

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
February 14, 2012  
Work Session

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Tom DeMauro, of Newfield Construction, Director of Finance  
Cherie Trahan, Director of Public Works Bill Hammond

Mayor Paterson recognized and welcomed the members of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools Fred Baruzzi.

II. WORK SESSION - School Building Project

Mayor Paterson and others who toured the schools itemized some of the problems that were observed including lack of storage space, library space, inadequate electrical capabilities and the position of the offices in the middle of the buildings.

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan presented a comprehensive overview of the fiscal impact of each option, expected revenues and expenditures forecast and the minimum budget requirement (MBR).

The cost per square foot of each option will be provided.

Town Manager reviewed the HR&A Advisors Inc. information regarding potential uses for the remaining facility, including possible expenses and revenues. Ms. Lindsey requested a timeline for accessible water at Four Corners and a project timeline for each of the projects listed on slide 10 of the presentation. Information on the financial health of different segments of Mansfield will be provided as well as information on the residential growth potential for the Town.

Following a discussion on the timeline, members agreed to hold the referendum in May and to change the public hearing date to March 5, 2012 and the decision on the project to March 7, 2012. Members discussed presenting a preferred option and choosing the school sites prior to the public hearing.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to set a public hearing on the School Building Project for March 5, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

The next work session will be held on February 21, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, attended the tours and noticed the inadequate electrical systems. He does however object to the installation of solar panels and suggested the school sites be determined by the availability of natural gas and access to other utilities.

Jessica Higham, Adeline Place noted the Southeast PTO meeting is the same night as the public hearing.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk