briefly reviewed. C. Vincente gave an update on the final budget numbers for FY 2009-10. Staff presented an abbreviated version of the PowerPoint presentation that was given for the Town Council back in September. A brief discussion ensued related to Fee Waivers. RAC members unanimously agreed that the Town Council should provide direction to RAC if there are concerns about the Fee Waiver program, otherwise the ordinance should be continued as is. J. O’Keefe provided a brief review of fall programs and a preview of winter programs that are being planned. In other new business, it was agreed that the guests should be invited to the next meeting to see if they remain interested in the one E.O. Smith student representative vacancy on RAC. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm.

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 7, 2011**

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

4:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Steve Bacon, Harry Birkenruth, Tom Callahan, Bruce Clouette, David Lindsay, Philip Lodewick, Frank McNabb, Betsy Paterson, Christopher Paulhus, Alex Roe, Steve Rogers, Bill Simpson, and David Woods

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Philip Lodewick called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2. Opportunity for Public to Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

Bill Simpson made a motion to approve the March 3, 2011 Board meeting minutes. Steve Bacon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Director's Report

Cynthia van Zelm noted that the monthly Open House is today at 6 pm in the Partnership office.

She asked Committee chairs to have their Committee reports for the Annual Report in by April 25.

Ms. van Zelm noted a couple of upcoming meetings – a meeting with the Willowbrook, Oak Hill, and Dog Lane neighbors on April 21 at 7 pm to update them on Storrs Center and the work to be going on at the Bishop Center lots; a general public update to the community on April 26 at 7 pm at the Bishop Center; and the Town budget meeting on May 10 at 7 pm at the Mansfield Middle School.

Ms. van Zelm said that the Town released bids last week for the demolition of the former UConn Publications building. Bids close on April 25.

Alex Roe said that the UConn Buildings and Grounds Committee had approved two more easements related to ingress and egress to the Bishop Center. She said that the UConn Board of Trustees will consider the takedown schedule for UConn property by Storrs Center Alliance at its next meeting.

Tom Callahan thanked Ms. Roe and UConn Real Estate Officer Bob Sitkowski for taking on much of the active planning on the UConn end for Storrs Center.

5. Freedom of Information Act Policy

Bruce Clouette made the following motion. The motion was seconded by David Woods:

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., functioning as a public agency in its capacity as the Town of Mansfield's designated development agency for the Storrs Center project hereby adopts in their entirety the Policies and Procedures outlined in the Town's September 23, 2009 Policy Memorandum, Freedom of Information Act Request Form and Summary of Charges (see attached) as revised to reflect: (a) that records should be principally retained at and requests directed to the Partnership's office at 1244 Storrs Road, PO Box 513, Mansfield, Connecticut 06268; (b) the renaming of the Request and Charges forms; and (c) charging for copies of all required material whether kept in the office or taken from the office.

The Board discussed the motion and suggested changes by Board members were accepted as a friendly amendment.

The motion as amended now reads:

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc., when functioning as a public agency in its capacity as the Town of Mansfield's designated development agency for the Storrs Center project shall follow in its entirety the Policies and Procedures outlined in the Town's September 23, 2009 Policy Memorandum, Freedom of Information Act Request Form and Summary of Charges (see attached) as revised to reflect: (a) that records should be principally retained at and requests directed to the Partnership's office at 1244 Storrs Road, PO Box 513, Mansfield, Connecticut 06268 or any subsequent Partnership office, as such address may change from time to time; (b) the renaming of the Request and Charges forms; and (c) charging for copies of all required material whether kept in the office or taken from the office.

The motion, with the changes, was approved unanimously.

6. Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee Update

Ms. van Zelm said the sewer pump station design consultant has started work and will be working near Jensen's for the next two to three months.

Ms. van Zelm said the water consultants have been authorized by the Town to do a site plan for three potential wellfields – two along the Willimantic River (Riverpark and Eagleville Preserve) and the third behind Southeast School. The results are

expected in May and will be discussed with the Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee. Borings will be done on one to two of the sites.

7. Committee Reports

Dean Woods referred to the Partnership's spring newsletter which had been placed at all Board members' places, and commended Kathleen Paterson, Special Projects Coordinator, for all her work on the newsletter.

Dean Woods said the Committee is focusing on publicity and visibility for the groundbreaking.

The next Committee meeting is May 11.

Dean Woods passed out a tentative schedule for the School of Fine Arts 50th anniversary events which will run from Sept. 22 (Thursday) through September 24 (Saturday). He said the School is working to coordinate events with the *Festival on the Green* Committee.

Business Development and Retention

Steve Rogers said the Committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

Festival on the Green

Betsy Paterson reported that the 8th Annual Festival on the Green will be held this year in front of EO Smith High School so not to conflict with any Storrs Center construction.

Ms. Paterson said that Slavic Soul Party will be the musical headliner this year.

She said that incoming University of Connecticut President Susan Herbst has been invited to the *Festival*.

Finance and Administration

Mr. Callahan said the Committee has been reviewing the Partnership's office space for some time and is recommending to the full Board that the Partnership move its office to the Town Hall. Mr. Callahan said the ultimate goal continues to be to move the Partnership office to the new development but this move makes sense economically and as there is currently space available.

Mr. Callahan said the Committee will meet in April to consider personnel salaries and bring a recommendation on the budget back to the Board in May.

Mr. Callahan said, based on feedback received, the Committee is recommending Lynn Stoddard as its AJ Pappanikou Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Callahan made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Mr. Clouette. The motion was approved unanimously.

Membership Development

Frank McNabb said there are currently 319 members who have paid \$15,607 in dues. He said that Board member David Lindsay is looking into whether the UConn Honors Council and the UConn Undergraduate Student Government would become members.

He noted that there is now a link to the Partnership website on the UConn Alumni Association website.

Nominating

Mr. Lodewick said that Dean Woods' term on the Board will be ending in June. The Committee asked Ted Yungclas, Assistant Dean at the School of Fine Arts and Mansfield resident, to be placed into nomination for a vote at the Board's Annual Meeting in June.

Mr. Lodewick said that with Dean Woods term ending, his at-large position on the Executive Committee will become vacant. The Committee is recommending that Harry Birkenruth fill that position.

Mr. Lodewick said the Committee has discussed the logistics of a groundbreaking and the Annual Meeting.

Planning and Design

Mr. Bacon said the Committee has met twice on the preliminary design for the parking garage and intermodal center. Some of the issues that the Committee identified at its last meeting were looking at the potential colors for the buildings and possible stronger pedestrian access behind the garage.

Mr. Bacon said the plans will come to the Committee on April 19 as part of the submitted zoning permit application.

The Committee will make a recommendation on whether the application is consistent with the Storrs Center design guidelines, to the full Board.

8. Adjourn

David Lindsay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Sustainability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
April 27, 2011

Present: Stoddard (chair), Matthews, Lennon, Miller, Hultgren (staff), Sam Shifrin (guest), Michelle Shifrin (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

Stoddard called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Hultgren described the plans for the intermodal center and parking garage that include parking spaces for car sharing and electric car charging stations. The top floor of the garage will be built to accommodate a future photovoltaic installation. Bike and bus use is the transit focus of the intermodal center. Existing bus routes will stop at the intermodal center. The Federal Transit Administration will fund information systems on kiosks and applications on phones about bike sharing, car sharing, bike routes, bus routes and schedules. The second floor will accommodate bike commuters with lockers and showers. There may be office space on the upper level of the intermodal center. The pre-cast structure of the garage is in the RFP stage. The intermodal center will be constructed after the garage structure is built – probably beginning in February 2012. The committee liked the thought that went into the intermodal center serving the various transit needs. Stoddard offered to write a letter to the Director of Planning that will endorse the design so far and raise questions about efficient heating/cooling, sustainable building materials and use of a LEED matrix. It was suggested that there is a deeper discussion on the design details at some point.

Sam Shifrin briefed the committee on the Mansfield Hollow Hydro project. Sam and Michelle Shifrin moved their business into the Kirby Mill in 1998 making custom designed machines. In investigating a small turbine to power the Mills operations, Sam a mechanical engineer, was disappointed with what was available. He has since designed a turbine, combining robotics with electronic controls, with patent pending and approved by the DPUC as a class 1 renewable energy. Their hope is that this design will make hydro power much more available to old mill sites. Their business, Mechatronic Energy Systems, LLC received a demonstration grant from the Clean Energy Fund to build five turbines that will produce 100 kilowatts of energy each at Mansfield Hollow. It is estimated that the hydro system will produce 2.3 million kwh/year, powering the businesses in the mill and surrounding 200 homes. Currently, all contracts have been reviewed and all permits are in place; as soon as financing for the project is established, they will be ready to start the site construction. The turbines and the head gate are under construction. The conditions established under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license include a fish passage installation if Mansfield Hollow Dam installs one. The US Fish and Wildlife Service require that eels must be trapped and released at the boat launch twice a year. Eight years after they are released the eels will begin to come downstream; the hydro intake will need to be lit. The effect on fish habitat was studied extensively to determine minimum flow. The hydro system will be inoperable in August as there is not enough flow. But based on the studies, the minimum flow should actually increase fish habitat. The business plan is to turn the Kirby Mill into a hydro research and development facility and use Mansfield Hollow Hydro as a demonstration site. The Shifrins are looking to partner with the Town. Through a Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Town has the ability to get a zero interest bond to lease the Mansfield Hollow Hydro property and the FERC license. The operational cost of the project is estimated to be \$125,000 per year. The Town currently pays a 9 cents/kwh generation fee. Under this bonding arrangement, the Town would pay 5.5 cents/kwh, a 39% savings. The total project cost is 2.6 million dollars, necessitating a 2.15 million dollars bond. The

detailed financials have been given to the Town Manager for review. The committee expressed interest in the project and a continuing dialogue.

The minutes from the March 23, 2011 meeting were approved.

Walton will follow up with Bill Lennon's appointment to the Four Corners Advisory Committee.

Walton asked members if the meeting could be moved to the second Thursdays of the month at 5 pm. Hart is unable to attend on Wednesdays and would like to participate. Walton will check with members not present and set the next meeting date based on their feedback.

The meeting was adjourned 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton

Sara-Ann Bourque

From: Maria E. Capriola
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 8:35 AM
To: publicnotices
Subject: FW: Ethics Board Packet - May meeting
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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May minutes of ethics board

From: Mike Sikoski [mailto:msikoski@sprynet.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 5:46 AM
To: Maria E. Capriola
Subject: Re: Ethics Board Packet - May meeting

Minutes for 5/5/11 Ethics board meeting

Called to order at 4:30 pm
Attendance Smith, Ferraro, Sikoski Nesselroth, Barry, Stevens
OBrien, Capriola (staff)

I. Public comment

Ric Hossack spoke about changes to 25-6c4 Employer exclusions and 25-6G use of town assets

David Freudman spoke about same issues

II. Approval of Minutes Smith made motion to approve minutes of 3/3/11 with one change (Nesselroth's term not expiring) Sikoski Seconded all in favor.

Minutes of 3/7/11 were tabled till end of meeting. where discussion was had of when the meeting started, Sikoski made motion to accept minutes as presented by Vice chair Nesselroth, seconded by Smith, all in favor.

III. Communications

Report of FOI complaint 365 was accepted with no comments

Memo from personnel committee

IV. Discussion of personnel committee draft of ethics code.

Along with noted grammatical changes, discussion was had on 25-5 (political activities) 25-6C 4 (UCONN employees) 25-8I (Limited complaint time)

V, Adjournment Sikoski made motion seconded by Stevens meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

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

From: Maria E. Capriola
To: David Ferrero ; Phillip & Lena Barry ; Mike Sikoski ; Nora Stevens ; Saul Nesselroth ; Winthrop Smith
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 11:05 AM
Subject: Ethics Board Packet - May meeting

Attached are your packet materials for the May meeting. Hard copies will be available for you at

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NAME ADDRESS

Jon Andersen
Jon Andersen 185 Old Turnpike Rd Storrs

Denise Abercrombie 185 Old Turnpike Rd Storrs, CT
Denise Abercrombie 06268

Alyssa Gwinnett
Alyssa Gwinnett 204 Old Turnpike Rd Storrs, CT
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Robert Henning -85-66 Moulton Rd.

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From: Steve Baker [snbaker05@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 1:34 PM
To: Town Mngr
Subject: 109 Thornbush Rd

Steve Baker
109 Thornbush Rd
Mansfield Ct 06250

Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Paterson
Town Manager Matthew Hart
Audrey P Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mayor Paterson & Mr. Hart

I am writing to thank all the wonderful people working for the Town Of Mansfield, Office Of Emergency Management.

My family and myself live and love our little piece of paradise here on Thornbush Rd in Mansfield. Unfortunately we live in a flood zone that in the past has resulted in intense hardship for us. Because we love this place we call home, we were willing to endure the stress every time the river would over run its banks.

The Mansfield Office of Emergency Management, working with The State of Connecticut, secured a grant from FEMA to elevate our home above any future flood waters.

I would like to thank John Jackman, Fran Raiola, and Jennifer Thompson from the Mansfield Office of Emergency Management.

It is without exaggeration, when I say my family is safe and living in the home we love because of John, Fran, and Jennifer. The floods we experienced this past March would have certainly left us with extensive damage and homeless, but because the house and all utilities are now out of danger, the flooding of March 2011 was nothing more than a very minor inconvenience.

I am very thankful that John, Fran, and Jennifer understood my financial restraints and worked extremely hard to tailor the Severe Repetitive Loss Grant, (SRL) in a way that would allow us to take advantage of the opportunity and protect our home and our future in our home. Because of the detail they put into administering the grant, we have our dream home and it was brought in under budget.

Although my family was the primary benefactor, at least 20 businesses and contractors, of which most were local hard working folks, benefited from this grant. Many told me how much they appreciated this work during such tough times for the building industry.

On behalf of my family and myself, thank you to the Town Of Mansfield, and to John Jackman, Fran Raiola, and Jennifer Thompson with the Town Of Mansfield Office Of Emergency Management. We will be forever grateful for their dedication and compassion.

Sincerely,

Steve Baker
109 Thornbush Rd
Mansfield CT.

May 7, 2011

Dear Mr. Hart,

Please support Alison Hilding's request to hire Gail Batchilder of Louriero Engineering. Today's environment is more fragile than ever and we need to ensure that the proper steps are taken before any development is approved.

Sincerely,

Donald Curtis

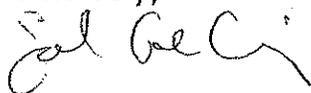
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Curtis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" being more prominent than the last name "Curtis".

Sarah Curtis

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Communications Advisory Committee



Patrick McGlamery, Chair

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING
 FOUR SOUTH EAGLEVILLE RD
 MANSFIELD, CT 06268-2599
CAC@mansfieldct.org

05/16/11

Dear Council Members;

The Communications Advisory Committee conducted a survey of participants at the Mansfield Town Meeting in May, 2009. In the Fall of 2009 the Committee reported on the findings of the survey to the Town Council. We were asked by the Council to conduct additional review and analysis of the findings and provide recommendations to the Council. Since then the Committee has made several suggestions based on the survey. This letter presents these final recommendations to the survey.

A key survey finding was that the primary source of information about the 2009 Town Meeting was the road-side signs that the Town posted prior to the Meeting at the suggestion of the Committee. Based on this finding, we have four recommendations for further consideration and action by the Town Council or administrative officials.

- 1.) The Town and its citizens have used signs for the past two hundred years to communicate information. The Town Charter specifically mandates signposts posting legal notices at some 10 specific sites around town. (See attached documents for historical and mandated signposts.) The location of signs should be revisited with, if necessary, subsequent revisions to the Charter to make them more functional to the 21st Century citizenry. Criteria for determination of optimal sign locations should include availability for public purposes, of land on which signs are to be located, traffic patterns, residential density and compliance with zoning regulations.
- 2.) Few citizens know of the posts and fewer use them. Remarkably, citizens then AND now want signs. We therefore recommend that appropriate Town officials meet with a design team to bring the signposts into the 21st Century in terms of attractiveness and visibility. (Perhaps the Town could work with with Prof. Peter Minutti's student design teams from UConn's Landscape Architecture program (<http://www.psla.uconn.edu/miniutticv.html>)).
- 3.) We recommend that the Town explore utilizing a Single Face LED Sign, Trailer Mounted, Solar Power sign, the type that has a streaming, short message in a lighted marquee format. (http://www.scrolling-displays.com/Outdoor-LED-Solar-Powered/c36_158/p2693/PD-2000-Single-Face-LED-Sign,-Trailer-Mounted,-Solar-Power-225-W/product_info.html) \$20,995.

- 4.) We further recommend that the Town consider using 'Burma Shave' type signs to advertise the time and place of Town Meeting, voting, and other public activities. These types of signs are inexpensive, do not carry a lot of 'word load' on any one sign and can be used again and again. For example: "Tired of just bleating" "Town Meeting" "VOTE!" "May 10th at 7:30" "Mansfield Middle School" Yard signs, 12" x 18" for example, are inexpensive (\$4.97 ea for 10) and readily available on line. (i.e. <http://www.buildesign.com/>) Only the fourth sign would have to be printed each year.

The Communication Advisory Committee's mission is to promote successful communications between Mansfield town government, departments, Town Council, committees and citizens. Successful communications facilitate accessibility and accountability, making government more responsive to the will and the values of the Mansfield citizens. Effective communications is the timely and ongoing activity of transferring information and ideas back and forth among all parties. Good communication uses a variety of available communications channels. We hope that our recommendations help the Town Council and Town administrators move toward optimal utilization of various forms of communications.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,



Patrick McGlamery
Chair, Communication Advisory Committee

Signpost references reported in the Chronology of Mansfield 1702-2002

October 16, 1711 – “It shall be counted a legal warning to any town meeting for the selectmen to set up a writing on the signpost signifying (hour) for which it is appointed and signed by the major part of selectmen” and to be set up one week before the meeting day.” “ it shall be esteemed legal warning for the surveyors to set up a writing on the signpost to order all work at highways, provided those that work with cart and team shall have reasonable notice and the writing to signify where men shall meet to be set on work and to be set on the signpost one week before the day appointed.”

1820 – Voted: that the signpost near the Methodist meeting house shall be a public signpost.

October 4, 1824 – Voted: to erect a public sign post near the house of Dr. Norman Brigham (Mansfield Depot).

October 1, 1832 – It is further voted to erect a public signpost near the new Methodist meeting house (Gurleyville)

January 5, 1857 – Town meeting votes to establish a sign post near the house of Eliphalet Martin provided that there be no expense to the town.

October 3, 1859 – Voted in town meeting to establish a sign post at Merrow Station.

October 4, 1869 – Voted: that the selectmen be authorized to put up guide boards at principal crossings to town.

October 25, 1880 – Voted to move the town signpost near the Henry Huntington house to Mansfield Depot.

October 2, 1905 – Voted to remove the public signpost from its present location near the Center Church to a point southerly of Oden’s store (521 Storrs Road) at said Center.

October 6, 1924 – Voted to move sign post at Eagleville to a point at Four Corners (intersection) near schoolhouse in Eagleville.

SIGN POST NOTICE

I hereby certify that notices of the _____

to be held on _____ at _____

have been posted on all signposts and signboards found standing.

_____ Audrey Beck Town Offices

_____ Eagleville Fire Department Company #1

_____ Merritt Thompson's Store

_____ Mansfield Senior Center

_____ Eagleville Fire Department Company #2

_____ Jude Lane @ circle ✓

_____ Mansfield City & Browns Road (S.E. inside corner) ✓

_____ Old Town Hall ✓

_____ Juniper Lane (opposite bridge)

_____ Gurleyville/Chaffeeville Roads (on island at intersection) ✓

_____ Mt. Hope/Wormwood Hill Roads (on island at intersection)

Dated _____ Signature _____

Town Clerk

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER



Matthew W. Hart, Town Manager

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May 17, 2011

Ms. Wunderley Stauder
22B Anton Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Wunderley
Dear Ms. ~~Stauder~~,

While we are sorry to hear that you have decided to resign from the Public Safety Committee, we are happy for you that you will be able to relocate closer to your children.

On behalf of the Town, we thank you for the time and effort you have put into the work of this board since June 2001. Your experience in the corrections field and your perspective as a resident has proven invaluable. We greatly appreciate your dedicated service to the Committee as a member and chair.

We will certainly miss you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager

Cc: Town Council
Public Safety Committee
Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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May 17, 2011

Ms. Kimberley J. Santopietro
Executive Secretary
Department of Public Utility Control
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No: 11-03-07, DPUC Investigation into the Appointment of a Third Party Statewide Utility Telephone Pole Administrator for the State of Connecticut

Dear Ms. Santopietro,

This is in response to your 4-19-2011 request for public comment regarding the above captioned matter.

Please be advised that the Town of Mansfield believes there is a substantial need for the appointment of a third party statewide utility telephone pole administrator for the state of Connecticut. Consequently, we urge the Department of Public Utility Control ("DPUC") to appoint such an administrator. We have reviewed the public comments filed by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities ("CCM") and wish to endorse CCM's comments concerning this matter.

If this matter is scheduled for hearing in the future, please provide us with a notice of hearing.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Hart
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield, CT

CC: Pat Alair, Assistant Corp Counsel (pata@westhartford.org)
Donna Hamzy, Legislative Associate (dhamzy@ccm-ct.org)
Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission
Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works
Gregory Padick, Director of Planning

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

DPUC INVESTIGATION INTO THE :
APPOINTMENT OF A THIRD PARTY :
STATEWIDE UTILITY TELEPHONE :
POLE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE :
STATE OF CONNECTICUT :

DOCKET NO. 11-03-07

MAY 6, 2011

WRITTEN COMMENTS OF
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

Submitted by: Donna Hamzy, Legislative Associate

INTRODUCTION

Through this proceeding the Department has solicited public comments regarding the establishment of a statewide pole administrator. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (“CCM”) has participated in two prior proceedings before the Department in which it expressed concerns regarding the manner in which utility poles are currently administered in Connecticut and advocated for the establishment of a third-party administrator. CCM strongly supports the proposal for a third-party administrator currently before the Department.

CCM’s aim is to establish a safe, cost-effective process for the processing of all pole attachment applications that recognizes the statutory rights of municipalities. The current process does not meet that objective. A single statewide pole administrator seems to be the model that could be most efficiently implemented and that would resolve the flaws in the current administration process, which are discussed in more detail below.

DISCUSSION

The Department has solicited public comments with respect to five specific questions. CCM’s comments are framed in an effort to be as responsive as possible to those five areas of inquiry, but the responses below re-order those questions in order to answer them in a more succinct fashion.

1. **The need for and the role of the third party utility pole administrator, including the pros and cons, in establishing an administrator.**

There are a variety of good reasons for the Department to establish an independent utility pole administrator. These can generally be divided into “procedural” and “operational” issues.

A. Procedural Issues

At the outset, CCM stresses that its criticisms of the existing process should not be taken as a criticism of the recent efforts of CL&P to work with municipalities to establish an equitable municipal pole attachment agreement. The agreement recently reached between municipalities and CL&P represents an equitable compromise on the issues. The problems that remain are those that cannot be addressed by any single pole attachment agreement - no matter how equitable - because any such agreement must recognize that the vast majority of utility poles are jointly-owned and each owner separately insists upon its own pole attachment agreement.

In CL&P's recent rate case the testimony established that, of the 714,121 poles that CL&P owns, nearly 87% are owned jointly with AT&T or Verizon. Of those, the vast majority - nearly 85% - are owned jointly by CL&P and AT&T. CL&P Response to Interrogatory TWH-001, February 19, 2010. Furthermore, the "default" position of CL&P, AT&T and Verizon is to acquire utility poles jointly if there is any possibility that both CL&P and the relevant telecommunications provider might install facilities on the pole. Transcript of March 22, 2010, pp. 881-82. Under the current system, therefore, the number of jointly-owned poles will only increase in the future, both as a fixed number and as a percentage of the total number of poles in the state. *Id.*

While AT&T administered the jointly-owned poles for CL&P, a third-party attacher only needed to execute a pole attachment agreement with AT&T, which acted on its own behalf, and the other owner of the poles. *See* Prefiled Testimony of Chris Johnson, Exhibit A, March 18, 2010 (*Pole Attachment License Agreement for Municipal Private Fiber Networks Between the Southern New England Telephone Company D/B/A AT&T Connecticut and the Town of West Hartford*, Article I). Since AT & T no longer administers these jointly-owned poles, third-party

attachers are required to execute separate agreements with both CL&P and AT&T or Verizon. Transcript of March 22, 2010, pp. 884. This is the core of the problem and would plainly be resolved by the establishment of a single pole administrator.

The most obvious problem raised by this duplicative process is that attachers are forced to pay fees to both owners of these jointly-owned poles, pursuant to each owner's pole attachment agreement. *Id.*, p. 885. The result is that an attacher wishing to run a *single* cable across a *single* set of 400 jointly owned poles is required to pay *two* sets of application fees. Transcript of March 22, 2010, pp. 885. CL&P has agreed to reduce its fees for municipal pole attachments substantially from its original proposal. AT&T has not. CL&P reported to the working group that efforts to reach agreement with AT&T regarding the fee structure for jointly-owned poles were unsuccessful. CCM's efforts to discuss such changes with AT&T were flatly rebuffed. As a result, if a municipality wishes to attach to a series of 400 poles (the maximum number permitted in a single application) it would be obligated to pay the following fees:

CL&P:

Application Fee:	\$0
<u>Per Pole Fee (\$25 x 400):</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

AT&T:

Application Fee:	\$150
<u>Per Pole Fee (\$50 x 400):</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$20,150</u>

Grand Total: \$30,150

Under state law and previous ruling made by the Department, these application fees are intended *only* to reimburse the utilities for the cost of performing pre-construction survey work and

otherwise managing the application process. Transcript of March 22, 2010, p. 892. When AT&T administered this process, it shared none of the application fee revenue with CL&P. *Id.* Now, however, CL&P and AT&T are duplicating much of the same work because of a business decision which they made decades ago when they began to purchase poles jointly. *Id.*, p. 897.

In addition to the application fees, there are several other fees and charges set forth in the CL&P and AT&T pole attachment agreements which can best be described as penalty charges. These will also be duplicated if both AT&T and CL&P assess them on jointly-owned poles. Once again, CL&P has agreed to accept reasonable caps on these fees, but AT&T has not. As a result, attachers face multiple penalties for a single mistake. CL&P has also agreed that some of these penalties should be shared with the third party whose efforts to attach to poles are delayed by virtue of a violation. AT&T has not. Consequently, as currently structured, the party who is harmed by a violation is not necessarily the recipient of the penalties. AT&T will continue to receive revenues from penalties while the third-party attacher which actually suffers the harm will not.

Separate and apart from the financial implications, however, the existence of multiple agreements carries with it the virtual certainty that those agreements will contain inconsistent terms. From a processing perspective, this is clearly a reason for concern. While trying to meet the requirements of CL&P, an attacher can find itself running afoul of an inconsistent term in AT&T's agreement. Even if those inconsistencies can be reconciled - and given the history of these discussions there is no reason to believe that such reconciliation would be simple - the reconciliation process certainly adds unnecessary delay into the time needed to complete the attachment.

There are currently a handful of examples of these delays happening in municipalities across the state that are trying to get projects up and running. Two examples of those are Glastonbury and East Hartford. Both have expressed real concerns about the delays they are experiencing because they are dealing with multiple pole owners and agreements.

Similarly, the need for redundant, multiple applications can lead to inconsistent and/or conflicting directions from the pole owners with regard to any individual project. There are countless ways in which this might occur. One owner could direct the applicant to attach at the bottom of the communications gain while the other could direct the applicant to attach at the top and have the other attachments shifted downward. One owner could permit overlashing to an existing line and the other owner could refuse. The potential conflicts are apparent and would almost certainly add unnecessary confusion and cost to the majority of projects on jointly-owned poles. Worse yet, a single application involving multiple poles could conceivably involve multiple variations on these problems. If ever there was a system designed to be fraught with opportunities for delay and confusion, surely this is it.

B. Operational Issues

From an operational perspective, the notion of a single statewide pole administrator should be viewed not as a need, but as an opportunity. Such a program could help to improve a number of troubling situations, which have been chronic problems for some time.

In the case of pole knockdowns or major storm damage, a single pole administrator could help coordinate repairs. While AT&T served as pole administrator for itself and CL&P there was a single point of contact for third-party attachers. Now, even in emergencies, both AT&T and CL&P need to be contacted to coordinate repairs. In the case of an emergency a single pole

administrator could serve as the coordinator and would be able to serve as the clearinghouse for distributing information to public safety personnel regarding downed or sagging lines.

A single pole administrator could also coordinate and monitor the elimination of double poles. This Department is well aware of the history to that ongoing problem. If a third party pole administrator is managing attachments and transfers from old to new poles, that administrator could easily monitor the time being taken to remove the old pole following completion of the transfer. Such monitoring could be extremely helpful, if only because it would enable the Department to obtain regular data regarding the pace at which the number of double poles is being reduced.

Such a process could also keep track of abandoned lines and their timely removal. At the present time, there does not appear to be any true monitoring of the presence of abandoned lines on utility poles. The presence of such lines can delay and increase the effective cost of third-party attachments if the third-party is obliged to remove abandoned lines at its own expense. Currently, the pole owners have the right to remove abandoned lines under the terms of their respective pole attachment agreements. Neither is required to do so, however, and could reasonably be expected to pass on the cost of doing so to the attacher affected by the presence of the abandoned line on the pole.

Finally, a single pole administrator could be helpful in coordinating pole relocations in connection with street projects. Certainly municipalities routinely attempt to work with pole owners and attachers when they relocate or widen streets in order to coordinate the movement of poles. Nevertheless, it is probable that everyone reading these comments has seen a newly laid street with utility poles rising out of it because the pole shifting work was not done in a timely fashion by someone.

2. **Any similar program or protocol (e.g., Call Before You Dig,) that could be followed as a model to develop the third party utility pole administrator role.**

CCM has previously suggested the *Call before You Dig* program as a model for the creation of a statewide pole administrator. Indeed, it seems compelling that the entity responsible for administering utility markouts for these very same utilities would be the logical entity to administer the above-ground extension of those utilities. While it may not be possible for existing *Call before You Dig* staff to take on the new obligations this program would entail, that administrative backbone is already in place and could support the expansion of operations to include pole administration.

Alternatively, if the Department determines a private entity to serve as Administrator, then it is respectfully submitted that there is a simple, cost-effective model for such a system, but it has some drawbacks. Instead of establishing a single statewide pole administrator, the Department could simply order the various pole owners to divide up their jointly-owned poles in an equitable and logical fashion so those poles are no longer jointly-owned. While not ideal, this approach would eliminate the double application and assessment of fees for all attachers; and would likely result in a single administrator for large territories.

Obviously such a division would require a detailed and complicated analysis of issues such as the number of poles; the revenue stream derived from them; and the most logical and equitable way to partition them. It is hard to imagine that with a pool of roughly 715,000 poles to work from, an equitable division would be too difficult to achieve, however. This alternative also has the added “philosophical” benefits that: (1) it puts the burden of solving the problem on the entities which created it; and (2) it does not require the establishment of a new organizational

structure at the Department which would take the place of similar operations already in place within the organizations of each of the pole owners.

3. How a third party statewide utility pole administrator should be appointed and whether the administrator should be a public or private industry official.

There is significant benefit to be derived from making the statewide pole administrator a public official. As with all public agencies, the records of the pole administrator would be public records. As a result, public access to the database of poles located throughout the state would be enhanced and ensured. This has a significant operational benefit to municipalities because historically AT&T has been unwilling to provide them with access to this database. It should be obvious that knowing the location of such poles and whose facilities are attached to them is of great benefit to municipal engineers as they design road projects. Similarly, access to this database would be useful to public safety personnel responding to knockdowns or storms.

Furthermore, through careful development of the pole administration database from the outset, both staffing and other operational costs could be reduced in the long term. There is little incentive for AT&T or CL&P to reduce these costs since the current fee structure ensures that they are passed along to pole attachers.

A private enterprise could serve in this capacity; however, at this point no private party has expressed interest in this role. On the contrary, AT&T reduced its role as administrator when it terminated its agreement with CL & P for jointly-owned poles. CL&P also has expressed no interest. A wholly independent "privatized" administrator is certainly a possibility but such a system would need to be regulated and monitored closely by the Department.

A private administrator would also be able to walk away from its role. Whether as a business decision, or as a result of financial/operational difficulties, a private administrator could

cease operations, leaving applications incomplete, records unavailable for its successors and no one to step into the breach. Utility operations are a critical 24/7 necessity. It seems far more logical and more prudent to have the Administrator be a public official within the Department itself in order to provide stability for this critical utility service.

If the Administrator is an official within the Department itself, the method of appointment could be either the Governor or the Commissioners of the Department. Presumably, however, it is not anticipated that this program would be staffed by a single person. As a result, while the Administrator might be appointed, while an ongoing staff would support the mission of that Administrator on a daily basis.

4. The development of an appropriate funding mechanism to support the third party utility pole administrator.

There is very little data available regarding the actual cost of the pole administration process. AT&T has not been obliged to provide such data to the Department recently and CL&P has only taken on the burden of administering utility poles within the past year and, therefore, has limited data. If it is true that the application fees being charged by AT&T and CL&P cover their administrative expenses then it would seem reasonable to believe that a third-party pole administrator could do so as well within the existing fee structure.

While there may be initial startup expenses associated with the establishment of a statewide pole administrator, those expenses would be an investment that would create cost-savings and efficiencies in the future. Additionally, those initial costs could be reduced by using the existing *Call before You Dig* program as an administrative base.

5. **Any areas of comments that should be considered by the Department as it is conducting its investigation.**

CCM feels there are two main things the Department should consider while conducting its investigation to establish a single statewide pole administrator. These are:

- CCM sees this docket as an opportunity to build off of the positive work that was done in the previous docket, 09-12-05 and the Pole Attachment Working Group that came out of the decision in that case. The pole attachment agreements that were negotiated in that case were discussed fairly and openly because of the great work and cooperation of CL&P. Regrettably, even after several attempts to engage them in the process through email and in the meetings of the Working Group, AT&T refused to be involved in that process. AT&T's lack of cooperation makes this docket more important than ever because it creates an opportunity to ensure that all parties are at the table and willing to cooperate in an effort to make the pole attachment and maintenance process more efficient and equitable in the state through the creation of a single statewide pole administrator.
- CCM has heard from a number of its members about the real delay in new technology and innovation in the state because of larger utility companies' monopoly over the states pole system and the decreased competition that has been an unfortunate consequence. For example a few cities in the state applied to be a part of the GOOGLE project just last year and were not awarded the monies because of Connecticut's complicated pole administration system. The award was instead granted to Kansas City because of that city's streamlined pole administration process and state ownership over the utility poles.

CONCLUSION

CCM urges the Department to establish a single statewide utility pole administrator. The current system is unnecessarily complicated as a result of the joint-ownership of the poles by multiple utility companies and their insistence upon duplicating the administration of the poles through multiple applications. The owners have been unwilling or unable to work together to streamline the process and make it more cost-effective for third-party attachers. This cumbersome, costly, and inefficient process may have commercial benefit to some of those same pole owners, while simultaneously having a negative impact on municipalities and creating an unfriendly environment for attracting new businesses to the state. A single statewide pole administrator may not be the only possible solution to the problem, but it is certainly an effective one. CCM strongly endorses this idea.

Respectfully submitted,
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Bill#	Bill Title	Staff	Current Status
HB053 26	AN ACT REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.	Kachina Walsh- Weaver Michael Muszynski	Curr. Loc.: House Floor Last Act.: 04-26 - TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS

Would mandate that all school buildings be equipped with carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.

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HB053 32	AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF WAYS IN WHICH MUNICIPALITIES MAY PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.	Ron Thomas	Curr. Loc.: House Floor Last Act.: 03-28 - FILE NO. 231
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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TASK FORCE

Would establish a task force to "study of ways in which municipalities may provide property tax relief. Such study shall include, without limitation, an analysis of (1) how regionalism efforts may be used to reduce property taxes, and (2) alternative revenue sources for municipalities."

HB061 03	AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COST TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE- MANDATED SPECIAL	Kachina Walsh- Weaver Ron Thomas	Curr. Loc.: Government Administration and Elections Committee Last Act.: 05-10 - REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON GAE
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**EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS.**

REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATES

Would require a comprehensive review of state-mandated special education requirements. Special education costs are 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 are among 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.

HB062 21	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN SUNSET DATES.	Donna Hamzy	Curr. Loc.: House Floor Last Act.: 05-05 - FILE NO. 756
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SUNSET DATES

Would eliminate the sunset clause on the tax incremental financing (TIF) mechanism.

TIF can be a useful mechanism that provides for greater economic self-sufficiency for promoting projects of benefit to the prospective city or town -- without huge upfront costs.

TIF has proven to be an effective alternative method to finance needed projects and the programs should be retained. Eliminating the sunsets currently included in the statutes would do just that.

HB062 50	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING COUNCIL.	Donna Hamzy	Curr. Loc.: House Floor Last Act.: 05-10 - TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
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SITING OF CERTAIN FACILITIES

Would, among other things, (1) allow municipalities to have say in where facilities are sited, (2) prohibit the siting of certain facilities within 250 feet of a school unless the location is acceptable to the chief elected official or the council of such municipality, (3) allow a municipality, within 30 days of notification of an application to site a telecommunications tower, to offer location preferences or criteria for the siting of such facility -- the Siting Council may consider regional location preferences from neighboring municipalities, and (4) eliminate the requirement that towns refund any money received from the Siting Council in excess to the costs incurred in participating in a certification proceeding.

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HB062 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: House Floor
63 CONCERNING Weaver Last Act.: 05-10 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
THE TRANSITION CALENDAR
FROM THE TEN
MILL PROGRAM.

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.

HB062 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: House Floor
94 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-02 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
THE CALENDAR
CONSOLIDATION
OF
NONEDUCATIONA
L SERVICES.

LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY REVIEW OF BOE NONEDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Would allow local legislative bodies the ability to make spending recommendations and suggestions to boards of education concerning ways to "consolidate noneducational services" and "realize financial efficiencies". Councils must make such recommendations within 10 days after the board of education submits its annual itemized estimate of public schools' maintenance cost. Board of education may accept or reject the councils' suggestions.

HB063 AN ACT Curr. Loc.: Government Administration and
44 CONCERNING Elections Committee
EYEWITNESS Last Act.: 05-10 - REF. BY HOUSE TO
IDENTIFICATION. COMMITTEE ON GAE

EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION

Would alter the process for police department line-up eyewitness identification of suspects. Requires municipal police departments to comply with certain eyewitness identification procedures as prescribed in the bill, including detailed "photo lineup" or "live lineup" protocols.

HB063 AN ACT George Rafael Curr. Loc.: House Floor
80 CONCERNING Jim Finley Last Act.: 05-11 - FILE NO. 781
THE BUDGET FOR Ron Thomas
THE BIENNIUM
ENDING JUNE 30,
2013.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

It contains the appropriated amounts, line-by-line, and revenue estimates in the Governor's proposed budget. It also lists the town-by-town amounts for the ECS grant. Further, Section 12 covers the \$1 billion in annual labor savings the Governor wants. Section 20(b) says that up to \$400,000 in unused balance in the Tax Relief for Elderly Renters doesn't lapse.

HB064 AN ACT Donna Hamzy Curr. Loc.: House Floor
00 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-10 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
LICENSURE OF CALENDAR
STORMWATER
PROFESSIONALS.

STORMWATER PROFESSIONALS

Would, as currently drafted, create a new licensing program for stormwater professionals and a procedure for self-certification of both state and local regulatory programs concerning stormwater, erosion and sediment controls. The new procedures outlined in the bill would seek to, (1) bypass local regulations by invalidating newly adopted stormwater programs that were developed at considerable expense to municipalities and (2) reduce the local control over stormwater and drainage creating a potentially huge liability for municipalities.

CCM continues to work with proponents of the bill to ensure the goal of the bill is achieved - streamlining permit approvals - without hampering appropriate oversight and controls.

HB064 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: House Floor
10 CONCERNING Last Act.: 03-28 - FILE NO. 246
THE REVISION OF
MUNICIPAL
CHARTERS.

MUNICIPAL CHARTER REFORM

Would remove some of the gridlock associated with charter reform by allowing towns to update specific parts of their charters without opening it up to wholesale re-write. Existing law may actually be preventing municipalities from appointing charter revision commissions.

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HB064 AN ACT Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: House Floor
29 CONCERNING Last Act.: 04-27 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
STORAGE OF CALENDAR
STOLEN
PROPERTY.

MANDATED STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Would amend the state-mandated threshold that requires local police officials seize and store (as evidence) stolen property -- from a current value of over \$250 to a proposed value of over \$750.

CCM supports this as a reasonable proposal that would relieve local law enforcement personnel from certain administrative burdens (i.e, logging, storage, and inventory of such items) -- as well as permit rightful owners access to their property in a more timely manner. The threshold for this state mandate has not been adjusted since the mid-1980's.

HB064 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: House Floor
89 REQUIRING DNA Last Act.: 04-20 - FILE NO. 594
TESTING OF
PERSONS
ARRESTED FOR
THE COMMISSION
OF A SERIOUS
FELONY.

DNA TESTING MANDATE

Would require that persons arrested on serious felony charges submit to DNA testing.

DNA testing is an expensive endeavor. The bill saddles police departments with these costs. It could have a significant impact on local budgets.

HB064 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: House Floor
98 CONCERNING Weaver Last Act.: 05-11 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
IMPLEMENTATIO CALENDAR
N DATES FOR
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
REFORM.

MANDATE RELIEF - HIGH SCHOOL REFORM

Would, among other things, provide some relief from the High School Reform mandate set forth by Public Act 10-111 by postponing the implementation dates.

Public Act 10-111 imposed new graduation and other requirements on local school districts in the hope that the State would receive funds from the federal Race to the Top (RTTT) program. According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, this new mandate will cost local school districts an estimated \$12 to \$18 million.

Unfortunately, the State was not awarded the RTTT funds, and this unfunded mandate must be repealed or modified. Of course it is important for education results to improve – but a new \$12-\$18 million mandate is untenable when the State is already underfunding existing education programs.

In addition, Section 9 establishes a task force to “examine issues related to the changes to the high school graduation requirements.” CCM hopes that this will be a much more all-inclusive and open process to examine the many high-impact matters this subject entails - unlike the closed door meetings that produced PA 10-111, which excluded municipal CEOs - those with the sole responsibility of raising revenue to cover new unfunded state mandates.

HB064 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: House Floor
99 CONCERNING Weaver Last Act.: 04-26 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
MINOR CALENDAR
REVISIONS TO
THE EDUCATION
STATUTES.

NEW EDUCATION MANDATE: TRUANCY REPORTING

Among other things, would require notification to parents by mail of their child's truancy. OFA cites this as a STATE MANDATE on municipalities with an estimate of about \$5,000 per district, with the greatest impact being on those districts with a high rate of truancy.

HB065 AN ACT Donna Hamzy Curr. Loc.: House Floor
44 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-11 - TABLED FOR HOUSE
ENERGY CALENDAR
EFFICIENCY.

ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING

Would, among other things, (1) allow municipalities to enter into energy performance contracts, and (2) create a state standardized energy performance contract process.

CCM has been working with proponents to draft an amendment that (1) would ensure that municipalities are not required to use the state standardized energy performance contract process program that the bill would create, and (2) would maintain enabling statutory language allowing municipalities to enter into such agreements.

HB065 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: House Floor
57 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-03 - FILE NO. 709
LIABILITY FOR
THE
RECREATIONAL
USE OF LANDS.

RECREATIONAL LAND USE

Would provide some liability relief to municipalities for certain cases involving injuries as a result of recreational activities on certain lands made available as open space. Would provide liability relief for certain undeveloped land.

HB065 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: House Floor
85 CONCERNING Weaver Last Act.: 05-05 - FILE NO. 770
THE HIGH
SCHOOL
DROPOUT AGE
AND
NOTIFICATION OF
FAILING
STUDENTS.

STAY IN SCHOOL TILL AGE 18

Would mandate that all individuals remain in school until the age of 18, unless graduated, by removing the ability of the parent or legal guardian to consent to their withdrawal at age 17.

While well intended, this could cost towns and cities as much as **\$40 million statewide**. Statistics show that there are approximately 3,000 dropouts in a given year. Using the current net expenditure per pupil for FY2010 of roughly \$13,500, the \$40 million costs could cripple certain communities.

HB066 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee
29 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-12 - REF. BY HOUSE TO
DOMESTIC COMMITTEE ON APP
VIOLENCE.

POLICE: NEW FAMILY VIOLENCE GUIDELINES

Would, among other things, require that police departments "duly" promulgate new guidelines regarding "arrest polices in family violence incidents" due to changes contained in this bill. It will require updating procedures and manuals.

HB066 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: House Floor
42 CONCERNING Last Act.: 04-28 - FILE NO. 660
THE
RECOMMENDATI
ONS OF THE
NATIONAL
PRISON RAPE
ELIMINATION
COMMISSION.

COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS

Would require that municipalities, the State and private providers comply with the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission-recommended standards regarding "prevention, detection and monitoring of, and response to, sexual abuse in adult prisons and jails, community correction facilities, juvenile facilities and lockups."

OFA states that the Commission's *standards have not been finalized* and "may be subject to damage." CCM has concerns with towns being mandated to comply with requirements that have not been finalized.

SB000 AN ACT Donna Hamzy Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
01 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-11 - REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON
CONNECTICUT'S ENV
ENERGY FUTURE.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Would, among other things, (1) allow municipalities to enter into energy performance contracts, (2) allow municipalities to establish a loan program for financing sustainable energy improvements to qualifying real property located within the municipality, and (3) require the Energy Conservation Management Board, The Clean Energy Fund Board and electric companies to establish a financial assistance program for energy conservation and load management projects for customers in municipalities with enterprise zones.

SB004 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
87 PROHIBITING Last Act.: 04-28 - FILE NO. 661
LOCAL BUILDING
STANDARDS.

LIMITATIONS ON MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODES

Would prohibit zoning commissions from enacting construction standards or building code regulations that exceed the State Building code.

SB008 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
62 CONCERNING Last Act.: 04-27 - FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL.,
LIABILITY OF SEN.
ZONING
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS.

TREBLE DAMAGES AGAINST ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Would provide for more creative land use practices by eliminating the penalty of treble damages against zoning enforcement officers for frivolous or without probable cause citations. It would make state statutes consistent with those concerning inland wetlands and watercourse procedures. No other public official is singled out for such punitive actions.

SB008 AN ACT Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: House Floor
88 EXEMPTING Last Act.: 05-12 - HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER
CERTIFIED 494
POLICE
OFFICERS FROM
TELECOMMUNICA
TOR TRAINING.

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.

SB009 AN ACT Bob Labanara Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
13 MANDATING Last Act.: 05-11 - FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL.,
EMPLOYERS SEN.
PROVIDE PAID
SICK LEAVE TO
EMPLOYEES.

PAID SICK MANDATE

Would, among other things, mandate that municipalities provide paid sick days to employees. CCM is sympathetic to the intent of this proposal. However, according to OFA, this proposal would be a new "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could cost towns and cities additional money with regard to associated wages and overtime costs.

SB009 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: House Floor

SB010 AN ACT Donna Hamzy Curr. Loc.: Environment Committee
19 EXPEDITING THE Last Act.: 05-11 - REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON
STATE ENV
PERMITTING
PROCESS.

EXPEDITED PERMITS

Would impose a maximum 90-day limit on the time frame the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must set for acting on permit applications and specifies that applications are automatically approved if the commissioner takes no action after 90 days.

CCM supports this proposal as a way to increase efficiencies at the state level. However, we urge you to take this proposal a step further.

ACTION NEEDED: Amend this bill to require (1) a municipal ombudsman be assigned in all state agencies, and (2) state agencies to work collaboratively on permit applications when permitting requirements fall within multiple state agencies.

SB010 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
20 CONCERNING Weaver Last Act.: 05-05 - MOVED TO FOOT OF CAL.,
WATER Donna Hamzy SENATE
RESOURCES AND
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

STREAM FLOW REGULATIONS

CCM continues to have significant concerns about the impact the DEP proposed Stream Flow Regulations would have on local government. It is important that the protection of the environment be balanced with other critical needs, including the need to sustain critical municipal services and the need to refrain from imposing costly financial burdens on towns and cities.

In addition, CCM continues to have concerns that the proposed stream flow regulations would impose costly burdens on towns and cities and be yet another unfunded mandate by increasing water rates and diminishing opportunities to broaden municipal revenue bases. This is of particular concern to those towns served by municipal water departments which will be required to make costly infrastructure changes to dams and water distribution systems and, in some cases, develop new sources of water supply. These changes would be on top of the many existing mandates water and wastewater systems already must comply with, not to mention new ones being pushed forward - such as phosphorous and manganese removal.

This bill would help address the some of the concerns outlined above, by ensuring that reservoir releases do not jeopardize those water supplies that are also needed to meet a community's economic development needs. It would also protect communities where compliance may simply not be feasible, given the limitations and costs associated with developing new water supplies facing such communities.

In addition, the bill would ensure that stream flow issues be addressed in the most comprehensive manner by requiring all applicable agencies - including DPH, DEP, DECD and DOA - to work together to craft a plan that works best for the state as a whole.

SB011 AN ACT Kachina Walsh- Curr. Loc.: Appropriations Committee
38 CONCERNING Weaver Last Act.: 05-12 - REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON
THE APP
STRENGTHENING
OF SCHOOL
BULLYING LAWS.

NEW EDUCATION MANDATE: TRAINING FOR UNCERTIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

Among other things, would require that certain uncertified school employees be trained in bullying prevention. The OFA has indicated that this is a STATE MANDATE that could cost local boards of education upwards of \$20,000 each, per year, to implement.

SB011 AN ACT Michael Muszynski Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
54 CONCERNING Bob Labanara Last Act.: 05-11 - FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL.,
THE REPORTING SEN.
OF CLAIMS
INFORMATION TO
THE
COMPTROLLER
AND ADDITIONAL
DUTIES OF THE
COMPTROLLER.

NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: ANNUAL REPORTS

Among other things, would (1) mandate that all municipalities submit, to the Comptroller, annual reports that contain health insurance claim information for all active employees and retirees, and (2) authorize the Comptroller to use such data to "survey" municipalities with concern to "payment delivery reforms". OFA has incorrectly analyzed this proposal, as it should be labeled a "STATE MANDATE". This proposal requires municipalities -- regardless of resources -- to perform new administrative tasks. Staffing and resources to capture such data could force towns to incur additional costs of up to \$10,000 -- which is \$10,000 too much, particularly as hometowns struggle to manage the bottom-line.

SB012 AN ACT Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor
06 CONCERNING Last Act.: 05-02 - FILE NO. 696
THE RECORDING
OF POLICE
ACTIVITY BY THE
PUBLIC.

CRIME SCENE PHOTOS

Would allow persons to sue police officers if such officers prevent the taking of pictures, under certain circumstances.

This bill does not differentiate between a grizzly crime scene and a simple traffic violation. There are circumstances under which outside photos may compromise a crime scene, as well as circumstances when victims' families have not been notified of deaths. This bill is an invitation for persons to try to get at the perceived "deep pockets" of communities.

SB012 AN ACT Ron Thomas Curr. Loc.: Senate Floor

**CONCERNING
TRAFFIC STOP
INFORMATION.**

**Last Act.: 05-11 - FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL.,
SEN.**

TRAFFIC STOPS

While CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, it would impose require that police officers comply with yet-to-be adopted traffic stop standards developed by the Office of Policy and Management and the Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board.

ACTION NEEDED: If the proposal is to move forward, the Committee should include a funding source to reimburse municipalities for costs associated with this bill.



CCM MANDATES REPORT

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE

3 MANDATES RELIEF MEASURES

PROPOSED NEW UNFUNDED MANDATES

PROPOSED MANDATES RELIEF

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.

MANDATE RELIEF TOPIC OF THE WEEK:

3 MANDATES RELIEF MEASURES ON HOUSE FLOOR

CCM Urges Swift Passage and Transmittal to the Senate for Action

Three significant mandates relief measures are on the House Floor. These proposal would save towns and cities millions of dollars or reduce cumbersome administrative burdens. They should be acted on immediately for the benefit of residential and business property taxpayers:

POSTPONEMENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL REFORMS MANDATE

HB 6498 - Would, among other things, provide some relief from the High School Reform mandate set forth by Public Act 10-111, by postponing the implementation dates.

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PROPOSED NEW UNFUNDED MANDATES

HB 6263	<u>ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FOREST LANDS</u> Would allow properties currently in the 10 mil Preservation Program for forest lands to convert to PA 490 for assessment purposes. <i>Current Location: House Floor</i>
HB 5326	<u>CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS</u> Would mandate that all school buildings be equipped with carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.

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HB 6642	<p><u>COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Would require that municipalities, the State and private providers comply with the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission-recommended standards regarding "prevention, detection and monitoring of, and response to, sexual abuse in adult prisons and jails, community correction facilities, juvenile facilities and lockups."</p> <p>OFA states that the Commission's <i>standards have not been finalized</i> and "may be subject to damage." CCM has concerns with towns being mandated to comply with requirements that have not been finalized.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 5847	<p><u>CONTRACTS TO SELL ENERGY AND CAPACITY</u></p> <p>Would impose an administrative burden on an electric public service company, municipal electric energy cooperative or municipal electric utility that has received a contract proposal from a person, firm, or corporation seeking to sell energy and capacity as a private power producer, to inform within 90 days after receiving such contract proposal, such a person, firm or corporation of the reasons why such contract proposal was rejected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6641	<p><u>CREDIT REPORTS ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICANTS</u></p> <p>Would prohibit employers from obtaining credit reports on applicants, except under certain conditions.</p> <p>CCM is concerned that existing exceptions do not seem to include municipal employees whose positions require them to handle cash (such as tax collection staff or treasury/accounting staff) or people who hold positions of public trust, such as police officers or firefighters.</p> <p><i>ACTION NEEDED:</i> The bill should be amended to include in the</p>

	<p>exceptions to this proposed new law, municipal employees who handle cash or who hold positions of public trust.</p> <p><i>Current Location: Labor and Public Employees Committee</i></p>
HB 6226	<p><u>CROSS-REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND ANIMAL CRUELTY</u></p> <p>Would, among other things, require animal control officers to file a detailed written report when observing animal abuse or neglect.</p> <p><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6489	<p><u>DNA TESTING MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would require that persons arrested on serious felony charges submit to DNA testing.</p> <p>DNA testing is an expensive endeavor. The bill saddles police departments with these costs. It could have a significant impact on local budgets.</p> <p><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 954	<p><u>ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF POLICE INTERROGATIONS</u></p> <p>Would mandate that law enforcement agency interrogations for capital felony A or B crimes be inadmissible in court, unless such interrogations are recorded electronically.</p> <p>OFA identified this bill as a "STATE MANDATE" that could cost municipalities at least \$2.3 million - providing each municipality purchases just <u>one</u> recorder (larger communities would have to purchase several).</p> <p><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 983	<p><u>EMERGENCY PLANNING MANDATE</u></p> <p>Although CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, it could be costly to towns and cities. The bill requires the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to update its disaster plan to "address the needs of children during natural disasters, man-made disasters and terrorism". Towns and cities must comply with the new responsibilities (without knowing what they might be). DEMHS should develop the regulations, then entertain compliance.</p> <p><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6344	<p><u>EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION</u></p> <p>Would alter the process for police department line-up eyewitness identification of suspects. Requires municipal police departments to</p>

	<p>comply with certain eyewitness identification procedures as prescribed in the bill, including detailed "photo lineup" or "live lineup" protocols.</p> <p><i>Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee</i></p>
SB 998	<p><u>GUN REGISTRY MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would, among other things, mandate that local police departments (or resident state troopers or constables who perform law enforcement duties where there is no police department) establish and maintain a gun offender registry. This proposed new mandate on municipalities defines 33 gun offenses and also requires people convicted of any of them, on or after October 1, 2011, to register as gun offenders in the town where they live and update the information annually, unless their conviction is overturned or they are pardoned. The mandate would apply even if a gun offender's case is on appeal.</p> <p><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 6260	<p><u>JEOPARDY TAX MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would require municipal tax collectors to provide written notice to persons subject to a jeopardy tax, explaining why such tax collection is necessary. Such notice must contain a "detailed explanation." Would provide a statewide solution to a town-specific problem.</p> <p><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6634	<p><u>JUVENILE DETENTION</u></p> <p>Would require that police departments seek a court order to detail children in juvenile centers, and would establish standards and protocol regarding the treatment of juveniles.</p> <p><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 487	<p><u>LIMITATIONS ON MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODES</u></p> <p>Would prohibit zoning commissions from enacting construction standards or building code regulations that exceed the State Building code.</p> <p><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 5465	<p><u>MANDATED FMLA BENEFITS FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS</u></p> <p>Would mandate that towns and cities provide municipal paraprofessionals benefits in accordance with the federal Family Medical Leave Act.</p> <p>Although well-intended, the Office of Fiscal Analysis has labeled this is a new "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities. Given the fact that</p>

	<p>hometowns have already faced - and will probably face more - budget cuts, layoffs, and concessions, this is not the time to establish new precedents, nor enact new mandated administrative burdens on local governments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6303	<p><u>MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTERS</u></p> <p>Would require animal control officers to maintain a registry of nonprofits "that are willing to arrange for and fund the treatment by a licensed veterinarian of any impounded animal that is ill or injured." If animal control officer believes an animal is "adoptable", and if the municipality does not have "sufficient funds to pay" for treatment, the officer would be require to contact organizations on the list to provide treatment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6365	<p><u>MUNICIPAL INSURANCE MANDATE</u></p> <p>As amended, would require insurance producers who sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance on an insurer's behalf with certain municipalities (populations of 50,000 or greater) to list his or her commission as a separate line item on insurance policy rate quotes.</p> <p>According to the new file -- by law, producers, at municipalities' request, must disclose in writing any fees or compensation he or she receives from the insurer. Under this proposal, producers would no longer have to provide their fees or compensation information to municipalities with fewer than 50,000 people.</p> <p>CCM is unaware of any need for such peculiar legislation -- and therefore, urges legislators to take no action on this oddly drafted proposal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Planning and Development Committee</i></p>
HB 5603	<p><u>MUNICIPAL PENSION MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would prohibit towns from granting "any elected municipal official any benefit changing such officials' benefit plan" within 120 days preceding an election. If the proposal is of such statewide import, it should include state officials also.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 1038	<p><u>NEW EDUCATION MANDATE FOR INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS</u></p> <p>Would place new requirements on how and when student individual education programs are designed and carried out.</p>

	<p>The Office of Fiscal Analysis has labeled this a "STATE MANDATE" on local boards of education.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 1138	<p><u>NEW EDUCATION MANDATE: TRAINING FOR UNCERTIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES</u></p> <p>Among other things, would require that certain uncertified school employees be trained in bullying prevention. The OFA has indicated that this is a STATE MANDATE that could cost local boards of education upwards of \$20,000 each, per year, to implement.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Appropriations Committee</i></p>
HB 6499	<p><u>NEW EDUCATION MANDATE: TRUANCY REPORTING</u></p> <p>Among other things, would require notification to parents by mail of their child's truancy. OFA cites this as a STATE MANDATE on municipalities with an estimate of about \$5,000 per district, with the greatest impact being on those districts with a high rate of truancy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 5438	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE: CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES</u></p> <p>Would prohibit local health plans from implementing copayments in excess of 50% of certain covered chiropractic procedures. OFA has concluded that this would be a new "STATE MANDATE" on municipal health insurance policies that could "increase costs to certain fully insured municipal plans..." (File No. 233).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 1154	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: ANNUAL REPORTS</u></p> <p>Among other things, would (1) mandate that all municipalities submit, to the Comptroller, annual reports that contain health insurance claim information for all active employees and retirees, and (2) authorize the Comptroller to use such data to "survey" municipalities with concern to "payment delivery reforms". OFA has incorrectly analyzed this proposal, as it should be labeled a "STATE MANDATE". This proposal requires municipalities -- regardless of resources -- to perform new administrative tasks. Staffing and resources to capture such data could force towns to incur additional costs of up to \$10,000 -- which is \$10,000 too much, particularly as hometowns struggle to manage the bottom-line.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 5032	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: BONE MARROW</u></p>

	<p><u>TREATMENTS</u></p> <p>Would mandate that all health insurance policies cover certain testing procedures for bone marrow transplants.</p> <p>The expansion of insurance coverage will increase insurance costs and thus premiums, which will eventually be born by policy holders - municipalities to name one. This would result in increased insurance costs statewide. This has been identified by OFA (File No. 40) as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 1083	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS</u></p> <p>Would prohibit local health insurance plans from requiring employees use an alternative brand name prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs before using brand name prescription drugs. Although well intended, OFA has concluded that this bill would be a new "STATE MANDATE" on towns and cities with potential new costs (File No. 226).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 21	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: CLINICAL TRIALS</u></p> <p>Would mandate all health insurance policies cover the costs associated with routine patient costs relating to clinical trials for the treatment of disabling, progressive or life-threatening medical conditions (i.e., cancer). This proposed new state mandate on municipal health plans would undoubtedly cause a negative impact on local budgets and force significant increases in local premiums costs during the worst recession in decades.</p> <p>The expansion of insurance coverage will increase insurance costs and thus premiums, which will eventually be born by policy holders - municipalities to name one. This would result in increased insurance costs statewide. According to OFA (File No. 15) -- this is a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Appropriations Committee</i></p>
HB 6471	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: CONTRACTING</u></p> <p>According to OFA (File No. 151) this proposal would be a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that would "inhibit municipalities' ability to assure the lowest price paid for services." Towns and cities need discretion and flexibility to make decisions based on the individual needs of their communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>

<p>SB 879</p>	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: EYE DROPS</u></p> <p>Would mandate that all health insurance policies provide additional coverage for prescription eye drops for employees in certain situations.</p> <p>This proposal has been identified by OFA (File No. 45) as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could "increase costs to certain fully insured municipal plans that currently do not provide the coverage mandated."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
<p>SB 10</p>	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: MRI's</u></p> <p>Would, among other things, mandate that municipalities provide increased coverage for the costs associated with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) with relation to certain mammograms.</p> <p>This proposal has been identified by OFA (File No. 55) as a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could "increase costs to certain fully insured municipal plans" which currently do not cover MRIs at this proposed required level.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
<p>HB 6472</p>	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: OSTOMY SUPPLIES</u></p> <p>Would mandate the expansion of all health insurance policies by raising the threshold of covered costs of ostomy supplies. OFA has concluded this proposal is a new "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities (File No. 108).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
<p>HB 6349</p>	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: PRESCRIPTION DRUGS</u></p> <p>Would mandate that local health insurance plans make adjustments to certain prescription drug coverage regarding the treatment of chronic illnesses and the process for refilling such prescriptions. This proposal would be a new state mandate on local health insurance plans.</p> <p>The fiscal analysis (File No. 102) fails to recognize that there would be an impact on certain local health plans -- as not all municipalities are self-insured and therefore, this proposed mandate would apply to certain towns and cities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>

SB 396	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENTS</u></p> <p>Would mandate that all health insurance policies cover costs for (1) radiation therapy for the treatment of prostate cancer, and (2) phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor prescription drugs for dysfunction that may result following a radical prostatectomy.</p> <p>The expansion of insurance coverage will increase insurance costs and thus premiums, which will eventually be born by policy holders - municipalities to name one. This would result in increased insurance costs statewide. OFA (File No. 49) states this is a new "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities with "cost" implications.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 312	<p><u>NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES: SPECIALIZED FORMULAS</u></p> <p>Among other things, would mandate that health insurance policies cover the costs of administering specialized formulas for people of any age. Current law requires certain policies to provide coverage for children up to age 12.</p> <p>This bill has significant cost implications on limited local resources. According to OFA (File No. 42), this bill is a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could produce "increased costs."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Appropriations Committee</i></p>
SB 934	<p><u>NON-CERTIFIED EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES UNEMPLOYMENT MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would mandate that "the reasonable assurance" of non-certified educational employees' (i. e., paraprofessionals and teachers' aides -- of which there are approximately 40,376 statewide) return to work be in a written or verbal offer, or assignment for the following academic year or term. In other words, this bill would ban such employees' work-history as evidence of a "the reasonable assurance" that they would be re-employed after the school-year break. According to OFA (File No. 78), this proposal "...may result in increased costs to the state, local and regional boards of education..." as it would create an new eligibility threshold for unemployment compensation payments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 913	<p><u>PAID SICK DAYS MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would, among other things, mandate that municipalities provide paid sick days to employees. CCM is sympathetic to the intent of this pronosal. However, according to OFA, this pronosal would be a new</p>

	<p>"STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could cost towns and cities additional money with regard to associated wages and overtime costs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 6629	<p><u>POLICE: NEW FAMILY VIOLENCE GUIDELINES</u></p> <p>Would, among other things, require that police departments "duly" promulgate new guidelines regarding "arrest polices in family violence incidents" due to changes contained in this bill. It will require updating procedures and manuals.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Appropriations Committee</i></p>
HB 6464	<p><u>POSSESSIONS OF EVICTED TENANTS</u></p> <p>Would require towns to reimburse landlords for the cost of removing and delivering evicted tenant possessions from the proceeds of a sale at auction of such possessions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 1017 *	<p><u>RESIDENT STATE TROOPER OVERTIME COSTS</u></p> <p>Among other things, would mandate that (see section 36) municipalities pay 100% percent of overtime costs and associated overtime fringe costs with regard to the Resident State Trooper program. Under current law, municipalities are required to only pay 70% of overtime costs and associated overtime fringes.</p> <p>While local officials know best the impact this recession has had on our critical local-state partnership - shifting the cost burden of public safety onto the backs of small-town Connecticut would place a new bill on the steps of town hall. CCM urges lawmakers to preserve the current level of state reimbursement -- and ensure that public safety in rural and suburban Connecticut is not compromised because of the recession. Now is not the time to increase local costs and endanger existing local-state public safety prevention and response.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Planning and Development Committee</i></p>
SB 930	<p><u>SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE</u></p> <p>Would require children to begin school no later than age six, unless the child meets certain criteria. The Office of Fiscal Analysis has labeled this proposal a STATE MANDATE that could cost as much as \$200,000 statewide.</p> <p>While the bill is well-intended, it would impose yet another unfunded mandate on local government, further exacerbating the tough financial situation on the local level.</p>

	<p>K-12 public education costs approach 70% of most municipal budgets in our state. The State's share of which is a dismal 37.8%.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 6420	<p><u>SCHOOL FEES</u></p> <p>Among other things, would prohibit schools from charging "any fee" to a student "who demonstrates an inability to pay such fee."</p> <p><u>This language is overly broad and vague.</u> It could include any fees a board of education may charge - <i>including trip fees, and other such extracurricular activities.</i> It provides no guidance as to what would constitute an "inability to pay".</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
HB 6585	<p><u>STAY IN SCHOOL TILL AGE 18</u></p> <p>Would mandate that all individuals remain in school until the age of 18, unless graduated, by removing the ability of the parent or legal guardian to consent to their withdrawal at age 17.</p> <p>While well intended, this could cost towns and cities as much as \$40 million statewide. Statistics show that there are approximately 3,000 dropouts in a given year. Using the current net expenditure per pupil for FY2010 of roughly \$13,500, the \$40 million costs could cripple certain communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
SB 860	<p><u>SUBDIVISION ZONING</u></p> <p>Among other things, would (a) devise a comprehensive revision of the fiscal and physical protections that towns rely on to allow development projects to proceed. It would not only addresses subdivision development, but also proposes revisions to zoning statues pertaining to these same protections, (b) prohibit a maintenance bond to ensure that such public improvements as new roads are in fact constructed properly and maintained for a reasonable period and to protect the town from inheriting responsibilities for deficient construction. This puts town at significant risk. Assuming by 'modifications' the language intends to mean public improvements, this will limit town control of new public improvements for which it must assume permanent responsibility.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 1230	<p><u>TRAFFIC STOPS</u></p> <p>While CCM appreciates the intent behind this proposal, it would impose require that police officers comply with yet-to-be adopted traffic stop standards developed by the Office of Policy and Management and the</p>

	<p>Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board.</p> <p><i>ACTION NEEDED:</i> If the proposal is to move forward, the Committee should include a funding source to reimburse municipalities for costs associated with this bill.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 936	<p><u>UNEMPLOYMENT EXTENDED BENEFIT MANDATE</u></p> <p>Would broaden the circumstances under which unemployed people can access unemployment extended benefits -- by lengthening the "look back period," from 2 to 3 years. According to OFA (File No. 63) -- this bill is a "STATE MANDATE" on municipalities that could impose added costs on local budgets, as towns and cities are responsible for 100% of the costs of extended benefit claims.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 6403	<p><u>UTILITY TERMINATION</u></p> <p>According to OFA, this bill would result in an estimated cost of up to \$50,000 to municipalities by lengthening the time during which certain utility customers may not have their service disconnected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>

PROPOSED MANDATES RELIEF

SB 1050	<p><u>AED OPERATION AND CPR TRAINING MANDATE RELIEF</u></p> <p>Would eliminate the statutory requirement that an AED and a school personnel trained in AED operation/CPR be present at school sponsored events not occurring during operations of school hours.</p> <p>This does not include school-sponsored athletic events taking place on school grounds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
SB 939	<p><u>JOINT PUBLICATION OF NOTICES</u></p> <p>Would allow two or more towns to jointly post certain elections notices in local/regional publications. This proposal would allow such towns to share the cost of meeting this state mandate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
HB 6498	<p><u>MANDATE RELIEF - HIGH SCHOOL REFORM</u></p> <p>Would, among other things, provide some relief from the High School Reform mandate set forth by Public Act 10-111 by postponing the implementation dates.</p>

	<p>Public Act 10-111 imposed new graduation and other requirements on local school districts in the hope that the State would receive funds from the federal Race to the Top (RTTT) program. According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, this new mandate will cost local school districts an estimated \$12 to \$18 million.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the State was not awarded the RTTT funds, and this unfunded mandate must be repealed or modified. Of course it is important for education results to improve - but a new \$12-\$18 million mandate is untenable when the State is already underfunding existing education programs.</p> <p>In addition, Section 9 establishes a task force to "examine issues related to the changes to the high school graduation requirements." CCM hopes that this will be a much more all-inclusive and open process to examine the many high-impact matters this subject entails - unlike the closed door meetings that produced PA 10-111, which excluded municipal CEOs - those with the sole responsibility of raising revenue to cover new unfunded state mandates.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
<p>HB 6429</p>	<p><u>MANDATED STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY</u></p> <p>Would amend the state-mandated threshold that requires local police officials seize and store (as evidence) stolen property -- from a current value of over \$250 to a proposed value of over \$750.</p> <p>CCM supports this as a reasonable proposal that would relieve local law enforcement personnel from certain administrative burdens (i.e, logging, storage, and inventory of such items) - as well as permit rightful owners access to their property in a more timely manner. The threshold for this state mandate has not been adjusted since the mid-1980's.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
<p>SB 465</p> <p><i>X</i></p>	<p><u>MOBILE HOME REMOVAL COSTS</u></p> <p>Would require that the owners of mobile manufactured home parks reimburse municipalities for costs associated with removing mobile homes because of summary process action.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Senate Floor</i></p>
<p>HB 6103</p>	<p><u>REVIEW OF SPECIAL EDUCATION MANDATES</u></p> <p>Would require a comprehensive review of state-mandated special education requirements. Special education costs are the single largest cost accelerant of education spending in Connecticut. It is estimated that</p>

	<p>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 are among the hottest state-local issues - and the State has been falling behind.</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: Government Administration and Elections Committee</i></p>
<p>SB 888</p>	<p><u>TRAINING EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>This is a reasonable means to streamline the implementation of this vital training - while not compromising emergency response services provided by local emergency personnel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>
<p>HB 6410</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin-left: 20px;">*</p>	<p><u>MUNICIPAL CHARTER REFORM</u></p> <p>Would remove some of the gridlock associated with charter reform by allowing towns to update specific parts of their charters without opening it up to wholesale re-write. Existing law may actually be preventing municipalities from appointing charter revision commissions.</p> <p>CCM knows of at least one town that has typos in its charter, but will not correct it for fear of opening a long, unnecessarily laborious process.</p> <p>Those towns and cities which do want to open up their charters for a full-blown review could easily draft the commission's charging resolution accordingly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Current Location: House Floor</i></p>



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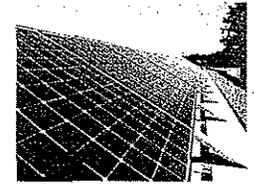
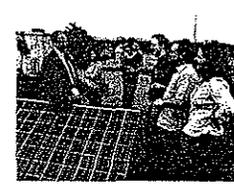
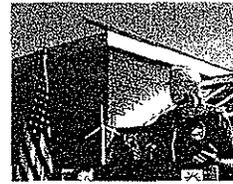
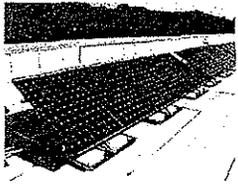
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Welcome to Edwin O. Smith High School in Mansfield for the dedication ceremony of a new earned 4-kilowatt solar photovoltaic (PV) system! This was the second earned solar PV system to be installed at the high school; the first, a 3-kW system, was installed in 2008. The town of Mansfield earned this system through its participation in the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities program, which encourages municipal governments and local homeowners and businesses to support clean energy. The town government committed to the program in early 2005, making it one of the earliest in the state to commit to clean energy. Accordingly, the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, through the Clean Energy Communities program, awarded this system in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments in the program. Congratulations to Mansfield!

As of December 31, 2010, Mansfield had earned a total of 548 clean energy points from CCEF. Mansfield earned one point for each of the 446 customers enrolled in the CTCleanEnergyOptions program and three points for each of the 34 clean energy installations in town. Mansfield also earned two bonus kilowatts under the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities program by surpassing 5 percent household participation in the CTCleanEnergyOptions program. The clean energy points and bonus award enabled the Town to earn 7 kW of solar PV from CCEF.

A number of local businesses have enrolled in the CTCleanEnergyOptions program including the First Church of Christ and the First United Methodist Church.

Event Agenda / Speakers

- Bruce Silva, Superintendent, EO Smith High School
- Betsy Paterson, Mayor, Town of Mansfield
- Jessica Hyde, Cool-It Team
- Dan Britton, Sunlight Solar
- Bob Wall, Director, Energy Market Initiatives, Connecticut Clean Energy Fund

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